

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 †
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 11 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Opening Prayer

Hymn # 319 (vs. 1,2,3) *Near the Cross*

Prayers of the People

*Hymn # 606 (vs. 1,2,4) *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Scripture: Romans 8:28-39 (page 1610)

Message: “The Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

*Hymn of Response # 462 *Come, Share the Lord*

Communion (see insert)

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 232 (vs. 1)

God Be with You

Postlude

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Welcome!

Welcome to Eighth Reformed Church. We're so glad you're here! Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday, a time when Christians from every corner of the globe partake of the bread and the cup to remember and affirm our unity in Jesus Christ. 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 fellowship time downstairs.

11:00 a.m. 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: Linda Wolfe

Song Leader: Beth Pastoor

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: Danielle Wagenmaker *Parking Lot Guard:* Jodi Bultema

Ushers: Larry Dreyer, Larry Roelofs

Nursery: Deb Hoyle, Sharon Bowen

Radio: Kevin VanHeukelom

Sound: Scott Diekman

YouTube: Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Doug VanderMeer, Linda Stolk

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookies: Larry & Bernice Palma

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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 are away on vacation through this Wednesday, October 7th. 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.

Right to Life News: The annual RTL Life Chain is this afternoon 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.



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!



Attention Men and Women: Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship and playing Bunco on Tuesday, October 20th, from 2-4 p.m. We invite everyone to bring their favorite snack to share. Coffee and water will be provided. Please feel free to bring your own beverage of pop, juice or flavored water. Please RSVP on the **ORANGE** sign-up sheet in the hallway. If you have questions, feel free to contact Nadine Farran, 616-340-2937, or Diane Maitner, 616-481-6486.

Eighth Reformed Church's 135th Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, November 1st. God has been faithful through every generation, and we look forward to honoring this milestone together. Following morning worship, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for a catered anniversary meal. So that we have plenty of food, please RSVP on the **BLUE** sign-up sheets in the hallway and downstairs. We will also celebrate with a new church directory, highlighting the faces and families who make our church their home.

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.

“Blessing Bags” Food Drive: Everyone should have received a reusable Aldi bag in your mailbox last Sunday, along with a list of Wyoming Family Network’s most-needed items. Please fill the bag at your convenience and return it to church on any Sunday in October. Filled bags can be left along Burton St. wall in the lobby.

Ladies, Save the Date! Our annual Christmas Tea will be held on Friday, December 4th, from 2-4 p.m. Table hostess sign-up sheets will be out later this month. One change this year for table hostesses is that they no longer need to provide a favor for their table guests. We welcome Mary Etta Zwart who will present her beautiful quilt program. More information to come at a later date.

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.

Jethro Radio: We have donation envelopes available for our Jethro Radio Fund. You can find them in the tract rack on the wall in the hallway.

Our Monthly Missionary: Please pray for Camron & Ashley Staal as they minister to the deaf community of the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf (CCCD). CCCD provides the deaf with accessible education, authentic community, and knowledge of the gospel through the operation of one deaf village and three residential schools for children who are deaf.

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 the family and friends of Betty Holmes who passed away last Sunday, September 27th. Jan Higley was a very close friend of Betty's for more than 20 years so please remember her and Betty's family in your prayers. The funeral service was held here at Eighth yesterday morning.

May our Heavenly Father's loving presence bring comfort to all who knew and loved Betty.

- ❖ Tim See, Marty Riemersma's son-in-law, continues to fight his cancer with a newly FDA approved medication and is feeling good. Please pray that his tumor responds and he doesn't get the possible side effects - body rash and mouth sores are a big concern. Tim & Denise are very grateful for the prayers from 8th. If you would like to send a card of support, mail it to:

Tim & Denise See
1654 Martindale Ave. SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

- ❖ Larry Rudnik continues to receive therapy at The Oaks of Byron Center.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Emily Dreyer (Larry & Mert's granddaughter) and Ron Oostdyk.
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility. This week we remember Phyllis Blodgett, Darlene Cimochowicz, and Laura VanHeest.

❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Janet Bair (Jethro listener), Brian Cripps (Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law), Mike VandenBerg, Patricia (Joe VanBeek's friend's mother), 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 the many cards and well-wishes I received for my birthday. It made my day truly special. ~Phyllis Schuitema

Thank you everyone for the prayers and cards sent to me during my sister's passing. It was really appreciated. Thank you all.
~Barb Dreyer

Thank you to our church family for the cards, prayers, and encouraging notes you shared with Lorraine during her illness. They brought comfort and reminded us how deeply she was loved. We are also grateful for the prayers, sympathy cards, flowers, those who attended the visitation/funeral, and everyone who helped in any way with the service and luncheon. Special thanks to Pastors Harry and Mark for their faithful visits and consoling words. Our hearts are heavy, but we feel so loved and uplifted by the kindness and support of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

~Dick Strating, Kim & Mark Paffhausen,
and Ron & Michelle Strating

Thank you to my 8th family for the prayers, cards, and thoughtfulness shown to me at the passing of my brother-in-law, Robert Penning.
~Merrie Westerling

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who remembered my 80th birthday with thoughtful cards and wishes. A special thank you to Maddie and Nora for the beautiful flowers they surprised me with. What a joy and blessing to be part of such a loving church family.
~Sharon Bowen