

## Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

Pastor Sue Shike

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**July 5, 2026**

**9:30 AM**

Prelude

Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

### Call to worship

L: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**P: The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made.**

L: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your faithful shall bless You.

**P: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and tell of Your power,**

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

**P: And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

Sharing the Peace

### Hymn of Invitation # 59

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, in the greatest demonstration of love the world will ever know. Help me be aware of all the ways You show Your love to me, and help me reflect Your great love to the world around me. In Jesus' name, amen.**

Assurance of pardon - Gloria Patri

**Anthem God is in the Story** Katy Nichole & Big Daddy Weave video

Children's message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 24:42-48 pg. 19 Romans 7:21-25 pg. 1029

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:12-19, 25-30 pg. 887

**Sermon**

**God IS in the Story**

Offering and Doxology

**Hymn of Action #731**

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

**Hymn # 727**

Benediction

**Closing Hymn # 716**

“My Country 'tis of Thee”

“America the Beautiful”

“God Be with You “ vs. 1

## Welcome and God Bless!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped host, organize, contribute to, and attend our bridal shower a couple of weeks ago. Your generosity, kindness, encouragement, and support have meant so much to us as we prepare to begin this new chapter of married life together. We are truly blessed by our church family and the Buffalo Center community, and we are so grateful for the love you've shown us. Thank you for making our celebration so special. With sincere gratitude Seven and Grace.

**Prayer list:** Shelley Volz, Brian Bashan, Linda Abels, Darlene Block, Continue to uphold others in care centers: Elaine Boehm, Evelyn Winter, and Vi Krull,

Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers during my illness, they were felt and much appreciated. **Pastor Tim Diehl**

**Bulletin Cover** - July is sponsored in honor of Marilyn Balvance's birthday by her children Julie and Dean

**Attendance last week – 40    Offering last week – \$1459.00**

**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 641-590-3872.

**Happy birthday this week to Marilyn Brass on Tuesday**

**Happy Anniversary to Stan and Marilee Siemens on Tuesday**

**Les and Karen Kiewiet on Wednesday**

**Dean and Mary Gerzema on Friday**

**2026 Bible reading plan**

7/05: Deuteronomy 29-31

7/06: Deuteronomy 32-34

7/07: Joshua 1-3

7/08: Joshua 4-6

7/09: Joshua 7-8

7/10: Joshua 9-10

7/11: Joshua 11-13

**July Flower Committee:** Brent and Diane Matson

Mike and Carole Kettwick

**July Greeters:**

July 5 Ron and Linda Abels

July 12 Andy and Alicea Porter

July 19 Dean and Mary Gerzema

July 26 Bison Days worship at the park