

Eighth Reformed Church

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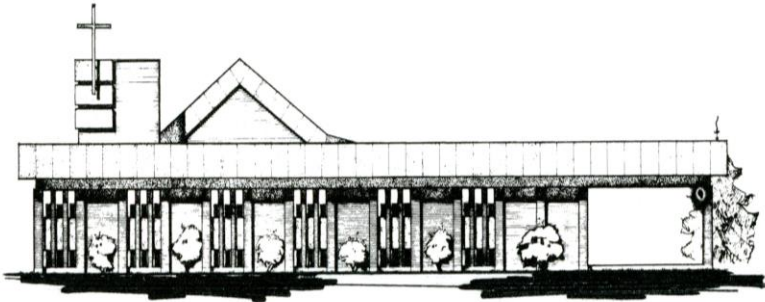
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"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

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** †
Sunday, April 12, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Piano Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 746

He Keeps Me Singing

*Opening Prayer

Choir

Let's Just Praise the Lord

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 696

God Leads Us Along

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32 (page 1490)

Message: "THREE"

*Hymn of Response # 743

Wonderful Peace

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 502 (vs. 1) *In My Heart There Rings a Melody*

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to you today as we once again gather for a time of worship and appreciation to our King of Kings for what He has done, and WILL do for us. Jesus is alive and we are blessed to be able to celebrate our Risen Savior together each Sunday morning. If you are visiting with us, 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.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study.

Tuesday:

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Wednesday:

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

6:30 p.m. Psalms Bible Study.

Thursday:

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

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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: Pastor Garrett

Organ exit: Jeff VanMeekeren

Valet/Lift: Jake VanderHart

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Larry Dreyer, Larry Roelofs

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Kevin VanHeukelom

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

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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.

Pastor Harry and Beth are on vacation in Florida through Thursday, April 16th. If you have a question or concern, please reach out to your Care Group elder or deacon. Any requests for the Prayer Chain should be directed to Tim Tacoma, 616-262-9972, except during office hours when Marilee can be contacted directly.

Please Take Note that Pastor Harry and Beth no longer have their landline phone number (616-209-5724). Please use their cell numbers. Pastor Harry's is 605-680-0457 and Beth's is 605-682-1551.

Nursery News: A nursery is available downstairs during our worship service. We are grateful for this ministry and invite you to spread the word. Please also pray that God will guide more families with little ones to visit Eighth and find a place of belonging here.



LADIES! YOU ARE INVITED to our Ladies Spring Luncheon to be held on Friday, April 24th, at 12:30 p.m. Our program will be presented by our very own Hat Lady, Wilma Quist. We invite you to wear your most fabulous hat, fancy or not, big or small, to add elegance to our luncheon. Come for a time of fun, food, and fellowship. Hats are optional. **THIS IS THE FINAL DAY TO SIGN UP.** If you haven't already, please stop by the hallway and sign the yellow sheets **TODAY!** If you have any questions, please contact Dee Diekman, 616-827-1349, Julie Aman, 616-258-3792, or Diane Maitner, 616-481-6486.

Women's Bible Study Friends: Please note that our April meeting has been moved from this Wednesday, the 15th, to this Thursday, the 16th, 10:30 a.m. in the Choir Room.

Used Bibles are available on a table in the Church Library. Help yourself!

Alpha Grand Rapids: While Alpha eagerly awaits their Diaper Drive in July, they are in a season where Size 6 diapers are desperately needed. For the next 3 weeks, we will be collecting **Size 6 diapers** to help meet their need. Please leave your donations under the windows on Burton Street near the lift. Thank you in advance for your support.

Monday Bible Study: For those who wish to have a deeper understanding of the book of Hebrews, our Monday class will begin a study tomorrow, April 13th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Both men and women are welcome to participate. The book of Hebrews is not studied much as the other books in the New Testament yet it is very basic to knowing the relationship between the Old and the New Testament. Cookies and coffee are served as well.

Notes from the Library Committee (Correction from last week): We are still missing book #31 (not #30) from the Sugarcreek Amish Mysteries Series. We have others waiting to read this book. Please return it as soon as possible. Also, we ask that if you are checking out a book, please fill out and deposit the card in the designated box. Some paperbacks do not have cards, so feel free to take those and return them when you're finished. Thank you.

Music Appreciation Sunday: Join us next Sunday, April 19th, at 3:00 p.m. as we rejoice in the musical gifts God has blessed us with here. It will be a special time of worship through musical offerings and congregational singing, and we encourage you to invite family and friends. Refreshments will follow the service.

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Barry and Terry Bruce who have served at The Way Out Ministries in Hawaiian Gardens, California for nearly 40 years. Many people in Hawaiian Gardens struggle under the weight of crime, domestic violence, addiction, homelessness and poverty. This ministry demonstrates the love of Christ through a full-time resource center, mission church, and community outreach programs.

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 extend our Christian sympathies to Dot Luce and her family in the passing away of her husband, Steve, this past Tuesday. Steve & Dot Luce are friends of some members here at 8th. Funeral arrangements are pending.

May God provide Dot and her family with the strength needed in this time of sorrow and may He bless them with His peace.

Dot Luce
8107 Byron Creek Dr.
Byron Center, MI 49315

- ❖ Dorothy Bartlett was transferred to Optalis on 36th & Clyde Park SW this past week.
- ❖ Carol Diekevers has returned to Sheldon Meadows and is now on Hospice Care.
- ❖ Steve VerStrate, son of Jim & Sandy, was diagnosed with a brain aneurysm and will be having surgery in the near future (no date yet).
- ❖ Ron Benedict is improving and feeling much better.
- ❖ Jan Higley was transferred from Metro Hospital to Medilodge on 56th Street SW. She was hoping to return home Thursday.

- ❖ Brian Cripps, Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law, has been diagnosed with Primary Amyloidosis. It is a disorder that causes abnormal proteins to gather in the body's organs and affects their function. It is incurable, but will be treated with chemotherapy initially, beginning this month sometime. If you'd like to send a card of encouragement, please mail it to:

Brian & Tracy Cripps
370 Mudlick Rd.
South Shore, KY 41175

- ❖ Mel VanderWest continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Emily Dreyer (Larry & Mert Dreyer's granddaughter), Ron Oostdyk, and Helen Shaver (David & Tina Shaver's niece).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Phyllis Blodgett, Ron Lankheet, and Bob Yonkers.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Betty Holmes, Mark Davis (Pastor Howard's son), Barb Engels, Mark Kerkstra (Paul Kerkstra's son), Shane Sweeney, Ruth (Phil Doornbos' sister), Cindi Ralph, Doug Peuler, Ron Engels, Lorraine Strating, and Ron & Jenny Benedict.

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you for the many cards I received for my birthday. You are the best church family I could ever have! The cards were so beautiful and nice to read.
~Irene Andree

Thank you so much for all the birthday wishes sent our way! We were overwhelmed with all the cards, so kind. Such a loving church family.
~Dan & Sue Luyk