

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

8 September 2024

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

This morning we begin a new series called Everyday Wisdom. For the next three months we'll take a deep dive into Proverbs to see what it means to live wisely in the world and demonstrate Christ through our actions.

Prelude	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus Name</i>
Welcome Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>In Christ Alone</i> <i>The Love of God</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>Behold Our God</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
Message	EVERYDAY WISDOM: THE VALUE OF WISDOM <i>Rev, Eric Schalk</i> PROVERBS 1:1-7 (P. 616)
Communion	
Singing	<i>The Blessing</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters Don & Betsy Coutchie Next week: Kurt & Dawn Faasse
	Nursery Amy Coeling, Clara Broene Next week: Jeni Wammack, Erin Meendering
	Coffee Jeff & Erin Broene Next week: Ken & Amy Coeling
6:00 PM	Rooted Kickoff @ Abbie's house
Monday	6:00 PM Fourth/Coit Cadets at <i>Coit Community Church</i>
Tuesday	10:00 AM Women's Bible Study in the <i>Fireside room</i>
Wednesday	6:30 AM Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
Thursday	9:30 AM Men's Bible Study in the <i>Fireside room</i> 10:00 AM Knitting Group at <i>Rest Haven</i>
Saturday	9:00 AM Women's Passion Prayer in the <i>Fellowship Hall</i> 9:00 AM Playground Assembly in the <i>Garden area</i>

Praise & Prayer

Congratulations to **Ryan & Morgan Faasse** on the birth of their daughter **Ramie Jo** on August 25! Pray for Ryan & Morgan as they settle into caring for their amazing daughter.

Please pray for **Sandy Moll** on Thursday, as she has a Total Hip Replacement, that it would be successful and without complications. Also pray for her surgeon, and the people caring for her.

Caren Bills will have surgery on her right shoulder on Friday. Pray that the surgery would take care of her lingering shoulder issues, and that recovery would go smooth.

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 healing.

Announcements

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 today if you are interested. The Christian Ed fall kickoff will be Sunday, September 22. Pray that God will be with all the folks involved in this ministry as they prepare for a new season!

Missionaries of the Month: The VanDyke Family

As our mission of the month, the VanDykes are planning two prospective trips that we can sign up for, if interested. The first is a special trip in Central America to explore the migratory path of South and Central American immigrants. They will be taking a deep dive into the issues around northern migration that impact immigration in the US, a rare and exciting opportunity to look closely at the reality of immigration from the perspective of those who are south of the border. The second is a vision trip for High School students that includes Costa Rica, El Salvador & Guatemala, to study culture and history alongside Central American leaders, high schoolers and young adults. The pilot experience of this trip will be launching next Summer and Joel will get us more details as soon as it's available. Please continue to support them with your prayers and offerings this month.

Elder & Deacon Recognition

You have one week 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.

Boys from first grade and up!

Join boys from Fourth Church and Coit Church at a club called Cadets. We meet on Monday nights (except for the 4th Monday of the month) at Coit Church (aka Radical Grace Church) beginning tomorrow, September 9 from 6-7:30pm. We 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. Dues are only \$10 for the year. Questions? Call Jeff Broene at 616-862-5552.

Gardens Update

Plan to join us this Saturday, September 14th from 9:00am - noon, because that is when we are assembling the playground and Gideon can't do it alone. Please let Gideon know that you're able to help either by signing the sheet on the back table TODAY, or by phone or email! Lunch will be provided.

Rooted Kickoff

Join us tonight from 6-8pm at Abbie's house for a kickoff to remember. Wear shoes that you can run away from something dangerous in.

Dude's Group

If you're a dude and need a place to plug in and go a little deeper in your faith, come and join us for Dude's Group on Wednesdays at the New Beginnings Restaurant on Michigan. We start around 6:30am and we'll be starting into a study on the book of Galatians this week.

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

Small Groups

Many of our small groups took a break this summer and are gearing up to resume in the coming weeks. If you're interested in joining a small group, please talk to Pastor Eric today.

Budget Update

For the month of August, we collected roughly \$16,000 for our general fund offerings, which is 66% of our monthly budgeted income. We're currently running at about 76% of our budgeted income for the year. Please pray that God will provide for the shortfall in the coming months.

CranHill Ranch Labor Day Weekend 2025

Sunday, September 22 is the deadline to reserve your spot for camping at CranHill over Labor Day weekend 2025, please fill out the sign-up form in the back of the church. If you have any questions please reach out to Erin Broene eebroene@gmail.com. We hope you will consider joining us next year! Please make sure to reserve a spot before it's too late.

Proverbs 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!

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.

Free Foundry Learning Opportunity!

You're invited to join others from the Michigan Catalyst Network and The FoundryGR for our class session in our Distinctives of Reformed Theology course from 12pm-3pm on Tuesday, September 17, at Community Reformed Church in Zeeland. During that time together, we will be focusing on Ecclesiology, the study of the Church. We'll interact with each other about how we even use that term, "church," in so many different ways. We'll be discussing the attributes of the church as One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic, how those relate to what the Reformed tradition refers to as the "marks" of the church: preaching, discipline, and the sacraments. And in this session, we will take a deeper look at the sacraments, especially the Reformed view on baptism and the Lord's Supper or Communion. Along the way with all these, we will be engaging what the Belgic Confession and Heidelberg Catechism have to say on each of these and looking more closely at numerous scripture passages that teach these views.