

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
April 6, 2025 9:30 A.M.

Pastor Gary Mulder

Organ: Jan Clapp
Keyboard: Michelle Vander Wal
Men's Praise Team

PRELUDE: *Lamb of Glory*
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMNS: 247 – *The Old Rugged Cross*
253 – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
* 264 – *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus*

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRAISE MINISTRY: *Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, There is Something About that Name* – Carol Kleinjan

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
OFFERING (General Fund and General Fund)
CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Children-Nelly and Raj)
(Please sign the friendship pads as the offering is received)

* DOXOLOGY - (page 623)
* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:1-5 p. 1505
MESSAGE: *The Art of Spiritual Discernment*

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

* HYMN: 383 – *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*
* BENEDICTION
* CLOSING HYMN: 262 – *My Jesus, I Love Thee* (verse 1)

*Please stand if you are able.

TODAY

A WARM WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise. As we gather as a body of believers, may the Lord richly bless us as we worship and celebrate the Lord's Supper together. There will be a time of fellowship before the informational meeting which will begin at 11 a.m.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Jason and Laura Hove Family
Ushers: Keith and Shirley Van Duyn
Nursery: Dori Ohm and Eli Sapp
Coffee: Justin and Melissa Olson

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. Instruction in the classroom will be from 11-11:45 a.m. **THE ADULT CLASSES WILL NOT MEET TODAY** so everyone can attend the informational meeting about calling/hiring an associate pastor/ministry person.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP will meet at 3 p.m. discussing Proverbs 6.

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP will meet at 5 p.m. (1 Corinthians)

THIS EVENING: Our fifth combined Lenten service will be held here at FRC at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Joshua from CRC will bring a message from John 14– *I AM the Way/Truth/Life*.

NEXT SUNDAY (April 12)

- The preschool – 5th grade Sunday School students will help us celebrate this special day by going through the sanctuary waving their palm branches. **PARENTS:** Please have your child(ren) in the fellowship hall by 9:20 to receive their instructions. They will also present the ministry of praise.
- Pastor Gary will bring a Palm Sunday message.
- The pre-primary – 5th grade Sunday School classes will be going to Dakota Sun to present a short service there.
- The last combined Lenten service will be held at Calvary Presbyterian Church beginning at 6:30. Pastor Gary will bring a message from John 15– *I AM the True Vine*.

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

MONDAY: 3:30 p.m. – Fresh Hope
7 p.m. – Fresh Hope

TUESDAY: 7 p.m. – MESA Team

WEDNESDAY: 3 p.m. – Men's Discipleship Group (1 Corinthians)

5:30-7:30 p.m. – Youth Group Fundraising Taco Supper
Menu items will include tacos, taco salad, walking tacos, cookies, bars and dessert. This is a fundraiser for youth group trips especially Power Connection for junior high age youth July 25-27, 2025. Invite a friend to join you in an evening of food and fellowship.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM will meet during this time.

8:30 p.m. – Men's Discipleship Group

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Ladies' Bible Study Romans Chapter 1 –

“Why is Salvation Necessary?” Leader – Barb

Refreshments – Shirley IntVeld

If you would like a study booklet, please contact Susan.

3:45 p.m. – GEMS at CRC

7 p.m. – Worship Team

FUTURE DATES

April 14.....	Serve a meal at the Harvest Table
April 18.....	Good Friday service at FRC
April 20.....	Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast
April 21.....	Consistory
April 23.....	Youth groups to Air Madness
April 27	Women's Discipleship Group at 3 p.m.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Gene Bjorklund, Whitney Goetsch, Adriana Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Howard Lindberg, Dawn Lucas, Bob Olson, Joyce Post, Marion Read, Emily Schaefer, Joel Schonewill, Amy Vandermeer, Harold Van Hoepen, and Ray Vander Wal.**

Also continue to pray for **Howard Rozendal** who resides at Homestead Assisted Living in Lake Norden and **Donald Langland** who is at the Estelline Nursing and Care Center.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mike and Amanda Triebwasser who rejoice in the birth of a son, Thomas Scott, on April 1. (Mike is the grandson of Marv and Joyce Post.) May God be with you on this wonderful journey of parenting your two sons!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KITCHEN REMODEL: The project is now complete! We want to thank everyone who made this project possible. A special thank you to the “kitchen team” that did much of the added work associated with this project.

A SIGN- UP SHEET is posted in the fellowship hall for you to sign to help serve a meal at the Harvest Table on Monday, April 14. Servers must be at least 14 years old. Workers/servers must arrive by 4 p.m. with the meal being served at 5:30 p.m.

APRIL SERVICE PROJECT is collecting items for the Center of Hope in Sioux Falls. You are invited to take a little card(s) from the pockets on the display board in the fellowship hall, purchase the item(s) and return the card and item(s) back to the tote provided by May 4. (Check back next week as there ‘might’ be another added item.)

NEXT SUNDAY – April 13, 2025

Greeters: Jim and Karen Janssen Ushers: Keith and Shirley Van Duyn
Nursery: Roberta Volkers and Cade L Coffee: Nick and Nicole Vande Weerd
Offering: General Fund & Volga Christian School

(April 6, 2025 bulletin)

