

**Youth Groups Taco Fundraising Supper**  
**Wednesday, April 8 at FRC**  
**Serving Time will be 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

The youth groups are sponsoring a taco supper as a fundraiser for youth group trips.

Menu items will include tacos, taco salad, walking tacos, cookies, bars and desserts.

This is a fundraiser for youth group trips especially Rocky Mountain High which will be held July 25-29.



**If you would be willing to donate some pounds of ground beef for the taco supper, please contact Melissa Olson.**

**Thank you in advance!!**

**Service Project for April**

The MESA Team has designated the April service project as paper products and office supplies for the Center of Hope in Sioux Falls. The mission of the Center of Hope exists to walk alongside people to bring spiritual and physical health and ultimately change the community. They have several different programs to help those in need in the Sioux Falls area.

How can you help? Check out the display on 'the ladder' in the fellowship hall. You may take a card (or cards), purchase the item and return the card and item to the tote under the ladder. Some suggestions listed are: paper towels, facial tissue, post-in-notes, Sharpies, envelopes, white or colored copy paper.



**First Reformed Church, Volga, SD**

**April 2026**

# Glad Tidings

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

## Upcoming Worship Services in April

- **April 5**— 8 a.m.—The upper grade Sunday School students will be presenting the Colors of Easter at the Easter Sunrise service. From 8:30 a.m.—9 a.m. you are invited to join in the Easter breakfast. Even if you are not able to come to the Sunrise Service, please feel free to join in the breakfast. At 9:30 a.m., come and celebrate the joy of Easter and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! The bell choir will be playing. There will be NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday.
- **April 12**—The mixed quartet will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some hymns. This will be our rescheduled Prayer for Crops and Industry service when Pastor Gary will bring a message on “When the Rains Stop...”. We will have a baptism and new members will be welcomed into the FRC family this week. The pre-school -5th grade Sunday School classes will be going to Dakota Sun to share a message with the residents at 11 a.m.
- **April 19**—The men’s group will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some hymns. Pastor Gary’s message will be entitled “The Second Adam” from Romans 5: 12-19.
- **April 26**—The praise band will lead the congregation in singing some praise songs.



Your ongoing prayers for those in need of healing and those taking treatments would be appreciated: Gary and Gloria Egeberg, Whitney Goetsch, Gene and Lois Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Joel Schonewill, Lee Vande Weerd, Harold Van Hoepen, Amy Vandermeer

- Gene Kleinjan had radiation treatments behind his ear.
- Gina Vander Wal has a lung condition including shortness of breath.
- Sandi Franklin had surgery to install a nerve stimulator implant to reduce the pain in her back.
- George Cotton had surgery to remove the previous artificial hip after he experienced more infection. A spacer has been put into place until the infection clears up and a new hip can be installed at a later date.
- Bill Van Beek was able to return to his home after having been in the Good Samaritan Home in De Smet for several weeks receiving therapy

### Upcoming Task Force Meetings

- April 8—Building and Grounds Team at 6:30 p.m.
- April 13—Consistory

### Congratulations to:



Preston and Mariah (Vander Wal) on the birth of their son, Tate Joseph on February 28. He joins a two-year old brother Ty. Congratulations to the grandparents, Kelly and Vickie Vander Wal and extended family.

*The birth of a child is a miracle, a precious gift from God!*

***Wrinkles should merely indicate where the smiles have been.***

- Mark Twain

### Looking Back Ten Years..... April 2016!

- Welcomed Darin and Megan Sinner into the FRC family.
- The Prayer for Crops and Industry service happened in a different way this year with various prayer stations at the church on Sunday, April 10 from 4-7 p.m. Each station was dedicated to a certain theme. Some of the themes included: our country, weather, schools, missions, agriculture, economy, the church and more.
- Our sympathy was extended to the family and friends of Harriet Mast who passed away on March 30.

### Highlights of Last Month (March 2025)

- FRC hosted the second combined Lenten service on March 1
- Nick Vande Weerd went on a mission trip to build houses in Guatemala (March 15-22)
- World Day of Prayer was hosted by the Christian Reformed Church women on March 14 (postponed a week due to inclement weather)
- The Sunday March 15 service was cancelled due to a snow storm!
- Celebrated Cadet Sunday with some of the Volga Cadet Club members present and gave a report of their activities.
- Received Jason, Darcy and Madi Kasdorf, and Sarah Sneed into the FRC membership on March 29.
- The children helped us rejoice in the Lord by waving their palm branches on Palm Sunday as well as supplied praise ministry.

### 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. When we reach **\$200,000** in receipts, Hy-Vee will donate \$1,000 toward a MESA project yet to be determined. As of **March 19**, Dori has tabulated **\$66,163.20** in total receipts. A REMINDER: Please bring in your gas receipts also. Keep eating, stay healthy and make every bite count.





Jason , Darcy and Madi Kasdorf joined the FRC family on March 29. We are thankful they found their church home only two blocks from their own home!

Jason grew up in the Bruce/Volga area (his mother is Susan Palmer). Jason is a Sioux Valley graduate. He is employed at the soybean plant.

Darcy grew up in the Twin Brooks, SD and graduated from Milbank High School. She also attended SDSU. Darcy works shift hours at Solventum (former 3-M).

They have two children, Mason and Madisyn. Mason is a junior at Oldham/Ramona/Rutland School. Madi is a freshman at Sioux Valley. As a family, they enjoy going to car shows in the summer. Jason plays pool. They follow their children's activities with Mason in basketball and Madi is active in FFA, music, pep band and the school play.

### **The Chalice and Cross**

The cross, with its intersecting vertical and horizontal arms, is our constant reminder that in Christ heaven and earth are reconciled. Through his actions, Christ restores our broken relationship and makes us whole. His suffering is represented in the arms of the cross shaped as nails. The cup, or chalice, symbolizes Christ's agony in the garden of Gethsemane as he asks, "If it is possible, let this cup pass from me." The cross rises up out of the cup as a sign of Christ's obedience, drinking the cup of death, offering us the "cup of the new covenant."

Matthew 26:39—*Going a little father, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."*

### **Thank You First Reformed Church**

Thank you for your participation in Operation Christmas Child 2025.

With your help of 32 shoe boxes, the East River Area of South Dakota sent 17,759 shoeboxes (477 of them built online) to the Denver Processing Center. They have been distributed to a child in one of the 100 countries served by Samaritan's Purse. Please pray for the children receiving your shoeboxes. They now have the Word of God in their hands and a delightful gift—for many of them, the first gift they have ever received. What a great response to the Great Commission!

Go and Make Disciples of all People—Matthew 28:16

Linda, Area Coordinator East River SD Team



### **Ladies—You Are Invited to a Salad Luncheon**

The Preston Christian Church has extended an invitation to ladies to hear a featured speaker, Jenny Peterson on Saturday, April 18. She is an inspirational speaker and author of "She Walked by Faith, Not by Sight". She shares her story of faith, hope and perseverance at 10 a.m.

The salad luncheon at 11 a.m. is free.

RSVP's are required by Sunday, April 12.

A sign up sheet is on an easel in the fellowship hall.

### **The History of the Easter Lily**

The Easter lily, native to Japan's Ryukyu Islands, is a symbol of purity, rebirth, and resurrection. Introduced to Western gardens in the 19th century, its



commercial production shifted to the U.S. after WWII, with 95% now grown by a few families along the California-Oregon border, where they are forced to bloom for the spring holiday.

The lily is used in Christian churches to signify the resurrection of Jesus Christ, with the bulb representing the tomb and the white flower representing new life.