

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.

† Eighth Reformed Church †
September 13, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn #215 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Opening Prayer

Hymn # 581 (vs. 1,2,4) *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 407 *God Has Spoken by His Prophets*

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:12-21 (page 1733)

Message: “We Need to Know”

*Hymn of Response # 551 *O to Be Like Thee!*

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 10

Majesty

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 (nursery provided), followed by coffee downstairs prior to the Fall Kick-Off Dinner downstairs (see announcement).

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Bible Study in Choir Room (see announcement).

6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting.

Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts.

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

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: Danielle Wagenmaker *Parking Lot Guard:* Jodi Bultema

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

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Coffee & Cookies: Karen Engelsman

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.

Our Fall Kick-Off Dinner is Today! Following morning worship, head downstairs, grab a cup of coffee and socialize until the food is served at 11:00 a.m. Even if you didn't sign up, please know you are still absolutely welcome to join in a time of good food and fellowship.

The Women's Bible Study will begin again this Wednesday, September 16th at 10:30 a.m. on our **fourth** 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 sheet in the hallway **TODAY**. 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!

Monday Bible Study: We will begin a new Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow, the 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

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. **You do not have to be a member to be in the directory – if this is your church home, we want to include you!** 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.

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.

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

A memorial service for Roger Simmons will be held at 12:00 p.m. this Tuesday, September 15th, at the Sparta Civic Center, with visitation starting at 11:00 a.m. True to the song-and-dance man Roger was, the memorial will be a celebration of music, featuring a performance by the Men's Schubert Choir and Hark Up's Jump Jive Dixieland Band, with a light lunch.

- ❖ Mark Kroft's MRI results revealed a bulging disk in his back and has been referred to U of M Neurology.

- ❖ Sally Herrema was taken to the hospital by ambulance last Sunday where they discovered blood clots on her lungs. The procedure to remove them went well and she returned home on Tuesday.
- ❖ LuAnn Osborn was admitted to Trinity Hospital this past Tuesday with dizziness due to high blood pressure. The doctors discovered that she had a stroke sometime during the previous week. She was released from the hospital on Wednesday and is feeling much better.
- ❖ Brianna, Tom Campbell & Carol VanWyk's granddaughter, continues to recover at home from her shunt surgery. Unfortunately, she is still struggling with blood pressure issues and is not out of the woods yet.
- ❖ Kristin Sak, John & Carolyn's daughter, will undergo an extensive thyroid surgery this Wednesday, the 16th.
- ❖ Larry Lubben was admitted to Butterworth Hospital this past week with fluid on his lungs. After draining 4 pounds of fluid, it built up again. Testing was being done to rule out lung cancer.
- ❖ Betty Holmes and Lorraine Strating remain under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Barb Eash (Keith Warren's sister) and Michelle Strating (Dick & Lorraine's daughter-in-law).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Robert DeYoung and Fran Schuiling.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Amanda Heyboer, Tina Shaver, Carla (Dave Shaver's sister), Marceille Martinez, Larry Rudnik, Linda Rose, Brett Roberts, Brian Cripps (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law), and Terry Pepper.

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you for the many cards we received for our 52nd wedding anniversary.
~Ed & Kathy DeRuiter

I would like to thank my church family for the beautiful cards and gifts I received for my 80th birthday...some cards even made me cry. They were all so nice.
~Thank you, Lis Grooters

Thank you to our Eighth family for the many thoughtful cards Carol and I received for our 53rd wedding anniversary.
~Mel Disselkoen

Thank you to all who remembered me with birthday cards and wishes.
~Jodi Bultema

Jim and I would like to thank all of those members who remembered us on our anniversary. We cherish every one of them. I also need to thank all of you for your prayers during my recent hospital stay. Your love and prayers are much appreciated.
~Sally Herrema

Thank you to everyone who prayed for me and blessed me with get-well cards while I had pneumonia. My lungs are clear and I'm feeling great. Phil and I also want to thank the people that dropped off meals for us. We appreciate all of you.
~Love, Gayle Doornbos

Thank you to everyone for the many cards we received for our 54th wedding anniversary. It is so wonderful to be part of Eighth's family and to experience your love.
~Doug & Gladie Peuler