

Eighth Reformed Church

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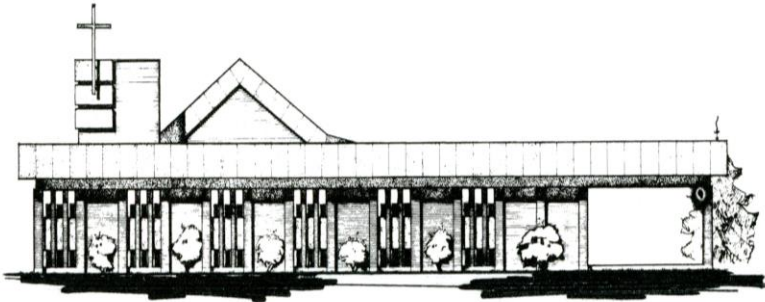
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"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

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.

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May 17, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 648 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*Opening Prayer

Special Music: Tim Tacoma *Complete in Thee*

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 375 *Jesus Shall Reign*

Scripture: Luke 24:50-53 (page 1508)

Acts 1:1-11 (page 1549)

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 18, Q&A 46, 49

(see insert)

Message: "The Perfect Advocate"

*Hymn of Response # 377 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 235 (vs. 4) *Take the Name of Jesus with You*

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to worship at Eighth Reformed Church on this Lord's Day. What an encouragement it is to have you with us. 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. Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study (see below) ▼.

Wednesday:

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

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (see below) ▼.

6:30 p.m. Women's Wounded ♥ Bible Study.

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The Monday Bible Study led by Wes Dekker will meet tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. for the last time this season until Fall.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, May 20th, at 10:30 a.m. to study Lesson 3. This will be our final meeting until Fall.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Sharon Byington

Song Leader: Pete Rusticus

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: Pete Rusticus

Valet/Lift: Jake VanderHart

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Rob Pols

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: Linda Rusticus,

Marcia VanEeuwen

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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.

Sunday School: This morning we look forward to hearing from Travis & Patti Neilson once again, as they continue sharing about their work with Muslims in Africa. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Please join us.

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

Pastor Harry & Beth will attend a conference at Camp Maranatha from tomorrow, May 18th, through Thursday, May 21st. 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, 616-481-6216.

New Ladies' Evening 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 this Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room. She has the books available this morning 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.

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.

Coffee & Donuts: There will be no Coffee & Donut Fellowship Time during the months of June, July, and August

Right To Life Baby Bottle Banks are still available to anyone who didn't pick one up last Sunday. You'll find them on a table in the hallway and downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please take one home and fill it with your loose change - all 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.

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.

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 listed below. Please contact Larry Rudnik at 616-209-2680 if you feel called to serve. Thank you.

Building & Grounds Committee
Safety & Security Committee

Paul Kerkstra is excited to celebrate his 90th birthday and would like to invite his church family to celebrate with him. Everyone is invited to his cottage on Big Star Lake on July 3rd for an Open House Luncheon. You're welcome to come anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (directions will be provided). Please bring an outdoor chair. To help Paul prepare for the number of guests to expect, please RSVP on the blue sheet in the hallway.

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.

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 Joe & Pam VanBeek in the passing away of Joe's cousin, Dan VanBeek, on May 4th. His funeral was held on May 9 at Abundant Life Church of God.

We also express our condolences to Brad Mulder in the passing away of his mother, Linda Mulder, on Mother's Day. A celebration of her life will be held on June 6th.

May our Heavenly Father envelope these families with the peace and comfort only He can provide.

- ❖ Karen Roberts is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery this Tuesday, May 19th, pending the results of her pre-surgery tests.

- ❖ Dorothy Bartlett returned home from Optalis on Wednesday.

- ❖ Betty Holmes is dealing with a respiratory infection that has raised her white blood cell count. She is home on full-time oxygen and receiving antibiotics.
- ❖ Anthony Byington's three friends from Ludington High School are all home from the hospital and doing well following a traffic accident they were in two weeks ago.
- ❖ Steve VerStrate, son of Jim & Sandy, is doing well following his brain surgery. He has been cleared to drive and is continuing to work on regaining his strength.
- ❖ Kevin Roberts, son of Karen, received good news that his biopsy results came back clear! He is gaining strength and gives thanks to God and rests in the comfort that the Lord is fully in control. Cards can be mailed to him at:

Kevin Roberts
4201 Brodie Rd.
South Branch, MI 48761

- ❖ Mel VanderWest continues 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 Fran Schuiling and Roger Simmons.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: 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, Mark Davis (Pastor Howard's son), Ron & Barb Engels, Doug Peuler, and Lorraine Strating.

Notes of Appreciation

I am so grateful for the abundance of cards I received for my birthday. I enjoyed looking through them many times and feel so blessed to be remembered by my loving church family.

~Mert Dreyer

Thank you to my church family for the prayers and cards for my son, Kevin. I continue to be richly blessed here at 8th.

~Karen Roberts

My heart is overwhelmed by the love and kindness my church family has shown me in these past few weeks. Thank you for the cards and for lifting me up in prayer – I could definitely feel those prayers at work. A special thank you to Pastor Harry, Pastor Mark, and other dear friends from church who took time to visit me.

~Dorothy Bartlett

Thank you to everyone for the many birthday and anniversary cards, and for all the well wishes for our celebrations. It is so wonderful to be part of Eighth's family and to experience your love.

~Harvey & Cheryl Hertz

It is so wonderful being part of such a caring, loving church family. Thank you so much for the anniversary cards and the birthday cards for Pete. We feel so blessed.

~Pete & Linda Rusticus

A heartfelt thank you for all the birthday cards, flowers, food and phone calls I received for my birthday. It was a great day! I'm grateful for all of my brothers and sisters in Christ, here at 8th Church.

~Dee Diekman

Thank you for the many birthday cards I received from my kind-hearted church family.

~Jim VerStrate

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Memorial Day Hymn Sing

**Sunday, May 24, 2026
6:00 pm**

Please join us at ...

**Eighth Reformed Church
841 Burton St., S.W.
Wyoming, MI**

----- Featuring -----

Congregational singing along with...

Participants:

Song Leader – R.J. Poel

Organist – Marian Poel

Pastor Harry Koops, opening prayer

Twin Pianos – Ruth Baar & Steve Maas

Soloist for National Anthem – Pete Rusticus

Brass–Dave Den Ouden, David Weemhoff, Dale Millard

Retired US Army – Cpl. Jay Baar

Retired US Marines – Rev. Howard Davis

Retired US Marines – Lt. Col. Denny Gillem

Mayor, City of Wyoming – Kent Vanderwood

Kent County Honor Guard assisting

There will be a tribute to all Veterans and a special ceremony
for all who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Refreshments following the program