

Following
 *Jesus*
together in mission
as His *love* 
transforms
lives for God's glory

First
REFORMED **CHURCH**
with a
VISION *for* *Cultural Influence*
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February 25, 2018
Traditional Service – 8:15am
Contemporary Service – 10:30am

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PRELUDE

Julie Sonnentag

WELCOME

HYMN #151 – *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Holy and merciful God, forgive me for my cluttered heart. I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength; I have allowed other things to compete with You for first place in my life. Though the objects of my worship may not be statues of wood or stone, I have set up idols; I have turned to other things to find meaning and hope and satisfaction. Forgive me, and help me renew my commitment to You as the one true God who is worthy of my worship and trust. Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Choir

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN #718 – *"Day By Day"*

SERMON

Pastor Brad

"The Trial of the True God"

1 Kings 18:16-39, pg. 350

OFFERTORY

HYMN #686, vs. 1,2,3,6 – *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG #78 – *"I Love You, Lord"*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE – 10:30am

PRELUDE

"Sing a Song"

WELCOME

"Trading My Sorrows"

"How He Loves"

PRAYER

"Eye of the Storm"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Wayne LeMahieu

SERMON

"The Trial of the True God"

Pastor Brad
1 Kings 18:16-39, pg. 350

OFFERTORY

"Lord, I Need You"

BENEDICTION

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all as we gather for worship and fellowship.
Please greet one another with the Lord's peace.

VISITORS

We especially want to welcome you to our service today.
Please be sure to fill out the Welcome Card that is in the bulletin.

Please turn off any pagers or cell phones.

THIS WEEK

TODAY:

8:15am Traditional Service
9:30am Sunday School and
Ambassadors Class
10:30am Contemporary Service

MONDAY:

9:15am Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY:

5:00pm Good Shepherd meal
6:30pm Choir

WEDNESDAY:

6:30pm Promiseland, Believe and
CrossCenter

SATURDAY:

10am-noon Shepherd's Closet open

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD SHEPHERD MEAL

Our church is the host church for the Good Shepherd Meal on February 27. We will need table servers, gallons of milk, and cakes. The sign-up sheets are on the table.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

Anyone high school age or older is invited to join the choir for the combined Palm Sunday musical service. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Feb 27, at 7:00 pm in the choir room. Contact Julie Messner with questions.

CHOIR

We are changing our start time to 6:30pm for the next few weeks as we add Palm Sunday practice to our rehearsals. The Pew Echo calendar has the 6:45pm time so please disregard that.

GREETING CARDS

Carol Debbink is no longer able to handle the greeting card ministry. If anyone is willing to take over the ordering of the boxes of cards to keep this ministry going, Carol is willing to show you how she does it. If you are interested please contact the church office.

VBS Mark your calendars! VBS will be held June 18-22 this year. Any questions contact Jenny Kappers 207-5559.

H.J. & ELIZABETH HANSEN

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship information and forms for one or two scholarships is available for high school seniors who actively participate in church life at First Reformed Church, Sheboygan Falls and who will be pursuing an education at a four year accredited college or university. Please pick up a form along with the instruction sheets (there are 3 pages total to pick up) from the top of the mailboxes by the church office or at the guidance office at SFHS. The scholarships are the H.J. & Elizabeth Hansen Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00. Forms should be returned to the office at the First Reformed Church by Sunday March 11, 2018. Send to: Outside of school scholarship c/o Betty Kuplic, First Reformed Church Office, 527 Giddings Ave., Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL EVENT AT PINE HAVEN:

Falls Clergy churches are partnering with Pine Haven to assist in their Spiritual Life Week March 12-16 to provide a week-long VBS experience for residents. This will consist of an hour-long program involving music, Bible lesson, snack, and craft at each of the three Pine Haven campuses. **We need a team of 10-12 volunteers from our church for Friday, March 16.**

3-4 volunteers at Giddings Ave. from 9:00-10:00 am

5-6 volunteers at Haven Dr. from 10:30-11:30

2-3 volunteers at Oostburg from 1:00-2:00

Help at just one location, or help at all three. Please arrive 10-15 minutes before the scheduled start time. Everything will be planned and provided by the staff; all you need to bring is a heart for serving the Lord and helping the residents with the various activities. To participate, sign up on the sheet at the information table.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Promiseland (1st -5th grades):

Feb. 28 – 6:30pm

March 7 - 6:30pm

March 14 - 6:30pm

March 21- 6:30pm (Bust up party, Pizza)

Believe (Middle School):

Feb. 28 – 6:30pm

March 7 - 6:30pm

March 14 - 6:30pm

March 21 – 6:30pm

March 28 – 6:30pm

CrossCenter (High School):

