

Eighth Reformed Church

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Our worship service is Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

It is broadcast on WYGR Radio "Jethro FM" at 94.9 FM or 1530 AM. You can also listen to our service live on the web at Jethro.fm.

† **Eighth Reformed Church** †
2nd Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship (in unison):

**Lord Jesus, we walk with you through the valley
of the shadow of death.
Let us find our life in you, O Lord.
Banished from the Garden of Eden for our rebellion,
we long for the garden of Paradise.
O Lord, you are the Christ.
Remember us in your kingdom.
We come to hear you speak of your love for us.
You have the words of eternal life. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn # 312

Calvary Covers It All

*Opening Prayer

Special Music: Steve Chaffee

He, Does Jesus Care?

Welcome New Members

Mitch & Nadine Farran

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 592

Jesus Calls Us

Scripture: Luke 9:18-26 (page 1476)

Message: “Count the Cost”

*Hymn of Response # 603

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 308 (vs. 1)

There Is a Redeemer

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to worship at Eighth Reformed Church on this Second Sunday of Lent. In this season leading up to Easter, we are reminded once again of the importance of taking time to reflect on the goodness of God and His desire to dwell with us, and in us. Our prayer is that your time here will be uplifting and joyful. Please sign our guest register in the Narthex, and if you are looking for a church home, we hope that you will return to worship with us again.

This Week's Events

Today:

9:30 a.m. Worship, followed by Coffee & Cookies in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

11:00 a.m. Sunday School in the sanctuary.
Young people's Sunday School.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study.

Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Donut Fellowship.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Linda Wolfe

Song Leader: Beth Pastoor

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: *North door:* Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: *East exit:* Jeff VanMeekeren

West exit: Pastor Harry Koops

Organ exit: Tim Tacoma

Valet/Lift: Danielle Wagenmaker

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Ted Nelson, Tim Takken

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Beth Koops

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Keith Warren

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers: Karen Engelsman

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Sharon Byington

Song Leader: Beth Pastoor

Pre-Service Greeters: *North door:* Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

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Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers: Nadine Farran

Church News and Future Events

Bulletin Announcements: Marilee Takken, the secretary, is in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please have all announcements to her by 10 a.m. on Wednesday. you leave a note for her, please put it in the black mailbox on the wall across from the Church Office. Thank you.

New Members: It is a joy and a privilege to welcome new members into our church family this morning. Mitch and Nadine Farran come to us by way of transfer from Resurrection Life Church in Big Rapids, MI. Our prayer is that we can be a blessing to you and you to us as we worship our Heavenly Father and use our gifts to serve Him. We are excited that you chose Eighth Reformed to be your new church home.

♪ **A Note of Thanks** to Steve Chaffee for sharing his special music with us this morning.

Congregational Meeting Overview:

1. The proposed budget for 2026-2027 was approved.
2. Linda Stolk was elected as the deacon nominee and she will be installed next week, March 8th, during morning worship.
3. Our retiring deacon is Larry Palma. We thank him for his commitment and service to 8th Church and to the Kingdom.

Pastor Harvey Hertz's Sunday School Class will finish up the study on Creation/Evolution this morning with "Science and Creation Review". We thank Pastor Harvey for faithfully leading our Sunday School Class on creation and evolution. We are so grateful for his willingness to invest his time, knowledge, and care into our learning.

New Fellowship Location: Please note that our Coffee & Cookie Fellowship Time will be held downstairs in our Fellowship Hall each Sunday, following worship. There are three exits from the sanctuary leading downstairs, and a Pastor or Elder will be stationed at each one to greet and assist you. Today Jeff VanMeekeren will be at the East Exit, Pastor Harry will be located at the West Exit, and Tim Tacoma at the Organ Exit. A bell will ring at 10:55 a.m. reminding you that Sunday School is starting in 5 minutes.

Attention Choir Members: We will sing next Sunday morning, March 8th, so please arrive by 8:45 a.m. to rehearse.

The Women's Bible Study will begin a new study in the book of Philippians in March. If you would like to learn about Philippians, sign up for a study book on the sheet located near the Guest Book in the Narthex. **Please sign up by today!** We'd love to have you join us on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. – it only takes about a half an hour to do the lesson before we meet, but the time is well-spent!

