

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 2, 2023**  
Worship Service – 9:30am

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

## July 2, 2023

### PRAISE IN THE PARK – 9:30am

#### WELCOME

#### PRAISE GOD FOR THE BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM

*"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

*"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *Lord, 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. Help us remember what we're set free from, and what we're set free for. Help us remember that "it is for freedom that Christ has set us free ... but do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love." (Gal. 5:1,13) Amen.*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND FREEDOM IN CHRIST:** John 8:31-32, 36

#### PRAYER

#### DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE UPON GOD

*"Lord I Need You"*

#### SERMON

*"God's Word to a Nation"*

DuWayne Hanke

*Jeremiah 18:1-10, Psalm 33:10-18*

#### OFFERING

*"There Is Power in the Blood"*

#### 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

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY:

9:30am      Worship Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### WET 'N' WILD

WEDNESDAY is coming  
July 19, from 6-7:30pm!

This water-themed  
summer fun event is free  
and open to ALL kids K-

5th grade. We would love to have as many kids attend as possible - so invite all your friends (they do not have to be a member) as we share a great time & the great love of Jesus with all who attend!

### SABBATICAL PREACHING

#### SCHEDULE

July 2	DuWayne Hanke
July 9	Tony Beach
July 16	Andy Hopp
July 23 & 30	Steve Klescewski

Please refer to your Elders and Deacons list if you have requests or issues that need to be addressed. They are available and willing to help in whatever manner possible.

### **2023 ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS:**

<b>A-B</b>	Mark Kappers, Kevin Lammers
<b>C-G</b>	Dale Wingert, Joel Huibregtse
<b>H-K</b>	Jeff Van Wyk, Jeff Wingert
<b>L-O</b>	Dick Huibregtse, Doug Fabian
<b>P-S</b>	Aaron Lund, Ning Zhang
<b>T-Z</b>	Ron Meinnert, Paul Houwers

## COMMUNITY

### VOLLEYBALL COACHING OPPORTUNITY

Sheboygan Christian School is seeking applicants for a JV2 Girls Volleyball Coach. The 2023 season is scheduled to run August 14-November 4. Interested candidates should complete an application. Questions may be directed to Shane Hansen, SCS Athletic Director, at [shane.hansen@sheboyganchristian.com](mailto:shane.hansen@sheboyganchristian.com) or (920) 458-9981 x325.

### The SHEBOYGAN FALLS FOOD

PANTRY will be open Saturday, July 8, from 9-11am to accommodate those who cannot attend during the week. We are open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9-11am, in addition to our normal hours every Thursday from 9-11am.

The Pantry is open to anyone living in the communities of Sheboygan Falls, Cedar Grove, Hingham, Howards Grove, Kohler, Oostburg and Waldo. There are no income requirements - all are welcome to visit once per month.

Please bring your photo ID and a recent utility bill, along with grocery bags when you visit. For more information, call 920-917-2235.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

– Assistant Childcare Teacher

St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Center in Sheboygan Falls is looking for a caring, Christian person who enjoys working with children to serve as our Assistant Child Care Teacher for 2.5 - 5-year-olds. This is a part time position, averaging 15-20 hours per week, potentially up to 30 hours. Past experience with children is preferred. For more information or to apply, call 467-6733 or visit [stpaulfalls.com](http://stpaulfalls.com).

OUR HOME CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES is preparing the meal for the next Oostburg Summer Concert series at Veteran's Park on Wednesday, July 12. We will begin selling food at 5pm; the music starts at 5:30 and lasts until 7:30. Please plan to come for supper and the concert. We appreciate your donations to Our Home Christian Ministries as we continue to provide homes and loving care for twelve local residents.

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.

~Thomas Paine



# PRAISE & PRAYER

*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. In addition to prayer requests, we would also like to list opportunities to praise God for His goodness in our lives.*

According to Psalm 33, *Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord.*

Lord, stir in our hearts this day a humble yet high sense of patriotism for this land on this Independence Day weekend.



May this time symbolize a renewal of our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and a re-doubling of our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people forever and ever. Amen.

## MISSION of the WEEK



**PIONEERS**

### **Hannah & Tyson Kehler – Pioneers**

For 40 years, Pioneers missionaries have been using innovative and creative means to bring the gospel to every corner of the globe.

Founded in 1979 by former businessman Ted Fletcher and his wife, Peggy, Pioneers partners with local churches to make disciples and initiate church-planting movements among unreached peoples. The unreached are cultural and ethnic groups without a self-sustaining witness to the gospel in their own cultures.

