

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ – Carol Kleinjan

Keyboard: Karen Knutson

Praise Team

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONGS: *Here I Am to Worship*

Blessed Be Your Name • Open the Eyes of My Heart

* OPENING PRAYER

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAISE MINISTRY: *Like the Woman at the Well*

– Michelle Vander Wal

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: Exodus 20:1-17 p. 118

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and 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

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 p. 1840

MESSAGE: *A Life Pleasing to God*

* HYMN: 432 – *I Would Be True*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 440 – *I'll Live for Him* (vs. 1)

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise. We hope that you can find rest from your labors on this Labor Day weekend. Please join us in the fellowship hall for a time of refreshments and conversation.

NEXT SUNDAY:

- The mixed quartet will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some hymns as well as providing ministry of praise.
- Third grade students will receive a Bible from the Education Team
- Sunday School Kickoff
- Dakota Sun Assisted Living Service at 11 a.m.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. – Senior High Youth Group

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Women's Bible Study - Romans 16

Refreshments – Shirley I.

3:45 – 5:30 p.m. – GEMS Kickoff at CRC

All girls grades 1-8 are invited to join us. The GEMS girls will be selling greeting cards, and other miscellaneous items again as their annual fund raiser. Your support is appreciated. The GEMS are in need of a counselor for the upcoming season. If you or someone you know is willing to be part of the GEMS ministry, contact Geraldine Runia (605-690-5446).

FUTURE DATES

September 14.....	Serve a meal at Harvest Table in Brookings Consistory
September 16.....	First Bell Choir practice Men's Discipleship Group Cadet Kickoff at CRC
September 17.....	Senior High Youth Group Dakota Sun program and fellowship

September 20..... Tri Valley Barbershop
Chorus
September 23..... Junior High Youth Group

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Allen Van Hoepen's surgery went well and is recovering at home. Please pray that he will have good results when they come in. He would like to thank you for your prayers.

Lois Kleinjan was in the hospital early last week. She is continuing her recovery at home.

Bernice Mullett spent a few days in the hospital with an infection. She was expected to go return home this weekend.

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 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.

OUR SYMPATHIES go out to Dawn and Bruce Lucas and family. Dawn's father, Elmer Visscher passed away last Sunday (August 30). His funeral was held Thursday.

THANK YOU: Carolyn Cotton would like to thank everyone who remembered her with cards and well wishes on her 85th birthday. A special thank you is extended to her family who helped her celebrate all week with parties!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Activities include:

- Human sundae with Bible Trivia
- 9 Square in the Air with balls and water balloons
- Bracelet making with the MESA Team
- Yard games and playground

Church fellowship –ice cream sandwiches

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.

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.

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.

CADET KICKOFF will be on Wednesday, September 16 at CC at 6:30 p.m. Cadets is a boys' ministry for boys, grades 2-8. They are looking forward to the new season experiencing "Mountains of Blessing", as that is the theme this year. Please invite all boys, grades 2-8 to Cadets. If you have any questions call/text Steve Van Heerde at 605.690.6316.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 13, 2026

Greeters: The Dan Gerdes Family

Ushers: Wayne and Carolyn Tucker

Nursery: Melissa Olson and Kinsley Sapp

Coffee Servers: Kelly and Vickie Vander Wal

Offering: General Fund and Volga Christian School

Dakota Sun Assisted Living Service at 11 a.m. The following are encouraged to worship with the residents: Charles & Ruth, Chr., Larry & Sandi, Gary & Gloria, Jerry & Cam, Ron & Jodi, Preston Liedtke, Howard & Loretta, Wayne & Chris, Jeff & Sarah, Darin & Megan, Sherry Van Beek, Dean & Polly, Kevin & Kari, Jake & Roberta, Jason & Laci, Kevin & Angie

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