

Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center  
Pastor Sue Shike 641-251-2255

**April 28, 2024**      **5th Sunday of Easter**      **9:30 AM**

Prelude Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship

L: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**P: Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.**

L: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts.**

L: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

**P: Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy.**

The Peace: May the Peace of Christ be with you all; **and also with you.**

**Hymn of Invitation # 9**

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

Prayer of Confession: **Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of pardon, Guidelines for Living – Gloria Patri

**Hymn # 85**

"I Love You, Lord"

Children's Time and release to Sunday School

Scripture Lesson: Acts 8:26-40 pg. 1000 Psalm 22:25-31 pg. 491 1 John 4:7-21 pg. 1112

Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-8 pg. 983

**Sermon: Staying Connected**

Offering and Doxology

**Hymn # 358**

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

**Hymn of Action # 366**

Benediction

**Closing Hymn # 305**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

"And Can it Be"

"He is Lord"

## Welcome to First Reformed Church!

**We welcome you to our worship service today! We also welcome Deb Mechler from Spencer. She is filling in for Pastor Sue today. May it be a blessing to you.**

**Prayer list:** Keith Finer and Jennifer Cooper. Please contact the office if you would like your name on or off the prayer list. (641-562-2317) **Continue to uphold others in care centers:** Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull, Arlo Heyer. Don Johnson, and Elaine Boehm. Addresses for these folks are on the narthex bulletin board. Dean Balvance had surgery last week and is recovering. Jennifer had surgery this week.

**Bulletin Cover** - April is sponsored by Gene and Marilyn Brass.

**Attendance last week** – 89      **Offering** - \$1285.00

**Worship Broadcast** today is live on KIOW radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given by a radio listener. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast please call Linda at 641-590-3872.

**Graduation reception for Colin Rasch will be next Sunday May 5 following worship in the fellowship hall.**

**Happy Birthday wishes to Lyle Hippen today  
Ross Kettwick on Thursday**

**Happy Anniversary to Corey and Amy Rasch on Thursday  
Kenny and Marilyn Balvance on Friday**

We are gearing up for **VBS** and are looking for **volunteers**. We need teachers for K-Prep/Kindergarten and 2nd grade as well as a lead person for Crafts/Science. We are also looking for helpers in all areas (High-School aged and up. The United Methodist Church will host this year. Dates are July 28-Aug 1 5:30 – 8:15 pm.

**There is a need for volunteers for the coffee fellowship time. A sign up sheet in on the narthex table.**

**Coming Soon!** Interest has been expressed in starting an **Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings. We will run from 10:45 to 11:30.**

We are asking for volunteers to help with a children's activity at that time so all who would like to participate can. Please see Pastor Sue for more info.

**May Flower Committee:** Mitch and Amanda Giesking and Dennis and Renee Higgins

**May Ushers are** Dean Beenken and Brian Vander Wilt

**May Greeters**

April 28 Ken and Kathe Kiewiet Risius

May 5 Tim and Vicki Berschman

May 12 Paul and Joann Steffensen

May 19 Linda Harms

May 26 Dean and Becky Beenken

**North Iowa Food for Families has moved to a new location. It is now in the house west of the Congregation Church. They are in need of these items for the month of April: Green beans, baked beans, corn, cream corn, package cookies, graham crackers**

**Bible reading for the week**

4/28 // Prov. 20; Genesis 1-3  
4/29 // Prov. 21; Genesis 4-7  
4/30 // Prov. 22; Genesis 8-10  
5/01 // Prov. 23; Genesis 11-13  
5/02 // Prov. 24; Genesis 14-17  
5/03 // Prov. 25; Genesis 18-19  
5/04 // Prov. 26; Genesis 20-23