

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2018



Welcome...

For freedom Christ has set us free, my friends. Free to live for Him in gratitude. Free to walk out of here with your head held high knowing you are a forgiven people. Free to tell others this amazing good news about a carpenter turned Savior of the world named Jesus. For freedom Christ has set us free. Brothers and sisters in Jesus, we are a free people. Leading up to Pentecost, we're going to be carefully reading together a circular letter written to a cluster of churches in Galatia. We know it as the book of Galatians. The author is the Apostle Paul. Yes, the same Paul who in a former life was a militant persecutor of Christians. Yes, the same Paul who stood by as St. Stephan was stoned. Yes, the same Paul who had a wild conversion story on the road to Damascus, was blind for three days and with the help of a fellow named Ananias regained his sight and was set free to live for Christ. There is no question as to the purpose of Paul's letter. Paul wanted to make it crystal clear that our salvation was a free-gift of God's amazing grace.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Communion Sunday, May 6, 9:30AM

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
Opening Song of Worship	<i>"The Fruit of the Spirit"</i> – Children's Choir
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Time of Worship	#347 "Tell His Praise in Song and Story" (vs. 1-3) <i>"Christ Is Risen"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	<i>"Speak, O Lord"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Galatians 5:1-18
Sermon	"Living Free: Hunting Season"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Matt Waterstone
Offering	<i>"Lead Me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Matt Waterstone
*Sending in Grace	#97 "He Is Lord" (vs. 1)
*Postlude	<i>Lead Me, Guide Me</i>

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship
for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

LEARNING...

BOOK CLUB: Book club meets this **Tuesday, May 8** at 9:30am. We are reading “Dear Leader: My Escape from North Korea” by Jang Jin-Sung. We will be meeting at Beecher Manor (1201 Dixie Highway, Beecher) with Nora Anker. Questions and directions? Call Ann Koval @ 331-4338.

FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will have their annual luncheon on **Thursday, May 17** at 12:30pm at Tricia Paarlberg's home (15942 Parkside Avenue, SH).

OUR GIFTS...

Online Giving April 22 thru 29th

Current Expense – \$1,570.00; Special Projects - \$40.00

Sunday, April 29

Current Expense – \$5,184.00

Benevolent – \$525.00

Missions – \$170.00

Building – \$250.00

TOTAL – \$6,129.34

(Needed Weekly: \$10,850.00)

Special Projects – \$300.00

Up-to-date 2018 Special Projects Funding Campaign Total – \$61,603.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2018...



The Consistory has approved a new projection system for the church. The dual screens and the center hanging projectors will be removed and replaced with a center retractable screen and single projector in the chancel area. Your offerings to Special Projects, “over and above” your regular weekly offering are still encouraged. Approximately \$64,000 of the \$75,000 needed for this project has already been raised thanks your gracious support. Your prayers over generosity to this important project are encouraged. For more information or questions regarding this campaign, please contact Clair Hoeksema, Elder V.P. or Mike Decker, Deacon Chairman. “Special Project” envelopes are available in the narthex or through the church office. To all of you who support this campaign every Sunday, THANK YOU!

CHURCH LIFE...

THE CHAPEL is available for you to use to participate in the morning worship service. Please feel welcome to use this space to accommodate your family's needs.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN are in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Clarence and Judy Brouwers. Join them in the Fellowship Hall after the service to enjoy a piece of cake provided by the family in their honor.

JOIN US FOR MISSIONARY DINNER with Paul Hoekstra this **Thursday, May 10** at 6:30 pm. Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall after service.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets tonight from 6:00-7:30pm in the Loft.

IN YOUR MAIL SLOTS is a packet with the minutes from the 2017 Congregational Meeting and the proposed annual budgets for 2018/2019. Please review and take this packet along with you to our annual Congregational Meeting this **Tuesday, May 8** at 7:00PM.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS have been placed in nomination for the office of Elder, Deacon and Trustees:

ELDER NOMINEES: David Besser, Don DeGraff, Russ Paarlberg, and Don VanBaren

DEACON NOMINEES: Griff Decker, Brad Housman, Ray Ondrejka, and Clint Verhagen

TRUSTEE NOMINEES: Charles Dix, Ron Scheffers, and Rich Zimmerman

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, May 8** at 7:00PM. The main purpose of the meeting will be the election of elders, deacons and trustees and any other business which rightfully comes before such a meeting. Eligible communicant voters must be at least 18 years of age.

