


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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Worship Service
9:30am

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

May 17, 2026

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PRELUDE

"How Good It Is"

WELCOME

"The Solid Rock" (Hymn #526)

"Living Hope"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Lord, we confess that we have a hard time letting go of the things that worry us. We doubt Your ability to handle things in our lives, and we desire to control what only You can control. We so quickly get stressed out by fear, instead of finding strength through faith. Forgive us, Lord, and help us hold on to hope in You as the anchor for our souls. Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Romans 15:13

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Lund

SERMON

"Ready Response Team"

Pastor Brad
1 Peter 3:14-15

OFFERING

"Song in My Soul"

BENEDICTION

welcome

We warmly greet all who have come to

worship God! Your presence will

enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service and fellowship afterwards!

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30am Worship
10:45am POW 45 / Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE GRADUATES



If you or anyone you know is graduating from college this Spring, please let the office know. Graduation Sunday is May 31, and we want to recognize not only high school graduates but college grads as well.

COMMUNITY

ANCHOR OF HOPE COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER – May 2-31

We are halfway through the collection – please donate! This community-wide effort helps provide essential items to families of infants and toddlers in need in Sheboygan County. The church's participation will support local parents and infants, ensuring that gifts collected will be distributed locally and serve those who need them most. As a community partner, Anchor of Hope will receive donations along with BabyCare, Kindred Hearts, Mary's Room, and WIC. Please place donated items in the designated box at the back of church.

▪ Items needed: formula; diapers (all sizes); board books; clothing (newborn-4T); baby essentials.

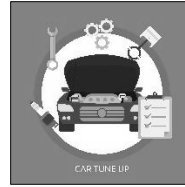
CURRENT NEEDS FOR THE SHEPHERD'S CLOSET:

Little Girl's summer clothes sizes 5-10 and new underwear in all sizes (girls through ladies).

In the Boy's room: Men's jeans and athletic pants with waist size 28, 30, 32, and 34; Men's summer type shirts in sizes small, medium, large and extra-large.

Summer clothes in Boys sizes 5T through 18. New Underwear for all sizes needed as well.

Other items the clothing ministry could use would be a broom and dustpan, small step stools, and a cordless battery powered stick vacuum.



Do you need a Christian tune-up?

If so, here are five tune-up specials for you:

1. Adjust your lights so others may see your good works.
2. Set your timing so as to be at the meeting on time.
3. Adjust the brakes on your tongue.
4. Align your direction so that you may stay on the straight and narrow.
5. Anti-freeze your heart and be fervent in spirit. Above all things, love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind.

A Dollar Bill's Message

Look at the back of a dollar bill. On the left circle, which is one side of the Great Seal, are the Latin words *Annuit Coeptis*, which mean "He [God] favors our undertakings."



The pyramid in the left circle represents material strength and endurance. Yet the open spot near the top of the pyramid means there's more good work to be done in our country. The "eye" atop the pyramid represents the "eye of God," watching and reminding us that spiritual matters are more important than material concerns. Under the pyramid, *Novus Ordo Seclorum* refers to a "new order of the ages."

On the right circle is an eagle, our country's national emblem, symbolizing strength and victory. The shield on the eagle's breast signifies self-reliance. One of the eagle's claws holds an olive branch, representing peace. The other talon holds arrows, referring to power and protection.

The center of the bill says "In God We Trust."

Through Jesus, your past is explained, your present has a purpose, and your future is secure. What more could you really want in life?

~Jase Robertson

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.

- Rachel Halverson will be traveling to Ecuador later this month for a month-long research project. Pray for her health and safety.
 - The family of Jean Sebald would like to thank you for the loving support given to our mother throughout her lifetime membership of First Reformed Church. Thank you to Pastor Brad for his many visits and to the kitchen volunteers who lovingly served the lunch.
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MISSION
of the
WEEK



GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY

Founded in 1961, Good News Jail & Prison Ministry is a Christian outreach that provides chaplains, volunteers, counseling, and educational programs to jails and prisons in 21 US states and 21 countries or territories worldwide. Good News believes that each one of the 9.6 million (2.3 million US) people incarcerated in the world today represents a broken life and a family in pain. Yet they also embody amazing opportunities for hope, healing, hearts to be made whole, and lives to be given to Christ. When this happens, the transformational changes that result are carried forward exponentially and experienced eternally.

This is a ministry that reaches the forgotten people of the world. While inmates may be forgotten by people, they are never far from the heart of God. James Hildebrandt is the local chaplain.

Hey, Death! You lose!

The Master said it affirmatively: "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19, NRSV). William Sloane Coffin said, "We are on the road to heaven now if we walk with the Lord."

Do you believe it? If you fully accept Christ's resurrection, you can be assured that you, as a child of God and a follower of Christ, will live eternally.

If you were a gifted sculptor, would you, after working a number of years, grab a hammer and smash your masterpiece to pieces? Of course not! Just so, God wouldn't allow death to triumph over us ... unless we arrogantly chose otherwise.

St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "[I]f Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14, NRSV). But then he affirmed: "In fact Christ has been raised from the dead" (verse 20). That will be true for all who call Christ Savior.

Ready Response Team

5-17-26

1 Peter 3:14-15

Series: *Made to Make*

Part 1 Delight in God

Part 2 Declare the Gospel

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

- 1 Peter 3:15

But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

- Hebrews 3:6

1. Be R_____ Help with F_____

2. To R_____ Heart of F_____

3. With the R_____ Hope of our F_____

**"You were made by God and for God,
and until you understand that, life will never make sense."**

~ Rick Warren



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 May 17	NEXT WEEK May 24
USHERS		Marty Halverson Vern Heidenreiter	Marty Halverson Vern Heidenreiter
GREETERS		Marlys Van Wyk Karen Rooker	Paul & Ann Graumann
CAMERA		Abby Kappers	Ethan Teunissen
SOUND		Jared Veenendaal	Sheila Teunissen
COMPUTER		Stephanie Veenendaal	Ben Cleveland
CHILDREN'S SERMON		Aaron Lund	xxxx
GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE	<i>After Service</i>	Jim Kuplic	Dennis Beach
SECURITY		Kevin Lammers	Ben Cleveland

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