FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 26, 2025 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder
Organ: Joyce Post
Keyboard: Dori Ohm
Praise Band

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONGS: *My Savior, My God* • *Everlasting God*
* *We Will Understand It Better By and By*
* GREETING ONE ANOTHER
PRAISE MINISTRY: *Altar and the Door* by Casting Crowns – Praise Band

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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: Ruth 1:1-22 p. 411
MESSAGE**:** ***Loving Unconditionally***

* HYMN: 439 – *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*
* BENEDICTION
* CLOSING HYMN: 428 – *More Love to Thee (verse 1)*

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

A WARM WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise today. As we draw near unto God, may His Word be our guide. Please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee, juice and conversation.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:
Greeters: John Sapp Family
Ushers: Marv and Kayleen Bleeker
Nursery: Ruth Sapp and Ryan Vandermeer
Coffee Servers: Wayne and Chris Mans

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We have classes for all ages.
Pre-school -5th grade will meet in the large northeast Sunday School room at **10:45 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) Ron Koerner's class meets in the sanctuary. This class is walking through the first half of Luke through a short video by J. D. Greear followed by discussion. (Luke 7 this week.)
2) Daniel Ostrem is leading a study on the prophets in the consistory room.

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

6:30 p.m. – Combined Reformation Service at the Christian Reformed Church. Pastor Gary will share a message. A time of fellowship will follow.

NEXT SUNDAY (November 2, 2025)
The praise team will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some praise songs.
Pastor Gary will continue with his sermon series on the book of Ruth.
Pastor Appreciation and new member potluck at noon. (see details in the announcement section).

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

MONDAY: 7:30 p.m. - Fresh Hope

WEDNESDAY: 4:15 p.m. – Bell Choir Practice

6:30 p.m. – Cadets for grades 2-5 at CRC
5 p.m. Junior and Senior Youth Groups to Air Madness

FUTURE DATES:

November 4……	MESA Team
November 9 ……	Serving a meal at Freedom's Gate
November 26……	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
November 30……..	Advent Begins
December 6……	Bake Sale at Beta Psi Gallery of Gifts
December 7……	Congregational Meeting
December 21……..	Christmas program during the morning service

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:
Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Whitney Goetsch**, **Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Marion Read, Emily Schaefer, Joel Schonewill, Lee Vande Weerd, Harold Van Hoepen,** and **Amy Vandermeer.**
Bob Olson is under home hospice care. Pray that he will experience God's love and mercy in these days.
Amy and Ava Vande Weerd were involved in a car accident on October 17. Both have had surgery and are recovering. Pray for continued improvement.
Carolyn Tucker will be having knee surgery on Monday, October 27. Please pray for a successful surgery, recuperation and rehabilitation.

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.
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WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Jan Clapp, Bill and Sherry Van Beek and nieces and nephews of Gert Dykhouse who passed away on Saturday, October 24. Services for their sister and aunt were held on Friday, October 18. May God grant comfort to Gert's children as well as Gert's siblings.

WE ARE GRATEFUL to you for choosing to donate for the school supply give away. You helped make a meaningful impact for over 500 students in Brookings County schools. Thank you for supporting education and the joy of students having the correct new school supplies! – Family Back2School Project Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK PEWS: As our church continues to grow, we want to remind you that the back pews are reserved for families with small children. This allows them easy access to the nursery and a more pleasant environment for all. As your children grow older, would you consider moving forward to create space for those with a greater need. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

PASTOR APPRECIATION/RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS DINNER
Next Sunday, November 2, we will be recognizing Pastor Gary and Robyn and new members at a 'potluck' dinner at noon. You are asked to bring a hot dish AND salad OR dessert. Tableware and beverage will be provided. The entire congregation is invited to come and honor Pastor Gary and Robyn and new members.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES are available for you to pick up a box and fill it with suggested small gifts for a child in need somewhere around the world. Boxes need to be returned by **November 16.**

QUILTERS: It is time to bring in your Project Linus quilts, whether sewn or crocheted. Please bring them to the southeast corner room (south hallway) by Monday, October 27. All the quilts must have an FRC label sewn into them. If you need labels, please contact VernaMae. Please sign the sheet on the clip board with your name and number of quilts/blankets.

FREEDOM'S GATE: The MESA Team is inviting everyone to join them as they worship with the Freedom's Gate congregation on Sunday, November 9 at 5 p.m. This is a ministry that we support which is designed to give those exiting prison a church home and a

welcoming congregation. The MESA team will be providing a meal for all those in attendance. If you are willing to donate a pan of bars, or help prepare food (on-site) or serve the meal, please sign on the sheet provided in the fellowship hall. Tim Goetsch has more details.

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR FUNDRAISER: The 2026 calendars are for sale at a table in the fellowship hall. The proceeds from this fundraiser help support youth group trips. Calendars are priced at $10 each or if you are buying Christmas gifts, you may purchase 5 for $40. Magnetic notepads are available for $5.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: This year, the PK-5th grade program will be integrated into the December 21st morning service. Parents, please let Michelle Vande Weerd or Heidi Ostrem know if your child(ren) will be gone that Sunday or if they will be able to participate. This will help us plan student readings and parts. We would also like to invite any K-12 students to play a short instrumental Christmas piece during the prelude that morning. Last year we were blessed by piano, guitar and clarinet players! Please reach out to either Michelle or Heidi if you have a musician or two that is willing to share their talents with the congregation. Thank you!

OUTSTANDING BILLS: Please present any outstanding bills you may incurred this year to our treasurer, Karen Kntson by November 24. The church fiscal year ends on November 30. Thank you!

THE 62ND ANNUAL VOLGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL will be held on November 8 at Gracepoint Church in Brookings. The lunch will begin at 11 a.m. The auction begins at 12:30. Check the bulletin board for more details.

NEXT SUNDAY, November 2, 2025
Greeters: Harold and Betty Beukelman Ushers:
Nursery: Melissa Olson and Marcus Olson
Coffee: Marv and Joyce Post
Offering: General Fund and Building Fund

(October 26, 2025 bulletin)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please have your announcements for the **November 2 bulletin** into the church office by **THURSDAY NOON, October 30.** Thank you!