

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 11, 2022 9:30 A.M.

Pastor Gary Mulder

Organ: Carol Kleinjan

Keyboard: Karen Knutson

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRAISE SONGS – *Build Your Kingdom Here* ▪ *Behold Our God*

* OPENING PRAYER

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3RD GRADE STUDENTS

EDUCATION LITANY

MINISTRY OF PRAISE: *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* - Ellie Koerner

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

* HYMN: 420 – *Teach Me Thy Will, O Lord*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 p. 1772

MESSAGE: *Teaching That's on Target*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING (General Fund and Volga Christian School)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Child)

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

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN: 535 – *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

Teachers and students leave during this song.

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 518 – *Who Is on the Lord's Side?*

***Please stand if you are able**

TODAY

WELCOME to all members and guests worshiping with us at FRC today. We will be having fellowship time outdoors today. Chairs will be available so everyone can witness the Sunday School Kickoff.

Bibles will be presented to our third grade students: Michael Lemberg, Evelyn Ostrem and Ruby Replogle.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Susan

Ushers: Greg Moir and Allen Van Hoepen

Coffee: Ron and Jodi Koerner

Nursery: Laura and Olivia Hove

Library: Don Jones

Sunday School Kickoff – We will be kicking off our year of Sunday School with a balloon launch on the front lawn. All teachers and students are asked to leave worship during the hymn prior to the benediction.

DAKOTA SUN SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP at 11 a.m. The following are encouraged to attend: Gene & Michelle, Chr., Tom & Carol, Nick Clapp, John Cotton, Brenda Ferguson, Jim & Karen Janssen, Ellie Koerner, Vern & Shirley, Gary Mans, Bernice Mullett, Dori Ohm, Bill & Deanna, Joel Schonewill, Wayne & Deb, VernaMae Van Maanen, Justin & Michelle, Kelly & Vickie, Ray & Marlys, Jason & Laci

TONIGHT: You are invited to an evening concert/sing-along presented by the praise band beginning at 7 p.m. This event will include a variety of music including contemporary hymns, bluegrass and a para-praise song. Invite a friend! A time of fellowship will follow with Work Group #4 in charge of arrangements.

NEXT SUNDAY:

The men's group will be leading in singing. Darwin Husby will be singing with the group as well as bringing ministry of praise. Pastor Gary will be bringing a message on disagreeing without being disagreeable.

THE ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES continues to grow and expand. They welcomed 20 new churches into the denomination in the past month. However, funding has been a concern, because assessments won't

start coming in until 2023. Our consistory encourages you to help keep operations moving forward by contributing to their operating budget. We will take a special offering for the ARC NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18. You may contribute this week by designating "ARC" on your check or the envelopes in the pew. Thank you for your continued support of our new denomination.

PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE: Pastor Gary and Robyn (with the help of the Congregational Care Team) are inviting you to see the changes at the parsonage from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on September 18. You can pop in for a quick look or stay awhile and cook a hot dog over the fire.

IT IS TIME TO START SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY.

As before, Sunday School for the children (pre-primary-5th grade) begins with singing in the sanctuary at 10:45 a.m.

Instruction in the classroom will be from 11 – 11:45 a.m. All classroom doors are marked as to age and grade.

There are classes for all ages with one adult class (led by Pastor Gary) meeting in the sanctuary studying the book of Hebrews using a RightNow Media video by Derwin Gray. Derwin Gray is a former NFL football player turned pastor. We hope to learn and grow with this exciting new study.

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

MONDAY: 7 p.m. – Fresh Hope

TUESDAY: 7 p.m. – Worship Team Devotions – Charles

WEDNESDAY: 7-8:15 p.m. – Senior High Youth Group
8:30 p.m. -Men's Discipleship Group – Bring your Bible
and be ready to dive into God's Word.

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Dakota Sun Assisted Living Fellowship
Leader – Marion Refreshments – Robyn

7 p.m. – New Member Class

FUTURE DATES:

September 19.....	Consistory
September 20.....	MESA Team
September 21.....	Senior High Youth Group
	Cadets at CRC
	Men's Discipleship at 3 pm
September 22.....	GEMS at CRC
September 28.....	Junior High Youth Group
	Men's Discipleship at 8:30 p.m.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Please continue to pray for **Howard Rozendal** who resides at Homestead Assisted Living in Lake Norden.

Your on-going prayers for those taking treatments would be appreciated:
Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas and Edward Vander Wal.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GOING THE EXTRA MILE to help Compassion-assisted children through your gift of \$181 to Compassion's Survival Program.

Growing up happy and healthy is hard work anywhere. For children in poverty, it is especially difficult. The obstacles are many and, often, overwhelming. That's why your generosity to help children in their struggle to overcome poverty and become responsible, self-sufficient adults matters so much. The hope that shines in their eyes when they realize someone cares and stands beside them is truly inspiring! May God bless you for opening your heart and hand to His children in need. – Compassion International

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT: In an attempt to get warm winter clothing to the 'shoppers' at Center of Hope in Sioux Falls before the cold winter season begins, this service project has been moved up to September. Large boxes are placed in the fellowship hall and in the coat area along the south hallway for you to place your donations. The clothing items they are in the most need of is: gloves/mittens, adult coveralls, children's snow pants, men's coats, blue jeans, black pants, belts, backpacks and boots of all sizes. They items may be new or gently used. Please return your contributions to the boxes by October 2.

THE VOLGA GEMS have begun their new season. The GEMS are selling greeting cards, puzzles and miscellaneous items as their annual fund raiser. We appreciate your support.

OUR YOUTH GROUPS are off and running. Senior High Youth Group will meet on the first, second and third Wednesdays of each month. Junior High will be on the fourth Wednesday and on special nights. All youth groups will run from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

MEN, ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH? Do you want to learn more about the Bible and how it applies to your life? Beginning in September we will have two new discipleship groups going. Focusing on the books of Timothy, we will walk through Paul's advice to his young friend. You can either come to an afternoon group at 3:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month or you can come to our late-night session at 8:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Talk to Pastor Gary if you want to know more.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER NIGHTS: Come join us for a night of prayer and additional fellowship. This is meant to be informal and is open to anyone looking for an enhanced prayer life. The first prayer meeting will be Sunday evening, October 2 in the sanctuary. The goal is to meet the first and third Sunday evening of the month. Daniel Ostrem is heading up this new ministry.

Philippians 4:6: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is a Christian based organization that provides homes to people at a reasonable price. To keep costs down, much of the labor is provided by volunteers. A couple from our church is receiving a Habitat house and we would like to help them with their required volunteer hours. Please sign up on the easel if you are willing to help. A group from our church will probably volunteer when harvest winds down, but you can volunteer prior to that too. Just be sure to log your hours with the church office.

HEARING ASSIST DURING THE MORNING SERVICE:

The audio/visual team would like to help you with a hearing assist unit that utilizes an app on any smart phone or tablet. The audio would transmit

directly to hearing aids or wired ear buds. If you have an interest in using this system, please see Nate, Nick or Hattie.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 18

Greeters: Bruce and Dawn Lucas

Ushers: Greg Moir and Allen Van Hoepen

Coffee: Ron and Karen Knutson

Nursery:

Library – Susan Vander Wal

Offering – General Fund and Building Fund

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN!!

(September 11 bulletin)