



JANNA LANGE
Worship Arts Director



MARK VOGEL
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Worship Arts Ministry

The Worship Arts Ministry at Fifth offers many opportunities for all ages to use their musical, artistic, and technical gifts in leading worship.

Questions or Interest? Contact:
Janna Lange | jlange@fifthrc.org

CHOIRS The program year includes Celebration Choir (Grades 7th–Adult), King's Kids Choir (Grades 1–6), and Handbell Choir. Only King's Kids meets weekly; the others are seasonal.

WORSHIP BAND & INSTRUMENTALISTS
The worship team leads most Sunday and special services at Fifth. Musicians and singers vary weekly—if you play an instrument or enjoy singing, contact Janna Lange.

DANCE TEAM Miss Sue (Wilson) leads dancers in enhancing our worship. Check the Worship Guide for opportunities. Rehearsals begin in September.

SCRIPTURE READER/LITURGIST If you have a gift for speaking or want to explore serving up front in worship, there are many opportunities to get involved.

VISUAL ART & DECORATING Each season offers opportunities to use visual arts skills to collaborate with others to decorate the church building.

TECHNOLOGY Mark Vogel oversees technology for worship and events. Volunteers can receive training in sound boards, slideshows, live stream cameras, and photography.

Questions? Contact:
Mark Vogel | mvogel@fifthrc.org

WOODLAND DRIVE-IN CHURCH | 11 AM
Experience the Woodland Drive-In, where worship comes to life in the comfort of your car.

“We loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well because you have become so dear to us.”

I Thessalonians 2:8

WINTER/SPRING 2026 MINISTRIES OF FIFTH CHURCH

Growing Disciples Who Make Disciples

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Our Mission

The Claim

The life and work of Fifth Reformed Church is centered on this essential claim:

**We live in a world where
a resurrection has happened.**

Our Response

In response to this life-altering declaration, we want to be people who:

BELIEVE

BELIEVING is an active, ongoing process to ever more fully “know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him” (Phil.3:10).

As a Reformed Church in America (RCA) congregation, our learning is undergirded by the authority of the Bible, along with the testimony of the historic creeds (Apostles, Nicene, Athanasian) and “standards of unity” (the Heidelberg Confession, the Belgic Confession, the Canons of Dordt, and the Belhar Confession).

GROW

OUR FAITH asks us to become more and more like Jesus. Ephesians 5:1-2 urges us to “be imitators of God...and live in love, as Christ loved us.” We pursue this work together as a church community where we can nurture and encourage each other’s journey of discipleship.

FLOURISH

SEEK GOD to bless the world. Fifth Reformed Church works to share all the gifts with which God has entrusted us, personally and corporately, to enact God’s love to our neighbors, our city, and our world.

IN PRACTICE

OUR RESPONSE to a resurrection changed world is to prioritize these commitments:

1. Worship God
2. Make Disciples
3. Build Community
4. Plant churches
5. Steward and Serve with Our Resources

We are guided by this overarching goal:

**“Growing disciples
who make disciples
of Jesus Christ.”**

Men's and Seniors Ministry

MEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

All men are invited to gather each Wednesday from 9–10 AM in the library at the back of the sanctuary for fellowship and a study of the Gospel of John.

Questions about Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study? Contact:

Joel Wierenga | jolmwierenga@gmail.com



PAUL KORTENHOVEN
Senior Adult Ministry
Coordinator

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

The Seniors Ministry, led by Paul Kortenhoven, a former missionary to Sierra Leone, hosts monthly events with music, lectures, movies, and area ministries. Paul also cares for seniors through visits, hospital calls, and a listening ear.

Want to schedule a visit? Contact:

Paul Kortenhoven | (616) 481-5167
pkortenhoven@fifthrc.org

Prayer Ministry

Prayer requests can be submitted to prayer@fifthrc.org and are confidential to the prayer team and pastors unless they specifically say public request. The prayer team would love to celebrate praises, so please share praises with the team as well.

TEAM LEADERS:

Deb Cox | (616) 443-1848 | debfish33@hotmail.com
Pat Haines | (616) 460-8751 | pathaines@mac.com
Kevin Kane | (616) 560-3348 | refuge17@sbcglobal.net



Fifth
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LADIES NIGHT OUT 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Join the women of Fifth for food, conversation, and connection—a time to relax, laugh, and build community together.

Jan 12 | 6:30 PM
Beer City Bread

Feb 6 | 6:00 PM
Volunteer Opportunity
West Michigan
Friendship Center

Mar 14 | 9:30 AM
Lent Gathering

Questions? Contact:
Betsy Bredeweg
betsyajonker@yahoo.com

Women's Ministry

TUESDAY GATHERING | 9:30 - 11 AM

The Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumes January 6, 9:30-11 AM in Classroom 1. Join us as we study the letters of John.

Questions? Contact:

Kara Paetschow | dkpaetschow@gmail.com
Jane Knecht | eggknecht@gmail.com

ELIZABETH / RUTH CIRCLE

The Elizabeth/Ruth Circle Bible study resumes on January 20 at 9:30 AM, meeting on the third Tuesday of each month until June. This group will continue with Chapter 10 in the study book on Matthew.

