

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 2025 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ: Joyce Post

Keyboard: Karen Knutson

Worship Team

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMNS: 257 – *Near the Cross*

295 – *Blessed Assurance*

* 297 – *Heaven Came Down*

* OPENING PRAYER

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RESPONSIVE READING: 660 - *The Way of Life*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Deacon's 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: Ephesians 2:1-10

p. 1818

MESSAGE: ***More Than What You Do***

* HYMN: 305 – *The Love of God*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 294 – *I'd Rather Have Jesus* (vs. 1)

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

TODAY

A WARM WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship today. We hope that you find rest from your labors on this Labor Day weekend. Join us for fellowship immediately after the service.

7 p.m. - Men's Discipleship Group

NEXT SUNDAY (September 7)

Robyn Mulder will be playing the handbells for praise ministry. There will be a TRY IT FOR YOURSELF session IMMEDIATELY following the morning service for those that would like to know more about playing the bells and possibly forming a bell choir.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF – **DUNK TANK!** You won't want to miss the Sunday School Kick-Off next week. We will be having a dunk tank with Pastor Gary and many of your Sunday School teachers participating. There will also be food and crafts to enjoy. This is an excellent opportunity to reach out to our community.

3 p.m. – Women's Discipleship Group (Proverbs)

7 p.m. – Prayer Time

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP WILL **NOT** MEET AT 7 P.M.

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

TUESDAY: 7 p.m. – MESA Team

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

Cadets KickOff will be held at CRC at 6:30 p.m. Cadets is a community boys ministry for grades 2-8. The group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from September to April at Volga CRC. All boys are invited. Please invite friends from the community. If you have any questions, please reach out to Steve Van Heerde at 605.690.6316.

7 p.m. – Senior High Youth

FUTURE DATES:

September 8.....	Serve at Harvest Table
September 10.....	Sr. High Youth
September 11.....	Ladies Bible Study
September 14.....	Dakota Sun Service
	Ladies Discipleship 3:30pm
	Men's Discipleship - 7 p.m.
September 15.....	Consistory
September 16.....	Worship Team
September 21.....	Darwin Husby Concert

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, Lee Vande Weerd, Harold Van Hoepen, and Amy Vandermeer.**

Also continue to pray for **Howard Rozendal** who resides 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Carter and Courtney Vander Wal on the birth of their daughter, Blakely Rose on August 21. Congrats also to grandparents, Dean and Polly Vander Wal and aunt Lindsey, great grandparents Lawrence and Sally Vander Wal. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

WE WANT TO THANK the praise band, sound crew, Worship Team and Congregational Care Team for making last week's service at the park a success. We appreciate your hard work. We also want to thank everyone who participated in the Prayer Walk. We offered many prayers, learned about needs of our community and represented Christ to many individuals. Well done!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The consistory has approved a special congregational meeting on September 14 immediately after the service to vote on spending approximately \$66,000 to shingle the roof of the church building. We will have a shortened fellowship time and then run our Sunday School time as normal. Absentee ballots will be available next week.

MEAL FOR THE YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS: If you are willing to serve a 'quick' meal for the Wednesday night youth groups, please sign on the sheet on the small table by the south bulletin board. Suggestions for food are on the sign-up sheet as well as how many to serve and time of delivery. You do NOT need to serve the food. Thank you in advance.

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, 10 to serve the meal and 8 pans of bars would be appreciated. Please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall.

YOU ARE INVITED! Ladies, we'd love for you to join us for our **Discipleship Women's Group**, gathering on Sundays at 3 p.m. on September 7 and 21.

In the midst of our busy lives, it's easy to feel like there's no space for rest reflection or connection. But God call us to something deeper. Through our current study of **Proverbs**, we are learning how His wisdom speaks into our daily routines, our challenges, and our hearts – right where we are.

This is a space for **encouragement, real conversations, and gospel-centered growth** – a time to be refreshed by scripture and strengthened by the support of other women – walking in faith.

Whether you are new to the group or have been before, you are welcome just as you are.

Come be reminded that you're not alone, and that God's truth brings joy, peace, and purpose – no matter the season. **We hope to see you there!**

ON SEPTEMBER 21, we will have a concert by Darwin Husby. He will sing many songs that you know and love. Invite a friend or neighbor to this special concert.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 7, 2025

Greeters: Edward & Gina Vander Wal

Ushers: Dave Nettleton and Allen Van Hoepen

Nursery: Melissa Olson and Marcus Olson

Coffee Servers: Dan and Melanie Gerdes

Offering: General Fund and Building Fund

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