

Power Connection to be held July 29-31

Nine young people as well as Pastor Gary and Robyn will be attending Power Connection at Bethel University in St. Paul on July 29-31. Power Connection is likened to a mini-Rocky Mountain High for middle schoolers.

July Service Project—Child Survival Program

During the month of July, MESA would like to promote the Compassion International Child Survival Program. Please put your generous contributions in 'The Coin Tower'. This program combats infant and maternal mortality rates and promotes early childhood development. Every year 2.6 million babies in poverty do not survive the first 28 days of life.



Hy-Vee Receipts

If you turn in Hy-Vee (Brookings only) receipts to the basket along the north wall in the fellowship hall, you can be part of a MESA fund-raiser. When we reach \$150,000 in receipts, Hy-Vee will donate \$1,000 toward a MESA project yet to be determined.

A REMINDER—please bring in your gas receipts also. Thank you to Dori Ohm for keeping track of the receipts. Keep eating, stay healthy and make every bite count!

It's Up To You—(from the Valley Crusader)

- **IF** the church grows, it is because your attendance is regular and you invite and bring friends frequently.
- **IF** it is an active church, it is because you are committed to her ministries and give your time and influence.
- **IF** it is a friendly church, it is because you are friendly. You take the initiative to meet and greet new and old alike each week.

Let's work at making our church that kind of church. It takes all of us working together, with our leaders and with each other. Our concern for others must be evident, and our burden for a lost world must have top priority.

First Reformed Church, Volga, SD

July 2022

Glad Tidings

"I bring you glad tidings of great joy..."
Luke 2:10

Upcoming Worship Services

Come and worship the Lord this summer. Here is what you can expect this month.

- **July 3** — Pastor Gary will be preaching from 1 Corinthians 10:6-13 with his message entitled "Dependency Day".
- **July 10** — A focus will be on RightNow Media and the opportunities it can provide for FRC members and families. (See article in the newsletter.)
- **July 17** — Pastor Gary will begin a series of messages on David.
- **July 24** — Come and hear more about David as Pastor Gary continues his series of messages on the life of David.
- **July 31**— Pastor Gary, Robyn and nine youth will be returning from Power Connection in St. Paul. Guest pastor will be Pastor Irwin Van Leeuwen. The praise band will be leading us in some singing.





The following members needed medical care recently and appreciate your prayers:

- Jodi Koerner, Dawn Lucas, Bernita Kooima, Edward Vander Wal—treatments

Upcoming Team Meetings

- July 18—Consistory
- July 19—MESA Team
- July 26—Worship Team

Congratulations to:



Dallis and Amanda (Lage) Vander Wal who were united in marriage on Saturday, June 18.

Sympathy to:



Carolyn Cotton, George and Bev Cotton, John Cotton family on the death of husband, father and grandfather Sheldon Cotton on May 31. May the God of all comfort be near to you.

Upcoming Musical Events at FRC



- Sunday evening, August 7, 7 p.m.—Cornerstone Quartet from the Leota, Minnesota area
- Sunday evening, September 11, 7 p.m.— Praise and Worship Evening with the Praise Band

Mark your calendars! Be watching for more details and information in the coming weeks and months.

Looking Back Ten Years.....2012

- FRC women were treated to a night out at Jackrabbit Tire and Car Service hearing 'car talk' from Rollyn Clapp. Refreshments were served at the shop.
- A golf outing was held on July 18 at Meadow Creek Golf Course with an ice cream social following in the fellowship hall.
- Kent and Shawn Vander Wal hosted a Fourth of July picnic on July 1.
- The Giving Garden is beginning to produce!
- Congratulations to Kyle and Allyson Vander Wal who were united in marriage on July 28.

Highlights of Last Month (JUNE)

- VBS Food Truck Party concluded on June 1 with a program in Tile Town
Approximately 80 students were present each evening.
- Celebrated the Lord's Supper on Pentecost Sunday, June 5—Pastor Gary's message was *The Spiritual Presence of Christ in Communion*.
- Many came to Volga to celebrate Old Timer's Day in the rain on Saturday, June 11 (pictures will be posted soon of the parade and the muddy pie booth) Most importantly the pie booth was able to connect with the community and raise in excess of \$900 for Samaritan's Purse!
- To conclude Old Timer's Day weekend, over 80 people enjoyed an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing with an ice cream social following (and left over pie from the pie booth on Saturday)

