

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.

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July 5, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship (**congregation read bold print**):

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise Him.

For the word of the Lord is right and true;
He is faithful in all He does.

The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the people of the world revere Him.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people He chose for His inheritance.

May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our hope in you.

*Opening Hymn # 807

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

*Opening Prayer

Hymn # 686

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Reading of the Law

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 805 *If My People's Hearts are Humbled*

Scripture: Psalm 33 (page 794)

Message: “Blessed is the Nation Whose God is the Lord”

*Hymn of Response # 355 *There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy*

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 584 *Yesterday, Today, Forever*

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. Blessed by the freedom to worship God openly here in the United States of America, we come before Him in praise and thanksgiving this morning. 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 (nursery provided), followed by Coffee & Cookies in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

Consistory will meet following worship.

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Ballroom Dancing Class in the Fellowship Hall downstairs, until 8:00 p.m.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: AnnJean DeVries

Pianist: Linda Wolfe

Song Leader: Tim Tacoma

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Pete Rusticus

West exit: Pastor Harry

Organ exit: Jeff VanMeekeren

Valet/Lift: Jake VanderHart *Parking Lot Guard:* Larry Roelofs

Ushers: Larry Dreyer, Larry Roelofs

Nursery: Deb Hoyle, Sharon Bowen

Radio: Kevin VanHeukelom

Sound: Scott Diekman

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Pete Rusticus, Marj Hendges

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers: Amy West

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Mark Bergsma

Organist: AnnJean DeVries

Pianist: Sharon Byington

Song Leader: Ron Engels

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 Mark

Valet/Lift: TBA

Parking Lot Guard: TBA

Ushers: Larry Dreyer, Larry Roelofs

Nursery: Marsa Barclay, Sharon Bowen

Radio: Jeff VanMeekeren

Sound: Scott Diekman

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Praying with Pastor: Pete Rusticus, Marj Hendges

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookie Donators/Servers: Mark Isenga (cookies),
Servers needed

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.

Pastor Harry & Beth will attend a conference at Camp Maranatha from Saturday, July 11th, through Saturday, July 18th. 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.

From The Deacons: Our church received a generous gift from the Diekevers family in loving memory of Carol. This contribution will help further our YouTube ministry as we upgrade and improve our equipment. We are deeply grateful for this incredible blessing and for the love it represents.

Ballroom Dancing: It's not too late to sign up for a Waltz Dance Class being offered here at 8th Church, free of charge, starting this Tuesday, July 7th, 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 25th, 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 2nd class, or more, if needed. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the hallway by Sunday, July 19th.

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Addelyn Wachter, the Global Mission Multimedia Storyteller, as she uses her passion for sharing God's beautiful world to equip RCA missionaries and partners with storytelling skills. Visiting multiple sites annually, Addy will integrate photography, journalism, and videography to tell the mission stories happening worldwide and share them with supporters.

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 Ron & Jenny Benedict and their family in the sudden death of Jenny's son, Joe Hammer. Joe passed away on June 29th. All arrangements are pending.

We also express our condolences to Joy Hendricks and her family in the passing away of her mom, Arlene. Arlene suffered a stroke on June 24th and passed away at The Oaks at Byron Center this past Wednesday, July 1st. Funeral arrangements are pending.

May the words of our Heavenly Father, 'The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit' (Ps.34:18) bring comfort and strength to Ron & Jenny and Joy during this difficult time.

❖ Brian Bruxvoort, our missionary we support in Alaska, had prostate surgery on Thursday, July 2nd, at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. They will be staying in MN for several weeks after the surgery and then return to Alaska.

- ❖ Mary Roelofs' sister, Gloria, had a biopsy taken on a spot on her esophagus this past Wednesday.
- ❖ Dee Diekman was diagnosed with pneumonia last week and is being treated at home.
- ❖ Joe VanBeek received good news from his doctor that the infection in his foot has healed. He is grateful for all of the prayers.
- ❖ Anthony Noto, Marcia VanEeuwen's 14-year-old grandson, had successful surgery on his left ear on June 26th. It will take 6-9 months before he knows if his hearing will be restored.
- ❖ Mel VanderWest continues to be under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Emily Dreyer (Larry & Mert's granddaughter) and Michelle Strating (Dick & Lorraine's daughter-in-law).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Ron Lankheet and Laura VanHeest.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Brian Cripps (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law), Ron & Barb Engels, Darlene Cimochoicz, Linda Rose, Betty Holmes, Lorraine Strating, Brett Roberts (Karen's son), Jim VerStrate, Dee Diekman, Terry Pepper, Shane Sweeney, Ford Berghorst (friend of Larry & Mary Roelofs), Mark Davis (Pastor Howard's son), and Doug Peuler.

Notes of Appreciation

Barb and I would like to thank our 8th family for all the cards and notes of encouragement on my birthday and our anniversary.

~Thank you so much, Ron & Barb Engels

Carol Rose is grateful for each of you who so kindly remembered her with birthday cards and wishes. She thoroughly enjoyed reading the thoughtful notes and messages in every card.

Thanks for the cards, gifts, and wishes I received for my birthday. I love and appreciate my church family. ~Terry Grooters

Thank you to our wonderful 8th Church family for the many anniversary cards we received. God has blessed us with 39 years together and we look forward to many more!

~Joe & Pam VanBeek

We would like to thank the 8th congregation for the beautiful anniversary cards and notes. It's a real blessing to be a part of this congregation. ~Sincerely, Stan & Cheryl DeWitt



America, the Beautiful

*O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea!*