


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

Aug. 17, 2025

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PRELUDE

"In Christ Alone"

WELCOME

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (Hymn #45 v. 1,2,3)

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Hymn #11)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Holy and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, quick to do wrong and slow to do right. You alone know how often we have sinned, in our thoughts, in our words, or in our actions, in wandering from Your ways and wasting Your gifts. Lord, have mercy on us, for we are ashamed and sorry for all of the ways that we have disobeyed You and displeased You. Help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways. Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: 1 John 1:9

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

"The Solid Rock" (Hymn #526)

SERMON:

"Jesus' Empowering Presence"

Pastor Andrew Fortuine

Matt. 14: 22-33

OFFERING

"To God Be the Glory" (Hymn #56)

BENEDICTION

Welcome

*Welcome! We worship in the name of God, creator and protector of all;
and of Jesus, our Savior and friend; and of the Holy Spirit, our comforter
and guide!*

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30am Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE UPDATE

Pastor Brad is on vacation through Aug.17.

Today Pastor Andrew Fortuine, Pine Haven chaplain, will be sharing God's Word with us.



FAMILY – FOOD - FUN - BINGO

The Church Picnic is on September 7, at 11:30 after Sunday School, on the front lawn. Please plan to attend an afternoon of fellowship and fun! Our hope is that the whole congregation will participate and help at our annual event. Pork sandwiches and beverages will be provided under the tent. We are asking for donations of plates and silverware, salads, desserts, olives/pickles, chips, veggies/fruit, cheese/sausage, and ice. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for these items and also for attendance so we can plan accordingly. Help is needed for setting up and taking down tables and chairs. Contact Connie Lund if you have any questions.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:



Please be in prayer about serving our youth. It takes a team to support our youth's faith. Please consider these opportunities.

JOIN OUR TEAM: POW45 is looking for another **team member!** Use the fun and engaging material provided to teach our elementary students on Sundays Commitment: About 1 time per month from 10:45-11:30. If you are a teen or adult interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Gina Koene (call or text 920/838-1383; gmkoene@gmail.com) or Aaron Lund.

POW45 is looking for a **co-coordinator.** Partner with Gina Koene this year to share the responsibility for planning the schedule

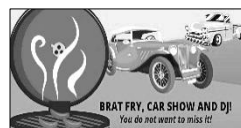
and communicating with the team. (Sue supports our team through ordering and copying lessons.) Reach out to Gina to learn more: call or text 920/838-1383; gmkoene@gmail.com

COMMUNITY

PINE HAVEN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES IS CELEBRATING



75 years of Christ-centered care! Join us on Thursday, September 4th from 4-7pm at our Haven Drive Campus for an evening of free food, fun, and fellowship. We invite you to bring photos or memories of loved ones to share in our community display.



BRAT FRY & CAR SHOW

Monday, Aug. 25
5-7pm

St. Paul Lutheran Church
All proceeds for this event will benefit The Gathering Place and Memory Matters programming.

GOD HAS A TENDENCY OF
PICKING UP A NOBODY, TO
BECOME A SOMEBODY, IN
FRONT OF EVERYBODY,
WITHOUT ASKING ANYBODY

**We often hear, "Life is
short, better enjoy it!"
How about, "Eternity
is long, better
prepare for it!"**

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.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation!

Isaiah 12:2

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.



SINK OR SWIM?

People's stories about learning to swim often sound like this: "My dad tossed me into the water. I didn't have a choice — I flailed around until I found myself swimming!"

But an elderly Christian tells a variation of this story: "Wanting to teach me to swim, my father threw me off the dock into the lake. I sank." But then he goes on: "So my father jumped in with me."

The storyteller's wisdom shines in his application: "God doesn't toss us into life and leave us alone to sink or swim. By sending Jesus, God jumped right in with us to save us from death, hold us protectively and help us navigate life."

Sermon Notes



A series of horizontal lines for writing, consisting of 20 lines in total, arranged in a single column.

“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”

~ Saint Augustine



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 Aug. 17	NEXT WEEK Aug. 24
USHERS		Mike Rammer Doug Fabian	Mike Rammer Doug Fabian
GREETERS		Lyle & Luella Justinger	Mike & Mary Rammer
NURSERY		Jean Kappers Jackie Stoffregen	Tonja Veenendaal Kylah Kappers
CAMERA		Kylah Kappers	Dan Otte
SOUND		Corey Kappers	Jared Veenendaal
COMPUTER		Abby Kappers	Stephanie Veenendaal
GREET/ASSIST PEOPLE	<i>After the Service</i>	Ning Zhang	Mark Kappers

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