

**FIRST REFORMED**  
**150**  
**SHEBOYGAN FALLS**  
 1856 - 2006

**ANNIVERSARY**  
*to God be the Glory*  
*Poised for Something Great*

**150<sup>th</sup>**  
**Anniversary Service**  
*July 23, 2006*  
*10:00 a.m.*



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**First**  
**REFORMED CHURCH**  
 with a  
**VISION** for  
**Cultural Influence**

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# 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service

## God's Work: Our Foundation From the Past

**Prelude:** *"Consecrated, Lord, to Thee"*

Nikki Mills

**Gathering Song:** *"Ancient Words"*

Praise Team

### Welcome

**Call to Worship:** (Ps. 89:1, 90:1-2)

L: We will sing of the Lord's great love forever;

**P: With our mouths we will make Your faithfulness known through all generations.**

L: Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**P: Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

**Songs of Praise:**

Praise Team

*"How Great Is Our God"*

*"Days of Elijah"*

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

*Lord, we thank you for Your faithfulness in guiding and providing for this church through the years, during times of celebration and challenge. We ask for Your forgiveness for the ways in which we have not been faithful – in the past or in the present, as individuals and as a congregation – to Your Word and Your ways. Forgive us for our sins and shortcomings. Forgive us for not loving You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and for not loving our neighbors – and each other – as we ought.*

*Forgive us for missed opportunities to follow You with a greater commitment of trust and faithfulness to the priorities and purposes that You intend for us. Give us a renewed desire for worshiping and serving You, our Great and Faithful God. Amen.*

**Words of Assurance:** Lamentations 3:21-23

**Ministry of Music:** *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Choir

**Congregational Prayer**

Pastor Brad Veenendaal

**Hymn #410** *"Standing On the Promises"*

**Offertory:** *"Come, Thou Fount"*

Barb Ongna

**Doxology** (Hymn #815)

**Recognition of Those Serving in Ministry**

Prayer of Thanks

Michael Buehler

**Recognition of Former Pastors**

Prayer of Thanks

Wayne LeMahieu

**God's Word: Our Formation In the Present**

**Ministry of Music**

*"66 Books"*

*"Jesus Loves Me"* (v. 3 with congregation)

Children's Choir

**Children's Message**

Pastor Brian Stone

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-24

Pastor Kevin Van Wyk

**Message:** *"Praising God and Preparing to Move On"*

Pastor Richard Kooistra

**God's Will: Our Focus For the Future**

**Banner Processional**

Hymn # 56 *"To God Be the Glory"*

**Rededication**

Apostles Creed

**Charge to the Congregation**

Robert Wierenga

**Prayer of Blessing**

Pastor Jeremiah Fyffe

**The Lord's Prayer**

In Dutch: Minnie Veldman

In English: Congregation

**Hymn #686** *"O God Our Help In Ages Past,"* v. 1-3, 6

**Benediction**

Pastor Brad Veenendaal

**Postlude**

Nikki Mills

## WELCOME

May God's Holy Spirit touch each of us today and inspire us to extend our hands in friendship to one another. Welcome, children of God.

## VISITORS

We especially want to welcome you to our service today. Please be sure to sign the friendship pad that is in the pew. Come to the Welcome Center in the church entryway after the service. We have something for you. A special welcome to all of you who are here today to help us celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Please turn off any pagers or cell phones

### THIS WEEK

#### TODAY:

10:00 am 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service  
Luncheon to follow the service

#### MONDAY:

12:00 pm Keenagers picnic at Otte's  
6:30 pm Prayer Group at PineHaven  
6:55 pm Softball at Vets SW against  
Word of Grace

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Our sympathy is extended to **Mike and Brenda Buehler & Family** on the loss of Brenda's mother last week. May God bring you comfort at this time.

**UPDATE ON MRS. POPPEN** - Rev. & Mrs. Poppen give greetings to the congregation for our 150th anniversary. They are very sorry they aren't able to be with us. Mrs. Poppen had a trial run to see if she could go home on Wed. She did very well on Tuesday and went home on Wed using a walker. Praise God for healing after being in the hospital for nearly 5 weeks. If you are interested in sending a card their address is: 1007 7<sup>th</sup> St. NE Apt. 204, Orange City, IA 51041.

