

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

MOTHER'S DAY

May 10, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ: Carol Kleinjan

Keyboard: Michelle Vander Wal

Mixed Quartet

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMNS: 485 – *God Will Take Care of You*

423 – *Fill All My Vision*

* 361 – *Only Trust Him*

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

PRAISE MINISTRY: Selah Kuipers - *Before the Throne of God Above*

MOTHER'S DAY LITANY: (words are on the screen)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Volga Christian School)

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

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

* DOXOLOGY (page 623)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 3:1-17 p. 334

MESSAGE: *Making the Impossible Possible*

* HYMN: 442 – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 448 – *Higher Ground* (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

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

Please join us in the fellowship hall for a time of refreshments and conversation. The Congregational Care Team will be serving muffins in recognition of Mother's Day.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Keith and Shirley Van Duyn

Ushers: Kelly and Vickie Vander Wal

Nursery: Susan Vander Wal and Marcus Olson (for newborns-age 4)

Coffee Servers: James and Missy Vande Weerd

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY:

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.

Daniel Ostrem's class **will not be meeting today**, but all are invited to Pastor Gary's class which meets in the sanctuary and will be discussing Luke 22:1-38 through a short video by J. D. Greear.

DAKOTA SUN ASSISTED LIVING SERVICE at 11 a.m.: The following are encouraged to attend: Larry & Sandi, Chr., Charles & Ruth, Gary & Gloria, Jerry & Cam, Gene & Lois, Ron & Jodi, Preston Liedtke, Howard & Loretta, Wayne & Chris, Jeff & Sarah, Darin & Megan, Bill & Sherry, Dean & Polly, Kelly & Vickie, Kevin & Kari, Jake & Roberta, Jason & Laci, Kevin & Angie

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

NEXT SUNDAY (May 17, 2026)

- A men's group will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some well-known hymns.
- Pastor Gary will continue his series of messages on Joshua and the Israelite's entrance into the promised land: *From Promise to Possession*.
- The 4-8th grade Sunday School classes will be reciting their assigned memory work.
- The Sunday School teachers will be recognized.
- The bell choir will be playing.

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

MONDAY: 7 p.m. – Board of Elders Meeting
7:15 p.m. – Deacons Meeting
7:30 p.m. – Full Consistory

TUESDAY: 6 p.m. – Education Team
7 p.m. – MESA Team

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

7 p.m. – Sioux Valley High School Baccalaureate in the PAC
Local pastors will be participating in the service. Pastor Gary will be addressing the graduates. The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend and support the 2026 graduates.

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study Romans 13
Leader – Barb Refreshments – Carol

FRIDAY: 7 p.m. – Volga Christian School 8th Grade Graduation at FRC
Rebecca Olson is one of the graduates. All are welcome to attend.

FUTURE DATES

May 18.....	Fresh Hope
May 19.....	Worship Team-7pm
May 20.....	Men's Discipleship Bell Choir Practice
May 21.....	Dakota Sun Assisted Living Fellowship
May 26-29.....	Vacation Bible School
June 14.....	Communion Sunday

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **George Cotton, Whitney Goetsch,**

Gene and Lois Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Joel Schonewill, Lee Vande Weerd, Harold Van Hoepen, Amy Vandermeer and Gina Vander Wal.

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, **Marilyn Kleinjan** and **Carolyn Cotton** are at Dakota Sun in Volga and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van Hoepen** who are homebound.

Dawn Lucas had an ablation procedure on Thursday as a follow-up to the liver biopsy she had previously. Please continue to pray that the procedure helps in Dawn's overall health.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Vern Lathrop, children and grandchildren on the death of Shirley Lathrop. Our sympathies to Deanna and Bill Santema (Shirley's was Dee's sister). Shirley's service was held on Friday. May God comfort and strengthen all of you in your loss of a loved one.

THANK YOU: As the youth groups come to a close for the summer break, we would like to thank all those who provided meals for the groups. A special thank is extended to Wayne and Carolyn Tucker for hosting our final night.

VERNAMAE VAN MAANEN would like to thank everyone who remembered with cards and well wishes on the occasion of her 95th birthday.

THANK YOU for your generous offering in the amount of \$3,420 to the Volga Trinity Cemetery.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Jason and Laura Hove extend an invitation to you to honor their daughter, **Olivia Hove** who will be graduating from Brookings High School on Sunday, May 17. The event will be held at 1817 7th Avenue in Brookings from 5-8 p.m.

Justin and Melissa Olson invite you to celebrate **Marcus Olson's** graduation from Sioux Valley High School with a reception at the Volga Christian School on Saturday, May 16 from 4-7 p.m.

You are invited to an open house graduation honoring **Garrett Vander Wal** on Saturday, May 16 from 3-7 p.m. at the home of his grandparents, Edward and Gina Vander Wal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATES AND/OR PARENTS OF GRADUATES: If you will be graduating from the 8th grade or a college/university/technical institute (or if you completed your classes last fall 2025), please contact Susan by Sunday, May 17. The high school graduates had a form in their mailbox to complete and return to Susan by May 17.

2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Tuesday, May 26-Friday, May 29

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE –

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Ages: from age 4 by May 26 to current 6th graders

Where: Sioux Valley School, Volga, SD

Cost: Free – daily offerings will be taken to cover expenses and donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace

How to register or volunteer: Register on-line at myvbs.org/volgavbs2026

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Vande Weerd at

michelle.vandeweerd@gmail.com

Adult volunteer helpers are needed!

GRIEF SUPPORT CLASSES IN BROOKINGS: Grief Share classes will help you learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported along the way. It is a place where grieving people find healing and hope. The groups will meet on Tuesday, from 10-11:30 a.m. **OR** 5:30-7 p.m. beginning June 2 at the Brookings Activity Center.

For more information and registration, you may send questions to this email address: astrohufus@cityofbrookings-sd.gov.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 17, 2026

Greeters: John and Linda Vande Weerd

Ushers: Kelly and Vickie Vander Wal

Nursery: Deb Ulvestad and Roberta Volkers

Coffee Servers: Dean and Polly Vander Wal

Offering: General Fund and Building Fund

VCS Medary Acres Gift Certificate Fundraiser is going on again. If you would like to purchase certificates in any increments (\$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100), please contact Melissa Olson. These gift certificates never expire. VCS gets a generous percentage of every certificate sold. This fundraiser supports students and teachers at the school. They make great Mother's Day gifts!!

FINANCIALS FOR APRIL 2026

- General Fund giving was \$15,272
- Building Fund offering was \$1,845
- Giving to the Mission Fund amounted to \$825
- Volga Christian School offerings totaled \$626
- Children's compassion offerings were \$67
- Deacon's Fund offering totaled \$945
- ***God loves a cheerful giver – 2 Corinthians 9:7***

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