From business and education to healthcare, agriculture, the arts, and more, our 3,000 global members use their diverse gifts and experience to serve in needy communities. As they do, they see God transform lives across cultures and people groups everywhere.



## **“God’s Word to a Nation”**

### **Jeremiah 18:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. <sup>4</sup>But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

<sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me. <sup>6</sup>He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. <sup>7</sup>If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, <sup>8</sup>and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. <sup>9</sup>And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, <sup>10</sup>and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.”

### **Psalms 33:10-18**

<sup>10</sup>The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

<sup>11</sup>But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

<sup>13</sup>From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;

<sup>14</sup>from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—

<sup>15</sup>he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

<sup>16</sup>No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup>A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

<sup>18</sup>But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love

**“Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face.”**

*—Ronald Reagan*

## I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER

I will sing of my Redeemer  
and his wondrous love to me;  
on the cruel cross he suffered,  
from the curse to set me free.

### CHORUS:

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt, and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story,  
how my lost estate to save,  
in his boundless love and mercy,  
he the ransom freely gave.

### REPEAT CHORUS

I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
his triumphant power I'll tell:  
how the victory he gives me  
over sin and death and hell.

### REPEAT CHORUS

I will sing of my Redeemer  
And His heavenly love for me  
He from death to life hath bro-t me  
Son of God, with Him to be  
REPEAT CHORUS

## AMAZING GRACE /MY CHAINS ARE GONE

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

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

### CHORUS

My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

### REPEAT CHORUS

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine

### REPEAT CHORUS

Unending love, amazing grace

## 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

### CHORUS:

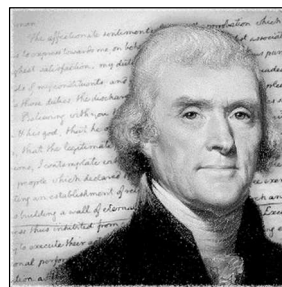
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

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

### REPEAT CHORUS

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  
REPEAT CHORUS

You're my one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You



My God! How little do  
my countrymen know  
what precious blessings  
they are in possession  
of, and which no other  
people on earth enjoy!

~Thomas Jefferson

## 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.

### CHORUS

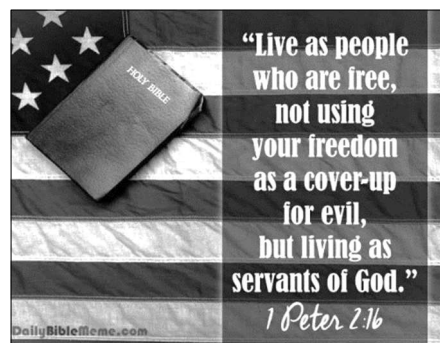
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r  
In the blood of the Lamb;  
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r  
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you be free from your passion and pride?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide—  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.  
REPEAT CHORUS

Would you do service for Jesus, your King?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Would you live daily His praises to sing?  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.  
REPEAT CHORUS

WHERE THE  
**SPiRiT**  
OF THE  
**LORD**  
IS, THERE IS  
**FREEDOM**

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



## What about the 56 men who signed the declaration of Independence?

Did they pay a price for pledging their allegiance? They sure did; their conviction resulted in untold sufferings for themselves and their families.

Of the 56 men, 5 were captured by the British and tortured before they died. 12 had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army. Another two sons were captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds of hardship of the war.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships sunk by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in poverty.

At the battle of Yorktown, the British General Cornwallis had taken over Thomas Nelson's home for his headquarters. Nelson quietly ordered George Washington to open fire on his home. The home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt.

John Hart was driven from his wife's beside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields were destroyed. For over a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home only to find his wife had died and his children vanished. A few weeks later, he died from exhaustion.

And though many signers of that Great Declaration paid a high price, others reaped a great reward. two of the signers became Presidents, 10 US Congressman, 19 Judges, 16 became Governors and dozens of others held other high political offices.





## 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 July 2 – Prayer Park	NEXT WEEK July 9
USHERS		xxxx xxxx	Jeff Van Wyk Bob Bonneau
GREETERS		xxxx xxxx	Dale & Beth Wingert Rick & Ronda Arthur
NURSERY		xxxx	Katie Fabian / Joey Fabian
CAMERA		Kylah Kappers Ethan Teunissen	Sophia Zhang
SOUND		Corey Kappers	Ken Van Wyk
COMPUTER		xxxx	Abby Kappers
GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE	After the Service	xxxx	Dennis Beach

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