

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

17 May 2026

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

Why do we celebrate communion as a church? This is the question we're going to wrestle with today as we comb through scripture. Starting with Passover, we'll explore how the act of celebrating a meal is substantial for our faith formation.

Prelude *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *The Solid Rock
Build My Life*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Lead Me to the Cross*

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

Message **WHY DO WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION
SELECTED SCRIPTURES**
Rev. Eric Schalk

Communion

Singing *There is a Higher Throne*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters Tom & Norma Boehm Next week: Brian & Becky Tubergen
	Nursery Morgan Faasse, Amy Coeling Next week: Jeni Wammack, Bob Monsma
	Children's Worship Kristi Dennis, Ruby Parler Next week: No Children's Worship
	Coffee Eric & Julie Schalk, Caren Bills Next week: Justin & Sarah Behm
11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
6:00 PM	Rooted Meets

Monday 6:00 PM **Last Cadet Meeting** for the season
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*
5:30 PM **Forge Gathering** *in the Fellowship Hall*

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

Praise & Prayer

We give praise that **Nancy Brinks** MRI results showed no cancer! She does have multiple liver lesions and cysts but that are all benign. We are so thankful for answered prayer!

Pray for **Tom Broughton** as he deals with significant nerve pain in his leg. Pray that the doctors can determine a way to treat it effectively.

Continue praying for: **Our shut-ins** as they miss worshiping with us; healing for **our neighbor Jess** including improved lung capacity so that she will be able to have surgery; for **Chloe** that her training this week for her new job goes well; and for the **family of Kongcheng's uncle, Alee Vang**, who was deported to Laos.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: The Foundry – Our Ministry Formation cohorts are geared toward pastors and church leaders who've had some training but want to go deeper. These cohorts have taken place in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. This past year, Jeff Fisher has led sections on the Reformed confessions and Branson has led sections on deep exegesis, learning how to trace key themes across the Bible. These cohorts have been a great time of connection and equipping leaders to go deeper in their understanding of who God is and who they are. Donations for The Foundry can be given anytime throughout the month of May either through the offering plate, online through our website, or during our worship service on May 31.

Thank You to everyone who came out to help with our Church Work Day yesterday. We are so thankful for the work that could get completed!

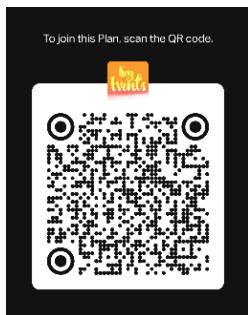
Congratulations Liam! At the Cadet meeting last Monday, we presented a Black Star award to Liam Baragar. The Black Star is not given for specific accomplishments, but recognizes a Cadet for outstanding attitude as shown in his actions, leadership, and exemplary character. We don't hand these out every year. In fact, it has probably been more than 15 years since our club has awarded one. Liam is extremely helpful, the first to volunteer. He's not just willing to help when asked, but he looks for things that need doing and then offers to do it. He works hard, even at tedious tasks. He finds ways to include others in games and activities, especially some of the younger kids. He demonstrates an attitude of kindness, and he is an encouragement to other boys in the club. For example, a few years ago, on a field trip to the public museum, one of the younger kids broke his balloon animal. Without hesitation, Liam gave his own balloon to the kid. Liam seemed surprised when he received the award, perhaps in part because he's never heard of it, but also because he doesn't realize how his positive attitude affects others. Please join us in congratulating Liam on this well-deserved achievement!

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

Rooted – All good things must come to an end, even Rooted. This week is our final youth group of the year, so join us tonight from 6-8pm for a great time.

Rooted Mission Trip – Parents, keep an eye on announcements and our text thread for information about packing and last minute details. Also, get those behavior contracts in ASAP! Talk to Aaron if you have any questions.

Summer Reading Program – Join us for an 89 day reading plan this summer that will walk us through the key events of the Bible. There are readings 5 days a week that include a small introduction to the reading to help follow the big story of Scripture, and then 1 chapter of Bible reading. The plan will be starting June 1 and will wrap up on August 29th! Scan the QR code to join the group on YouVersion. Sadly, there is not a PDF version of the plan so please reach out to Kristi Dennis or another member of consistory for help.



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