

**Upcoming Worship Services** (continued from front page)

- **September 14—continued)** The ladies discipleship that is studying the book of Proverbs will begin their fall season at 3:30 p.m.  
The men’s discipleship group will continue their study of Corinthians at 7 p.m.
- **September 21** — A men’s praise team will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some well-known hymns.  
Brad Zomer, a Words of Hope representative will bring greetings from the organization as well as explain the mission of Words of Hope. There will be a special offering for Words of Hope.  
Women’s Discipleship group will meet at 3 p.m. (Proverbs)  
Prayer time will be held at 7 p.m.  
Men’s Discipleship group will also meet at 7 p.m.
- **September 28**— The praise band will begin the service by leading us in singing some praise songs.  
Ladies Discipleship Group will meet at 3:30 p.m.

**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 a part of a MESA fund-raiser. We HAVE REACHED THE \$200,000 TARGET!! A check has been received and the MESA Team will decide which project will be funded with the \$1,000 check from Hy-Vee.  
As of August 21, Dori has tabulated \$ 9,494.73 in total receipts.  
A REMINDER: Please bring in your gas receipts also.

**Budgets for the 2026 Church Year**

**TEAM CHAIRS**—please be thinking about a date for a meeting to prepare a budget for the 2026 church year. It would be helpful if your team could meet between September 9 and October 14. Your proposed budget work sheets will be in your team mailboxes **AFTER** September 8. Consistory will begin looking at the budgets at their October 20 meeting.  
Congregational meeting is scheduled for December 7 immediately following the morning service.

First Reformed Church, Volga, SD

September 2025

Glad Tidings

*“I bring you glad tidings of great joy...”*  
Luke 2:10

**Upcoming Worship Services**

Here is what we can look forward to when worshipping the Lord in September!

- **September 7**— A mixed quartet will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some hymns.  
Robyn Mulder will be playing a bell solo for praise ministry. There will be a **TRY IT FOR YOURSELF!** session IMMEDIATELY following the worship time for those that would like to know more about playing bells and possibly forming a bell choir.  
This is Sunday School Kickoff Day. Come and see what excitement the Education Team will be providing for that day and for the Sunday School year!  
The Women’s Discipleship group that is studying the book of Proverbs will begin their fall season at 3 p.m.  
Prayer time will be held at 7 p.m. where you are invited and encouraged to attend.  
The men’s discipleship group will NOT meet.
- **September 14**— To begin our service, the praise team will lead us in singing some praise songs. Pastor Irwin Van Leeuwen will be leading the worship service as Pastor Gary and Robyn will be at a Pastor’s Conference. A group will be going to Dakota Sun at 11 a.m. for a time of worship and fellowship. **(September 14 continued on back page)**





Your ongoing prayers for those in need of healing and those taking treatments would be appreciated: Gary Egeberg, Whitney Goetsch, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Bob Olson, Marion Read, Emily Schaefer, Joel Schonewill, Amy Vandermeer, Harold Van Hoepen, Lee Vande Weerd

- Lee Vande Weerd had surgery for a bowel obstruction and has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- Emily Schaefer had a procedure completed at Mayo Clinic and will be going back for further consultation.

### Sympathy to:



Marlys Vander Wal, Brad Vander Wal family, Edward and Gina Vander Wal and family on the passing of their husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, Ray Vander Wal on July 30. May God's strength comfort you with His peace.

### Upcoming Team Meetings

- September 2 —MESA Team
- September 15—Consistory
- September 16—Worship Team

### Did You Know?

The September birth flowers are the **aster** and the **morning glory**. Asters symbolize faithfulness, wisdom, and power, while morning glories represent love and new beginnings.