**LAKE LUNDGREN CAMPERS** - This week's campers to Lake Lundgren are: Hannah Abel, Erika Krueger, Cassie Quirt, Lilly Rotter, and Alli Beeck. Please keep them in your prayers this week.

**Mission of the Week** - Northwestern College

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**TODAY'S OFFERING** - The offering taken today will be divided in half with 1/2 going to the General Budget and the other 1/2 going towards the Lighthouse Reroofing project.

**July's 10 Bucks for the Building** offering will be taken next Sunday, 7/30/2006. To be on pace in matching last year's three extra "principle only" payments we should have received \$4,772, putting us \$225 behind goal. Thanks to all for your continued support!

**PRAYER PARTNER** - We, as a church, are prayer partners for Rebekah Scott, a counselor at Camp Manitoqua this summer. Her information is on the foyer table along with a sign-up sheet for prayer partners. Please consider signing on for 1 week and sending her a little note of encouragement or maybe even a treat of some kind. We would like to have every week covered.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED** - We need someone willing to place and pick up the offering envelopes from the classrooms during the Sunday School year. If interested contact Dennis or Kris Beach at 467-6674.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR NEEDED** – We are looking for someone to direct the children's Christmas program. If interested contact Dick Huibregtse or Dennis & Kris Beach.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU** – A great big thank you to Jim Weygandt and the rest of his committee for all of the hard work they put into planning our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There were many people who worked long and hard to make this weekend special and we appreciate every one of you. Thank You!

**THANK YOU** – A special thank you to WSTM 91.3 FM and WPF 98.9 FM radio stations for announcing our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**KEENAGERS** – Come, enjoy a picnic at Cliff and Haleta Otte's house on July 24<sup>th</sup> at noon. Sign-up sheet is on the foyer table. No need to bring anything except maybe a folding chair.

**THE DEACON BOARD** will be meeting Tuesday, 8/1/2006 at 6:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the counting room in the bell tower. Those unable to attend need to contact either Dan Van Wyk or Corey Kappers.

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** Christmas Ornaments & Suncatchers will remain available for a couple weeks in the church office. Shatterproof ornaments are \$5 each. Suncatchers are \$25 each.

**TREASURE COVE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is only 2 weeks away!!!

You still have time to:

**\*Register children** VBS is for kids who have just completed kindergarten through fifth grade & preschool children (**ages 3, 4 & 5 who have not attended kindergarten, and who have already attended either a preschool program or Sunday School.**)

**\*Sponsor a Child** You still have time to make a \$7.50 donation to sponsor a child for VBS. Your donation ensures that a child gets to participate in Treasure Cove and take home kid-friendly, Christ-centered resources to share with his or her family, along with Bible Gems that share each days bible verse and a Treasure Cove Bucket Hat.

**\*DONATE** There are two donation sheets on the VBS table in the foyer. Please stop by and take a peek to see if there is something that you could donate to help VBS. (There is a box in the kitchen marked VBS for the food donations. Please see Tiffany Bimmel with all other donations.)

### ALSO FYI:

There **WILL NOT** be a VBS picnic this year. This year, we decided to try something different for our closing program. Instead of a picnic, we are inviting the children of VBS and their families, along with the congregation of First Reformed Church, to participate in an "Ice Cream Social." We will be holding the closing program between services on Sunday, August 6th, which will last about 10- 15 minutes and then enjoy some ice cream and fellowship after. This change comes as a trial run, and was generated with the main idea of giving the children from the community and their families, an opportunity to come and worship and fellowship with the children from our church and their families, as well as the rest of our church family.

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN THE FUN!!!

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY!** Going to the Holland Festival? Join us at the Good As New Shop on Saturday, July 29th from 9:30 till 1pm for a Christmas in July sale! Come on down, enjoy the parade and festivities and get a little Christmas shopping done while you're at it! Other clearance items will also be available. Good As New; never the same store twice! Volunteers are always needed. If you would like to help us, call 668-6722 and

leave a message. All proceeds go to Sheboygan County Christian High School.

