

Eighth Reformed Church

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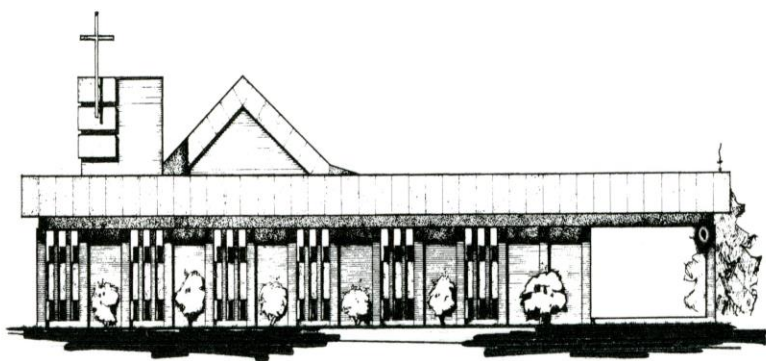
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"God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ."

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 25, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn # 515

Since I Have Been Redeemed

Opening Prayer

Choir

Sweeter as the Days Go By

Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Preparation # 157

The Love of God

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32 (page 1490)

Message: “The Loving Father”

*Hymn of Response # 490

Lord, I’m Coming Home

Offering and Offertory

**Doxology* # 815, Offertory Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn # 349 (vs. 1)

O How He Loves You and Me

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.

Wednesday:

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

10:45 a.m. Music Team Meeting.

1:00 p.m. Quilting Ministry.

Opportunities for Worship and Service This Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Sharon Byington

Song Leader: Ron Engels

Trumpet: David Ellis

Pre-Service Greeters: North door: Fred Diekman

Organ door: Todd Riemersma

Post-Service Greeters: East exit: Tim Tacoma

West exit: Doug VanderMeer

Organ exit: Pastor Harry

Valet/Lift: Jake VanderHart *Parking Lot Guard:* Jodi Bultema

Ushers: Larry Dreyer, Larry Roelofs

Nursery: Mary Brooks, Sue Tacoma

Radio: Scott Pastoor

Sound: Scott Diekman

YouTube: Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Doug VanderMeer, Linda Stolk

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookies: Amy West

Opportunities for Worship and Service Next Week

Pastor: Pastor Harry Koops

Organist: Paul Kerkstra

Pianist: Linda Wolfe

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: Pete Rusticus

Valet/Lift: Rob Pols *Parking Lot Guard:* Jodi Bultema

Ushers: Marsa Barclay, Larry Roelofs

Nursery: Deb Hoyle, Sharon Bowen

Radio: Beth Koops

Sound: Scott Diekman

YouTube: Nathan Wolfe, Doug VanderMeer

Praying with Pastor: Pete Rusticus, Marj Hendges

Volunteer Deacons: John Stapel, Larry Roelofs

Coffee & Cookies: Anniversary Dinner

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.

Eighth Reformed Church's 135th Anniversary will be celebrated next 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 TODAY 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.

♪ **A Big Thank You** to those who took part in our Fall Hymn Sing last Sunday afternoon. We extend our sincere appreciation to Terry Grooters (MC), Paul Kerkstra (organ), David Ellis (trumpet) and Scott Diekman (sound board). Special thanks as well to ALL who contributed in ANY WAY – kitchen crew, greeters, ushers, valet, security, setup, cleanup, YouTube team – to make this event a wonderful time of lifting up the name of Jesus and enjoying fellowship with one another.

“Blessing Bags” Food Drive: Today is the final day of our food drive for Family Network of Wyoming. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed. The many Aldi bags in our lobby are a visible reminder of the kindness, compassion, and generosity our church family shares with our neighbors in need. Thank you for sharing Christ's love in such a practical and meaningful way. The bags will be delivered to the pantry tomorrow.

Women's Christmas Tea: It's that time of year when we begin to start thinking about our annual Christmas Tea which will be held on Friday, December 4th, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Thank you to all the ladies who have graciously signed up to be Table Hostesses so far. We still have several hostess spots available if anyone else would like to participate. Your responsibility would be to decorate your table, provide the table settings and interact with your guests. **If you would like to be a table hostess, please sign up on the RED sheet in the hallway. Sign-up sheets to attend the tea will be out soon.** If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sally Herrema, 616-723-3516 or Willie Hiemstra, 616-322-8631.

