

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** †
Sunday, May 3, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 207 *We Have Come to Join in Worship*

*Opening Prayer

Hymn # 578 (vs. 1,2,4) *Trusting Jesus*

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 563 *Open My Eyes That I May See*

Scripture: Proverbs 3:1-10 (page 905)

Message: “The Trust War Within Us”

*Hymn of Response # 581 *‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 571 (vs. 1)

Trust and Obey

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. Adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall (see announcement).
Young People’s Sunday School.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study.

Wednesday:

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

6:30 p.m. Psalms Bible Study.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Mark Bergsma

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:* Tim Tacoma

West exit: Pastor Mark

Organ exit: Doug VanderMeer

Valet/Lift: Rob Pols

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Tim Takken

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

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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 & Beth are in Ontario to celebrate birthdays with family through this 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 Marilee at 616-481-6216.

Our Full Consistory had a special meeting this past Tuesday, April 28th, to address concerns that had been brought to our attention. After much discussion the hard decision was made to relieve Bud Roerig of all his duties as Director of Operations, Property and Grounds. As a church, we are thankful for his years of service.

Our Sincere Thank You to our Women's Ministry Committee for the outstanding job they did in planning and organizing the Spring Luncheon. The stiletto and hat decorations were lovely and the food was delicious. A special thanks to our delightful "Hat Lady", Wilma Quist, who entertained us with stories and music that filled our souls with joy and laughter. A good time was had by all!

Sunday School: This morning (and on May 17th) we welcome Travis & Patti Neilson to our Sunday School hour. They 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.

Attention Women Choir Members: The Women's Chorus will be singing next Sunday on Mother's Day, so please arrive by 8:45 a.m. to rehearse.

New Ladies' Book/Bible Study! All women are invited to join a new study on the book "Understanding the Wounded Heart" by Marcus Warner. This book introduces a simple model for understanding the wounds we all have and offers some practical tools for experiencing God's healing and transformation! Sue Tacoma will lead this 6-week class beginning on Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 pm in the choir room. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway or contact Sue (616-329-3234) for more information.

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.

Start saving your change! Right to Life Baby Bottles will be available for pick up next Sunday, Mother's Day.

Grandville Community Choir's Spring Concert TODAY: Everyone is invited to attend this free annual concert this afternoon, 3:00 p.m., at Grandville First Reformed Church, 3060 Wilson Avenue. This year's program is *Americana, A Celebration of America's 250th*. 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.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study: This month we will meet on our normal 3rd Wednesday of the month, May 20th, at 10:30 a.m. to study Lesson 3. Hope to see you all there! (This will be our final meeting until Fall.)

SAVE THE DATE! AN ALL-CHURCH PICNIC LUNCH will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026. There will be no coffee and cookie time as lunch will be served at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More information and sign-ups will be coming soon.

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Christiaan and Cecilia van Dijk who are church planters in Apeldoorn, Netherlands. They extend a warm welcome at their Koffie Kamer (coffee room) ministry, as well as at the church they are relaunching, Gemeente Filadelfia. These ministries provide opportunities for seeds of faith to sprout through gracious hospitality, caring conversations, Bible studies, and Sunday services.

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

- ❖ Dorothy Bartlett was readmitted to Butterworth Hospital this past Tuesday.
- ❖ Kim Wiggers is dealing with several chronic conditions and is now also dealing with PTSD.
- ❖ Charlie, client of Ron Benedict, was placed under Hospice Care two weeks ago and is now nearing the end of his earthly journey.
- ❖ Emily Dreyer, granddaughter of Larry & Mert Dreyer, recently had surgery to relieve pressure on her brain. She is home recovering but still experiencing a lot of pain.
- ❖ Kevin Roberts, son of Karen Roberts, will undergo surgery tomorrow, May 4th, to remove a portion of his large intestine.
- ❖ Steve VerStrate, son of Jim & Sandy, had surgery on Thursday. Surgery went well and his doctor shared that it was a blessing they operated when they did, as the aneurysm was quite large.
- ❖ Mel VanderWest recently moved. He continues to be under Hospice Care at:
Georgetown & Cambridge Manor
151 Port Sheldon St. SW
Grandville, MI 49418

- ❖ Carol Diekevers continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember David Shaver (Dave's father) and Michelle Strating (Dick & Lorraine Strating's daughter-in-law).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Darlene Cimochowicz, Gladys Kessel, and Laura VanHeest.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Ford Berghorst (friend of Larry & Mary Roelofs), Brian Bruxvoort (our missionary in Alaska), Charlie (client of Ron Benedict), Brian Cripps (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law), Ron & Jenny Benedict, Betty Holmes, Mark Davis (Pastor Howard's son), Ron & Barb Engels, Shane Sweeney, Doug Peuler, and Lorraine Strating.

Notes of Appreciation

Just a note to thank you all for your prayers and cards. It was very kind of you. It was nice to go to the mailbox and find a nice card and knowing you were praying for us. God is good.

~Take Care, Dot Luce

A big thank you to everyone who remembered me with a card for my birthday. I enjoyed each one. You're a wonderful church family.

~Jim Herrema

Thank you for the prayers and cards I received following my surgery. Thank you as well to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the shawl and to Pastor Mark Bergsma for taking the time to visit and pray with me before surgery. I have been touched by the people at 8th Reformed.

~Mark Kerkstra

The Bob Yonkers family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and visits. They brought comfort to our family during this difficult time. And a special thank you to everyone who took time to join us in celebrating Bob's life.