

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

Feb 2, 2025

9:30 AM

Prelude

Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Hymn of Invitation # 603 "In Christ There is No East or West"

Prayer of Confession

God of incredible patience, we must confess that our love is not always what we might hope it would be. We focus so much on ourselves. At times we even find ourselves rejoicing in the miseries of others, believing they must have done something to deserve what comes their way. Faithful Deliverer of our foolish lives, forgive us and have mercy on us. As you rescue us from ourselves, may we become your people. As you pour out hope upon us, may we be your compassion to those who hurt. As you drench us with your love which comes to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, may we be made whole.

Assurance

God's love never ends! With this good news, we know we are forgiven; with this blessing, we know that we are healed.

Now, we can bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10 pg 685 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 pg 1047

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:21-30 pg 936

Sermon : Hearing Truth

Offering and Doxology

Hymn # 486

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Action # 502

"Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 716

"God Be With You"

Welcome to First Reformed Church!

We are glad you joined us today as we welcome Rev. Deb Mechler who is filling in for Pastor Sue.

There will be No Adult Sunday School today!

Tim Diehl will be our guest speaker next week.

Vice President Dean Gerzema is available if there is an emergency at 641-590-2564.

Prayer list: David Hagist, Darwin Adams, Dan Osborn. 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.

Bulletin Cover - February is sponsored in memory of Keith Finer

Attendance last week - 74 **Offering** - \$1156.00

Worship Broadcast today is live on KIOW radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given in loving memory of Keith Finer by Bev and family. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast please call Linda at 641-590-3872.

Next Sunday February 9 is our annual "Souper Bowl" lunch after worship. You are invited to wear your favorite team sport colors or T-Shirt if you would like. There will be several kinds of soup.

Valentine's Day box at Main Street Market will again collect cards for TMNH residents.

Happy Birthday to Hunter Meinders today
Shelby Murra on Wednesday
Gene Brass and Jamison Kramersmeier on Thursday

February Flower Committee: Josh and Dallas Murra
and Doug and Barb Murra

February Ushers: Mike Kettwick and Dave Milbrandt

February Greeters

Feb 2 Mike and Carole Kettwick
Feb 9 Jason and Rachelle Gruis
Feb 16 Dave and Ruth Ann Milbrandt
Feb 21 Don and Linda Gruis

North Iowa Food for Families has these needs for February:
Dry Red Jello, Green Beans, Whole Kernel corn, cherry pie filling,
tomato soup, beets. Thank you!

2025 Bible reading plan *"Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and
a light to my path"*

33: Ps. 59-60; Luke 6
// 34: Ps. 61; Luke 7
// 35: Ps. 62; Luke 8
// 36: Ps. 63; Luke 9
// 37: Ps. 64-65; Luke 10
// 38: Ps. 66-67; Luke 11
// 39: Ps. 68; Luke 12

Where did the 339 shoeboxes we packed go this year? We received this
response from Operation Christmas Child.

"Your boxes are expected to go to hard-to-reach areas. Of the more than
110 countries that receive shoebox gifts, some are areas where
governmental, customs, and cultural restrictions prohibit certain items.

Gifts delivered to these areas provide a platform for local believers to
share God's love in a safe and culturally sensitive way, and allow ease
of entry through customs. Not disclosing country information maintains
the safety of our ministry partners who live and work in these areas.

Rest assured that you are blessing children around the world and helping
them experience Christ's love, perhaps for the very first time!

May God bless you."

New Consistory Members jobs and Contact information

Add this insert to your Team Service Booklet

President - Pastor Sue Shike 641-251-2255

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