

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

## Sept. 13, 2026

### Worship Service – 9:30am

#### PRELUDE

*"Mighty to Save"*

#### WELCOME

*"God So Loved"*

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *Lord, forgive us for forgetting why we're here. We are created for Your glory. We are called to seek first Your kingdom. We belong to You, to declare Your praises, because You brought us out of darkness into Your wonderful light. Forgive us for pulling back in fear, instead of stepping out in faith. Help us to let our light shine in the darkness, and to share Your grace and truth with a world so loved by You. Amen.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** Isaiah 26:3

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*"God of This City"*

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Lund

#### SERMON

*"The Best Defense Is a Good Offense"*

Pastor Brad  
Ephesians 6:15

#### OFFERING

*"Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)"*

#### BENEDICTION



*It is a genuine joy to welcome all who have come to praise our Lord. Let us begin this service as we should begin every day: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

9:30am Sunday Worship  
10:45am POW 45 / SS / Bible Studies

### WEDNESDAY

6:30pm Youth Group Kickoff

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

"Your Story Has a Villain"

*Today, 10:45 am*

Through video segments and groups discussion, this five-session study will help you understand the nature of your enemy and how he plots against you. You will discover how to put on the full armor of God, which will enable you to not only take a stand against Satan, the villain in your story, but also to gain the victory over him.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY has moved from Monday night to the 2nd & 4th Thursday afternoons. We will start meeting on Sept. 24, at 2:30pm in the church library or fellowship room, instead of the Lighthouse, depending on the number attending. All women of the church are invited to join us. Please contact Karen Heidenreiter at 920-918-1470 if you wish to join us, so a book can be ordered for you.

### HELPING KIDS UPDATE

Our hearts are absolutely overflowing with gratitude! We asked for your help and you answered. Because of your incredible generosity during our recent Helping Kids School Supply Drive, students are headed into their classrooms this school year fully equipped with what they need to have a successful year. We are so blessed to belong to a community that gives so selflessly. Thank you for your continued support. Sherri and Maria - Helping Kids

### RIDES FOR CHURCH

Do you need a ride to church for Sunday morning services? Would you be willing to give someone a ride? If so, please contact Sue in the church office. We are in the process of putting together a list for matching those who need a ride with those who can give a ride.

## YOUTH

### ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS!

It's hard to believe we are just a couple weeks away from the start of the upcoming Wednesday night youth season, and I'm not sure anyone is truly ready for summer to be over or school to start... well maybe parents are ready!

Wednesday, Sept. 16 we will kick off our year with a night of food, fellowship, and a meeting with parents. All students and parents grades 1-12 are invited to enjoy some fellowship over dinner along with a meeting with parents. We will discuss the upcoming year, communicate important info to students and parents, and fill out necessary forms for the season - so it is important for parents to attend if possible. We will meet in the Family Life Center at 6:30pm.

### FALL FEST

*Oct. 2-4 at Lake Lundgren*

Fall retreat weekend for middle school and high school students. Information will soon be available on the foyer table and on the church website under the Youth Tab. Deadline for registration is Wed., Sept. 23. Invite your friends to join us for an awesome weekend!

## COMMUNITY

The FOOD PANTRY really needs you, First Reformed members! We're running low on helpers – could you be one of them? Do you have some spare time to give? Volunteers work on a rotation basis; a Thursday morning from 8:30-11am, once every three months. Not a lot of commitment – for a very needed cause. For more information, contact Jesse at 920-917-2235.

You are invited to a HYMN SING today at First Presbyterian Church 118 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Oostburg. Please arrive by 5:45pm to get a seat and to enjoy the prelude by pianist and evening accompanist, Jana Middlesworth. We will sing beloved and beautiful hymns. The one-hour program is organized by Laura and Mary Rammer. We look forward to an evening of song



The Sheboygan County **WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS** is taking place on Saturday, Sept. 19 at Evergreen Park. Please consider supporting me by making a donation in the box on the table in the foyer or walking with my team. There are informational flyers on the table (scan the QR code, search for Julie Messner to join her team or make an online donation) as well or see me with questions. I walk in Brian's memory and with the goal of finding the first survivor. Thank you.

~Julie

It is our pleasure to invite you to the **PINE HAVEN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION** on Monday, Sept. 21 at 6pm. Our meeting will be held in the Community Center at Pine Haven Christian Home, 220 Haven Drive, Sheboygan Falls. We look forward to seeing you on Sep. 21.

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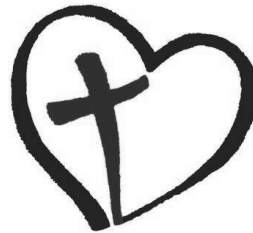
## PRAISE & PRAYER

*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.*

*"Bravo, God, bravo! Gods and all angels shout, "Encore!"  
In awe before the glory, in awe before God's visible power  
Stand at attention! Dress your best to honor him!"*

*Psalm 29:2 (The Message)*

MISSION  
of the  
WEEK



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ  
of Sheboygan County

### LOVE INC

[loveincsheboygancounty.org](http://loveincsheboygancounty.org)

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.

# The Best Defense Is a Good Offense

9-13-26

Ephesians 6:15

Series: *The Armor of God*

8/30 Belt of Truth

9/6 Breastplate of Righteousness

Today Footwear of the Gospel of Peace

*Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.*

- Ephesians 6:14-15

*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"*

- Isaiah 52:7

1. A Good F\_\_\_\_\_

*With your feet fitted...*

2. A Going F\_\_\_\_\_

*With the readiness...*

3. A Gospel F\_\_\_\_\_

*That comes from the gospel of peace.*

**"If you want the peace that passes understanding,  
you're going to have to give up your right to understanding. It's called trust."**

**— Bill Johnson**



### 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<br/>Sept. 13</b> | <b>NEXT WEEK<br/>Sept. 20</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>USHERS</b>              |                      | Mark Kappers<br>Mike Rammer           | Mark Kappers<br>Mike Rammer   |
| <b>GREETERS</b>            |                      | Steve & Stacy Wagner                  | Travis & Morgan Steffen       |
| <b>CAMERA</b>              |                      | Jordan Wagner                         | Abby Kappers                  |
| <b>SOUND</b>               |                      | Dan Otte                              | Ken Van Wyk                   |
| <b>COMPUTER</b>            |                      | Ning Zhang                            | Jon Fritsch                   |
| <b>GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE</b> | <i>After Service</i> | Jim Kuplic                            | Dick Huibregtse               |
| <b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b>   |                      | Aaron Lund                            | xxxx                          |

### OUR STAFF

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