

**† Eighth Reformed Church †**  
**Father's Day, June 21, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.**  
**Order of Worship**

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn # 56

*To God Be the Glory*

\*Opening Prayer

Men's Chorus w/ Mark Isenga on drums

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn of Preparation # 404

*Faith of Our Fathers*

**Scripture: Judges 13:1-8, 24-25** (page 359, 360)

**Message: "The Owner's Manual"**

\*Hymn of Response # 562 (vs. 1,2 4)

*Be Thou My Vision*

Offering and Offertory

\**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Closing Hymn # 394

*Greater Is He That Is in Me*

Postlude

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

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## Welcome!

What an encouragement it is to have you here with us at Eighth Reformed Church on this Father's Day. A special and grateful welcome to all fathers who are joining us this morning. We come to worship our Heavenly Father and honor our earthly fathers as He commanded.

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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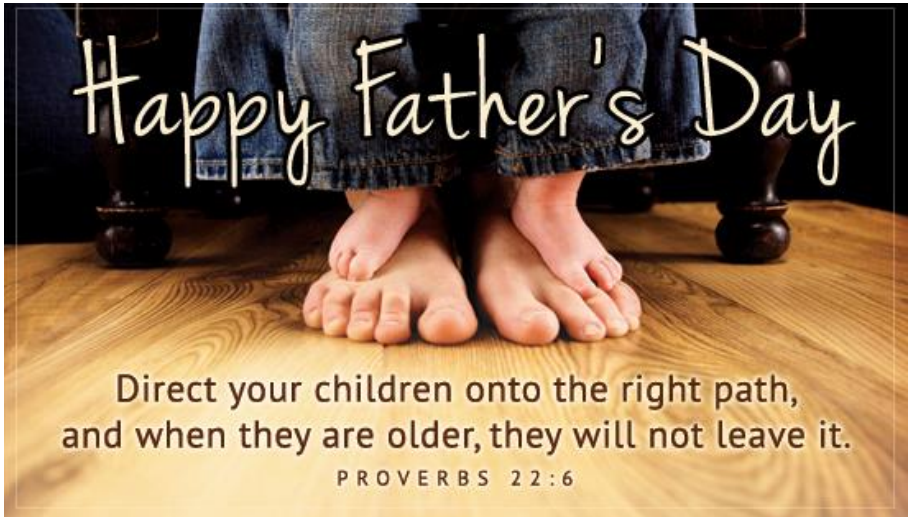
## This Week's Events

### 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.  
**1:00 p.m.** Quilting Ministry.



## **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: Doug VanderMeer

West exit: Pete Rusticus

Organ exit: Pastor Harry

*Valet/Lift:* Jake VanderHart

*Parking Lot Guard:* TBA

*Ushers:* Ted Nelson, Tim Takken

*Radio:* Beth Koops

*Sound:* Scott Diekman

*YouTube:* Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

*Praying with Pastor:* Doug VanderMeer, Linda Stolk

*Volunteer Deacons:* John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

*Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers:* Manny Melendez

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

*Pastor:* Pastor Mark Bergsma

*Organist:* Paul Kerkstra

*Pianist:* Shirley Lohman

*Song Leader:* Beth Pastoor

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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. If you leave a note for her, please put it in the black mailbox on the wall across from the Church Office. Thank you.

**Today is Collection Day for Right To Life Baby Bottle Banks!**

All money collected will be donated to Right to Life of Michigan. If you forgot to bring your bottle today, feel free to drop it off this Tuesday between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Thank you for your participation in raising funds in the fight against abortion.

**Church Directory Update Sheet:** Please check your church mailbox for a new directory update sheet which lists all the changes and additions to the directory since 2025. We will be printing a new pictorial directory this fall in celebration of Eighth Church's 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In advance of that, we will have sheets out for you to check all your information or to have a new photo taken. Stay tuned for details!

**Communion:** Last Sunday, 145 people shared in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**New Words of Hope Devotionals** for July, August & September (regular and large print) are available on the table in the Narthex against the wall along Burton Street.

**Ballroom Dancing:** A Waltz Dance Class will be offered here at 8<sup>th</sup> Church, free of charge, starting Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8 p.m. The class will be taught by Amy West and runs for 4 consecutive Tuesdays. If you are interested, please sign the lavender sheet in the hallway. Couples are preferred, but singles are welcome as well.

**CPR Class:** Amanda Heyboer will be teaching a CPR Class open to anyone who would like to learn adult, child, and infant CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) - BLS (Basic Life Support) and First Aid. The class will be held on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The session typically lasts about 4 hours. The only cost will be \$3.75 per person for the actual CPR card itself. Class size is limited to 8 students, but if more are interested Amanda will host a 2<sup>nd</sup> class, or more, if needed. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the hallway by Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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. Please bring an outdoor chair. Kindly RSVP on the blue sheet in the hallway if you plan to attend. If you already signed up, directions to his cottage are in your mailbox.

**Our Monthly Missionary:** Please pray for Chad & Dara VandenBosch as they teach resilient farming practices at New Harvest Farm in Mozambique, where weather conditions make farming extremely difficult. Chad & Dara serve in partnership with Audio Scripture Ministries, also providing palliative care and distributing audio Bibles. At the heart of everything they do is sharing the gospel in the language of people's hearts.

**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 Ron & Jenny Benedict in the passing away of Jenny's niece, Dusti Jo, on June 14th from cancer. Jenny shared, "Dusti is now finally with her Heavenly Father and is pain free. We ask for comfort and peace for their family."

May our Father above be a source of solace for this family during their time of loss.

- ❖ Ron Engels suffered a fall on Friday, June 12th, and is experiencing severe shoulder pain and instability.
- ❖ Bill Robinson, Judy Bergsma's brother-in-law, had hip replacement surgery this past Thursday.
- ❖ Mel VanderWest continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Larry Rudnik, Heath Misiak (Kathy's son), and Tim See (Marty Riemersma's son-in-law).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Shirley Grit, Fran Schuiling, and Roger Simmons.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Darlene Cimochowicz, Linda Rose, Betty Holmes, Lorraine Strating, Brett Roberts (Karen's son), Jim VerStrate, Dee Diekman, Terry Pepper, 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), Doug Peuler, and Brian Cripps (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law).

## **Notes of Appreciation**

Thank you for all the wonderful cards I received for my birthday.  
~Howard Potter

I would like to thank the congregation for all the cards and nice notes I received for my birthday. It's such a blessing to be part of the 8th Church family. ~Stan DeWitt

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who blessed us with anniversary cards and wishes. Praise be to God for our kind and loving church family. ~Keith & Pat Warren

Thank you to our church family for the outpouring of love and support for Colten's graduation. Thank you for attending his graduation party, the cards, and special gifts. It was a wonderful time of fellowship. ~Amanda Heyboer and Colten VandenBerg

I am so grateful for the prayers, calls, and cards I received in the past few weeks...they were blessings from above! I'm feeling much better, not perfect, but definitely on the road to recovery. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. ~Dee Diekman

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