

Eighth Reformed Church

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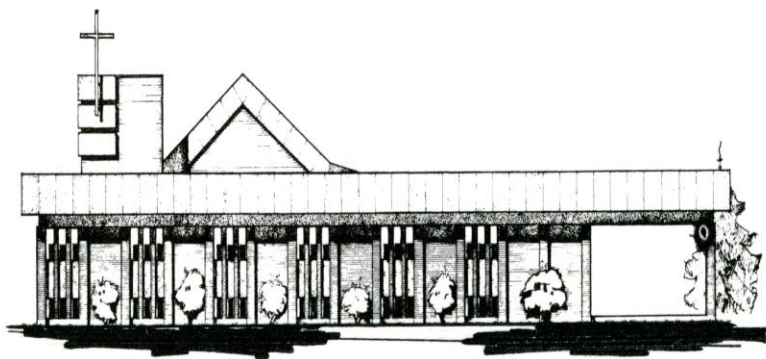
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"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

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.

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October 11, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 353

Victory in Jesus

Opening Prayer

Choir:

Christ for Me, In Christ Alone

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 479

Softly and Tenderly

Scripture: Luke 5:27-32 (page 1467)

Message: “Levi?? Really??”

*Hymn of Response # 602

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

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 & Cookie Fellowship Time downstairs.

11:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal.
Young People's Sunday School.

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Wednesday:

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

6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting.

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: Pastor Harry

West exit: Jeff VanMeekeren

Organ exit: Doug VanderMeer

Valet/Lift: Rob Pols

Parking Lot Guard: Jodi Bultema

Ushers: Larry Dreyer, Larry Roelofs

Nursery: Marsa Barclay, Sharon Bowen

Radio: Jeff VanMeekeren

Sound: Scott Diekman

YouTube: Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Doug VanderMeer, Linda Stolk

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookies: Marsa Barclay, Joy Hendricks

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Marilee Takken

Song Leader: Tim Tacoma

Trumpet: David Ellis

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Coffee & Cookies: To be announced

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 Church Directory Information & Photos: TODAY is the last opportunity to update your contact information for the new church directory and to have a new photo taken. If you would like to make any changes to your entry or need a photo, please see Beth Koops **TODAY**!

Consistory Members: Our October meeting date has changed from tomorrow, October 12th, to this Wednesday, October 14th – same time, same place.

A Big Thank You to Doug VanderMeer, Jake VanderHart, Craig Kingma, and Bob VanProoyen for their countless hours of work on our new sound booth. We are grateful for the time, energy, and craftsmanship they invested in this project. Thank you for using your gifts to bless our church family!

Bunco Fun: All men and women are invited to 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.

Change of Address:

Shirley Grit, 887 Oakcrest Lane -Apt. 15, Jenison MI 49428

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 or downstairs. We will also celebrate with a new church directory, highlighting the faces and families who make our church their home.

Extra Hymn Sing Flyers, like the one in this morning's bulletin, are available on the table near the library and downstairs on the cookie table. Feel free to share them with family, friends and neighbors!!

Cookie Servers and Donators Needed: We are seeking volunteers to donate cookies and assist with serving during our Sunday morning fellowship time for the upcoming months. Duties include providing a few dozen cookies, placing them on serving trays, and filling cups with coffee. If you are willing to help with this ministry of hospitality, please sign the sheet in the hallway or call the church office, 616-452-9417.

“Blessing Bags” Food Drive: A big “thank you” to everyone who has already returned their Aldi bags. The bags are coming in filled with generous donations for Wyoming Family Network to share with members of our community. We still have a few extra bags available for anyone who would like to fill another bag or knows someone who would like to participate (see Marj Hendges). We will collect bags through Sunday, October 25th and may be placed along the Burton Street 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.

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.

Prayer Concerns and Praises

- ❖ Larry Rudnik returned home from the Oaks on Monday and is receiving home health care visits. Larry & Jane feel so blessed by all of the prayers, cards and visits from their church family.
- ❖ Sherry Butterfield will begin chemotherapy treatments this Thursday, October 15th.
- ❖ Amanda Heyboer is still dealing with issues from her patient assault on August 5th, but is doing better overall. She is grateful for the love and support from the 8th congregation.
- ❖ Jake VanderHart had a recent scan that revealed two spots with indications of possible cancer – one spot on his lung and another in a lymph node near his esophagus. He had a biopsy on Thursday and doctors were able to get a sample from the lymph node, but were unable to reach the nodule on his lung. They are waiting for results which could take up to a week.
- ❖ Jake and Launi VanderHart's nephew, John, whom we prayed for earlier this year when he underwent surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his bladder, is cancer free (as of now)! He will have another scan in four months. The family thanks everyone for their prayers.
- ❖ Amy West's friend's 4-week-old baby, Jayce, was released from the hospital and is now home doing well.
- ❖ Brian Cripps, Jeff & Patty VanMeekeren's son-in-law, has been moved from active treatment to maintenance! This means that his chemo will go from every week to once a month which is very good news. This does not mean that Brian is in remission and he is not cured and in fact, still has a long road ahead.

- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Barb Eash (Keith Warren's sister) and Michelle Strating (Dick'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: Janet Bair (Jethro listener), Larry Lubben, Mark Kroft, Brianna (Tom Campbell & Carol VanWyk's granddaughter), Tina Shaver, Carla (Dave Shaver's sister), Marceille Martinez, Linda Rose, and Brett Roberts.

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you for the wonderful cards we received for both of our birthdays. Reading them brought us so much joy! Eighth Church goes above and beyond to make birthdays special, and we feel blessed and welcomed to be part of this church family.

~Doug & Gladie Peuler

To my 8th family, Thank you all for your love, prayers and cards. This Thursday is my first chemo treatment. I am grateful for your continued prayers! My parents (and the good Lord) have led me back to this church home and I am so blessed!

~Sherry Butterfield

Rick & Debbie Miller are grateful for all the anniversary cards they received and wish to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness. They are also thankful for the many sympathy cards, prayers, and words of encouragement shared with them following the passing of Rick's brother-in-law, Adam. They feel blessed and supported by the love of their church family.

To everyone who called, texted, sent cards and prayed for me during my back issues, thank you!! Your care and concerns have kept my spirits high. When the doctors gave me the choice between going under a surgeon's knife, or getting my spine stretched on a decompression bed, I opted to "stretching things out" on the bed. Very grateful for your continued support as I get things "aligned".

~Mark Kroft

Thank you to everyone for all the birthday cards and wishes. It was a great day!

~Gordon Ralph