

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ – Joyce Post

Keyboard: Michelle Vander Wal and Carol Kleinjan

Mixed Quartet

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMNS: 424 – *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord*

449 – *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

* 322 – *I Love to Tell the Story*

* OPENING PRAYER

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRAISE MINISTRY: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Paisley Raml, Kayleen Bleeker, Ron Koerner, John Sapp

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3RD GRADE STUDENTS

INTRODUCTION OF TEACHERS

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: Psalm 78:1-7 p. 914

MESSAGE: *Teach the Next Generation*

* HYMN: 470 – *Take the Name of Jesus with You*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 469 – *Trust and Obey* (vs. 1)

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

A WARM WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise. We have a special day of worship and praise as we kick off our education year.

Bibles will be given to the third-grade students. Those receiving Bibles are: Eliot Goetsch and Tate Vande Weerd.

You are invited to the fellowship hall for fellowship and conversation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF AT 11 A.M. - The theme this year is "Oh Sweet Sunday School is Back".

Activities include:

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

Ice cream sandwiches for everyone!

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. Even if your name is not on the list, you are invited and encouraged to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY:

- The men's group will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some hymns.
- The Tri-Valley Barbershop Chorus will be in concert here at FRC beginning at 4 p.m. Everyone in attendance is invite to stay for a meal with the choir. Invite your friends and neighbors for this rare opportunity. A freewill offering will be taken to help cover travel costs and support the chorus.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

MONDAY: Serve a meal at the Harvest Table in Brookings
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. Also, if you are willing to provide a pan of bars (9x13 or larger) please sign up on the sheet also. Your help is appreciated!

NO BELL CHOIR PRACTICE THIS WEEK

7 p.m.
Board of Elders
7:15 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
7:30 p.m. Consistory

WEDNESDAY: 3 p.m. Men's Discipleship Group

6:30 p.m. – Cadet Kick Off at CRC
Cadets is a 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.

7 p.m. – Senior High Youth Group

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. –Dakota Sun Assisted Living program and fellowship Refreshments – Carol Kleinjan

FUTURE DATES

September 21.....	Fresh Hope
September 23.....	Junior High Youth Group
September 27.....	Communion
September 28.....	Buildings and Ground Team
September 29.....	Worship Team
September 30.....	Fun Night for both youth groups
October 20.....	MESA Team
November 1.....	Combined Reformation Service at FRC at 6:30 p.m.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

All the cancer was removed with **Allen Van Hoepen's** surgery. Continue to pray for him as he makes a full recovery.

Ken Pederson had on Friday and is recovering at home.

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, Bernice Mullett, 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.

THANK YOU: I wish to thank Pastor Gary for his prayers and visits and the congregation for their thoughts and prayers, for those who brought food, sent cards and called on the phone. Thank you for the special prayers that brought my blood pressure down last week Saturday. You are special to me and God is special to me as He brought my blood pressure down. Thank you.
Bernice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS for this year are:

Superintendent – Nicole Vande Weerd

Assistant Superintendent –

Music - Paisley Raml, Michelle Vander Wal and Robyn Mulder

Roving Subs – Dar Ludwig and Robyn Mulder

Preschool – Paisley Raml (this is a combined class of PK-1st grade)

K-1st grade – Michelle Vander Wal (combined with PK)

2nd-3rd Grade – Laci Volkers and Lindsey Vander Wal (sub-Susan)

4th-5th Grade – Michelle Vande Weerd and Nicole Vande Weerd
Middle School – Daniel and Heidi Ostrem
High School – Caleb Schaefer and John Sapp (Nick Vande Weerd is the
roving sub for 4th grade – high school)
Adult Class – Pastor Gary (sub – Ron Koerner)

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.

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. Come try it out! Talk to Robyn Mulder if you’re interested
(319-883-0720).

SERVICE PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

Boxes are set up in the fellowship hall as well as the coat room along the
south hallway for you to place your warm winter clothing (**IN GOOD
CLEAN CONDITION**). These will be given to the Center of Hope in Sioux
Falls. There is a special need for men’s and children’s coats/snowpants (all
sizes) gloves/mittens, hats and winter boots. However, they will take all
winter gear items.

The boxes will be set up until the end of October.

NEXT SUNDAY, September 20, 2026

Greeters: George and Bev Cotton

Ushers: Wayne and Carolyn Tucker

Nursery: Nicole Vande Weerd and Ruby Vande Weerd

Coffee Servers: Jim and Karen Janssen

Offering: General Fund and Building Fund

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