Easter Greeting Cards are now available in the library at no cost. Stop by at your convenience and browse the rotating display rack.

Music Appreciation Sunday: Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 19th, at 3:00 p.m. as we celebrate the musical gifts God has blessed us with here at 8th Reformed Church. From solos and duets to instrumental offerings and congregational singing, we are grateful for the talent and devotion that fills our place of worship. If you would like to participate in this special service by sharing your ministry of music, contact Paul Kerkstra, (616) 459-6335.

Devotional Update! It's still not too late! So far we have had 15 individuals submit articles for the devotional, but were hoping to have 40-50 people participating. If you are considering entering a personal devotion, you have until Sunday, March 15. If we do not have enough entries by that deadline, we will not be able to bring this project to fruition. Thank you for making this happen! Please email your submissions to sktacoma@yahoo.com or put in Sue Tacoma's church mailbox.

New Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Tim & Sue Tacoma will be leading a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on the book of Psalms, Chapters 80-89 for 10 weeks, beginning March 11. The only book you will need is a Bible. Each meeting will include a short time of teaching, followed by plenty of questions, conversations, and discussions. Please sign the green sheet in the hallway if interested.

Kid's Hope USA: The Godfrey-Lee School administration is working at their lower elementary schools to identify a community partner willing to support their students through trusted, caring adult mentors. Through a Kids Hope USA program, mentors commit to spending just one hour each school week during the school day with a student - offering encouragement, consistency, and hope. It is a simple but meaningful way to make a lasting difference in the life of a child right here in your local community. If this is an opportunity you may be interested in, please let Marilee in the church office know.

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather as they continue to serve in East Africa, through RECONCILE, for almost 2 decades now. RECONCILE is a South Sudanese Christian organization committed to peacebuilding, and trains grassroots leaders in refugee camps, equipping them with tools for conflict transformation and trauma recovery.

Important Information Regarding Church Cancellations: In the event that Eighth decides to cancel services and/or activities, please tune your TV to Channels 8 (WOOD) or 13 (WZZM), check your email for a Prayer Chain announcement, or go to Eighth Reformed's Facebook page. If you can't access any of this information, call either your elder or deacon on your Care Team and they will know. (To sign up for the Prayer Chain, please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway or call the church office.)

Prayer Concerns and Praises

- ❖ Shane Sweeney has been moved out of ICU into a regular room, and continues to be carefully watched while undergoing kidney dialysis. The family deeply appreciates all of the prayers, calls, cards and each expression of love and concern.
- ❖ Cindi Ralph will have back surgery this Tuesday, March 3rd, at Trinity Health. She is expected to remain in the hospital for 2-3 days.

- ❖ Greg Meendering, son-in-law of Larry & Mary Roelofs, had hip replacement surgery on February 19th, and the surgery was successful. He is home, walking, and doing well.
- ❖ Steve Luce has been transferred to The Oaks at Byron Center for rehab, and his wife, Dot, is recovering at home. (The Luces are friends of some members at Eighth and have been on our prayer list in the past.)
- ❖ Mel VanderWest continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Barb Eash (Keith Warren's sister), Helen Shaver (David & Tina Shaver's niece), and Pam VanBeek (Joe's wife).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Arica Bosman, Darlene Cimochoicz, and Gladys Kessel.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Laura VanHeest, Ford Berghorst (friend of Larry & Marry Roelofs), Betty Holmes, Mel Miller (Rick Miller's brother), Ron Engels, Ron & Jenny Benedict, Judy Wynalda, Arvilla DeVries, Lorraine Strating, and Brenda VanBeek (Joe VanBeek's sister).

Notes of Appreciation

I'd like to extend a warm thank you to the many people who remembered me with cards and greetings for my birthday.

~John Deppe Sr.

Thank you for the birthday cards I was blessed with from my church family. They were very much appreciated. ~Larry Dreyer

A big thank you for the many cards, visits, and calls I received for my birthday. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. ~Joyce Harkes