

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

19 April 2026

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

This morning we continue our series called "Why Do We?" We'll take some time today to consider why we sing, and what the act of singing does for our faith.

Prelude	<i>Stronger</i>
Welcome Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>10,000 Reasons</i> <i>What a Beautiful Name</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
<i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 14 upstairs</i>	
Message	WHY DO WE SING? <i>Rev. Eric Schalk</i> EPHESIANS 5:15-20 (P. 1136)
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	Ron & Marcia Schuur Next week: Mike & Nancy Brinks
	Nursery	Erin Meendering, Becky Berrevoets Next week: Josh Schalk, Molly Bierens
	Children's Worship	Becky Tubergen, Maddie Bierens Next week: Evan Donovan, Liam Baragar
	Coffee	Steve & Jeni Wammack, Tom & Norma Boehm Next week: Marty Berthiaume, Mary Kay Townley
	11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
	2:00 PM	Financial Peace Class <i>in Foundry Room, upstairs</i>
	6:00 PM	Rooted Meets
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Monday	6:00 PM	Cadets Meet
	6:00 PM	Foundations of Christian Doctrine
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Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
	7:00 PM	Bridal Shower for Abbie <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i>
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Wednesday	6:30 AM	Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
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Thursday	9:30 AM	Men's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
	10:00 AM	Knitting Group <i>at Rest Haven</i>
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Saturday	9:00 AM	Women's Passion Prayer <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i>

Praise & Prayer

Please keep the **family of Gail Spangler** in your prayers. Gail passed away early Thursday morning after years of suffering with various health issues. Pray that God will provide the family with comfort in this loss, and that they will encounter Jesus love.

We give praise for an amazing mission trip to Jamaica for the **NorthPointe Chorale!**

Continue praying for: **Nancy Brinks** as she awaits appointments and tests regarding her diverticulitis and the spots on her liver; continued healing for **Etta DenBesten**; **our shut-ins** as they miss worshiping with us; healing for **our neighbor Jess**; for **Chloe** as she starts her new job in May; and for the **family of Kongcheng's uncle, Alee Vang**, who was deported to Laos.

Announcements

Bridal Shower – Come help us celebrate the upcoming wedding of Abbie Schalk & Bruce Lyu with a bridal shower for Abbie on April 21 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you're able to attend, please sign the sheet in the back of church TODAY so we know how many to plan for. They are registered at Target and Amazon.

Missionaries of the Month: The DeLeón Family – Refugee women arriving in Spain often carry not only the weight of displacement, but also the hidden trauma of domestic violence. Many have fled conflict or instability, only to find themselves in vulnerable situations where abuse continues behind closed doors. Language barriers, fear of deportation, financial dependence, and lack of awareness about their rights can prevent them from seeking help. Statistics show that **1 in every 5 refugee women** has been through domestic violence during their resettlement process. After serving these past three years as a triage social worker, Rachel has seen these numbers confirmed within our ministry, too! In the midst of these challenges, we work together to offer support through counseling, connecting them with the resources they need to protect and empower them and help them rebuild their lives with dignity, safety, and hope for a better future. Gifts for the DeLeón family can be given anytime in April, with a special offering being taken next Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE!!! On Saturday, May 16 we will have our annual spring work day at the church. More details to come, but lunch will be provided!

Youth Ministry Assistant – Last week we sent out a letter about Abbie stepping down as our Youth Ministry Assistant. If you haven't read that yet, it is in your mailbox. In the coming weeks we will be looking to find someone to fill that role, helping Aaron with the youth ministry. If you are interested, please talk to Aaron soon.

Rooted – We are so back this week. Not just a little back, so back. Tonight from 6-8pm. Be there. And there, I mean in the basement.

This week, our **Rooted Small Groups** will be talking about God's essence of love. What does it really mean when we say that God is Love?

Mission Trip – In the next couple weeks, we'll be having a little more paperwork for parents and kids to sign for the trip. Check your boxes for sure in the next couple weeks.

You're Invited! Mission India Banquet of Praise will be held on May 11 at 11:30am at Frederik Meijer Gardens. Enjoy fellowship, sharing a free meal together and celebrating what God is doing in India. We will hear the thrilling story of 3 million people who became new disciples last year. Tables will be reserved for our church. Event is open to all adults and entry to Meijer Gardens is complimentary to all banquet guests. Please make your reservation by signing the sheet in the narthex by April 26.

Summer Camp Scholarships – Fourth will be offering scholarships for Christian summer camps for 2026 in partnership with the ARC, which is generously supporting Fourth with a grant. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship for your child, please contact Erin Broene at 616-822-2926 or eebroene@gmail.com for an application.

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