PROCEDURE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee Ballots (available from the church office) should be placed in a sealed envelope with the eligible voting church member's signature and the date on the outside and delivered to the church office prior to the meeting this Tuesday. Please note that voting will be by slate (collectively) for each office. Therefore, there may be one vote of “yes” or “no” for Elders, the same for Deacons and Trustees.

PASTOR MATT has published a devotional book of his Friday Letters titled "Dear Church." If you would like a devotional book, a signup sheet is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at the Welcome Center. Books are available for \$15 each and all proceeds go to the Church.

CARE...

Ralph Knopf has three new cancer spots on his liver and has started chemo.

Kathryn Vinke is in Hospice Care at Arden Court.

Arlene Anker is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

Ken Gardiner has been admitted to Ingalls Hospital for tests.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Jackie Rietveld, Park Place, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373

NURSERY REMINDERS: Nursery begins at 9:15am. Please do not drop off children earlier. Our nursery is for babies and children up to the age of 4 years-old. As much as we try to keep down the spread of germs, if your child is sick (runny nose, cough, fever, vomiting, etc.) we ask that they do not come to nursery on that Sunday. Chapel available for participation in worship.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is hosting their annual Spring Open House tomorrow from 9:00-11:00am. Please RSVP online at www.calvinschool.org or call Tanya Harper, Director of Enrollment, at 708-331-5027.

EXODUS PROJECTS needs your help! We are gathering cleaning supplies for a giveaway. Bring in a bucket of supplies or bring in a few items. Items needed: Bucket, dish soap, sponges, SOS pads, toilet bowl cleaner, multi-purpose cleaner and paper towels (feel free to put your donation in the bucket). A suggestion is to shop at DOLLAR TREE and you will be able to purchase all these items for \$7.00. Supplies need to be brought to church by **Sunday, May 13.**

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH'S Annual Banquet will be **Tuesday, May 15** at 7:00pm (punch reception at 6:30). It will be held at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. For more information or to make your reservations call the office at 708-331-3301. Thank you.

ALL ARE INVITED to join us at Cottage Grove Christian Reformed Church (16556 Cottage Grove Avenue) for an evening of worship, fellowship, and food on **Sunday, May 27.** Worship starts in the sanctuary at 5:30 pm followed by a bonfire on the green behind church with the usual campfire type food (hot dogs, fried pies, s'mores, munchies, etc.). You may bring food to share, cooking utensils, lawn chairs, blankets, and the like. If you have any questions, please call [708-331-0391](tel:708-331-0391).

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MAY 6

GREETERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Ron & Diana Abernathy

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Colin & Geni Cutler

NURSERY: Marie Hesselink and Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

VIDEO: Mike Decker

PROJECTION: Darrow Alexander

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: David Besser, Peter & Julia Keep, and Nick Paarlberg

PRAYER ROOM: Bob Asmus and Dan Dieck; **WELCOME CENTER:** Ron Abernathy

FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: First Responder: Tiffany Surrel; First Response: Ray Ondrejka

OASIS: 6:00pm-7:030pm meets in the Loft

MONDAY, MAY 7

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MAY 8

9:30AM: Book Club meets at Beecher Manor

7:00PM: Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, MAY 13

GREETERS: Ray & Barb Housman and Ron & Shirley Scheffers

COFFEE SERVERS: Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Griff & Mary Decker

NURSERY: Kelly Bruinsma and Izzy Veldboom

ORGAN: Margaret Oetjen

PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

VIDEO: Ron Rietveld; **PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **SOUND:** James Kuyper

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Kevin Hesselink, Dacia Hill, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, David Besser, and Nick Paarlberg

PRAYER ROOM: Roger & Judy Gill; **WELCOME CENTER:** Rick Furst

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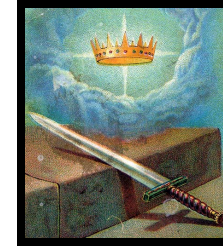
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Dorothy Jacobsma, Barb Grevengoed, Gail Housman & Carol Barnes

SERMON NOTES...

Living Free: "Hunting Season"

Galatians 5:1-18

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PRAYER ROOM – Need a word of encouragement or someone to pray with? Come to the prayer room after church until 11am. It is located outside the double doors west of the Chapel. A team of dedicated volunteers would welcome the opportunity to pray with you this morning.

To get to know you better, please fill out our [Welcome Card](#) in the pew and place it in the offering plate. If you want more information about the life of First Church, make sure to include your email address.