

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26 A.D. 2021
9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Duane Smith

Organ: Carol Kleinjan

Keyboard: Dori Ohm

Praise Team Members: Darryl Clapp, Hattie Clapp, Nate Clapp,
Nick Clapp, Brian Franklin, Nichole Franklin

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

SONGS OF PRAISE: *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

How Deep the Father's Love for Us • Through It All

* INVOCATION

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

MINISTRY OF PRAISE: *His Mercy is More* – Praise Team

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Susan Vander Wal

* HYMN: 307 – *And Can It Be That I Should Gain?*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:1-14 p. 1534

SERMON: ***“Proper Wedding Clothes”***

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING (General Fund and Mission Fund)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Child)

(Children may bring their gifts forward at this time)

(Please sign the friendship folders as the offering is received)

* DOXOLOGY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN: 315 – *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (The Solid Rock)*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING SONG: *Gloria Patri* (words are on the screen)

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

WELCOME to all members and guests worshipping at FRC today. As we draw near unto God, may His Word be our guide.

- A extend a special welcome to Pastor Duane Smith, a retired pastor living in Sioux Falls who will be leading us in worship this morning. He retired after serving Christian Reformed Churches for the past 25 years in Vauxhall, Alberta, Houston, British Columbia and Bemis, SD.
- Parents may use the nursery during the service, but there will not be any attendants there.
- You are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for coffee or cold drink and conversation.
- The parament color (green) is used to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.
- Sunday School - We have classes for ALL ages. The children (pre-primary-5th grade) will have a time of singing (at 10:45 a.m.) in the sanctuary before going to their classes at 11 a.m. There are two adult classes: (1) Gene Bjorklund will lead a discussion from the book/video written by Chris Hodges *Out of the Cave* (sanctuary) (2) The other adult class meets in the conference room off the kitchen and will learn from the books of Jonah, Habakkuk and Malachi.

ON DUTY FOR THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: John and Linda Vande Weerd

Ushers – Jim and Karen Janssen

Coffee Servers – Ron and Karen Knutson

Library – Don Jones

NEXT SUNDAY: Lee Vanderaa, a Bible teacher at Southwest Minnesota High in Edgerton will be our guest pastor.

The service will also include a time of preparation for celebrating the Lord's Supper which will be on October 10. A walk-up choir will be providing ministry of praise.

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES
FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 p.m. – Junior High and High School Youth groups are invited to the Christian Reformed Church for their scavenger hunt. A light supper will be served at 6:30 with the 'hunt' to follow at about 6:50.

→ → Youth Group members, please meet Kelly at the front door of the Christian Reformed Church at 6:30 p.m. and will go in together as a group

6:30pm – Cadets at CRC

FUTURE DATES

October 10.....	Guest Pastor David Reck Will observe World Wide Communion Sunday
October 11.....	MESA Task Force
October 13.....	Junior High Youth Group
October 14.....	Ladies Bible Study Hebrews 9
October 14.....	GEMS at CRC Card sales are due
October 14-19.....	RCA General Synod meets in Tuscon, AZ
October 17.....	Guest Pastor David Reck
October 24.....	Guest Pastor Seth Sundstrom
October 31.....	Guest Pastor Fred Wilgenburg

PERSONALS

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Please pray for our homebound members **Howard Rozendal and Sheldon Cotton.**

PASTORAL ASSISTANCE DURING OUR VACANCY: If you need assistance during the vacancy of a pastor, please contact one of the elders: Bryon, Gene, Kelly or Tom.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO Polly, Dean, Carter, Courtney and Lindsey Vander Wal on the death of Polly's father, Frank Post of Chandler, MN. May the God of all comfort be near to you.

Visitation will be this afternoon from 4:30 – 8 p.m. at Chandler Funeral Home, 510 5th Street. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, September 27 at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Balaton, MN, 260 3rd Street with a visitation one hour before the service.

THANK YOU FROM Blood Drive held on September 17:

You had a great drive! There were 17 total donations which will help 51 local patients and their families. Thank you for hosting this drive.

- Lauri Hoffmann, Coordinator, Community Blood Bank

THANK YOU for the opportunity to present the Gideon ministry at your church. It was such a blessing to worship with you. Because of your generosity (\$923) as many as 290 people will receive a copy of God's Word. God bless, Kurt Turner on behalf of Gideons Worldwide

ON BEHALF OF THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AT VOLGA

Christian School, thank you so much for the generous collection of items that you provided from our list wish. This saves the teachers from using some of their own money for supplies and also enables them to have extra supplies for a student who may be in need. We thank you for supporting us in so many ways.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE PROJECT FOR September is used good warm winter clothing for the Center of Hope in Sioux Falls. This is being held earlier this year so Center of Hope can have them ready for clients as soon as chilly weather hits. Two large boxes are placed in the fellowship hall and in the coat area along the south hallway for you to donate warm winter coats, snow boots, gloves/mittens, coveralls, snow pants for kids, etc. Please turn in your items by **NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3**. Thank you in advance for your participation.

THE GEMS are selling greeting cards and other miscellaneous items again this year as their annual fund raiser. If a GEMS' member does not contact you, please contact Geraldine Runia at 605.690.5446.

The GEMS appreciate your support of their ministry. Card orders are due October 14.

NURSERY for infants up to 4 years old: We are going to have volunteers working in the nursery again during the morning worship service beginning on Sunday, October 10. This service had been discontinued during a peak in COVID. If you are not currently on the list and would like to volunteer, please contact Susan. You must be 12 years of age to help. The nursery will reopen on Sunday, October 10.

ON DUTY FOR THE LORD NEXT SUNDAY, October 3

Greeters – The James Vande Weerd Family

Coffee Servers –George and Bev Cotton

Nursery - no assigned volunteers, although parents may still use the room

Library – Susan Vander Wal

Offering – General Fund and Building Fund

(September 26, 2021)