Questions? Contact:

Lois Loetz | (616) 245-4638

LENT GATHERING | 9:30 AM

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

A time for women to gather for worship & fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Lent.

MOMS TIME OUT | 9:15 AM - 11:15 AM

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY

JANUARY 6 – MAY 19

A welcoming space for women to connect, be authentic, and belong. Together we share stories, support one another, and find wisdom from mentors while studying God's Word. All mothers, wives, sisters, and friends are invited to join us in Room 103, with nursery care provided.

Discipleship Opportunities

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are 6-12 people connecting with each other in a smaller setting outside of Sunday worship. These groups are encouraged to read scripture, pray, and lean in to each other as we are called to walk the narrow road. Groups meet throughout the year and people who are interested in a group can either join an existing one or start a new one. Many groups follow the discussion questions from the sermon notes as a way to engage in conversation.

Questions about Community Groups? Contact:

Sam Eldersveld | seldersveld@fifthrc.org

FROZEN 5K AT FIFTH

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Fifth is hosting a 5k that is raising funds for the intergenerational mission trip to Valladolid in June. Some of the proceeds will also go towards Mulick Park Elementary School. You can help with the event through running in the 5k, volunteering, or donating. You can sign up and find more information by scanning the QR code.



JON SHERRILL
Lead Pastor



SAM ELDERSVELD
Community Life Pastor

VBS CRAFT NIGHTS | 6:30 - 7:45 PM

WEDNESDAYS AFTER DINNER

JANUARY – MAY

VBS Craft Nights meet on Wednesday evenings right after dinner. This is a fun way for families to help prepare decorations and bring Rainforest Falls to life. Watch for announcements with upcoming dates.

Parents, please plan to stay and work alongside your children during craft time.



Children's Ministry

FIFTH KIDS is a safe, fun, and engaging place where children grow in their walk with Jesus. Partnering with parents, we use the Gospel Project curriculum to walk kids through the Bible while teaching scripture and practical ways to live out their faith. Our nursery, located behind the registration desk, welcomes newborns through PreK in a safe and playful environment where little ones experience God's love through songs, crafts, stories, and prayer.

Questions about Children's Ministry? Contact:
Lindsey Lugo | llugo@fifthrc.org



LINDSEY LUGO
Children's Ministry
Director



NICHOLE WILSON
Children's Ministry
Assistant

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting their Savior) is for girls in 1st-6th grade. Each week girls meet from 6:20 - 7:45 PM to sing, dance, and enjoy activities with a short lesson. Girls learn that they are LOVED by Jesus, and develop deeper relationships with peers and women dedicated to mentoring them through everyday challenges.

KAIROS QUEST is for boys 1st-6th grade. Each week boys meet from 6:20 -7:45 PM who are excited to learn, grow and be challenged. It's an opportunity for boys to explore more about who God is and how they might be a part of his grand adventure. They will develop deeper friendships with peers as they dig into God's word and engage in STEM challenges.

KING'S KIDS (Grades 1-6) is a children's choir that meets Wednesdays from 5:15-6 PM, sings during worship services, and performs an annual musical.

Questions about King's Kids? Contact:
Janna Lange | jlange@fifthrc.org

SUNDAY MORNINGS

FIFTH KIDS WORSHIP is offered on Sunday mornings during the school year. FKW kicks resumes Sunday, January 11! Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade begin in worship with their families and are invited to age-appropriate worship midway through worship. Children K-3rd grade meet in Room 201 and 4th and 5th graders meet in Room 103.

NURSERY is available for children 0-3 years old during worship and meets in Room 101. Pre-K class is offered for children 3-5 years old during worship. Meets in Room 102.

COMMUNION On the 1st Sunday of the month children K-5th grade will remain in the sanctuary to celebrate Communion with their families.

Our 5-year-old friends in Young 5's and Kindergarten! Using "The Gospel Project" curriculum children will enjoy Bible stories, songs, and hands-on - activities created especially for their age group, helping them learn about God's love in fun and meaningful ways. Children will meet upstairs in Room 205.

Student Ministry



Sam Eldersveld is the Community Life Pastor and his goal is to help Fifth Church's middle school and high school students build a relationship with the Lord, and to teach them how they can engage a closer relationship with Christ.

Questions about Student Ministry? Contact:
Sam Eldersveld | eldersveld@fifthrc.org

WINTER/SPRING 2026 SCHEDULE

Large Group Gatherings 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Jan 11	Large Group	Mar 8	Winter Jam Concert
Jan 18	Large Group	Mar 15	Large Group
Jan 25	Large Group	Mar 22	Dinner Host Night
Feb 1	Cannonsburg Tubing	Mar 29	Large group
Feb 8	Super Bowl Party	Apr 5-12	Spring Break/No Group
Feb 15	Large Group	Apr 19	Large Group
Feb 22	Small Group Night	April 26	Large Group
Mar 1	Large Group	May 3	End of Year Party