


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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**July 1, 2018**  
Praise in the Park Service – 9:30am

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**Welcome**

**Praise God for the Blessings of Freedom**

*"My Country 'Tis of Thee" \**

*"There is Power in the Blood" \**

**Prayer of Confession:** *Lord, your Word tells us that "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom". We ask for the presence and guidance of Your Spirit as we confess how quickly we forget the blessings of the freedoms we've been given, and the price that was paid so that we could receive them. Lord, we remember Your sacrifice on the cross for our sins, so that we can find forgiveness and freedom from sin and death through the goodness of Your grace. Set us free from the guilt and regrets of our past, from our prideful self-reliance in the present, and from our fear of the future. May the truth that makes us free, the hope that never dies, and the love that casts out fear, renew our trust in You. Amen.*

**Assurance of Forgiveness and Freedom in Christ:** John 8:31-32, 36

**Prayer**

**Declaration of Dependence Upon God**

*"Lord, I Need You" \**

**Sermon**

*"Thirsting for Freedom"*

Pastor Brad  
John 4:7-14

**Offering**

*"Grace Like Rain" \**

**Benediction**

**Closing song – "God Bless America"**

God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
Through the night, with a light from above  
From the mountains, to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home sweet home  
God bless America, my home sweet home

\*words to songs listed in bulletin

## WELCOME

The psalmist urges us to sing the Lord's praises and proclaim his deeds to all.  
Let us do so! Welcome to worship!

## 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:

9:30am Praise in the Park

### SATURDAY:

10am-noon Shepherd's Closet open

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFICE SCHEDULE UPDATE

Anna is on vacation this week and will not be in the office. Please call ahead before coming in to make sure someone is here. Since this is a holiday week the hours that someone is in the office may be different than normal.

### VBS

I am looking for a new VBS director. 2019 will be my last year. I'd love someone to come alongside me and plan next year. Please contact Jenny Kappers (920) 207-5559 if you're interested.

### FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is looking for a few men to volunteer to help carry groceries on Thursday mornings from 9-11. Talk to Jesse Frausto if you are willing to help.

### GREETERS SCHEDULE

On our current schedule for greeters we have people for 2 services. Since we are only having 1 service for July & August, I am going to list everyone on the schedule in the bulletin under our "Ministering Today and Next Week" column and you can decide who will be there to greet or you can all greet.

### NEW WORK GROUPS

New lists are in your mailboxes and extras are on the foyer table.

## ADDRESS CHANGE

Aaron & Connie Lund have moved. Their new address is W5615 Sumac Road Plymouth, WI 53073. They no longer have a landline so use their cell phone numbers that are in the directory. Also, their new email address is Aclund05@gmail.com.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### CrossCenter (high school youth):

**July 11** (Wednesday) Hang out night at the Lighthouse from 6:30 to 8:30pm

**July 18** (Wednesday) Game night at the Lighthouse from 6:30 to 8:30pm

**August 8** (Wednesday) Movie night at the Lighthouse from 6:30 to 8:30pm

**August 15** (Wednesday) Bonfire at Lake Michigan on North Point beach from 6:30 to 8:30pm

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE GATHERING PLACE

We are looking for some help on Mondays at The Gathering Place this summer socializing, doing activities and enjoying outings with our adults with memory loss. With a few more volunteers, we can serve a few more adults that are on our waiting list. Make a difference in someone else's life. Call 920-627-6847 or email carolb@stpaulfalls.com.

## **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.*

- **Betty DeRuyter** recovering from surgery
- **Mary Loewen** – chemo treatments every 3 weeks through Sept.
  
- **Mission of the week – Al & Alice Stader**

## **THANK YOU!**

- I would like to thank all of the folks who helped out with this month's Good Shepherd Meal. If you donated desserts or milk, helped prepare the meal, greeted or served our guests, washed dishes, or cleaned up and vacuumed, your help was deeply appreciated! We served 74 guests. Evie
  
- Words can't express how deeply we have been touched by our church families' kindness and support during Willis's illness and passing. Thanks to Pastor Brad and all the visitors. Also thanks to all those who had a part in the service and lunch the day of the funeral. Janet, Karen and Gertrude Rooker

### **My Country 'Tis of Thee**

My country 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died!  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!  
From every mountain side,  
Let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King!

### **There Is Power in the Blood**

Would you be free from the burden of  
sin?

There's power in the blood, power in  
the blood  
Would you o'er evil a victory win?  
There's wonderful power in the blood

There is power, power, wonder-  
working power  
In the blood of the Lamb  
There is power, power, wonder-  
working power  
In the precious blood of the Lamb

Would you be free from your passion  
and pride  
There's power in the blood, power in  
the blood  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide  
There's wonderful power in the blood

There is power, power, wonder-  
working power  
In the blood of the Lamb  
There is power, power, wonder-  
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In the precious blood of the Lamb

### **Lord, I Need You**

Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
Without You I fall apart  
You're the One that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is  
more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
Where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

## **Grace Like Rain**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
And I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see so clearly

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down  
on me  
Hallelujah, and all my stains are  
washed away  
They're washed away

'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

And hallelujah, grace like rain falls  
down on me  
And hallelujah, all my stains are  
washed away, they're washed away

When we've been there ten thousand  
years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing Your praise  
Than when we first begun

And hallelujah, grace like rain falls  
down on me  
And hallelujah, all my stains are  
washed away

And hallelujah, grace like rain falls  
down on me  
And hallelujah, all my stains are  
washed away, they're washed away  
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# Thirsting for Freedom

7-1-18

John 4:7-26

Series: *A View of the Water*

6/17: Jesus' baptism

6/24: Jesus crossing over the water and calming the water

Today: Jesus the living water

*Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

- John 4:13-14

*Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.*

- Revelation 22:17b

The cleansing grace of the living water gives freedom:

1. Freedom from the \_\_\_\_\_ of S\_\_\_\_\_

Thirst for F\_\_\_\_\_

2. Freedom from the \_\_\_\_\_ of S\_\_\_\_\_

Thirst for F\_\_\_\_\_

3. Freedom from the \_\_\_\_\_ of S\_\_\_\_\_

Thirst for F\_\_\_\_\_

## 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 9:30am	One Service only: Rick & Ronda Arthur Mark & Tiffany Bimmel	Brian & Julie Messner John & Pat Boge Vern & Karen Heidenreiter Paul & Rachel Houwers
NURSERY	Service 9:30am		Julie Huibregtse Brianna Van Wyk
CAMERA	Service 9:30am		Sophia Zhang
SOUND	Service 9:30am	Corey Kappers	Dan Otte
GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE	After Service	Jeff Van Wyk	Greg Middlesworth
CHILDREN'S SERMON	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month		Pastor Brad
USHERS FOR THE MONTH	Each Sunday in <b>July</b>	One Service only: Dick Koebel Mike Rammer Jeff Born	

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