

Eighth Reformed Church

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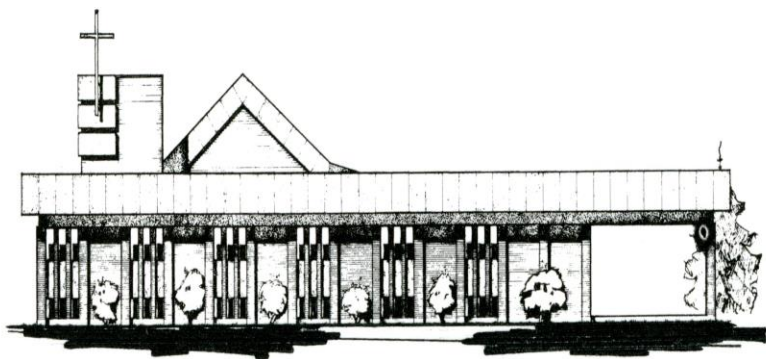
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"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

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.

† Eighth Reformed Church †
September 6, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 435 (vs. 1,3,4) *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*Opening Prayer

Hymn # 416 (vs. 1,2,4)

We're Marching to Zion

Welcome New Member: Joe VanBeek

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 411 *I Hide Your Word Within My Heart*

Scripture: Judges 16 (page 362)

Message: "Labor Day"

*Hymn of Response # 415

We Are Called to Be God's People

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 423 (both verses) *The Bond of Love*

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to Eighth Reformed Church on this Lord's Day. What an encouragement it is to have you with us! We give thanks and praise to God on this Labor Day weekend, for the work He entrusts to us, and for this time of rest and rejuvenation as we worship together in His presence. If you are visiting with us this morning, 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.

Tuesday:

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Noreen Lautenschleger

Pianist: Shirley Lohman

Song Leader: Beth Pastoor

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Tim Tacoma

West exit: Pastor Harry

Organ exit: Doug VanderMeer

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

Ushers: Ted Nelson, Tim Takken

Nursery: Deb Hoyle, Sharon Bowen

Radio: Beth Koops

Sound: Scott Diekman

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Larry Rudnik

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookies: Amanda Heyboer (donate & serve)

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next 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: Danielle Wagenmaker *Parking Lot Guard:* Larry Roelofs

Ushers: Ted Nelson, Tim Takken

Nursery: Marsa Barclay, Sharon Bowen

Radio: Jeff VanMeekeren

Sound: Scott Diekman

YouTube: Dawn Blocher, Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Larry Rudnik

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookies: Fall Kick-Off Dinner

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.

New Member: This morning we joyfully welcome Joe VanBeek to our fellowship. Joe comes to us from Discovery Christian Reformed Church. Our prayer is that he will be blessed and be a blessing as we continue to worship and work together in our Father's Kingdom. We are excited that you chose Eighth Ref'd. to be your new church home, Joe!

Fall Kick-Off: Mark your calendar for next Sunday, Sept. 13th, as Eighth Church celebrates a new season of opportunities. Following morning worship, everyone is invited downstairs to share in a time of fellowship and a delicious meal. Everything will be provided, just bring yourself! **Please RSVP on the GOLD sign-up sheets in the hallway TODAY.**

Attention Choir Members: Our first rehearsal will be held next Sunday, September 13th, at 8:45 a.m., however, we will not sing that morning. Our first time to sing will be Sunday, September 27th, so plan to arrive at 8:45 a.m. that day as well.

The Women's Bible Study will begin again on Wednesday, September 16 at 10:30 a.m. on our third lesson in the book of Philippians. If you would like to learn about this book and don't already have a study book, please sign up for a book on the lavender sheet in the hallway by Sunday, September 13. We'd love to have you join us on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 – it only takes about a half an hour to do the lesson before we meet, but the time is well-spent!

★ Volunteer Opportunity ★

A new ministry opportunity has come to my attention. Hope Unexpected is a ministry for single moms and their children. I would like to form a group of four to six people (individuals and/or couples) who would be willing to prepare and serve a meal once a month on Mondays at Alger Park CRC. They could also use volunteers for child care. This would be a great opportunity to put our Right To Life beliefs into action. If you have any questions, or are interested in helping, please see Mary Roelofs. Thank you.

