

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ – Joyce Post

Keyboard: Michelle Vander Wal

Worship Team

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMNS: 376 – *Are You Washed in the Blood?*

333 – *Only a Sinner*

* 356 – *A Child of the King*

* OPENING PRAYER

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAISE MINISTRY: *Amazing Grace* – Rod King

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Deacon's Fund)

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

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

* DOXOLOGY: (page 623)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:46-52 p. 1572

MESSAGE: *Jesus Stops for One*

* HYMN: 174 – *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 132 – *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise. As we gather as a body of believers, may the Lord richly bless us as we worship together.

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

NEXT SUNDAY:

- The Praise Team will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some praise songs

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

WEDNESDAY: 3 p.m. – Men's Discipleship Group
7 p.m. – Senior High Youth

THURSDAY: 6 p.m. – Education Team

FUTURE DATES

September 9.....	Senior High Youth
September 10	Ladies Bible Study
	GEMS Kickoff at CRC
September 13.....	Sunday School Kickoff
September 14.....	Serve a meal at Harvest
	Table in Brookings
September 14.....	Consistory
	First Bell Choir practice
September 16.....	Men's Discipleship Group
	Cadet Kickoff at CRC
	Senior High Youth Group

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Allen Van Hoepen will be having prostate surgery on Wednesday. Please pray that all the cancer is removed and that he will experience a complete recovery.

Kelly Vander Wal had a heart ablation on Friday and all went very well. Thanks for your prayers. God is good!

Bernita Kooima would like to thank the congregation for their prayers. God has been at work! She is no longer needing treatments or dialysis. Praise the Lord!

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **George Cotton, John Cotton, Gary Egeberg, Whitney Goetsch, Lois Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Tammy Mullett, 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 Esteline 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.

WE WANT TO THANK the Clapp family, praise band, Worship Team and Congregational Care Team for making last week's service at the park a success! We appreciate your hard work.

We also want to thank everyone who participated in the Prayer Walk last Saturday. We offered many prayers, learned about needs of our community and represented Christ to many individuals. Well done!

A BIG thank you to the Buildings and Grounds Team, too. They spent a great deal of time and effort trimming trees last week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK PEWS: A reminder for the following Sundays -- Now that Sunday School will begin 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 appreciate your assistance in this matter. Thank you.

SERVING A MEAL AT THE HARVEST TABLE: The MESA Team has a sign-up sheet posted on an easel in the fellowship hall seeking volunteers to prepare a meal and serve the meal beginning at 4 p.m on Monday,

September 14. Also, if you are willing to provide a pan of bars (9x13 or larger) please sign up on the sheet also.

BELL CHOIR: Our bell choir would love to add three new ringers so we can play three-octave music this year. We're changing our practices to Mondays from 5:45 – 6:45. We will get started on Monday, September 14. Come try it out that night! Talk to Robyn Mulder if you're interested (319-883-0720) and we could even arrange a private session before that to learn about playing handbells.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF: The theme this year is "Oh Sweet Sunday School is Back". Make plans to attend on Sunday, September 13!!

Activities include:

- Human sundae with Bible Trivia
- 9 Square in the Air with balls and balloons
- Bracelet making with the MESA Team
- Yard games and playground
- Church fellowship – ice cream sundaes or ice cream sandwiches

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.

TRI-VALLEY BARBERSHOP CHORUS will be in concert here at FRC on Sunday evening, September 20 beginning at 4 p.m. Everyone in attendance is invited to stay for a meal with the choir. Invite your friends and neighbors for this rare opportunity in our area.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 6, 2026

Greeters: Jerry & Cam Heier

Ushers: Wayne and Carolyn Tucker

Nursery: Ruth Sapp and Eli Sapp

Coffee Servers: Marv and Joyce Post

Offering: General Fund and Building Fund

(August 31, 2026 bulletin)

FYI – I will be at the State Fair August 31-September 7 with limited access to email. If I don't answer my phone, leave me a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Be sure to have your bulletin announcements in by noon on Friday (earlier would be appreciated) as I will be coming back to work on the bulletin Friday noon. Thank you! - Susan