### Looking Back Ten Years—September 2015

- Family Night began with a meal of stuffed cabbage rolls or hot dogs. Small groups included King's Kids (age 3-1st grade), Treasure Hunters (2nd-5th grade), Middle School Youth Group, and adults
- Sunday School Kick-Off was a treasure hunt which included a skit by Ryan Bjorklund, Stephanie Ludens and Pastor Dave and Ruth searching for God's Word. Recreation included inflatables and 9-Square-in the Air. After the service, there was a meal of hot dogs plus whatever salad or dessert were shared.
- Scattered Seeds led the worship time on September 20. The group included Kari Vander Wal along with her sister, brother and other family members.

### Highlight of Last Month (August 2025)

- Several school supply items were collected for the Volga Christian School
- Pastor Irwin Van Leeuwen was the guest pastor on August 17 while Pastor Gary and Robyn were on vacation.
- An informational meeting was held in preparation to participate in the Prayer Walk which will be held on Saturday, August 23. Julie Jefferis spoke about her positive experience with the Prayer Walk last year
- The outdoor service is planned for August 24—weather permitting.

### Sunday School Classes to Resume

Pastor Gary will be leading a new members class for junior high and high school students from September 21 through October 12 during Sunday School. All are invited to this class (even those who have made profession of faith.)

Ron Koerner will be leading an adult class in the sanctuary with a video and question/answer session on the book of Luke as presented by J. D. Greear.

Daniel Ostrem will be leading an adult class in the consistory room discussing the prophets. Please consider joining one of these classes!

**FRC has a defibrillator located on the wall in the fellowship hall just north of the folding doors. Be sure to check out the location in case someone needs it. If you want training, please inquire at the church office and a possible training could be scheduled.**

## Youth Groups Will Be Starting Soon!

The Senior High Youth Group will have their first meeting on Wednesday, September 3 beginning at 7 p.m.

The Junior High Youth Group (6th-8th grade) will begin their fall season on Wednesday, September 24 at 7 p.m.

If you would be willing to serve a light meal as has been done in the past, please sign the sheet on the clip board under the south bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

## Serving a Meal at Harvest Table

The MESA Team is looking for volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal at the Harvest Table in Brookings on Monday, September 8.

- Six people are needed to prepare the meal and set up.
- Ten others are needed to serve the meal
- Also needed are 8 (9x13 pans or larger) of bars. Please have your bars to the church kitchen by noon on September 8,

A sign up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall.

## Service Project for September and October

Boxes will be set up in the fellowship hall as well as the coat room along the south hallway for you to place your (IN GOOD CLEAN CONDITION) warm winter clothing. These will be given to the Center of Hope in Sioux Falls. There is a special need for MEN and CHILDREN'S items. The men's clothing is usually for the men coming out of prison. Good blue and/or black jeans for men would be appreciated. The boxes will be set up until the end of October.

## My Camp Experience

**Tayley Knapp** attended Cedar Canyon Bible Camp in Rapid City with a friend June 9-13. Her favorite activity at camp was the songs at worship time listing her favorite song as *Church Clap!* Other enjoyable activities for Tayley were dodgeball, silent disco and jail break.

She enjoyed her first camp experience singing the songs at worship, getting to meet new people and learning more about God.

She would like to go again next year!!

Thank you Tayley for sharing your camp experience!



In the United States, Grandparents' Day is observed on the first Sunday after Labor Day. Typically, this places it on the second Sunday of September. However in 2025, Labor Day is Monday, September 1 so Grandparents' Day is Sunday, September 7.

While we honor our grandparents daily, take an extra moment to appreciate all the joy and wisdom that grandparents bring to our lives!

A suitable verse for Grandparents' Day is *Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.* (Proverbs 17:6) This verse highlights the importance of grandparents and their role in the family, emphasizing the joy and honor they bring. This verse directly connects grandchildren with the idea of a "crown" signifying honor and value!

## King of the Fallen Tree!



Thank you to all those who showed up on Saturday morning, August 16 to clean up the three trees (one completely down) during an early morning wind storm.

It's amazing how the Lord works when FRC members 'happened' to go by and see the damage and saw a need to get the trees cleaned up. Whether you furnished a pickup, trailer, chain saw, rakes or muscle power, you are appreciated! Many hands make light work! THANK YOU!