#### **ANNIVERSARY SERVICE DVD'S -**

Today's anniversary worship service is being taped. DVD copies can be purchased upon request. If interested request forms are on the foyer table. Cost is \$1 per copy or \$2 if you want us to mail it to you.

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

#### **PINEHAVEN WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL BAZAAR -**

August 12 from 1:30-6:00p.m. at Pine Haven Christian Home. Please join us for a time of fellowship and food which will be brats, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, potato salad, ice cream, pie, cake, and drinks. The "Corner Store" will be open and there will also be produce, crafts and baked goods for sale. All proceeds are used to purchase items for Pine Haven. We would appreciate donations of produce, baked goods and crafts. Please bring them to Pine Haven on Aug. 12. Check with our church delegates, Sharon Thiessen or Susan Swart for day or time to bring donations to church.

**Oostburg Christian School** would like to invite current and new families to join us for registration on Tuesday, August 8 from 6:30 - 9pm. Oostburg Christian offers quality, Christ-centered education for students from four year old preschool through eighth grade. A new service being offered this year is afternoon care for preschool and kindergarten students. For more information, contact the school at 920-564-2664 or visit our website at [Oostburgchristian.com](http://Oostburgchristian.com).

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT -** August 12 at 8:00p.m. on the church lawn. We will be showing "The Shaggy Dog". Bring your friends and family, your own refreshments (no alcohol please) and your lawn chairs or blankets. In case of rain it will be shown in the Family Life Center.

#### **ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS**

**A-B** Dennis Meerdink, Dave Stoffregen  
**C-G** Dick Huibregtse, Corey Kappers  
**H-I** Wayne LeMahieu, Lee Lohuis  
**J-L** Gary Ten Haken, Dan Van Wyk  
**M-On** Art Dulmes, Paul Graumann  
**Ot-R** Jim Kerwin, Keith Mlejnek  
**S-Ten** Tom Van Haveren, Jason Mills  
**Th-Vee** Mike Buehler, Lucas Hartlep  
**Vel-Z** Peter Van Wyk, Mark Bimmel



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are people of God affiliated with the Reformed Church in America. We believe the Holy Bible to be the infallible Word of God. We are called to reach out, witness and win people to Christ. First Reformed Church exists to love the Lord and the people He has created. Each program undertaken, each decision evaluated, each personal contribution made must be understood in the light of how it expresses our love for God and others. We welcome all visitors and cordially invite them to become a part of Sheboygan Falls First Reformed Church.

**Our goal** is to bring the uncommitted to Jesus Christ, and to see our congregation grow spiritually and in numbers.

**Our prayer** is that the entire congregation will become involved with some part of the mission of this church.

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

The church will become a shaping force of the *culture* through the family in Sheboygan County and specifically in Sheboygan Falls.

### MINISTERING TODAY

GREETERS	Service #1	Dave & Bev Navis Don & Irene Schmitt
	Service #2	Dale & Joan Hoffmann Rick & Lisa Dulmes
NURSERY	Service #1	Tracy Tenpas, Julie Meinnert, (one service only @ 10:00)
	Service #2	Rachel Mlejnek, Becca Aschenbach (One Service only @ 10:00) Phyllis LeMahieu
LIBRARY	Service #1	Dave Wingert (one service @10)
CAMERA	Service #2	
SOUND	Service #1	Corey Kappers (one service@10)
	Service #2	
WELCOME CENTER	Service #1	Wayne & Phyllis LeMahieu
	Service #2	Jim & Pat Kerwin

### NEXT SUNDAY

Marion Herman, Gert Rooker  
Gary & Janice Ten Haken  
Jeff & Karla Born  
Howard & Bernice Buehler  
Sara Born, Nathan Born  
Dawn Otte, Catrina Tarr,  
Brooke Buehler  
Tiffany Otte  
Don Van De Kreeke  
Megan Lohuis  
Nic Dulmes  
Ken Van Wyk  
Brian Messner  
Dave & Laura Drescher