

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

13 August 2023

Welcome! If you are visiting this morning, we're glad to have you with us today.

This morning we welcome Mike Fisk, Director of Worship & Life Groups at Rockford Reformed Church.

In our passage this morning, we will see how the Gospel empowers us to say "Bring it on" in the face of our trials, understanding that these trials are designed to help us grow in Christlikeness and deepen our dependence on God. This transformative perspective invites us to see trials not as obstacles, but as opportunities for spiritual growth and enriched faith.

Prelude  
*Worship Team*

Welcome  
Call to Worship

Singing

Prayer of Confession

Confession Song

Kingdom Prayers

Message  
*Mike Fisk* BRING IT ON: JOYFULLY FACING TRIALS  
JAMES 1:2-5 (P. 1172)

Singing

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received  
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

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<b>Today</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	Jim & Joy Gibbs Next week: Dan & Cindy Davis
	<b>Nursery</b>	Julie Gleason, Erin Meendering Next week: Jeni Wammack, Breanna Tubergen
	<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Gideon Eising; Next week: Steve Wammack
	<b>Coffee</b>	Beth Rossiter Next week: Bill & Marty Pyper

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**Tuesday** 10:00 AM **Women's Bible Study** *in the Fireside room*

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**Wednesday** 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** – *New Beginnings, Michigan St*  
5:00 PM **Garden Work (5-6) & Pizza Night (6 pm)**

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**Thursday** 10:00 AM **Knitting Group** *at Rest Haven*

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**Saturday** 7:00 AM **Parents in Prayer**  
9:00 AM **Women's Passion Prayer** *in the Fellowship Hall*

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## Praise & Prayer

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Continue to pray for healing for **Kendra Berthiaume** as the scan she had done on August 7 is still showing issues with her pancreas. Pray also for wisdom for the doctors who are treating her.

Happy birthday to **Evelyn Ekkens** who is celebrating her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday today! Congratulations Evelyn!

Continue to pray for **Dianne Waterloo** and **Jan DeWeese** as they go through cancer treatments. Pray that the treatments are effective in fighting the cancer!

## Announcements

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### Missionaries of the Month: Mission India

During this time of uprising in India, pray that God would mobilize the Christians in Manipur and that the gospel would spread like wildfire there. Thousands of homes were burned and churches were raided and burned. Pray for grieving families who have lost loved ones and miraculous healing for those injured in the violence. Support our brothers and sisters in Christ in Manipur through Mission India during the month of August. A special offering will be taken for Mission India during the service on August 27.

### Gardener's Update

Firstly, the fruit trees are ripening! If you'd like some fruit, help yourself! The peaches and apples on many trees are ripe! Secondly, this Wednesday, the 16th is pizza with the neighbors again, so come on out for it. Thirdly, on September 16th (a Saturday) we will be having a fall event for the neighborhood, so be sure to mark that on your calendar. Lastly we are looking to raise a bit more money if you are able to come alongside us in that way. We are looking to raise about 6k and I'll give more details in the announcements today!

### Parents in Prayer

Parents in Prayer will be meeting August 19th at 7AM in the prayer room or outside on the patio (weather permitting). We are planning to meet the third Saturday of the month from here on out, if you'd like to put it on the calendar.

### The Commissioning

On Sunday, September 17, from 6-8pm, we'll be gathering in the Sanctuary for an amazing night of fun for the whole family. Come on out for a great night together, laughing and enjoying the family we have here at Fourth. You won't regret it...unless your name is Dawn Faasse. In which case you may just wind up regretting everything about it.

### Opportunities to serve!

As we look to the fall, here are four areas where we need further help in our children's ministry. You can sign up for any of these on the table in the back foyer.

1. **Nursery reboot.** We need more nursery workers! We need to have two adults in the nursery at all times, and so we need everyone (including men!) to serve in this area. If you are older and feel uncomfortable being the main adult, please consider signing up to be a second adult presence and helper, even if you are limited in the direct care you can offer.
2. **Children's worship.** We need both leaders and helpers for our children's worship. This group is for kids ages 2 1/2 to 5 1/2. If you are willing to nurture faith in some of our youngest kids in this way, please sign up!
3. **Christian education.** If you would be willing to serve as an occasional teacher (once a month) to help give our regular teachers a regular rhythm of rest, sign up or talk to Amy Baragar.
4. **GEMS.** Our GEMS program needs at least two more women willing to help out. Last year we had a good group of girls from both the church and neighborhood. If you want to help build faith and introduce girls to Jesus, this is a great opportunity to serve. Please connect with Erin Broene or Sarah Parler to learn more!

### Help Needed

Mark your calendars! August 26th, 10 am we will be taking some time to hand out flyers in the neighborhood for GEMS and Cadets. Last year we had a lovely time walking the neighborhood in groups and handing out flyers or leaving them at homes. We hope to have a good group and get the job done quickly.

### Foundry course: The Missional Story of Scripture

This fall, The Foundry is partnering with the Alliance of Reformed Churches to offer regular Bible, theology, and ministry courses at Community Reformed Church in Zeeland. The first course focuses on the big story of the Bible and the big stories of our culture. The course begins on Aug. 29 and meets every other week. This is for people at every age and stage of faith. If you want more information, connect with Branson!

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Empowered by the Spirit  
to **follow** Jesus together, **serve** others,  
and **share** God's love.

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