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**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
527 Giddings Ave  
Sheboygan Falls, WI  
December 24, 2017  
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**A Joyous Light Shining Bright  
A Musical Celebration of Our Savior's Birth**

**PRELUDE** - *"Mary, Did You Know"*

Brianna Van Wyk

**WELCOME**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**HYMN #269** - *"How Great Our Joy!"*

**ADVENT CANDLES** - Children's Sermon

Pastor Brad

**READING:** Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

**SONG:** *"Anthem for Christmas"*

Choir

**READING:** Luke 2:8-14

**SONG:** *"Angel's Carol"*

Choir

**PRAYER**

**HYMN #270** - *"Joy to the World!"*

**READING:** Psalm 98:1-6

**SONG:** *"Hallelujah"*

Praise Team

**READING:** Isaiah 12:2-6

**SONG:** *"Make Room"*

Praise Team

**READING:** Isaiah 60:1-5a, 19-20

**OFFERTORY**

Mary Van Wyk

**READING:** Psalm 97:1, 8-12

**SONG:** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG #196 vs. 1** - "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

**WELCOME**

Welcome to this holy celebration of God's coming among us as a human being.  
Merry Christmas!

**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:**

8:30am Breakfast  
9:30am Combined Musical Service -  
A Joyous Light Shining  
Bright

**MONDAY:**

9:30am Christmas Day Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW MEMBERS

Today we receive Doug & Roxann Church into our membership. Be sure to welcome them to our church family.

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE UPDATE:** Pastor Brad will be on vacation Dec. 26-31. With it being a holiday week we will not have regular office hours so please call ahead before coming into the office to make sure someone is here.

### POINSETTIA LIST

The poinsettia donation list is inserted in the bulletin today instead of tomorrow. Extra copies will be on the foyer table.

There is a correction for the list:

Betty Grothe, Leslie Sanzo and Shawn Grothe in memory of Husband, Father and Grandfather, John Grothe, Parents, Grandparents, & Great Grandparents Gib & Virginia Mertes and Brother & Uncle, Bob Mertes

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & AMBASSADORS

**SCHEDULE:** No Sunday school Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday School will resume on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**No Ambassadors** today. We WILL have class on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is invited to attend on the 31<sup>st</sup> as missionaries Brian & Dana Phipps will be sharing with us.

### TELL SOMEONE

Coming back in January by popular demand. "Tell Someone" by Greg Laurie. We will be meeting, in the family life center, on Thursday evenings for 6 weeks, beginning January 11, 2018. Our meetings will begin at 7pm. and be about 75 minutes long. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer table if you are interested in attending.

### CONSISTORY OFFICERS FOR 2018:

VP of Consistory: Dick Huibregtse

Asst. VP: Jim Kuplic

Clerk: Dennis Meerdink

Asst. Clerk: Mark Kappers

Deacon Chair: Henry Fritsch

Asst. Deacon Chair: Doug Fabian

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION** of elders and deacons will be on Sunday, January 7. Our new elders are Steve Stoffregen, Gary Ten Haken, and Dan Van Wyk. Our new deacons are Mark Bimmel, Dave Herwig, and Dave Stoffregen.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Promiseland (1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades):

**Dec. 27** – No meeting

**Jan. 3** – No meeting

### Believe (Middle School):

**Dec. 27** – No meeting

**Jan. 3** – No meeting

### CrossCenter (High School):

**Dec. 27** – No meeting

**Jan. 3** – No meeting

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

(Approximate dates: Mid-March - Mid-May)

Approximate Begin date: March 12, 2018  
Experience working with Middle School students and English/Language Arts in an educational environment preferred. Ideal candidate will have a Christian worldview and warm interactions with others. Ideal candidate will be flexible, a self-starter, an excellent communicator, and have a passion for teaching children.

Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction certification/licensure

Please send cover letter, resume, completed application, and letters of reference to Justin Zylstra at 929 Greenfield Ave, Sheboygan, WI 53081.

Deadlines for applications: February 15, 2018

### **FULL TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY**

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 afternoon Child Care Teacher. This position offers full-time benefits. Applications and a ministry description are available on our website [www.stpaulfalls.com](http://www.stpaulfalls.com) and in the Church and Early Childhood Center offices and will be accepted until January 15. For more information, call 920-467-6733.

## **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.*

- **Mary Veenendaal** - recovering from surgery at Pine Haven-Haven Dr. R108
- **Marlene Hoftiezer** - cancer treatments
  
- **Mission of the week – Carolee Graf**

## **THANK YOU!**

- Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way with our Good Shepherd Meal on December 19. Our church will be hosting the meal again on February 27.



## 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	One Service: Dave & Sandy Herwig Dean & Brenda Hanke	Julie Huibregtse, Chris Tempas Marion Herman, Sharon Noel
	Service #2		Corey & Jenny Kappers Clint & Gina Koene Katie Fabian
NURSERY	Service #1	Tonja Veenendaal, Brianna Van Wyk	
	Service #2	Jean Kappers, Olivia Blaha	Mary Loewen, Valerie Halverson
CAMERA	Service #1	Sophia Zhang	Brianna Van Wyk
	Service #2	Evening program: Jon Fritsch	Charlotte Harlin
	Christmas Day	Chris Zhang	
SOUND	Service #1	Jared Veenendaal/Corey Kappers	Gary Ten Haken
	Service #2	Evening program: Mark Bimmel	Dan Otte
	Christmas Day	Ken Van Wyk	
GREET/ASSIST	After 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ning Zhang	Dennis Beach
PEOPLE	Service		
CHILDREN'S	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	Pastor Brad	
SERMON	of the month at 2 <sup>nd</sup> service		
USHERS FOR	Each Sunday in	Service #1:	Service #2:
THE MONTH	<b>DECEMBER</b>	Rick Arthur	Jeff Born
	<b>Including</b>	Dennis Meerdink	
	<b>Christmas Day</b>	Dale Hoffmann	

### OUR STAFF

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