

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

17 August 2025

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

In our text, Paul continues to correct a common misunderstanding of grace: that it requires no response. In contrast, he helps us recognize that the reign of grace calls us to respond with wholehearted obedience.

Prelude *Mighty to Save*

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Living Hope
Because He Lives*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *King of My Heart*

Kingdom Prayers

Message ROMANS – THE REIGN OF GRACE
Dr. Branson Parler ROMANS 6:15-23 (P. 1095)

Communion

Singing *No Longer Slaves*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters	Dave & Judy Portinga Next week: Micah & Erin Meendering
	Nursery	Erin & Clara Broene, Jeni Wammack Next week: Amy Coeling, Mary Kay Townley
	Coffee	Ron & Marcia Schuur Next week: Paul & Amy Baragar

Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
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Wednesday	6:30 AM 6:00 PM	Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i> Pizza Night <i>on the patio & fellowship hall</i>
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Thursday	10:00 AM 6:30 PM	Knitting Group <i>at Rest Haven</i> The Forge Men's Gathering <i>on the patio</i>
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Saturday	1:00 PM	O'Brock Celebration <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i>
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Praise & Prayer

Please pray for **Louisa Cedillo and her family** as they mourn the loss of Louisa's mother, Julia Cedillo, who passed away Monday, August 11. Visitation will be held at Zaagman Memorial Chapel on Burton Street from 2-4pm and 6-8pm today. Her funeral will be Monday, August 18th at 11am at Our Lady of Sorrows Church on Hall Street with a time of visitation an hour prior to the service.

Continue to pray for healing and encouragement for **Marge (Bolthuis) Jeltema, Sandy Gleason, Etta Denbesten, Bill Pyper, Greg Couthie** and **Lorraine Smith**.

Linda Randall's foot and leg are on the mend but the doctor feels that she will need another four weeks of healing. Continue to pray for healing, patience and encouragement for her.

Please be in prayer for our **Associate Pastor, Office Staff and Faith Formation Leaders**. Pray that God would encourage them in their work.

Pray for our **neighborhood families** as school begins this week: good teachers, safe playground, healthy home.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: Mission India

Your support of Mission India – whether a Children's Bible Club, an Adult Literacy Class, or Church Planter training – is investing in eternal change for entire families and communities in India. Every gift you give is a lifeline of transformation, bringing the precious hope of Christ to a needy nation! Gifts can be given throughout the month of August either through the offering plate or through our website, with a special offering being taken next Sunday during the worship service.

CE Teacher and Children's Worship Leaders Needed!

We are still in need of one teacher for a Christian Ed class this year. If you're interested, please talk to Evan or Nicole Donovan today! If you're willing to help with Children's Worship, please sign up on the back table after worship.

Pizza Night: August Edition

It is Pizza Night Week again! Join us this coming Wednesday at 6:00pm for amazing wood fired pizza. We'll be cooking until we run out of ingredients. Don't miss out on the last summer opportunity for great food and fellowship.

The Forge

The Forge meets Thursday, August 21 at 6:30pm. Our meal is at 6:30, please sign up if you plan to come.

Thank You Celebration

On Saturday, August 23, from 1-4pm the O'Brocks are hosting a thank you celebration in the 4th Church fellowship hall to mark the one-year anniversary of Eric's release from 45 days in the hospital. We are so grateful for your prayers and support and thank God for His providential sparing of his life. Please join us!

150-Year Celebration

- Save the dates of October 4 and 5 for a weekend of celebrating God's faithfulness.
- We are putting together a historical display to reflect on our past. If anyone has a personal or family memory they would like to share about their lives at Fourth, contact Eric O'Brock at rmstitanic614@gmail.com
- We'd also like to invite as many former members as possible. If you have names and addresses of any former members, please reach out to Marcia Schuur by phone at 616.443.1981 or email: Rnschuur@aol.com

Fall Foundry courses

Exciting news! Foundry courses are FREE to people from Michigan Catalyst Network churches this year. Spiritually Healthy Leadership begins Aug. 27, 12pm-3pm at Remembrance Church. For details and registration, see www.thefoundrygr.org/iml/spiritually-healthy-gr2025/.

The Missional Story of Scripture begins Aug. 25, 6:30-9pm at Hopkins Community Church. For details and registration, see www.thefoundrygr.org/iml/mss-hopkins/. Questions? Want more info? Contact Branson at bransonparler@thefoundrygr.org.

NECM Fundraiser

North End Community Ministry (NECM) has once again been named as a recipient of the Meijer Simply Give Campaign from the Plainfield Meijer located at 3757 Plainfield NE, through September 13, 2025. To participate, please pick up a \$10 Simply Give card from the table in the narthex and give it to the cashier the next time you're at the Plainfield Meijer and they will add the \$10 charge to your grocery bill. Meijer will then match all donations given during the promotion period and give this to NECM to help them stock their pantry. Also please note \$10 becomes \$30 through Meijer Corporation on "Double Match Day" on September 13.

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