

**Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church  
May 21, 2023  
Rev. Luke Baehr, Senior Pastor**

*As you, Jesus, sent your disciples out as witnesses to  
Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and beyond, send us as  
witnesses in our neighborhood, city, region and beyond.*

**Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Praise**

*Ancient Words  
Jesus Loves Even Me*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Refrain of Thanks**

*Our God Reigns*

**Life Together** - Sunday School Promotion

Special Music – Elementary Singers

Grade PreK-1 – John 3:16

Grade 2-4 Recitation – Psalm 23

Grade 2 Bible Presentation

Grade 5-6 Recitation – The 10 Commandments

Grade 7-8 - The Apostles Creed

Sunday School Offering Update – Compassion International

Teacher Appreciation

**Profession of Faith:** Katelyn Saeman & Jacob Anderson

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture**

John 1:43-51

**Message**

“Finish Line/Start Line”

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**Announcements**

**Graduate Recognition**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Sending Song**

*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

**GOD SENDS US OUT**

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Doxology**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

**Those Serving Today**

**Organist:** Clarice Koopmans

**Nursery:** Deb Cupery

**Kids Church** – No Kids Church

**Next Sunday – May 28**

**Leader:** Jamie Weaver

**Helper:** Emma Grieger

**Sunday School**

No Sunday School today. Sunday School will resume in the fall. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

**Today**

In John 17, Jesus prays that his father will protect and unify his followers. In confidence that God binds us together as Christ's family, let us join in worship

**Sunday School Love Offering** – A huge THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Love Offering. We raised \$2237.56 and with that money we were able to purchase thru Compassion International 2 pigs, 2 cows, 2 goats, 2 flocks of chickens, 2 water wells and 2 Small Business Start Ups. Thanks again for your generosity.

**Refreshments** – The Education Committee would like to invite everyone for cake and ice cream downstairs in the fellowship hall following today's worship service.

**This Week's Activities**

**Sunday, May 28**

**9:00 a.m.** – Morning Worship

Pianist: Mary Paul

**Nursery:** Rylea Alvin

**Announcements**

**Memorial Day Celebration** – Randolph VFW Memorial Day Celebration will be held on Monday, May 29 at 9:30 a.m. at the Randolph Cemetery. In case of rain, the celebration will be held in the cafeteria at the Randolph School District.

**RCS 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion** - The Randolph Christian School invites you to join them in celebrating the 8th Grade Class of 2023 at their graduation on Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 PM in the RCS gym. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6 has been chosen as the class verse with Mrs. Deb Cupery serving as the Commencement Speaker.

**Like Church Music?** - The Music Team is looking for an additional member to help in selecting music for weekly worship. Each Music Team member is assigned to assist Pastor Luke in choosing music for one Sunday a month, and most communication is done via email. Familiarity with a range of church music is helpful. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Luke

**Youth Director Position** - The Consistory is exploring the possibility of creating a paid part-time Youth Director position to oversee, plan and help lead our RCYF and Cornerstone youth programs. This position would be responsible for planning regular Wednesday night groups as well as special events, retreats, fundraisers and mission trips. The position would involve communication with family and volunteers as well as leading (with the assistance of Pastor Luke and others) on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in more information, including a draft job description, please contact Elder Harold DeYoung or Pastor Luke

## Congratulations Graduates!!

### 2023 8th Grade Graduates

Jiana Forbes – Randolph Middle School  
Tessa Reed – Randolph Middle School  
Lydia VanBuren – Randolph Christian School

### 2023 High School Graduates

**Austin Anderson** – Randolph High School – he will be earning an Associates Degree to become an Auto Technician.

**Elijah Forbes** – Received his High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) from Moraine Park Technical College.

**James Homan** – Randolph High School – next fall he will be attending Local 139 Heavy Equipment operator school for 4 years in Coloma.

**Josie Spors** - Randolph High School – next fall she will be attending UW Oshkosh majoring in Medical Imaging with a Sonography Emphasis.

### 2023 College Graduates

**Evan Anderson** - Fox Valley Technical College with an Associate Degree in Health Information Technology.

**Courtney Retzlaff** – Winona State University, Winona MN with a Masters of Science Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

At this time, we would also like to THANK all those who took their time to teach or lead the youth of our church and our community. We appreciate your commitment and dedication to these young people.

### **Sunday School**

Marion Griffith – 3yr-1<sup>st</sup>  
Holly Pfeffer – 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>  
Jodi Vander Velde – 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>  
Jeff Vander Velde – 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
Joelle Baehr – High School

### **Primary Piano Player**

Mary Paul

### **Catechism**

Jamie Weaver – 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>  
Pastor Luke – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Snack Coordinators:  
-Anna Johnson  
-Clarice Koopmans

### **Kids Church Volunteers**

Katelyn Saeman	Violet Saeman
Tessa Reed	Ani Reed
Erin Anderson	Kati Hiley
Holly Pfeffer	Josie Spors
Stacy Jahn	Rylea Alvin
Jamie Weaver	Lauren Grieger
Emma Grieger	Amy Reed
Jacqui Hollander	Bryelle Hollander

### **Cornerstone**

Stacy Saeman  
Shirley Schueler  
Hugh Roberts  
Pastor Luke

### **RCYF**

Pastor Luke

### **Youth Group Treasurer**

Rita Hookstead

### **Education Team Rep.**

Don Cupery

### **Education Superintendent**