

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

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**REFORMED** **CHURCH**  
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**December 31, 2017**  
Traditional Service – 8:15am  
Contemporary Service – 10:30am

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**PRELUDE**

Julie Sonnentag

**WELCOME**

**HYMN #292** – *"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *Lord Jesus, like so many on the first Christmas, I've ignored the difference that Your coming has made. The "inn" of my heart has been filled up with other things, and I've given You only a small space at the edge of my life. I've allowed the busyness of life to crowd out the true meaning of celebrating Your birth. Help me to be like the shepherds, longing to draw close to where You are, and then sharing the gift of the good news of Your birth with others. Amen.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** Matthew 1:21-23

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Mary Van Wyk

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**HYMN #277** – *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

**SERMON**

Brian Phipps

*"Where is the Meeting Place of God With Man?"* Matthew 12:6, pg. 966

**OFFERTORY**

**HYMN #258** – *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

**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.*

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE – 10:30am**

**PRELUDE**

*"Lift Your Head Weary Sinner"*

**WELCOME**

*"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

*"Old Church Choir"*

**PRAYER**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Mary Van Wyk

**SERMON**

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**WELCOME**

As Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as the Messiah and rejoiced over him, we also receive him with joy. A warm, joyful welcome to you all!

**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. A special welcome to Brian and Dana Phipps as Brian brings us a message from God's Word and they share about their mission work during the Sunday School time.

Please turn off any pagers or cell phones.

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY:

- 8:15am Traditional Service  
9:30am Ambassadors Class (Brian and Dana Phipps) Everyone welcome!  
No regular Sunday School  
10:30am Contemporary Service

### TUESDAY:

- 1:00pm Dorcas Sewing Society  
6:30pm Choir  
7:00pm Elders

### SATURDAY:

- 10am-noon Shepherd's Closet open

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE UPDATE:** Pastor Brad is on vacation through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & AMBASSADORS

There is no regular Sunday School today but Brian and Dana Phipps will be speaking during the Sunday School time. Everyone is invited to come join them.

### 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.

### POINSETTIA LIST ADDITIONS

Jeannette Meinnert in memory of husband, Norbert Meinnert and granddaughter-in-law, Samantha Meinnert.

Betty DeRuyter in memory of husband, Jerry De Ruyter, son, Jerry Wisse, grandson, Jason Mentink and stepson, Glenn De Ruyter.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

- Jan. 3 - No meeting  
Jan. 10 - 6:30pm  
Jan. 17 - 6:30pm  
Jan. 24 - 6:30pm  
Jan. 31 - No meeting

### Believe (Middle School):

- Jan. 3 - No meeting  
Jan. 10 - 6:30pm  
Jan. 17 - 6:30pm  
Jan. 24 - 6:30pm  
Jan. 31 - No meeting

### CrossCenter (High School):

- Jan. 3 - No meeting  
Jan. 10 - 6:30pm  
Jan. 17 - 6:30pm  
Jan. 24 - 6:30pm  
Jan. 31 - 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.

### 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

## **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 – Brian & Dana Phipps**

## 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	Julie Huibregtse, Chris Tempas Marion Herman, Sharon Noel	Lyle & Luella Justinger Karen Rooker
	Service #2	Corey & Jenny Kappers Clint & Gina Koene	Jim & Joyce Lemkuil Lee & Karen Lohuis
NURSERY	Service #1	Katie Fabian	Katie Fabian, Brianna Van Wyk
	Service #2	Mary Loewen, Valerie Halverson	Mary Loewen, Olivia Blaha
CAMERA	Service #1	Brianna Van Wyk	Sophia Zhang
	Service #2	Charlotte Harlin	Steve Beeck
SOUND	Service #1	Gary Ten Haken	Gary Ten Haken
	Service #2	Dan Otte	Ken Van Wyk
GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE	After 1 <sup>st</sup> Service	Dennis Beach	Jeff Van Wyk
CHILDREN'S SERMON	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 2 <sup>nd</sup> service		Dennis Beach
USHERS FOR THE MONTH	Each Sunday in <b>JANUARY</b>	Service #1: Larry Meyer Ron Mueller	Service #2: Dave Stoffregen

### OUR STAFF

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