

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

**REFORMED** *First* **CHURCH**  
*with a*  
**VISION** *for* *Cultural Influence*  
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**Worship Service**  
**9:30am**

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

## May 31, 2026

Worship Service – 9:30am

### PRELUDE

*"Everlasting God"*

### WELCOME

### RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

*"God So Loved"*

*"Our God Reigns" (Hymn #372)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *Lord, we confess how quickly we forget Your Word and Your ways, and how often we turn away from You despite Your willingness to come and be with us. Forgive us for going back to old patterns of living when You offer us a new promise of abundant life if we will trust in You and follow You. Help us to leave the guilt of our past behind, that we might live in Your grace in the present, and gratefully look forward to a future filled with peace in Your presence. Amen.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** Jeremiah 29:11

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*"Holy, Holy, Holy (God With Us)"*

### SERMON

*"Because You Say So"*

Pastor Brad  
Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 4:18-20

### OFFERING

*"Way Maker"*

### BENEDICTION



*After a vision, Jacob declared, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God" (Genesis 28:17). This worship space, too, is the house of God, and so is your heart! Welcome!*

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30am Graduation Sunday Worship

### TUESDAY

7pm Elders



It is hard to imagine anyone suiting up for the (football) game without an awareness of the sometimes bloody struggle that is about to ensue. But I have yet to see a player remove his helmet and head for the stadium exit because he finds it all just too rough. Yet when it comes to Christian living, the field is evacuating quickly because the players have never read the rules nor understood the game plan.

Alistair Begg

### Breath of the Spirit



The breathing you did yesterday will not keep you alive today. You must continue to breathe afresh every moment, or your life will cease.

In like manner, yesterday's grace and spiritual strength must be renewed, and the Holy Spirit must continue to breathe on your soul from moment to moment in order that you may continue to enjoy him and to work the works he has assigned you.

*Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.*



Commencement speeches and greeting cards are full of advice for graduates, yet good intentions and careful plans can't guarantee a perfect life —

whatever that might mean.

"You can't connect the dots looking forward," said Steve Jobs. "You can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something — your gut, destiny, life ..."

As Christians, we can do more than that: We can trust in God. Yes, he may speak to us through a "gut" feeling, and our eternal "destiny" is assured. And we know that life, not death, will win out. But recent grads — and all of us — need not just sit and wait to see how the dots of our lives will someday connect. God has shown us through Scripture, the church and, above all, Jesus that the dots connect this way: from God's heart, to Jesus' sacrifice for us, to our entry into relationship with God, to our heart and finally to our own loving outreach to others.

Whatever shape your education, work and family take through the years, "commence" with this: God has drawn your life to connect with him and your neighbors. If you follow those Spirit-etched lines, you'll be fine.



### Bible Quiz



The New Testament uses several Greek words to describe love. Which of the following best represents the **selfless, sacrificial love** that God shows to humanity?



- A) Eros
- B) Phileo
- C) Agape
- D) Storge

Answer: C (See John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 13)

# 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.*

- Our sympathy to Marilyn, Julie, and Justin Sonnentag on the passing of Don Sonnentag.
  - We pray for wisdom for all graduates; for direction in making decisions in each new situation and the new journey that the Lord has for them. May they listen closely to His voice, that they would have a heart to obey His word and have a desire to stay close to Him.
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MISSION  
of the  
WEEK

**LOVE INC**  
[loveincsheboygancounty.org](http://loveincsheboygancounty.org)



**Love INC**  
Love In the Name of Christ  
*of Sheboygan County*

Love In the Name of Christ is a church-based ministry that began in 1977 in Holland, Michigan.

Its founding vision was to become a tool to help Christian churches become more engaged with their neighbors who had needs. Love INC was designed to inspire a more Christians to put their faith into action.

Love INC helps churches help people. It teaches churches how to assess their capabilities, connect with their neighbors, build new ministries and find fulfilled volunteers, and serve their community. It also unites a variety of congregations in a single purpose of serving so that, working together, all churches can more effectively offer real help to their neighbors.

Currently 135 Love INC affiliates in 30 states represent a network of more than 8,600 churches, 9,200 community-based organizations and 100,000 Christian church volunteers.

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## **Butterfly**

The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' dead body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection — and ours.

# Because You Say So

5-31-26

Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 4:18-20

Series: *Made to Make*

Part 1 Delight in God

Part 2 Declare the Gospel

Part 3 Disciple Others

*Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."*

- Luke 5:5

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations ... and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

- Matthew 28:18-20

The most important lessons to learn:

1. When You tell me to \_\_\_\_\_, I will let \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When You tell me to tell \_\_\_\_\_, I will let \_\_\_\_\_ down the net.
3. When You invite me to tell \_\_\_\_\_, I will let \_\_\_\_\_ the rest behind.
4. When You call me to tell \_\_\_\_\_, I will let \_\_\_\_\_ as Your follower.

**"We can never learn too much of His will towards us, too much of His messages and His advice. The Bible is His word and its study gives at once the foundation for our faith and an inspiration to battle onward in the fight against the tempter."**

*~ John D. Rockefeller*



**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.*

		<b>MINISTERING TODAY May 31</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK June 7</b>
<b>USHERS</b>		Marty Halverson Vern Heidenreiter	Paul Houwers Karen Rooker
<b>GREETERS</b>		Mark & Jean Kappers	Lule & Luella Justinger
<b>CAMERA</b>		Kylah Kappers	Joe Fabian
<b>SOUND</b>		Corey Kappers	Doug Fabian
<b>COMPUTER</b>		Abby Kappers	Jared Veenendaal
<b>GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE</b>	<i>After Service</i>	Dick Huibregtse	Ning Zhang
<b>SECURITY</b>		Steve Wilterdink	Dave Stoffregen

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