

# *Eighth Reformed Church*

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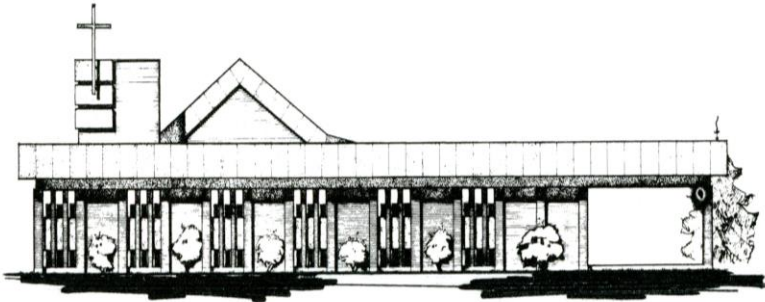
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*"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."*

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](http://Jethro.fm).

† **Eighth Reformed Church** †  
**May 31, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.**  
**Order of Worship**

Piano Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn # 43                      *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

\*Opening Prayer

Choir    *Just a Little Talk With Jesus*

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn of Preparation # 338                      *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

**Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-5** (page 1035)

**Message: "Precious in His Sight"**

\*Hymn of Response # 771 *We'll Understand it Better By and By*

Offering and Offertory

\**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Closing Hymn # 100

*Thou Art Worthy*

Postlude

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

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**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.

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**This Week’s Events**

**Today:**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship, followed by Coffee & Cookies in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

**Wednesday:**

**6:30 p.m.** Women’s “Wounded Heart” Bible Study.

## **Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week**

*Pastor:* Pastor Garrett Sweeney

*Organist:* Paul Kerkstra

*Pianist:* Marilee Takken

*Song Leader:* Beth Pastoor

*Trumpet:* David Ellis

*Pre-Service Greeters:* North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

*Post-Service Greeters:* East exit: Jeff VanMeekeren

West exit: Tim Tacoma

Organ exit: Pastor Garrett

*Valet/Lift:* Jake VanderHart

*Ushers:* Marsa Barclay, Rob Pols

*Parking Lot Guard:* Doug VanderMeer

*Radio:* Scott Pastoor

*Sound:* Scott Diekman

*YouTube:* Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

*Praying with Pastor:* Tim Tacoma, Keith Warren

*Volunteer Deacons:* John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

*Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers:* Marsa Barclay, Joy Hendricks

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*Parking Lot Guard:* TBA

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*Praying with Pastor:* Doug VanderMeer, Linda Stolk

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*Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers:* Church Picnic

## **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.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to RJ & Marian Poel, Dave Ellis (and all musicians), Pastor Howard Davis (and all speakers), Scott Diekman, and all who contributed in ANY WAY to make the Memorial Day Hymn Sing such a beautiful, moving service...the Kitchen Crew, Cleaning Crew, Greeters, Valet, Security, etc. We are also so grateful that people could enjoy the service on Jethro Radio, and see photos and video on our church's Facebook page - thank you to Scott & Beth Pastoor and to Beth Koops. Many were blessed and God was glorified!

**Church Picnic Last Call:** If you missed the sign-up last Sunday and would still like to attend (it is next Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>), please call the church office on Tuesday at 616-452-9417, or Diane Maitner, 616-481-6486.

**Graduation Sunday:** Next Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize 3 of our young men who graduated from high school this year: Lucian Stegehuis (son of Mike & Leilani Stegehuis), Colten VandenBerg (son of Amanda Heyboer), and Nathan Wolfe (son of Tom & Linda Wolfe).

**Consistory Note:** With regret, Consistory accepted the resignation of deacon, Keith Warren. Thanks to Keith for his time of service.

**Thank You** to Doug VanderMeer for building and filling the lovely planters at our church's back door. They make the entrance so colorful and welcoming. We appreciate your kindness and hard work, Doug!

**Cookie Donations:** Because our church continues to grow, the amount of cookies needed each Sunday morning is increasing. We are now serving a minimum of 12 dozen per week. If you'd be willing to assist in restocking our supply, please leave cookie donations in the small kitchen in the Choir Room. If you'd like to bring cookies and help serve on a specific Sunday morning, please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway. Thank you for helping with this ministry.

**Opportunities to Bless Others:** We have an ongoing need for volunteers to help fellow worshipers, who no longer drive, get to church on Sunday mornings. Transportation would be organized according to the area you live in. If God has gifted you with the ability and willingness to bless others and serve in this ministry, please contact Larry Rudnik, 616-209-2680. Thank you in advance.

**Volunteers Needed for:**

- 1) Security Team, to watch the back door and parking lot during worship on a rotating basis. If interested, please contact Larry Roelofs, 616-538-7842.
- 2) Collection Team, to help collect the offerings during worship, on Sunday mornings, when needed (no counting). If interested, please contact Larry Rudnik, 616-209-2680 or Shannon Wagoner, 616-752-0010.

**No More Coffee & Donuts on Wednesdays** - see you on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Enjoy your summer!

**Puzzle Closets:** Check out the two puzzle closets in the library. Feel free to take a puzzle and return it when you're finished. It's all on the honor system, so no need to sign them out. Enjoy!

**Paul Kerkstra** is excited to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Right To Life Baby Bottle Banks** are still available on the table in the hallway and downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. You may return your bottles to the tables at any time. Our final collection day is on Father's Day, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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**

- ❖ Karen Roberts' hip replacement surgery went well on Tuesday, May 19th, and she is on the road to recovery.
- ❖ Joe VanBeek had outpatient foot surgery this past Tuesday.
- ❖ Terry Pepper is now recovering at home from his neck surgery.
- ❖ Lorraine Strating was admitted to Metro Hospital this past Tuesday where tests showed a brain bleed and broken ribs. The brain bleed has been stabilized, and she is also being monitored for heart concerns.
- ❖ Michelle Strating, Dick & Lorraine's daughter-in-law, is receiving therapy at Mary Free Bed.
- ❖ Betty Holmes is at Trinity Health.

- ❖ Mel VanderWest continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Emily Dreyer (Larry & Mert's granddaughter), Kim Wiggers, and Pam VanBeek.
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Glenn Bartman and Ariea Bosman.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Jason Olson (Tina Shaver's brother), Shane Sweeney, Ford Berghorst (friend of Larry & Mary Roelofs), Brian Bruxvoort (our missionary in Alaska), Ron & Jenny Benedict, Mark Davis (Pastor Howard's son), Ron & Barb Engels, Doug Peuler, and Brian Cripps (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law).

### **Notes of Appreciation**

Thank you to my church family for the prayers, cards, and concerns you've blessed me with since my hip surgery. I am making good progress in my recovery and owe it all to God for walking so closely with me.  
~Karen Roberts

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and for the Prayer Shawl. I got the "ok" to go back to work on June 11. God is so good.  
~Steve VerStrate

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who remembered us with anniversary cards and wishes. We are very grateful for our kind and thoughtful family here at 8th.

~Pastor Garrett and Lavona Sweeney