Attention Choir Members: We will sing next Sunday, November 1st, so please arrive by 8:45 a.m. to warm up.

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 condolences to Bob Rusticus, his daughter, Ruth, and their family in the passing of Bob's son-in-law, Roger Flokstra. Roger passed away from various health complications and was only 64 years old. Funeral services were held yesterday at VanderLaan Funeral Home in Hudsonville.

May God graciously give comfort and strength to Bob and the Flokstra family during this difficult time.

- ❖ Laura VanHeest is receiving in-home health care following her hospital stay at Trinity.
- ❖ Jake VanderHart's results from his first biopsy came back negative. Praise God! However, he has another biopsy scheduled for November 9th with a different doctor to examine lymph nodes that were inaccessible during the first procedure. Jake & Launi are thankful for your prayers and concerns, and ask for your continued prayers as they await further answers.

- ❖ Larry Lubben is undergoing treatment for stage four kidney cancer.
- ❖ Barb Dreyer was admitted to Metro Hospital on Wednesday, October 14th, with dizziness. She underwent tests and observation and was released to go home on the 16th where she is recovering.
- ❖ Cal Lohman fell and broke his hip, which required surgery, on Friday, October 16th. He is recovering at home and doing well.
- ❖ Jenny Benedict was hospitalized for two days this past week with pneumonia in both lungs and pulled muscles in her back. She is now home recuperating.
- ❖ Marv VanDyke, Marj Hendges' brother, fell last Saturday and is in Bronson Hospital with a brain bleed. He is hopeful that he will be transferred to Mary Free Bed as soon as arrangements can be made.
- ❖ Jenny, daughter of Peggy Potter's cousin (Ellen), is dealing with a ruptured disc and intense nerve pain.
- ❖ Those dealing with Chronic Conditions: This week we remember Tim See (Marty Riemersma's son-in-law), Pam VanBeek (Joe's wife), and Arlene Wiseman.
- ❖ Those who are Homebound or in a Care Facility. This week we remember Ariea Bosman, Gladys Kessel, and Bob Noteboom.
- ❖ Those Dealing with Health Issues: Faye Werkema, Sherry Butterfield, Larry Rudnik, Janet Bair (Jethro listener), Mark Kroft, Brianna (Tom Campbell & Carol VanWyk's granddaughter), Tina Shaver, Carla (Dave Shaver's sister), Marceille Martinez, and Linda Rose.

Notes of Appreciation

Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.
~Bernice Palma

Once again, my dear church family “stuffed” our mailbox with more birthday cards than it could hold, and in turn, “stuffed” my heart with your warm wishes. Our card display area at home is also “stuffed” with all their artwork and sweet messages. Thank you so very much for remembering me. ~Shirley Oppenhuizen

Dear Congregation, We want to express many thanks for all the anniversary and birthday cards we both received. October is a big month for us as we celebrate first our anniversary and then both of our birthdays and you all made it special! It was fun and heart-warming to read each card and feel the love and well-wishes sent to us. Thank you for spoiling us and showering us with many blessings! It is a joy and a privilege to serve with you here at 8th.
~Pastor Harry and Beth

Consistory Notes

from Wednesday, October 14, 2026

1. Consistory decided to discontinue the use of CD's because the demand has significantly decreased and the duplicating machine needs to be replaced. Currently all messages are available by way of YouTube on the church's website at **8thchurch.org**. There are still renovations going on to improve our YouTube capability.
2. For organizational clarity, the following was approved by Consistory: The Property Committee with chair, Doug VanderMeer, will oversee all that pertains to the upkeep of the grounds and property. They are accountable to the Deacon Board. The Custodian, Jodi Bultema, reports to the Property Committee Chair for all work-related duties.
3. Final preps are being made to celebrate the 135th Anniversary of Eighth Reformed Church on November 1st. God's grace and faithfulness have been overwhelming. He gets all the PRAISE!!!