New Pictorial Directory: We are working on a new directory and ask everyone to verify their contact information and the photo that will be used. Sheets with this information are on the table in the hallway. Please stop by and check your address, phone number(s), and email address to make sure they are correct. You may have both a landline and cell phone listed for each person in your family. Also take a look at your photo – if you would like a new photo taken, Beth Koops will be available to take it today. You may also submit your own photo by emailing it to the church. Someone will be at the table to help you find your name and answer any questions you may have. We will be printing these directories here at church and have them ready to celebrate the church's 135th anniversary in November. Just a note: You will also be able to download the directory to your phone on the Instant Church Directory app once we have everyone's information. To do this, we will need an accurate email address for you. Your email address does not need to be published in the directory, but we do need to have it in our database.

Monday Bible Study: We will begin a new Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. on September 14th. The study will review and remind us of the freedom we have as believers in Jesus Christ. It is good to remind ourselves periodically of these eternal truths. The class lasts for about one hour and is open to both men and women whether members of 8th Reformed or not. ~Wes Dekker

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Blaine Newhouse who serves as the senior pastor of the English Language Congregation (ELC) of the National Evangelical Church of the Kingdom of Bahrain, a church planted by the RCA in 1893, and for his wife, Kathleen, who teaches at Al Raja School. They have the unique opportunity to be the very presence of Christ in a part of the world where Christianity is often misunderstood.

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 Connie Simmons and her family in the passing away of her father, Roger Simmons. Roger was one of our shut-ins at Porter Village, and passed away earlier this week. Funeral arrangements are pending.

We also express our condolences to the Ron Lankheet family. Ron was also one of our shut-ins at Commonwealth Sr. Living. He passed away earlier this week and funeral arrangements are pending.

May God's comforting and strengthening presence sustain these families during their time of grief.

- ❖ Mark Kroft had an MRI this past week due to the severe back and leg pain he's been experiencing, He is waiting for results.
- ❖ Ron & Barb Engels were both diagnosed with pneumonia this past week.
- ❖ Tina Shaver is struggling with an infection in her finger and antibiotics are not responding.
- ❖ Dave Shaver's sister, Carla, had brain surgery on August 27th. Surgery went well and she is recovering at home.
- ❖ Tom Campbell & Carol VanWyk's 15-year-old granddaughter, Brianna, had surgery on Tuesday to replace a shunt in her brain. The surgery went well and they thank their church family for your prayers.
- ❖ Churck Starnes, friend of Keith Warren, is home and recovering from sepsis and heart valve replacement surgery.
- ❖ Betty Holmes returned home on Monday and is back on Hospice Care. She thanks everyone for the prayers and would love to have visitors.
- ❖ Lorraine Strating remains under Hospice Care.

- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Emily Dreyer (Dick & Lorraine's daughter-in-law) and Ron Oostdyk.
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Phyllis Blodgett and Laura VanHeest.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Gayle Doornbos, John Harkes, Jr. (Jodi Bultema's brother), Marceille Martinez, Amanda Heyboer, Chuck Starnes (Keith Warren's neighbor), Larry Rudnik, Linda Rose, Brett Roberts, Brian Cripps (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law), Darlene Cimochowicz, and Terry Pepper.

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you to my church family for the many cards and wishes I received for my birthday. I feel very blessed. ~Linda Elzinga

I did not know that many cards could fit in the mailbox slot!! Thank you to those of you who gave me allll the birthday cards, and especially the fun ones. ~Don Oppenhuizen

We would like to thank Eighth Reformed for the prayers on our behalf. Also thank you for the cards and visits by Pastor Harry and Pastor Mark. It means so much to know people care and are praying. ~Ford & Pat Berghorst

Mary and I appreciate very much all the cards and calls of sympathy and support we received as my son's (Mark) life came to an end. Thank you very much. ~Howard & Mary Davis

Thank you so much for the thoughtful anniversary cards. We are so appreciative of the warm welcome we have received from 8th. ~John & Katelyn DeYoung

Dear Congregation, Thank you all for the many cards we received on our 62nd marriage anniversary. The 8th Reformed assembly is a very special group of believers within the Christian community. ~Wes and Arlene Dekker