

† Eighth Reformed Church †
Mother's Day, May 10, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Piano Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 97 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*Opening Prayer

Women's Chorus *This is Why I Want to Go*

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 451 *A Christian Home*

Scripture: **Judges 17:1-13** (page 365)
 1 Samuel 1:11, 24-28 (pages 380 & 381)
 Matthew 19:13-15 (page 1403)

Message: "Family Peculiarities"

*Hymn of Response # 453 *Happy Our Home When God Is There*

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 415 (vs. 1) *We Are Called to Be God's People*

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to Eighth Reformed Church on this Lord's Day. A blessed and grateful welcome to all mothers who are joining us this morning. Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord who has given us the gift of family. 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. 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.

6:30 p.m. Psalms Bible Study (last one).

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Pianist: Sharon Byington

Song Leader: Tim Tacoma

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Doug VanderMeer

West exit: Pete Rusticus

Organ exit: Pastor Harry

Valet/Lift: Jake VanderHart

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Rob Pols

Sound: Scott Diekman

Radio: Scott Pastoor

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

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Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers: Judy Bergsma

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Marcia VanEeuwen

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.

Church Locks Re-Keyed: The locks on the outside doors of the church have been re-keyed as of Monday, May 4th. Old keys should be turned in to Marilee Takken. New keys will be issued to those who need to have accessibility at times when church is normally closed.

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. She will have the books available next Sunday, May 17th, for \$15 each. Please sign up on the pink sheet in the hallway if you're interested in the class or contact Sue (616-329-3234) for more information.

Right To Life Baby Bottle Banks: Baby Bottle Banks are available today for you to take home and fill with your loose change. The money collected will be donated to Right to Life of Michigan. You may return your bottles to the tables at any time. Our final collection day is on Father's Day, June 21st. Thank you for your participation in raising funds in the fight against abortion.

All-Church Picnic: Come join us for an All-Church Picnic Lunch to be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 7th, 11 a.m. There will be no coffee and cookie time after church. The menu will consist of hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips, pickles and cookies. Please sign up on the purple sheets located in the upstairs hallway by Sunday, May 24th so we can plan the food accordingly. Please contact Cheryl Schellenberg, 616-531-7069, or Nadine Farran, 616-340-2937, with questions or concerns.

The Wolfe Family would like to invite members of the congregation to the high school graduation party for Nathan Wolfe on Friday, May 22, 2026 from 6-8 p.m. at 4371 Knickerbocker Ct. SW, Wyoming MI 49519.

Church Reservations: Please see Marilee in the church office to reserve the church for any activity or event.

Committee Volunteers Needed: We are currently in need of volunteers for these two committees:

Building & Grounds Committee
Safety & Security Committee

Please contact Larry Rudnik at 616-209-2680 if you feel called to serve. 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 (if you're able, please text her). A background check is required.

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.)

Coffee & Donuts: There will be no Coffee & Donut Fellowship Time during the months of June, July, and August. Just 3 more Wednesdays and then we'll see you in September!

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.

Choir Members, Please Take Note: The May calendar shows the choir singing on May 24th, but the date has changed. We will sing on May 31st instead. Please update your calendar. Thank you!

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

We extend our sympathies to Mike and Sherry Butterfield in the passing away of Sherry's mother, Carol Diekevers. Carol passed away on May 1st and her funeral service was held here on Thursday.

We also express our condolences to Ron & Jenny Benedict in the passing away of their friend and client, Charlie, on May 1st. His family is holding a celebration of his life this summer.

May our God of peace and hope comfort these families and give them strength during their time of sorrow.

- ❖ Dorothy Bartlett continues to receive care at Optalis on 36th St. in Wyoming.
- ❖ Mark Kerkstra, son of Paul, received word this week that he is cancer free and gives all praise and glory to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!
- ❖ Kevin Roberts, son of Karen, had surgery this past Monday. Although the surgeon encountered some complications, Kevin was still able to return home on Tuesday. They are awaiting biopsy results.
- ❖ Mel VanderWest continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Ron Oostdyk, Helen Shaver (niece of Dave & Tina), and Barb Eash (Keith Warren's sister).

- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Phyllis Blodgett, Robert DeYoung, and Ron Lankheet.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Emily Dreyer (granddaughter of Mert & Larry), Steve VerStrate (son of Jim & Sandy), Ford Berghorst (friend of Larry & Mary Roelofs), Brian Bruxvoort (our missionary in Alaska), 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

I truly appreciate all of the cards and wishes I received for my birthday. I'm so blessed to be part of such a wonderful family of God.
~Rich Soest

I always heard turning 60 was something old people did. Come to find out, us young people do it too. Thanking God that He has blessed me with another year, and has blessed me with friends from 8th who are so kind to send cards, texts, and phone calls! Thank you, each one of you. Made me feel 59 again.
~Mary Kroft

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