

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

18 August 2024

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

This morning we'll consider what it means that Jesus is the resurrection and the life and we'll see how Jesus empowers us to live in the resurrection today.

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Rattle
Graves into Gardens*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Stronger*

Kingdom Prayers
Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3

Message **I AM – THE RESURRECTION**
Pastor Eric Schalk **JOHN 11 (P. 1041)**

Communion

Singing *God Is So Good*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters Jeff & Erin Broene Next week: Ken & Amy Coeling
	Nursery Amy Coeling, Haju Kimyang, Nevaeh Bills Next week: Dawn Faasse, Becky Tubergen
	Children's Worship Ruby Parler, Nolan Baragar No Children's Worship next week – begins again in September
	Coffee Micah & Erin Meendering Next week: Etta Denbesten, Ed & Noreen Reitsma

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

Wednesday 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** – *New Beginnings, Michigan St*
5:30 PM **Free Pizza Night**

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

Saturday 9:00 AM **Ministry Safe Training** *in the Youth room downstairs*

Praise & Prayer

Thank you from the **O'Brock family** for the many prayers offered, cards sent, meals prepared, and time spent visiting especially by Pastor Eric, Norma and Tom, Don Coutchie, Kurt Faasse, Beth Rossiter and Steve Wammack. God has graciously spared Eric's life from a cardiac arrest on July 9. Eric is currently rehabilitating at Blodgett Hospital. We praise God for your support as this miracle continues to unfold.

Nancy Brinks had a successful knee replacement this past week. Pray that God will give her speedy healing and a peaceful recovery.

Please pray for **Deb Baker and her husband Lyman** as he was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer again. Pray for hope and encouragement as they begin a new round of treatment.

Cora Kuiper, a longtime friend of Fourth, recently passed away. Cora had an incredible ministry in our neighborhood leading Bible Club at Kent Hills Elementary, and a backyard Bible club at her home. She was engaged in ministry at East Leonard CRC, and demonstrated the love of Christ in all she did. She poured into the lives of many children and families in the community and made a lasting impact for God's Kingdom. The visitation and funeral for Cora will be Saturday, August 24. Visitation is 10-11am at Blythefield Christian Reformed Church, 6350 Kuttshill Drive NE, Rockford, MI 49341; Memorial Service is 2pm at East Leonard CRC. Please pray for Cora's family and friends as they grieve her passing, and rejoice that suffering is over.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month – Mission India

Mission India requests prayer and gifts to plant new churches for evangelism and discipleship to continue. This great move of God can grow for years to come. During 2023, 28,880 new churches were planted to disciple new believers, and allow present believers to derive strength from each other against rising persecution. Prayerfully consider your gift for eternal impact and hope for India. A special offering will be taken for Mission India during our worship service next Sunday.

Gardens Update

A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out on Saturday for the Sunflower event! It was a great time of connection and donuts. Also be sure you have Free Pizza Night this Wednesday, August 21 @ 5:30pm on your calendar! It's the last one planned for this year so you don't want to miss it!

Elder & Deacon Recognition

Check your mailboxes this morning for information on elder and deacon recognition. We are starting the process a little earlier this year, and invite each of you to prayerfully consider who God may be calling to serve our church in the coming year.

Ministry Safe

Everyone who is involved in Youth Ministry, Christian Education, Children's Worship, GEMS and Cadets is encouraged to attend a training on Saturday, August 24 at Fourth from 9-11am.

Where Has God Called You to Serve?

We're a few weeks away from School-year ministries!!!! We are looking for a person to help lead the young children's CE class. If you can help with this class, please see Evan or Nicole Donovan. We're also looking for people to help with Children's Worship. If you are willing to help with Children's Worship this fall, please sign up on the back table.

Rooted Pool Party

On August 25, we'll be heading over to the Broene's for one final dose of summer at a pool party. Check the Facebook group for more details.

Foundry class - The Missional Story of Scripture

What is the big story of the Bible? What are the big stories that drive our culture? How can we as Christians live faithfully today? Join Branson Parler and Jeff Fisher as they lead a four-session course that will equip you to answer these questions. This course is being offered at two different locations and times: at Fifth Reformed Church from 12pm-3pm beginning on Tuesday, Aug. 27, and meeting every other week. You can register at www.thefoundrygr.org/iml/mss-fifth/. We also meet at Madison Church from 12pm-3pm beginning on Wednesday, Aug. 28, and meeting every other week. You can register at www.thefoundrygr.org/iml/mss-madison/. The cost is \$500 and the consistory generously covers 50% of the cost for Fourth Church members to participate. Please talk to Branson if you have any questions. We'd love to have you!

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