

Eighth Reformed Church

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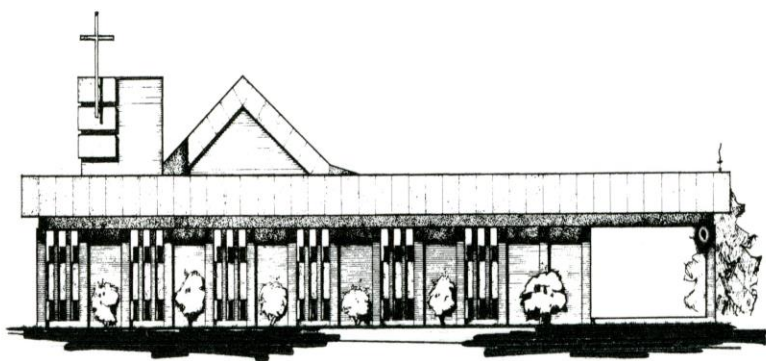
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"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

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 27, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 104 (vs. 1,2,5) *O Worship the King*

Opening Prayer

Choir *I Just Think Something Good is About to Happen*

Preparatory Reading for Communion

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 342 *Rock of Ages*

Scripture: Romans 3:21-26 (page 1604)

Message: “A Common Misconception of God”

*Hymn of Response # 572 *Blessed Assurance*

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 340

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

*The flowers in front of the pulpit this morning are from
the funeral service of Lorraine Strating.*

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. Choir rehearsal.
Young People's Sunday School.

Monday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Opportunities for Worship and Service This 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

Organ exit: Jeff VanMeekeren

Valet/Lift: Jake VanderHart

Parking Lot Guard: Larry Roelofs

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

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Coffee & Cookies: Donators & 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.

♪ **Hello Choir!** We are delighted to welcome you back after a long summer break. Your voices have been missed, and we look forward to the lovely way you'll enrich our worship.

World Communion Sunday is a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Jesus Christ. Christians in congregations around the world will participate in the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning, Oct. 4th. Respond to His invitation and come to the table of blessing He has prepared for you.

Pastor Harry & Beth are away on vacation through October 7th, first on Beaver Island and then to Platte, SD, to the church they served at before "retiring" at 8th. 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.

Mark Your Calendar for an upcoming Musical Program and Hymn Sing on Sunday, October 18th at 2:30 p.m. here at Eighth Church. The program will feature Grandville Mayor Steve Maas on the piano, The Carmichaels, and T². Everyone welcome!

"Blessing Bags" Food Drive: During the month of October our church will be gathering food donations for Family Network of Wyoming. 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. This morning you will find a reusable bag in your mailbox with a list of the pantry's most-needed items. Fill the bag at your convenience and return it to church on any Sunday in October. They can be left along the Burton Street wall in the lobby.

Right to Life News: The annual Life Chain is next Sunday, October 4th, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. along 44th Street. Life Chain is a visible statement where pro-life supporters can gather to make a peaceful and prayerful stand for life. Participation is as easy as standing, holding a sign, and praying. Stand anywhere along 44th Street between Walma Avenue SE and Ivanrest Avenue SW. If you cannot attend this year, please be in prayer for all those in the "chain" and for all pro-life supporters. II Chronicles 7:14. If you have any questions, please see Mary Roelofs.

Consistory Members: Our October meeting date has changed. We will now meet on Wednesday, October 14th, instead of Monday, October 12th – same time, same place.

Offering Envelopes: It may seem a little early, but the deacons are using a new system next year for the distribution of offering envelopes, so they need to prepare now. Anyone wanting envelopes for the new year must sign the green sheet either in the hallway or downstairs at Coffee Fellowship Time – there will be a sheet at each location. Everyone will most likely receive a new envelope number, so even if you have extra envelopes left from your existing box, you will still need to sign the sheet. Please contact Marj Hendges with any questions.

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 sympathies to Dick Strating in the passing of his wife, Lorraine, on Sunday, September 20th. We also remember his immediate family, Kim & Mark Paffhausen and Ron & Michelle Strating, as well as, Lorraine's sister, Barb Dreyer, and cousins Larry & Mert Dreyer and Jim & Sally Herrema. A memorial service was held here at Eighth on Thursday morning.

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Prayer Concerns and Praises, continued

We also extend our condolences to Merrie Westerling and her family in the passing of her brother-in-law, Robert Penning, on Thursday, September 17th. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at Fellowship Reformed Church in Hudsonville.

May the God of all comfort who conquered death sustain the Strating and Penning families during their time of grief.

- ❖ Mike VandenBerg's neck surgery went well on Tuesday, September 15th. He was released on Thursday, the 17th, and continues his recovery at home.
- ❖ Larry Rudnik was moved to The Oaks of Byron Center on Tuesday for rehabilitation.
- ❖ Kristin Sak's thyroid surgery was postponed last week due to her blood counts not being at the required levels. (Kristin is John & Carolyn's daughter.)
- ❖ Brian Cripps, Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law, who was diagnosed with Primary Amyloidosis in April, received good news that his application for disability was approved. This support is especially important as he is unable to work. Cards of support can be mailed to:

Brian & Tracy Cripps
370 Mudlick Rd.
South Shore, KY 41175

- ❖ Please be in prayer for some Jethro listeners, Janet Bair and her husband, Thomas. Janet was at Trinity/Lacks Hospital with a liver disease, and has since been transferred to Harbor Acute Care Rehab Center. If you feel led to send a card of encouragement, please mail it to:

Tom & Janet Bair
1923 Ithaca St. SW
Wyoming, MI 49519

- ❖ Larry Rudnik was moved to The Oaks of Byron Center on Tuesday for rehabilitation.
- ❖ Joe VanBeek's wife, Pam, was taken to Butterworth Hospital ER this past Tuesday with some heart concerns.
- ❖ Joe VanBeek's friend's mother, Patricia, just found out she has cancer and will be starting chemo soon.
- ❖ Betty Holmes remains under Hospice Care.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Helen Shaver (David & Tina's niece), Kim Wiggers, and Arlene Wiseman.
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility: This week we remember Ariea Bosman and Bob Noteboom.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Jayce (Amy West's friends' baby), Larry Lubben, Sherry Butterfield, Mark Kroft, Brianna (Tom Campbell & Carol VanWyk's granddaughter), Amanda Heyboer, Tina Shaver, Carla (Dave Shaver's sister), Marceille Martinez, Linda Rose, and Brett Roberts.

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you for your prayers, calls and cards following my recent neck surgery. A special thanks to those who serve through Jethro FM and YouTube, as it becomes an invaluable gift when worship from home is the only option. ~Mike VandenBerg

Thank you to my church family for all the wonderful birthday cards. It warms my heart each year to be remembered by the Eighth Reformed Church family. ~Terri Oosterhouse

Terry Pepper would like to thank everyone for their concerns, prayers and support since his neck surgery.

Thank you for the best wishes and cards I received for my birthday. I felt the love and that makes me come back. ~Fred Hiemstra