Feb. 28 – 6:30pm

March 7 - 6:30pm

March 14 - 6:30pm

March 21 – 6:30pm

March 28 – 6:30pm

2018 ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS:

A-B Steve Stoffregen, Dave Herwig

C-G Aaron Lund, Lee Lohuis

H-I Mark Kappers, Henry Fritsch

J-L Dan Van Wyk, Rick Blaha

M-On Jim Kuplic, Mark Bimmel

Ot-R Gary Ten Haken, Dave Stoffregen

S-Ten Dick Huibregtse, Jeff Born

Th-Vee Steve Wilterdink, John Buehler

Vel-Z Dennis Meerdink, Doug Fabian

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAY

The School District of Sheboygan Falls will be conducting Child Development Day on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Child Development Day will provide families with the opportunity to learn more about the level of their child's growth and development, promote awareness of community resources available for families of young children, and identify any children in need of additional assessment in any of the developmental areas. We encourage the participation of parents with children between the ages of 2 years, 9 months and 5 years of age who have not entered either four or five year old kindergarten. For more information or to schedule an appointment for Child Development Day, call Student Services at 467-7894 between the hours of 7:45 AM and 3:45 PM. There is no cost to your family.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Whether you experienced a recent loss, or one years ago, we welcome you to join us for a social gathering, simply to dine amongst friends instead of eating alone. There is NO agenda, just a time together in a relaxed atmosphere with good food and good conversation with old friends and new. Organized and hosted by Wenig Funeral Homes, one of our funeral directors will reserve tables and dine with the attendees. Wednesday, March 7, 2018 11:30am - 1pm at Falls Café 1118 Plankview Green Blvd. Please call if you are planning to attend by Tuesday, March 6, 2018. (920-467-3431) Dutch Treat (order off the menu and pay on your own). We hope to see you there!

PINE HAVEN IS HIRING

We have both full and part-time positions in dining Services and for clinical staff (CNAs, RAs, and nurses). You can apply online at www.pinehaven.org/careers/

PRAISE AND PRAYER PAGE

To add a request to the page for yourself, or for a family member or friend, simply contact the church office by phone, or by email, or by leaving a note. And, in addition to prayer requests, we'd also like to list opportunities to praise God for His goodness in our lives.

- **Kathy Felton** was hospitalized this week at Columbia St. Mary's and has returned home
- **CrossCenter** – winter retreat Feb. 23-25 at Silver Birch Ranch

- **Mission of the week – Love INC**

The Trial of the True God

2-25-18

1 Kings 18:16-39

The Climb to Calvary – Mountaintop Moments on the Way to the Cross

Feb. 4: Testing and Trust

Feb. 11: Truth

Today: Trials

Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him."

- 1 Kings 18:21

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

- James 1:2-3

1. The C_____

2. The C_____

3. The C_____

4. The C_____

MISSION STATEMENT

OUR VISION

Following Jesus together in mission as His love transforms lives for God's glory.

OUR MISSION

At First Reformed Church of Sheboygan Falls, through the leading of the Lord, we seek to:

Live with Jesus, seeking the greatness of God through worship, the Bible, and prayer, in unity with the Lord and with each other.

Live like Jesus, seeking to glorify God and fulfill His kingdom mission of transformation in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Live for Jesus, seeking to share the good news of the gospel and make disciples of all nations.

MINISTERING TODAY

NEXT SUNDAY

GREETERS	Service #1	Leon & Lin Wilterdink Dale & Beth Wingert	Jeff & Nancy Van Wyk Steve & Linda Wilterdink
	Service #2	Ning Zhang, Tong Wang Dennis & Kris Beach	Gary & Sue Bimmel Rick & Mary Blaha
NURSERY	Service #1	Julie Huibregtse	Sara Born, Stephanie Veenendaal
	Service #2	Rachel Houwers, Sophia Houwers	Gail Huibregtse, Valerie Halverson Sophia Zhang
CAMERA	Service #1	Brianna Van Wyk	Jared Veenendaal
SOUND	Service #2	Dan Otte	Corey Kappers/Jon Fritsch
	Service #1	Gary Ten Haken	Corey Kappers
GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE	Service #2	Jared Veenendaal	Brian Messner
	After 1 st Service	Greg Middlesworth	
CHILDREN'S SERMON	2 nd & 4 th Sundays of the month at 2 nd service	Wayne LeMahieu	
USHERS FOR THE MONTH	Each Sunday in March	Service #1: Phil Nelesen Dave Herwig Dale Wingert	Service #2: Dan Van Wyk

OUR STAFF

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