FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAYAFTER PENTECOST
November 22, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder
Organ – Carol Kleinjan
Keyboard: Dori Ohm
Praise Band

If you feel more comfortable during the cold/flu season not shaking hands, you may greet someone with a 'soft' fist bump, wave of the hand or just a verbal Good Morning!

PRELUDE
PRAISE SONGS:
Living Hope
Jesus Light of the World
* *Thank You Lord (For Your Blessings)*
* OPENING PRAYER
* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE and GATHERING OF SHOE BOXES

PRAISE MINISTRY: - Jamie Tucker

PREPARATORY SERVICE (litany is on the screen and will be read responsively)
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
OFFERING (General Fund and Mission Fund)
CHILDREN'S OFFFERING (Compassion Child – Nelly and Raj)
(Please sign the friendship pads as the offering is received)
* DOXOLOGY: (page 623)
* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 2:1-15 p. 570
MESSAGE: ***Elijah – The Mantle***

* HYMN: 432 – *I Would Be True*
* BENEDICTION
* CLOSING HYMN: 529 – *Only One Life to Offer* (vs 1)

*** Please stand if you are able**

TODAY

A WARM WELCOME is extended to all who have come to join us in worship and praise. May you experience the joy of the Lord as we gather today.
After the service, you are invited to the fellowship hall for conversation and coffee or a cold drink.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:
Greeters: Charles and Ruth Sapp
Ushers: Jim and Karen Janssen
Nursery: Melissa Olson and Landon Sapp
Coffee Servers: Jeff and Sarah Sapp

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 11 a.m. Instruction in the classroom will be from 11:15-11:45 a.m.
All other classes will begin at 11 a.m.
The adult class led by Pastor Gary meets in the sanctuary and will continue a series of discussions on the book of Acts. Today's topic is 'The Church is Built through Blocking and Tackling' from Acts chapters 11-14. This is a video series by Louie Giglio.

NEXT SUNDAY:

- The Worship Team will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some Christmas carols/hymns.
- This will be the first Sunday of Advent.
- We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

WEDNESDAY 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service
The offering for the evening has been designated for the Food Pantry in Brookings.
We will have fellowship with pie afterward. Everyone is encouraged to bring one pie. Work Group #1 is in charge of organizing and serving.

THURSDAY: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

SATURDAY: 9 a.m. – The Worship Team will be decorating for Advent and Christmas. Others are WELCOME to come and join in the decorating process.

The Worship Team will have a brief meeting when the decorating is completed.

FUTURE DATES

December 2…….	Men's Discipleship Group Senior High Youth
December 5……..	Bake Sale at the Beta Psi Gallery of Gifts
December 6……	Annual Congregational Meeting
December 7……	Fresh Hope
December 9……	Junior High Youth
December 11…….	VCS Christmas Program at FRC
December 24……..	Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Marv Bleeker will have surgery on Wednesday, November 25. Please keep Marv and family in your prayers.

Gene Bjorklund is asking for prayers as he goes through testing related to his ongoing cancer concerns.

Please be in prayer for **Dee Santema** as she has an immunotherapy treatment this week to treat the cancer that was detected.

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Gary Egeberg, Sandi Franklin, Whitney Goetsch**, **Darcy Kasdorf, 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, **Gene Kleinjan** who is at The Neighborhoods at Brookview in Brookings, **Donald Langland** resides 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 our shut-ins. They would appreciate a visit.

RUSS RAATZ WOULD LIKE TO THANK the congregation for their prayers with his recent knee surgery and also his other medical concerns over the last year. Your prayers have really helped in those times of need.

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YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR FUNDRAISER: The 2027 calendars are for sale at a table in the fellowship hall. The proceeds from this fundraiser help support youth group trips. Calendars are priced at $10 each or if you are buying Christmas gifts, you may purchase 5 for $40. Magnetic notepads ae available for $5.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH T-SHIRTS: The MESA Team and FRC would like you to promote our church by wearing an FRC t-shirt. The front logo provides the name and place. The back of shirt will read as follow:

REACHING OUT
GROWING WITHIN

The color will be forest green. If you have never had a shirt, or if you would like to order a new size, please sign the sheet on the clip board on the table underneath the south bulletin board. The cost of the shirt is $16. Payment is due upon receiving the shirt.

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS TODAY!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES **must be returned today!**

OUTSTANDING BILLS: Please present any outstanding bills you may have incurred this year to our treasurer, Karen Knutson **TODAY.** The church fiscal year ends on November 30. Thank you.

A BAKE SALE at the BETA PSI GALLERY OF GIFTS in Volga will be on December 5 at Sioux Valley Schools.

If you are willing to work in the booth, please sign up on the sheet on 'the Ladder' in the fellowship hall. More details will be posted next week.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, December 6 immediately following the morning worship service.
Our bylaws specify that only agenda items will be acted on at the Congregational Meeting, so if you have an item to be discussed, please bring it to a consistory member by November 28.
An agenda and a proposed budget will be distributed next week.
Absentee ballots will be allowed.
The elder and deacon candidates will draw lots to determine whom God has chosen to fill the respective offices.
Nominees for the office of **elde**r are: Ron Koerner, Caleb Schaefer, Dean Vander Wal, and Kelly Vander Wal.
Nominees for the office of **deacon** are: Preston Liedtke, Caleb Schaefer, Darin Sinner, and Nick Vande Weerd.
Our retiring elder is Daniel Ostrem, Bruce Lucas is our retiring deacon.
Please thank them personally for their service.

NEXT SUNDAY, November 29, 2026
Greeters: Jeff and Sarah Sapp Family
Ushers: Jim and Karen Janssen
Nursery: Ruth Sapp and Ryan Vandermeer
Coffee Servers: Howard and Loretta Lindberg
Offering: General Fund and Deacon's Fund

(**November 22, 2026 bulletin)**