

Eighth Reformed Church

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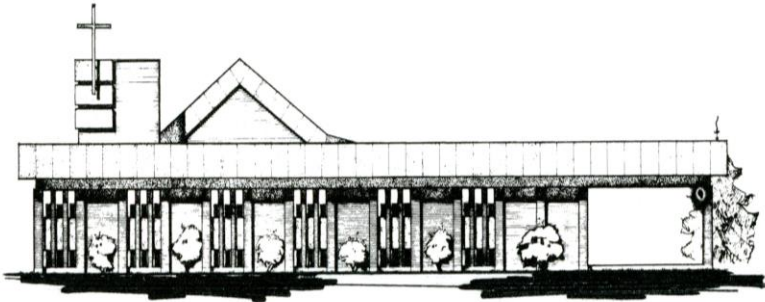
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"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

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 26, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Piano Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 680 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

*Opening Prayer

Choir *Who Am I?*

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 610 *No One Understands like Jesus*

Scripture: John 21:1-17 (page 1546)

Message: “The Attraction of the Familiar”

*Hymn of Response # 634 *More Love to Thee*

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 564 (vs. 1) *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to Eighth Reformed Church on this Lord's Day. What an encouragement it is to have you with us. We're glad you came! Our prayer is that your time here will be uplifting and joyful. 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 in the Choir Room.
Young People's Sunday School.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study.

Wednesday:

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

10:45 a.m. Music Committee Meeting.

1:00 p.m. Quilting Ministry.

6:30 p.m. Psalms Bible Study.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Shirley Lohman

Song Leader: Ron Engels

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Pastor Harry

West exit: Doug VanderMeer

Organ exit: Tim Tacoma

Valet/Lift: Danielle Wagenmaker

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Larry Dreyer, Larry Roelofs

Sound: Beth Koops

Radio: Jeff VanMeekeren

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Jeff VanMeekeren, Larry Rudnik

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers: Julie Aman, Diane Maitner

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Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Rob Pols

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Scott Pastoor

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

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.

Nursery Volunteers Needed: We are currently in need of nursery volunteers for Sunday mornings. This role is on a rotation basis, allowing you to still participate in worship regularly. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Sharon Bowen at 616-308-5130. A background check is required.

Pastor Harry & Beth will be going to Ontario to celebrate birthdays with family from this Thursday, April 30th, through next Tuesday, May 5th. 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.

Note from the Library Committee: If you are considering donating any books to the library, please contact one of the committee members (Julie Aman, Deb Hoyle or Mary Roelofs) prior to bringing them in. Thank you!

Our Heartfelt Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Music Appreciation Service last Sunday afternoon. Whether you attended, performed, or worked quietly behind the scenes, your efforts were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Paul Kerkstra for organizing this event and to his son, Mark, who traveled from Cadillac to share his musical gifts with us. God was truly honored.

Sunday School: On May 3rd and 17th Travis & Patty Neilson will be speaking on their work with Muslims in Africa. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Please join us.

Last Call for Size 6 Diapers: While Alpha Grand Rapids eagerly awaits their Diaper Drive in July, they are in a season where Size 6 diapers are desperately needed. Through next Sunday, May 3rd, we are 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.

Grandville Community Choir's Spring Concert: Everyone is invited to attend this free annual concert next Sunday, May 3rd, 3:00 p.m., at Grandville First Reformed Church, 3060 Wilson Avenue. This year's program, *Americana, A Celebration of America's 250th* will feature music honoring our nation's heritage. Refreshments following.

Memorial Day Hymn Sing: Mark your calendar for this annual Christian patriotic celebration Sunday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. RJ and Marian Poel will organize and MC this special service.

Radio Fund Donations: We have donation envelopes for our Jethro Radio Fund available in the tract rack on the wall in the hallway. This ministry continues to be a blessing and an important outreach for our church family. Thank you for your support.

Kibébé International Inc., a non-profit Hudsonville 501(c)(3) ministry employing Malawian and refugee artisans, is prayerfully seeking an additional board member who can assist with tax-related responsibilities. The board meets twice a year. If you or someone you know is interested in serving and would like more information about Kibébé International, please contact:

Danielle Wagenmaker

Email: ddtgwagen@yahoo.com

Phone: 616-202-6316

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 condolences to Deb Jacobson and Cindi Ralph in the passing away of their father, Bob Yonkers. Bob passed away on Saturday, April 18th and a Celebration of Life service will be held here at 8th Reformed tomorrow (Monday) at 6:00 p.m.

May the strength of our Lord carry Cindy, Deb and all of Bob's family through their grief and may His unending love comfort them and give them peace.

- ❖ Mark Kerkstra, son of Paul, had cancer surgery on Tuesday. Surgery went well and he returned home on Wednesday. Cards can be mailed to him at:

Mark Kerkstra
413 Howard St.
Cadillac, MI 49601

- ❖ Joe VanBeek's wife, Pam, had an angioplasty with stent placement procedure on Thursday. Surgery went well and she was able to return home at Optalis. Cards can be mailed to Pam at:

Optalis Healthcare
2320 East Beltline Ave. SE, #508
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

- ❖ Brian Bruxvoort, our missionary in Alaska, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is waiting to learn what treatment plan will be best for him.
- ❖ Carol Diekevers and Mel VanderWest continue to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Heath Misiak (Kathy's son) and Brett Roberts (Karen's son).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Glenn Bartman, Ariea Bosman, Shirley Grit, and Bob Noteboom.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Charlie (client of Ron Benedict), Ford Berghorst (friend of Larry & Mary Roelofs), Dorothy Bartlett, Brian Cripps (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law), Steve VerStrate (Jim & Sandy's son), Ron & Jenny Benedict, Betty Holmes, Mark Davis (Pastor Howard's son), Ron & Barb Engels, Shane Sweeney, Ruth (Phil Doornbos' sister), Cindi Ralph, Doug Peuler, and Lorraine Strating.

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you very much for all of the wonderful birthday cards. They meant a lot and made my birthday a little more special.

~Diane Maitner

I wish to thank my new church family for all the wonderful birthday cards...I have never received so many cards! I was just blown away by everyone's thoughtfulness. I am truly thankful to all of you and feel so very blessed to attend a church with such kind members. God bless you all.

~David Beadle