

Eighth Reformed Church

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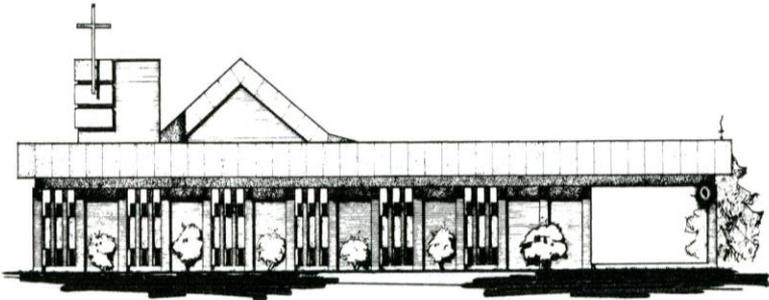
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"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

Galatians 6:14

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** †
3rd Sunday of Lent, March 8, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Piano 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 # 517

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

*Opening Prayer

Choir

Sheltered in the Arms of God

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 598

Wherever He Leads I'll Go

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

Message: "The Action Plan"

*Hymn of Response # 596 (vs. 2,3,4)

I Surrender All

Installing Linda Stolk as Deacon

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 Third Sunday of Lent. As we continue this Lenten journey, may we be open to God’s truth and grounded in His grace. 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. Choir rehearsal.
Young people’s Sunday School.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study.

6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting.

Tuesday:

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Wednesday:

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

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Sharon Byington

Song Leader: Beth Pastoor

Trumpet: David Ellis

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

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: *East exit:* Tim Tacoma

West exit: Jeff VanMeekeren

Organ exit: Pastor Harry Koops

Valet/Lift: Jake VanderHart

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Ted Nelson, Tim Takken

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Jeff VanMeekeren

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Keith Warren

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers: Nadine Farran

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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 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 this Wednesday, March 11th. 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 TODAY if interested.

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 next 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.

Missing Coat: Pat Crandle is missing his black coat (size M), last seen hanging in the Coat Room across from the library on February 22nd. If it was accidentally taken by mistake, he would be grateful to have it back.

Sunday School Class: Next Sunday, March 15th, we will welcome a guest speaker from Right to Life. Join us in the sanctuary at 11 a.m.

LADIES! SAVE THE DATE! The Ladies Spring Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 24, 2026. The theme for our luncheon will be “HATS”. Big hats, small hats, fancy hats – whatever makes you happy! Wear your favorite one and join the fun!! More information will be forthcoming soon.

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

Name badges: If you are new to Eighth Church and don't have a name badge, we would love to make you one. This is an easy way for others to get to know you and you to get to know other people. Just let Pastor Harry or the elder greeting at the door know and we'll have your name badge ready for the next Sunday.

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.

8th Reformed Church Website: If you haven't done so already, check out our website at 8thchurch.org. You can listen to past sermons, read the bulletin each week, see what is happening, and much more!

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

We express our condolences to the friends and family of Jim VanderPoel, who passed away on Monday, March 2nd. His funeral was held here at 8th yesterday afternoon.

May the love and healing light of our Heavenly Father comfort Jim's family during their time of loss.

- ❖ Shane Sweeney continues to make good progress in his recovery from his heart attack. On Wednesday he had a surgical procedure to have a stent put in.
- ❖ Cindi Ralph had back surgery on Tuesday at Trinity Health. Surgery went well and she was hoping to return home this weekend. She is thankful for the prayers and the kindness her church family has shown her during this time.
- ❖ Jan Higley will have skin cancer surgery on Friday, March 13th.
- ❖ Doug Peuler (who is in Florida with his wife for the winter) went to the ER for pain and found that his blood pressure was very high and he was having irregular heartbeats. Please pray that the medication he was prescribed will stabilize him.
- ❖ Jenny Benedict was taken by ambulance to the hospital on Tuesday with chest pains.
- ❖ Ron Benedict's in-home care client, Charlie, remains in the hospital.
- ❖ Joe VanBeek's stepmom had back surgery on Tuesday. Surgery went well and she will be going to rehabilitation when she is released from the hospital.
- ❖ Mel VanderWest continues to be under Hospice Care.

- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Emily Dreyer (Larry & Mert's granddaughter), Ron Oostdyk, and Pam VanBeek.
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Phyllis Blodgett and Ron Lankheet.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Steve & Dot Luce, Laura VanHeest, Ford Berghorst (friend of Larry & Marry Roelofs), Betty Holmes, Mel Miller (Rick Miller's brother), Ron Engels, Judy Wynalda, and Lorraine Strating.

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you for the many birthday blessings I received. I am truly blessed to be a part of 8th Reformed Church. God is so good!

~Marj Hendges

Lucian Stegehuis is grateful for all the birthday cards he received and wants to thank each of you for thinking of him.

Thank you for the wonderful birthday cards. I feel truly blessed!

~Launi VanderHart

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Lent is a journey towards the cross...

