

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

1 September 2024

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

This morning we wrap up our "I Am" sermon series by looking at what Jesus says about being The Vine and the Branches.

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Prelude *How Great Thou Art (p. 4 – all verses)*  
Noreen Reitsma

Welcome  
Call to Worship

Singing *My Tribute (p. 11 – v. 1 & repeat last 4 lines)*  
*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (p. 249)*  
(v. 1 & 3)

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Cleanse Me (p. 438 – v. 1, 2 & 3)*

Kingdom Prayers

Message **I AM – THE VINE**  
*Evan Donovan* JOHN 15 (P. 1046)

Singing *Just a Closer Walk with Thee (p. 380)*  
(all verses & chorus after each verse)

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> Phyllis Berrevoets, Nancy Aukeman Next week: Don & Betsy Coutchie
	<b>Nursery</b> Nicole Donovan; Helper needed Next week: Kara Berrevoets, Julie Schalk
	<b>Coffee</b> Mike, Nancy & Tim Brinks Next week: Jeff & Erin Broene

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<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM <b>Women's Bible Study</b> <i>in the Fireside room</i>
	6:30 PM <b>Consistory Meets</b> <i>in Fireside room</i>
	8:00 PM <b>Elder &amp; Deacon Meetings.</b> <i>Those who feel led to confess their faith, desire baptism or transfer are encouraged to contact Pastor Eric prior to this meeting.</i>

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<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM <b>Dude's Group</b> – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
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<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 AM <b>Knitting Group</b> <i>at Rest Haven</i>
	10:00 AM <b>Men's Bible Study</b> <i>in the Fireside room</i>

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## Praise & Prayer

Continue to pray for **Eric O'Brock** as he recovers from all he's been through, and regains strength at home.

**Nancy Brinks** continues to recover from knee surgery. Keep praying that God will give her strength and speedy healing.

Please pray for **Deb Baker and her husband Lyman** as he receives chemo for his pancreatic cancer.

## Announcements

### Missionaries of the Month: The VanDyke Family

Though currently based here in W.MI Joel and Marilyn VanDyke continue their work in Latin America. They just returned from an intergenerational Vision Trip in Guatemala. Joel says 22 members representing 5 families embarked on this journey to support different Guatemalan lead ministries. Their goal was to catch a vision of Life as Mission. Joel says that Mission for the Christian is as water for the fish. Mission is the water that Christians are "to live, move through, and have their being in". The VanDykes are our mission of the month for September. Please pray for their work and consider supporting them through the offering plate or through the Church website through September.

### Children's Worship and Christian Ed

Next week Sunday we will resume Children's Worship! We are still looking for some folks to volunteer in this ministry, so please sign up soon if you are interested. The Christian Ed fall kickoff will be Sunday, September 15. Pray that God will be with all the folks involved in this ministry as they prepare for a new season!

### **Elder & Deacon Recognition**

You have two weeks left to fill out your elder and deacon recognition ballot. Please prayerfully consider who God is calling to shepherd the church in 2025, and drop your ballots in the box on the sign up table.

### **Lost and Found**

The Lost and Found has been moved to the coat rack shelves by the handicap entrance. This is the last week to collect your items before we take them to the Mission India SuperThrift store.

### **Gardens Update**

Be sure to mark your calendar for September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am - noon, because that is when we are assembling the playground and Gideon can't do it alone. A sign-up sheet is on the back table or let Gideon know by email or phone! Lunch will be provided.

### **Rooted Kickoff**

I'm not bragging, but the Rooted Kickoff at Abbie's house is going to be something pretty amazing. Be there next week Sunday, September 8, from 6pm-8pm. Directions and address will be on the parent Facebook group or just ask Abbie or Leah for directions. Seriously, don't miss this.

### **Boys from first grade and up!**

Join boys from Fourth Church and Coit Church at a club called Cadets. We meet on Monday nights and work on projects, earn merit badges, enjoy game time, and learn how God is at work in the world and in our lives. Plans for this season include field trips, hikes, ice fishing, camping at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, and more. Here's the info:

Where: Coit Church (AKA Radical Grace Church), 600 Lafayette Ave NE

Dates: Mondays (except the fourth Monday of each month), starting September 9

Time: From 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm

Cost: Dues are \$10 per year, the best value around

For more information, contact: Jeff Broene — 616-862-5552

### **Proverbs Reading Challenge!**

We will be starting a new sermon series in September on wisdom for everyday life in the book of Proverbs. Here's how to join in the reading challenge: grab the Proverbs Reading Challenge sheet from the table in the narthex. Read a chapter a day and mark it off. At the end of the month, turn in your sheet with your name on it. You can do this three times, because we'll be in Proverbs for three months. At the end of the three months, we'll have a drawing for a few gift cards. The more months you do it, the better chance you'll have to win a gift card. And of course, just digging into God's Word together is a great reward in and of itself!

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

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