FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

SSEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 27, 2025 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder **Guest Pastor**: Wayne Fischer
Organ: Jan Clapp
Keyboard: Dori Ohm
Praise Band

PRELUDE: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

PRAISE SONGS: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Living Hope
* *Today, Tomorrow and Forever*
* OPENING PRAYER
* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINISTRY OF PRAISE: *His Eye is on the Sparrow* - Darwin Husby
SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE – Dori Ohm

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
OFFERING (General Fund and Mission 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: Colossians 2:13-15 p. 1833
MESSAGE**: *Independence Day***

* HYMN: 162 – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
* BENEDICTION
* CLOSING HYMN: 79 – *To God Be the Glory* (verse 1)

*Please stand if you are able.

TODAY

A WARM WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship. It is our prayer that you experience God's goodness through His people as you worship and interact this morning.
Please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and conversation.

WE EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME and THANK YOU to Wayne Fischer who will be leading us in worship this morning. Wayne is a lay pastor from the Arlington area. Pastor Gary will be coming home this afternoon from the Power Connection which was held in St. Paul.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM will meet after the worship service at the tables on the west end of the fellowship hall.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:
Greeters: The Vandermeer Family
Ushers: Kelly and Vickie Vander Wal
Nursery: Betty Beukelman and Kaedyn Sapp
Coffee Servers: Dar Ludwig and Marion Mulder

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume again in September.

NEXT SUNDAY (August 3)

- Within your bulletin this week is an insert for you to prepare your hearts to celebrate the Lord's Supper together next Lord's Day.
- The mixed quartet will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some hymns.
- 7 p.m. – Men's Discipleship group
- 7 p.m. – Prayer Time

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

MONDAY: 7 p.m. Fresh Hope

7 p.m. -Volga Christian School Society Meeting at the school

FUTURE DATES

August 5……..	MESA Team
August 10……	Preparation Meeting For Prayer Walk
August 23…….	Prayer Walk
August 24…….	Outdoor Service

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:
Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Gary Egeberg**, **Whitney Goetsch**, **Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Bob Olson, Marion Read, Emily Schaefer, Joel Schonewill, Harold Van Hoepen, Amy Vandermeer** and **Ray Vander Wal**

Also continue to pray for **Howard Rozendal** and **Ray Vander Wal** who reside at United Living Community in Brookings, **Donald Langland** who is at the Estelline Nursing and Care Center, and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van** Hoepen who are homebound.

Bob Olson was able to return home on Thursday. Pray that all will go well in his continued recovery.

Lois Kleinjan's surgery was delayed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SERVICE PROJECT FOR JULY/AUGUST is gathering items on a wish list for the Volga Christian School. Check out the information on 'the ladder' and you may choose any slip(s) from the board and return the item(s) by Sunday, August 18. The items on the list are: Crayola® crayons, Crayola® broad markers, Crayola® thin markers, Crayola® colored pencils, watercolor paints, cotton balls, white bags with handles for Valentine's Day, white-out tape, construction paper, poster puddy/sticky tack, letter size laminating pouches, thick paint brushes (for KPrep ages) tempera/washable paint bottles. Thank you in advance for your participation.

SUMMER CAMP REIMBURSEMENT: The Education Team would like to remind parents that if your child has attended or will still be attending a church camp this summer there are funds available to help with the cost. Susan has a form for you to fill out after your child returns from camp. Please contact Heidi Ostrem with any questions.

PRAYER WALK: On August 23, our church will once again hold our annual prayer walk. The MESA Team has maps prepared for groups to walk around Volga to meet our friends and neighbors. We will knock on doors and pray for the needs of each household. There's a place for everyone to participate. We need volunteers to lead groups and also those who walk along side as support people. A prayer support team will be stationed at the church. Be thinking and praying about this opportunity.
A signup sheet will be available next week.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 3, 2025
Greeters: Keith and Shirley VanDuyn
Ushers: George and Bev Cotton
Nursery: Laura Hove and Olivia Hove
Coffee: Darin and Megan Sinner
Offering: General Fund and Building Fund

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