

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ:

Keyboard: Dori Ohm

Men's Praise Team

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMNS: 455 – *In Heavenly Love Abiding*

447 – *He Leadeth Me*

* 382 – *Glory to His Name*

* OPENING PRAYER

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and the Building Fund)

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

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

* DOXOLOGY (page 623)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH PRESENTATION

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:7-8 p. 1829

Mark 9:14-32 p. 1568

MESSAGE: *One Story*

* HYMN: 378 – *Tell Me the Old, Old Story*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 322 – *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* (verse 1)

*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 together on this Lord's Day.

Carolyn Cotton's family will be serving cookies following the worship service this morning to celebrate her 85th birthday. Her birthday is tomorrow, August 17.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Stan and Joan Bruinsma

Ushers: George and Bev Cotton

Nursery: Deb Ulvestad and Eli Sapp (for newborns-age 4)

Coffee Servers: Rollyn and Beth Clapp

A SHORT TRAINING SESSION FOR THE PRAYER WALK will be held in the front of the sanctuary at 11 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume in September.

NEXT SUNDAY (August 23, 2026) - Outdoor Service

- The Outdoor Worship Service will be held at the Doc and Roma Peeke Park in Volga, Sunday, August 23 beginning at **10:30 a.m.** A meal will be provided immediately following the service. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the church sanctuary at 10:30 with the meal served in the fellowship hall. Invite a friend to join you.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

MONDAY: 7 p.m. - Fresh Hope

WEDNESDAY: 3 p.m. – Men's Discipleship Group
7 p.m. Senior High Youth Kickoff – Bring a friend!
Come prepared to get wet!

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Dakota Sun Program and Fellowship
Leader – Robyn Refreshments – Susan

SATURDAY: 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Walk Breakfast
9-Noon – Prayer Walk

FRC will once again hold our annual prayer walk. The MESA Team will have maps prepared for groups to walk around Volga to meet our friends and neighbors. We will knock on doors and pray for the needs of each household. There's a place for everyone to participate. We need volunteers to lead groups and also those who walk along side as support people.

A prayer support team will be stationed at the church.

God will show us amazing things when we are faithful.

Be thinking and praying about this opportunity. Sign up on the easel in the fellowship hall if you can help us reach out to our community.

FUTURE DATES

August 25.....	Buildings & Grounds Team
August 26.....	Junior High Youth Group Kickoff
September 2.....	Senior High Youth
September 3.....	Education Team at 6 pm
September 9.....	Senior High Youth
September 14.....	Serve a meal at Harvest Table in Brookings
September 14.....	Consistory

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, Gary Egeberg, Whitney Goetsch, Lois Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Tammy Mullett, Ken Pederson, Joel Schonewill, Harold Van Hoepen, 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.

Please take a few minutes to visit with our shut-ins. They would love to see you.

John Cotton had successful surgery on Wednesday. Please pray for him as he recovers and receives pathology reports back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK PEWS: Now that Sunday School is beginning and 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. We appreciated your assistance in this matter. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS and subs are still needed for the upcoming Sunday School season specifically someone to co-teach the 2nd and 3rd class and possibly the high school group. Sunday School will begin with a kick-off on September 13. If you feel called by God to teach, please contact Nicole Vande Weerd.

MEALS 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. Suggestions for food are on the sign-up sheet as well as how many to serve and time of delivery. You do NOT need to serve the food. Thank you in advance.

THE SERVICE PROJECT FOR JULY/AUGUST is gathering items on a wish list for the Volga Christian School. Today is the last day for this project. Thank you for your participation.

LINK TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH: If anyone is interested in seeing what happened at Rocky Mountain High, here is the link:
<https://www.youtube.com/@cultivate-co>

NEXT SUNDAY, August 23, 2026

Greeters: EVERYONE

Ushers:

Nursery: No nursery available this week

Coffee Servers: No coffee will be served

Offering: General Fund and Mission Fund

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