

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

3 May 2026

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

We continue our series this morning asking the question, Why Do We Give? Maybe its habit. Maybe it's a tax right off. Maybe we feel like we have to. Our goal today is to explore what truly does motivate us towards generosity towards God.

Prelude *Glorious Day*

Welcome  
Call to Worship

Singing *Great Are You Lord  
Better is One Day*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *I Give You My Heart*

Kingdom Prayers  
*Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 14 upstairs*

Message **WHY DO WE GIVE?**  
*Rev. Eric Schalk* 2 CORINTHIANS 8-9 (P. 1123)

Communion

Singing *Gratitude*

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> Mike & Becky Berrevoets Next week: Dave & Richanda Bolt
	<b>Nursery</b> Steve Wammack, Kate Schalk Next week: Dawn Faasse, Mary Kay Townley
	<b>Children's Worship</b> Evan Donovan, Nevaeh Bills Next week: Shay Newman, Clara Broene
	<b>Coffee</b> Jeff & Erin Broene Next week: Skip & Doris Hawkins
11:15 AM	<b>CE Classes &amp; Rooted Small Groups</b>
6:00 PM	<b>Rooted Meets</b>

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**Monday** 6:00 PM **Foundations of Christian Doctrine**

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

**Wednesday** 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** – *New Beginnings, Michigan St*

**Thursday** 9:30 AM **Men's Bible Study** *in the Fireside room*  
10:00 AM **Knitting Group** *at Rest Haven*

**Saturday** 9:00 AM **Women's Passion Prayer** *in the Fellowship Hall*

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## Praise & Prayer

Continue praying for: **Nancy Brinks** as she will have an MRI on her liver and stomach this afternoon to try to assess what is happening in her body, and is also working with a pain and spine clinic to address some issues with her neck. Pray for 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; and for the **family of Kongcheng's uncle, Alee Vang**, who was deported to Laos.

This coming Friday, **Abbie Schalk and Bruce Lyu** will be united in marriage. Pray for them, and their families as they put the finishing touches on everything this week, and prepare for a great celebration.

We give praise that **Daniel**, the 7-year-old boy who was healed by Jesus from stage 3 Lymphoma remains cancer free. His port is out and the doctors remain amazed at his healing! Daniel's dad is now exploring how faith in Jesus is part of this story.

## Announcements

**Church Directory Draft** – TODAY is the last day to check your listing in the updated Church Directory. Please stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall. Make any necessary corrections next to your listing. If everything looks OK, please put your initials next to your listing. If you plan to send in an updated picture, please email it to: [office@fourthchurch.com](mailto:office@fourthchurch.com) no later than noon on Tuesday, May 5.

**Missionaries of the Month: The Foundry** – What is The Foundry? The Foundry provides biblical and practical training for church leaders at every level. The Foundry facilitates learning communities around west Michigan, including our Institute of Ministry Leadership. This year, one of our highlights has been seeing several of our learners ordained to serve as pastors in their local churches. Two pastors recently ordained—Luke Stroven at First Reformed Fremont and Jen Bakhuyzen at Community Reformed in Zeeland--are exactly the kind of learners we exist to serve. Both of them are at a stage in life with families and other responsibilities where traditional seminary is neither possible nor desirable. Yet they are both clearly called by God to minister. So how do they become better equipped? We're grateful that we were able to come alongside them and their churches to provide in-depth training so that they can be better equipped to step into the next role that God has for them in their life and ministry.

**Attention Cadets** – Reminder that there is no meeting on May 4. We will resume meeting on May 11 and our final meeting for the season will be on May 18!

**Spring Work Day** will be held on Saturday, May 16 from 8am to noon with lunch following. There's a sign-up sheet with tasks and tools needed on the table in the narthex. Please sign up in the next two weeks so we know how much food to plan on.

**Planning Center** – Fourth Church is happy to announce that we will be utilizing Planning Center Online to help organize and communicate volunteer schedules for our Sunday worship. Volunteer communications will go to your email the week before you are scheduled to volunteer. Watch your emails for those reminders!

**The Forge** will meet on Thursday, May 21 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up so we know how many to plan on for the meal.

**Rooted** – We are back for another great night of fun together tonight from 6-8pm. It's going to be a wild night, so buckle up.

**Rooted Small Groups** – This week, we'll be talking about God's joy and how we can experience that daily.

**Rooted Mission Trip** – Parents, there is a form for the Mission Trip that will need to be filled out as soon as possible. Please get those back to Aaron as soon as you can. If you slip it under my door, please shoot me a text to let me know to look out for it. Thanks!

**King's Choraliars Spring Concert** "The Lamb Upon the Throne" will be held tonight at 7:30pm at Trinity United Reformed Church, 7350 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Caledonia, MI. As always, there is no charge to attend their concerts! Also, there are FREE CD's from the King's Choraliars on the table by the library. Help yourself!

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

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