

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ: Carol Kleinjan

Keyboard: Dori Ohm

Mixed Quartet

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMNS: 352 – *He Hideth My Soul*

500 – *The Longer I Serve Him*

* 361 – *Only Trust Him*

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

If you feel more comfortable during the cold/flu season not shaking hands, you may greet someone with a 'soft' fist bump, wave of the hand or just a verbal Good Morning!

PRAISE MINISTRY: Mixed Quartet –

I Need Thee Every Hour

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Volga Christian School)

CHILDREN'S OFFFERING (Compassion Child – Nelly and Raj)

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

* DOXOLOGY (page 623)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: John 8:12-19, 31-36

p. 1662

MESSAGE: *Knowing the Truth*

* HYMN: 181 – *Standing on the Promises*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 179 – *How Firm a Foundation* (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise. As we draw near to God, may His Word of Truth be our guide.

Please join us in the fellowship hall for a time of refreshments and conversation.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: George and Bev Cotton

Ushers: Justin Olson Family

Nursery: Melissa Olson and Eli Sapp

Coffee Servers: Keith and Shirley Van Duyn

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

We have classes for all ages. The children (Pre-primary-5th Grade) will have a time of singing in the large northeast Sunday School room at **10:45 a.m.** Instruction in the classroom will be from 11-11:45 a.m.

There are two adult classes 1) Daniel Ostrem's class meets in the consistory room and will be studying the prophet Joel. 2) Pastor Gary's class meets in the sanctuary and is studying the book of Ecclesiastes (chapter 2) through a short video by Jonathan Pokluda.

DAKOTA SUN ASSISTED LIVING SERVICE: A group will be going to Dakota Sun Assisted Living at 11 a.m. for a short service and a time of meeting the residents. The following are encouraged to attend: Susan, Chr., Ron & Karen, Stan & Joan, Jan Clapp, Rollyn & Beth, Larry & Barb, Bernita Kooima, Bruce & Dawn, Patricia Mast, Dave Nettleton, Doug & Ruth, Wayne & Carolyn, Keith & Shirley, James & Missy, Brad Vander Wal, Kyle & Allyson, Amy Vandermeer, Sako & Wiekie

Even if your name is not on the list, you are welcome to worship with the group.

NEXT SUNDAY (January 18, 2026)

The men's group will begin the service by leading the congregation in some hymns.

We will be welcoming new members, hearing two professions of faith as well as baptism of a young child.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

WEDNESDAY: 4:15 p.m. – Bell Choir Practice
7 p.m. – Senior High Youth
8:30 p.m. – Men's Discipleship Group

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Dakota Sun Assisted Living Program and fellowship
Leader and refreshments – Susan

FUTURE DATES:

January 20.....	MESA Team
January 21.....	Men's Discipleship
	Bell Choir Practice
	Cadets at CRC
January 24.....	Senior High Youth
	Men's Discipleship
	Consistory meeting
February 21.....	Consistory/staff supper
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PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAAYER CONCERNS:

Bill Santema spent some time in the hospital for dehydration. He is now recovering at home.

Bill Van Beek had surgery this past week at Avera Hospital in Sioux Falls to clean out the infection following his previous surgery.

Joel Schonewill is undergoing both immunotherapy and radiation treatments again. Your continued prayers would be appreciated.

Gloria Eggeberg has been experiencing serious back pain. Pray that the pain will subside and that they can find a long-term solution.

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Kayleen Bleeker, Larry Dyer, Whitney Goetsch, Laurie Jones, Lois Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Joel Schonewill, Lee Vande Weerd, Harold Van Hoepen, and Amy Vandermeer.**

Also continue to pray for **Howard Rozendaal** who resides at United Living Community in Brookings, **Donald Langland** who is at the Estelline Nursing and Care Center, **Bill Van Beek** is in the Good Samaritan home in De Smet, **Marilyn Kleinjan** is at the Neighborhoods in Brookings and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van Hoepen** who are homebound.

THANK YOU for your prayers for Danelyn's knee surgery and recovery. Jakob and Samantha would also like to thank everyone for their prayers at Lenna's birth and time afterward. – Jen Green and family

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone for their well wishes, cards and support. I especially want to thank Pastor Gary for his spiritual support through out this whole ordeal. May God's love and grace be with you all.

- Lee Vande Weerd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEALS FOR YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS: If you are willing to serve a 'quick meal' for the Wednesday night youth groups, please sign the sheet on the small table under the south bulletin board. Suggestions for food are on the sign-up sheet as well as to how many to serve and time to deliver. You do NOT have to serve the food. Thank you in advance. Thank you to those that served in 2025!

ARE YOU WILLING TO PROVIDE A PROGRAM OR REFRESHMENTS on the 3rd Thursday afternoon of each month at Dakota Sun? Your help would be appreciated as the residents look forward to visitors. Please sign the sheet on the easel in the fellowship hall.

ALL MEN AND YOUNG MEN are invited to the First Lutheran Church (Volga) oyster stew, chili and chicken noodle soup supper on Monday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 18, 2026

Greeters: Cody Knapp Family

Ushers: Justin Olson Family

Nursery: Dori Ohm and Laura Hove

Coffee Fellowship: Nick and Nicole Franklin

Offering: Building Fund

