Exodus 17:8—18:27
"Somebody to Lean On"

Main Point: God gives us his church to face trouble from within and without.

1) **Brothers Help in the Battlefield of the World**

2) **Brothers Help in the Battlefield Between Brothers**

Faith Reformed

September 20, 2026

Prelude		Nicole Velzke
Congregational Sharing		
*Greeting One Another		

APPROACH TO GOD

*Call to Worship	From Psalm 111	
*Song of Praise		
The King of Love (Psalm 23)		
*Prayer of Praise		

RENEWAL IN CHRIST

Confession of Sin		
Assurance of Forgiveness	1 Peter 1:18-19	
*Song of Assurance		
I Will Trust My Savior Jesus		#123

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading	Exodus 17:8-18:27	Page 70
Sermon	"Somebody to Lean On"	
Sacrament of Communion		

RESPONSE TO GOD

Offertory Prayer		
Song of Response	*Man of Sorrows! What a Name*	#226
*Affirmation of Faith	Heidelberg Q. 55	
Congregational Prayer		
*Benediction		
*Doxology		
*Postlude		Nicole Velzke

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*Congregation standing if able

FAITH REFORMED CHURCH

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Our Worship

As we gather to worship this morning through faith in Christ, we are entering into conversation with God as He speaks in His Word and is with us by the Spirit. Our worship service has an intentional movement that focuses on the Gospel:

- We begin with our **APPROACH TO GOD,** hearing a call to worship from His word and then responding to Him with songs and prayers of praise.
- We then have a time of **RENEWAL IN CHRIST** in which we confess our sins and hear His promise of forgiveness in His word and through song.
- Assured of His grace, we then listen to **THE WORD OF GOD** as it is preached from our passage for that day, and we all receive the sacrament of communion monthly as a "visible word" from God.
- After hearing the Word preached, we end our service with our **RESPONSE TO GOD.** We give offerings, affirm our faith, pray for needs in the congregation and world, and hear a blessing from God before singing a final praise to Him.

Through it all, God intends to bless us and change us by His grace so that we would go into the world to live for His glory. So let us come in humble faith, ready to hear and respond to our God and Savior.

Reflections

"Chapter 18 continues to give vital advice regarding the organization of God's work and the importance of delegating responsibility to those who are suitably qualified. If all focuses on one individual, not only is he liable to be overwhelmed by the strains, but others will wilt and become weary because of the delays inherent in one man trying to control every aspect of a complex situation" (John Mackay, *Exodus,* 320).

If you wish to reach Pastor Zach, you may dial the church office or reach him by cell phone at 920-212-5489. His office hours are Tuesday – Friday 9:30 – 5:30. If you are unable to reach Pastor Zach you may contact the Elder on call. The Elder on call for September is Andy Brill (920-917-8690).

Prayer Guide

Praises and Thanksgivings
Jesus Resurrection
Our living hope in Jesus

Petitions
Prayers for Alex Ackeret (son of Mike & Heather Ackeret) who has been deployed with the National Guard to the Middle East for the next few months
That our state and nation would value life and protect life in the womb
Spiritual wisdom and discernment
Commitment to be reading Scripture
Discipline and courage to obey
To be guided by Scripture, not culture
Courage to stand firm for the gospel
Our ministry in the PCA
Pastor Zach Tarter
Jon Damkot – Youth Director
Lincoln Rus – Assistant Pastor
Disciple making at Faith Reformed
Spiritual revival
Our government leaders
Our youth to grow in Christ
Those serving in the military
The Unity of Cedar Grove churches
Those with addictions/in jail or prison
Our persecuted brothers & sisters

Health
John Kettenhoven- prayers for him as he has prostate cancer and will have surgery this Tues.
Lincon Rus – prayers for quick healing after having back surgery
Tim Bruggink – please pray him and his family as his health is declining.
Wayne Navis – prayers for strength and healing
Kim DeRuyter – prayers as she gets the results of her scan this Wed. Prayers that the cancer is gone and for patience and trust going forward for other regular tests and scans
Ruth Ann Wieberdink – prayers for strength and comfort
Donna Caljouw – praise that her cancer is still in remission, prayers for the pain she is having in her hip.

Prayers for Expectant Moms
Rachel Bocek
Macy Ewing

Shut-ins
Wayne Navis
Delores Bruggink – Pine Haven 701 Pine Drive Oostburg – room #122
Marge Dirkse

Mission & Outreach
Compassion International

Good News Jail Prison Ministry
For our unchurched neighbors

Schedule

SUNDAY

Worship – 9:00am
Sunday School – 10:30am
Core – 6:00m

Wednesday – 6:00pm Connect at Calvary
-6:30pm Quest

Thursday – 9:30am Women's Bible Study

Friday – 5th Quarter

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FAITH:
September 25 5th Quarter
September 27 Service of Praise & Prayer
October 8 Food Pantry
October 9 5th Quarter

Ushers for September: Craig Droppers, Wayne Bloemers, Bruce Lukens

Nursery for September 20: Nate Zimmermann, Katy Heinen, Ben Torrenga, Carissa Konzak
Nursery for September 27: Shay Wonser, Kayla Korb, Abbi Heinen, Fletcher Ackeret

Refreshments for September: Care Group #5 (Kim & Mel)

Greeters Sept. 20 **- Narthex:** Bob & Doris DeRuyter
-Great Room: Lloyd &n Carol DeRuyter
Greeters Sept. 27 **- Narthex:** Jon DeRuyter
-Great Room: Bill & Bonnie Depies

Serving in the Military:
Jackson DeRuyter
2200 1st Street
Apt. 1605
Alamogordo, NM 88310 .

