

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 14, 2025 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder **Guest Pastor:** Irvin Van Leeuwen
Organ: Joyce Post
Keyboard: Karen Knutson
Praise Team

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE SONGS: *His Mercy is More* • *Behold Our God*

* OPENING PRAYER

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTRODUCTION INTO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES –
Daniel Ostrem

PRAISE MINISTRY: *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*
– Piano Solo by Carol Kleinjan

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Volga Christian School)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Children-Nelly and Raj)

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

* DOXOLOGY (page 623)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:1-9 p. 1706
 John 15:5 p. 1677

MESSAGE: *Am I Worthy of God's Love?*

* HYMN: 305 – *The Love of God*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 318 – *He Lifted Me* (vs. 1)

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

A WARM WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship today.
May you experience the joy of the Lord as we worship and fellowship on this Lord's Day.

WE EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME and THANK YOU to Pastor Irwin Van Leeuwen, a retired pastor living in Sioux Falls.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Kelly and Vickie Vander Wal

Ushers: Allen Van Hoepen and Dave Nettleton

Nursery: Bev Cotton and Mathew Olson

Coffee Servers: Jason and Laura Hove

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The consistory has approved a special congregational meeting 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 are available on the back table and must be returned to the marked box on the back table before 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We have classes for all ages.

CHANGE OF LOCATION: Pre-school -5th grade will meet in the large north east Sunday School (with the piano) at 10:50 a.m. to worship. After worship, the children will be dismissed to their classrooms with their teachers.

Instruction in the classroom will be from 11-11:45 a.m.

There are two adult classes. 1) Pastor Gary's class (led by Ron Koerner) meets in the sanctuary. This class will walk through the first half of Luke through a short video by J. D. Greear followed by discussion.

2) Daniel Ostrem will be leading a study on the prophets in the consistory room.

DAKOTA SUN ASSISTED LIVING SERVICE at 11 a.m.

The following are encouraged to worship with the residents at Dakota Sun at 11 a.m.: Wayne & Chris, Chr., Ron & Jodi, Carolyn Cotton, Larry & Sandi, Jerry & Cam, Preston Liedtke, Howard & Loretta, Charles & Ruth, Jeff & Sarah, Darin & Megan, Bill & Sherry, Nick & Nicole, Kelly & Vickie, Kevin Kari, Jake & Roberta, Jason & Laci, Kevin & Angie
Even if your name is not on this list, you are invited to worship and visit with the residents.

3:30 p.m. – Ladies’ Bible Study (Luke)

7 p.m. – Men’s Discipleship Group

NEXT SUNDAY (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 their mission. There will be a special offering for Words of Hope.

Pastor Gary will begin a series of messages on worship.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC WITH DARWIN HUSBY at 7 p.m. He will sing many hymns that you know and love. A short hymn sing will be included. A time of fellowship will conclude the evening. Invite a friend or neighbor to this special evening of music.

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

MONDAY: 7 p.m. – Elder’s Meeting

7:15 p.m. – Deacon’s Meeting

7:30 p.m. – Consistory

TUESDAY: 6:15 p.m. – Buildings & Grounds Team

7 p.m. – Worship Team Devotions – Kayleen

7:30 p.m. Cadet Counselors meeting at Sioux Falls 1st CRC

WEDNESDAY: 3 p.m. – Men’s Discipleship Group

6:30 p.m. – Cadets at CRC

7 p.m. Senior High Youth

8:30 p.m. – Men’s Discipleship (Acts)

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Dakota Sun Program and Fellowship

Program – Carol; Refreshments – Bernice

FUTURE DATES:

September 22.....	Fresh Hope
September 24.....	Jr. High Youth
October 5.....	World Communion
	Sunday
October 7.....	MESA at 6:30 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: **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.

Bob Olson was able to return home on Wednesday. Continue to pray for him as he recovers at home. Bob would like to thank everyone for their prayers through all of this.

Marion Read has begun a drug therapy treatment for her ameloblastoma.

THANK YOU to the Education Team, Cody Knapp, Susan, and those that helped with the bead craft project to make our Sunday School Kick-off a success. We are looking forward to a great year!

THE MESA TEAM WOULD LIKE TO THANK those that helped serve and those that donated bars for the Harvest Table on Monday evening. They served more food than the last time and attendees were able to take some food home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. You do NOT need to serve the food. Thank you in advance.

YOU ARE INVITED! Ladies, we’d love for you to join us in our Bible study of the **Gospel of Luke** on Sundays at 3:30 p.m. today and again on September 28. It is a time to get together with other women of faith and discuss the Bible. We reflect on how the themes of Luke connect to modern life and restore and build our knowledge of the Word.

Note: The Adult Sunday School class is also studying the Gospel of Luke so that may tie in nicely together.

BELL CHOIR: If you are interested in possibly forming a bell choir and did not get your name on the signup sheet last week, the sheet is now on an easel in the fellowship hall. There is room for more bell players!

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SERVICE PROJECT: Boxes are 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.

NEW ADDITION: The Center of Hope is in need of good clean blankets (any size). You may place them in the boxes.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP AT PRESTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

You are invited to a night of worship and fellowship at Preston Christian Church on Sunday, October 5 at 6 p.m. with snacks and fellowship to follow. The music will be contemporary and geared toward youth groups, but all ages are welcome.

VCS CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER FOR THE VOLGA CHRISTIAN

SCHOOL: You may purchase a box of 30 for \$60 or may buy in a smaller quantity. The money goes directly back to the students and teachers for playground equipment, field trips, treats, classroom supplies, etc. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Melissa Olson.

THE VOLGA GEMS will be selling greeting cards for their annual fundraiser. We appreciate your support for the GEMS ministry.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 21, 2025

Greeters: James and Missy Vande Weerd Family

Ushers: Dave Nettleton and Allen Van Hoepen

Nursery: Roberta Volkers and Cade Leinen

Coffee Servers: Shirley Int Veld and Susan Vander Wal

Offering: General Fund and Building Fund

(September 14, 2025 bulletin)

ATTENTION MEN! Mark your calendars for RESGEN on Saturday, February 21, 2026. Speakers this year are Tom Henderson, John C. Maxwell, Tim Tebow, Sammy Abediyi and Jonnie W. Tickets will go on sale this week and are expected to sell fast. Be watching for more information in next week's bulletin.