

Eighth Reformed Church

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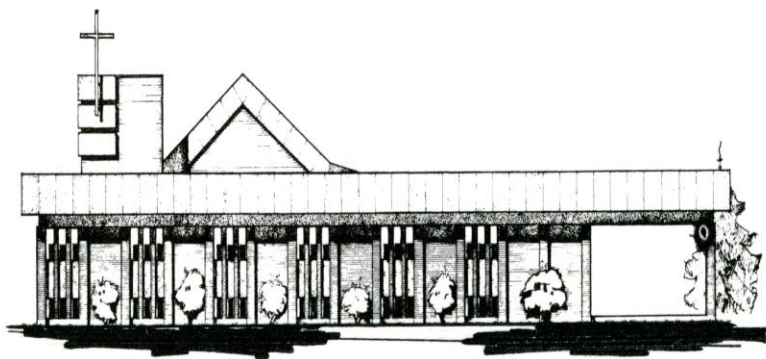
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"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

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 20, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn #648 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Opening Prayer

Hymn # 401 *The Church's One Foundation*

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 665 *O Mater, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3 (page 1717)

Message: "We are Marathoners"

*Hymn of Response # 604 *I Then Shall Live*

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 520 (vs. 1)

The Longer I Serve Him

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 & cookies fellowship time downstairs.

11:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Bible Study in Choir Room.

Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Donut Fellowship Time.

10:45 a.m. Music Team Meeting.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Shirley Lohman

Song Leader: Tim Tacoma

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Pastor Harry

West exit: Doug VanderMeer

Organ exit: Pete Rusticus

Valet/Lift: Rob Pols

Parking Lot Guard: Larry Roelofs

Ushers: Ted Nelson, Tim Takken

Nursery: Sue Luyk, Marsa Barclay

Radio: Kevin VanHeukelom

Sound: Scott Diekman

YouTube: Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Larry Rudnik

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookies: Karen Engelsman

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Mark Bergsma

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Marilee Takken

Song Leader: Ron Engels

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Pete Rusticus

West exit: Pastor Mark Bergsma

Organ exit: Jeff VanMeekeren

Valet/Lift: Jake VanderHart

Parking Lot Guard: Jodi Bultema

Ushers: Ted Nelson, Tim Takken

Nursery: Mary Brooks, Sharon Bowen

Radio: Scott Pastoor

Sound: Scott Diekman

YouTube: Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Tim Tacoma, Larry Rudnik

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookies: Sarajane Weaver, Karen Roberts

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.

Sunday School will take place in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. this morning. We welcome a representative from Audio Scripture Ministries who will share a few words during morning worship as well. Eighth Reformed recently became supporters of ASM.

A Heartfelt Thank You to all who donated diapers for the Alpha Diaper Dash. Every diaper gifted is more than just a basic necessity – it's a small act of dignity, relief, and love for families doing their best. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

WOW – WHAT A SUNDAY MORNING TO REMEMBER!!

Our Fall Kick-Off Dinner last Sunday morning was more than a delicious meal together. It was a beautiful celebration of what our Heavenly Father is doing at Eighth Reformed Church. Seeing the family of God gathered together, sharing stories and laughter, was so warm and uplifting. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and made the event possible, including the Kitchen Committee and the Set-up, Decorating, Clean-up Committees. Your hard work and servant hearts created a space where joy could flourish. We are blessed and God is good!

Attention Choir Members: We will sing next Sunday, the 27th, so please plan to arrive by 8:45 a.m. to warm up.

“Blessing Bags” Food Drive: During the month of October our church will be gathering food donations for Family Network of Wyoming. Food insecurity continues to affect many families in our community. When a household struggles to put food on the table, it impacts every part of family life - physical health, mental well-being, and emotional stability. Together we can help lighten that burden. Next Sunday every family will receive a reusable bag along with a list of the pantry's most-needed items. Fill your bag at your convenience and leave it along the Burton Street wall on any Sunday in October. Thank you in advance for your support.

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. **Today is the final day to check your information!**

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 express our condolences to Rick & Debbie Miller and their family. Rick's sister, Judy Urasinski, unexpectedly lost her husband, Adam, this past Monday while they were in Cancun celebrating their retirement (of 13 days) and their 40th wedding anniversary.

May our Heavenly Father hold this family close, granting them comfort, peace, and the assurance of His unfailing presence.

- ❖ Mike VandenBerg had neck surgery at the U of M Hospital on Tuesday. Surgery went well and he was hoping to return home on Thursday.
- ❖ Sherry Butterfield had hysterectomy surgery on Monday, during which ovarian cancer was found. Sherry & Mike ask for prayers as they seek guidance regarding treatment options.
- ❖ Kristin Sak, John & Carolyn's daughter, underwent an extensive thyroid surgery this past Wednesday.
- ❖ Larry Lubben remains at Butterworth Hospital.
- ❖ Merrie Westerling's brother-in-law, Robert Penning, fell and broke his hip. Because his heart was only working at 5%, surgery was not an option, and he was taken back home on Hospice Care. Please keep their family in your prayers.
- ❖ Amy West's former tenants, Jesse & Brittany, have a newborn baby boy, Jayce, who is in the NICU at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital with heart issues. He had his second surgery on Tuesday.
- ❖ Betty Holmes and Lorraine Strating remain under Hospice Care.

- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Heath Misiak (Kathy's son), Tim See (Marty Riemersma's son-in-law), and David Shaver (Dave's father).
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Glenn Bartman and Shirley Grit.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Mark Kroft, Brianna (Tom Campbell & Carol VanWyk's granddaughter), 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 to my 8th family from the bottom of my heart for the birthday cards and well-wishes. ~Sharon Byington

Larry & Mert Dreyer would like to thank the 8th Reformed people for the many cards for their 62nd anniversary. They were very much appreciated. Thank you.

Rob and I would like to thank everyone for the cards and congratulations for our anniversary. It really meant a lot to us. ~Barb Lippenga

Thanks for the beautiful anniversary cards we received. ~Larry & Bernice Palma

Consistory Notes

from September 14, 2026

1. Pastor Harry and Beth plan to leave for Beaver Island September 24th and from there go to Platte, SD – the church they served at before “retiring” at 8th. They plan to be back October 7th, DV (Deo Volente = God Willing).
2. Pastor Harry’s Adult Sunday School Class will begin on October 18th. The intent is to meet in the Fellowship Hall. First, there will be coffee and cookies and then Sunday School will be from 11:15-12 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
3. Pastor Harry plans to start a New Member’s Class in January of 2027.
4. We look forward to celebrating God’s grace and mercy for 135 years on November 1st. Plans are being made on how to celebrate this as a church family.