Family Life at Faith

The Cedar Grove Area Food Pantry served 27 families at our September Food Pantry. Our next Food Pantry will be Thursday, October 8th from 4:30-6:00p.m. Thank you so much for your generous donations. Right now, we are in need of **CEREAL**, soup, canned vegetables, peanut butter, canned fruit. If you could help us serve one month – please contact Faith Reformed Church (920-668-6725). Thank you for your generosity!

Special Birthdays in September:

Doris DeRuyter will turn 82 on September 20
Marge Dirkse will turn 92 on September 26

All items for the October Newsletter are due Sunday, September 27th.

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Pine Haven Annual Meeting of the Corporation on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm. 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 September 21st.

If you haven't done so already, please see your mailbox for an envelope with information on officer nominations. You will find a letter from the session, along with information on the office of elder and deacon, and a list of men open to nomination. In addition, there is a ballot for every member in your home. Nominations should be submitted in the box outside Wendy's office no later than October 11th. Continue to pray through this process that the Spirit would direct us in the wisdom of Christ.

Congratulations to Grandparents Jeff and Kim DeRuyter and Great-Grandparents Lloyd and Carol DeRuyter on the birth of Abram Scott Britzke who was born Tues September 8th to Blake and Kaylee (DeRuyter) Britzke.

Thank you for the cards, thoughts, kind words and prayers following my brother's passing. Thank you, Pastor Zach, for your visit and uplifting words. We appreciate it all. *Glen & Annette Ten Dolle*

Family Life at Faith

PCA Calls for a Day of Prayer and Fasting on Saturday, October 10th: At our General Assembly in July, the PCA called for every church to devote one day to intentional prayer and fasting. In August, the Wisconsin Presbytery decided to set aside this particular day to join with believers in our state to do just that. So on October 10th, we are calling for a church-wide day of prayer and fasting, ending the day with a special service at 6:00pm.The presbytery specifically urges us during this time to "seek God's mercy in heartfelt repentance over the sins of church leaders, members, and congregations," and to pray "for the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, the blessing of heaven on the preached word, the conversion of the lost, the planting of faithful churches at home, and the success of the gospel in our communities, on college campuses, and on the mission field around the world." If at all possible, please set aside this time in your schedules to seek our Lord together.

The Care Connection is asking for volunteers to communicate with cards or words of encouragement to Kelly Wieberdink. Kelly is the daughter of Shirley Wieberdink. You can sign up on the sheet in the information center.

Trempealeau Co. Health Care Center
Attn: Kelly Wieberdink
W20410 State Rd 121
Whitehall, WI 54773

40 DAY FOR LIFE

Please join us at our Kickoff Rally today at 4 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 833 Center Avenue, Sheboygan.

Sonia and Tyson Weber, will be our guest speakers. At 15, Sonia found out that she was pregnant and almost made an abortion decision. The Webers' story is full of reminders that the past does not have to define your future, brokenness does not have the final say, and there is always hope in Jesus.

The peaceful, prayerful vigil from the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood will begin Wednesday, September 23. 7 a.m.-7 p.m., for forty consecutive days. Sign up to pray for an end to abortion by visiting www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan. Contact Germaine 920-918-2310 or Gina 920-917-9324.
Be a voice for the voiceless!

Youth News

CORE (Grades 6-12) - ***Tonight***, **September 20th** Core small group Bible studies meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:00-7:00PM**!

MS CONNECT Fellowship Week (Grades 6-8) - **Wednesday, September 23rd** the middle school group is invited to **Calvary OPC** from **5:30-7:00PM** for dinner and games so come hungry! The high school group is invited to swing by for dinner at 5:30 as well.

QUEST (Grades 5K-5) - **Wednesday, September 23rd** Quest will meet at **Faith Reformed** from **6:30-7:30PM**. Registration and games begin at 6:00.

5TH QUARTER - This **Friday, September 25th**, students grades 9-12 are invited to **Faith Reformed Church** after the CGB football game until 11:30 for pizza, games, movies and more!

Come join the fun. We will have Fall Fest on Saturday, October 17th. Once again, we will be having a Soup Contest, so bring your favorite soup for everyone to enjoy and we will have ice cream sundaes for dessert**.** There will also be a couple of guessing games for both adults and kids to participate in. **And new this year is Bingo**! Yes, we will be playing Bingo with prizes this year instead of having an auction You can sign up in the Information Center if you are bringing soup and, on another sheet, if you plan to attend. We will also be taking a donation for a new church plant in Wisconsin and would like everyone to bring a box or two of cereal to donate to the Food Pantry.

Fall Fest will take the place of our annual potluck this month.