

Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

Pastor Sue Shike

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March 1, 2026

9:30 AM

Prelude

Carole Kettwick

Welcome and announcements

Invocation

Call to worship

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills- from where will my help come?

P: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

L: He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

P: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Hymn of Invitation # 358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, thank You for being the God who seeks the one who is lost. May my words and actions bring hope and encouragement to others, and may I see from Your perspective, and love as You love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Gloria Patri

Anthem

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Chancel Choir

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a *pg. 8* Romans 4:1-3, 13, 16-17 *pg. 1026*

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-18 *pg. 968*

Sermon: Life beyond expectations

Offering and Doxology

Hymn # 419

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Action # 426

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

"Blessed Assurance"

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 305

"He Is Lord"

May God Bless you on this 2nd Sunday in Lent!

Prayer list: Sue Wubben, and Doug DeBoer. Continue to uphold others in care centers: Elaine Boehm, Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull, and Arlo Heyer.

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

Bulletin Cover - March is sponsored by Gene and Marilyn Brass

Attendance last week – 67 Offering last week – \$1065.00

Happy Birthday to Diane Matson and Isaac Schmitt on Monday
Bev Finer on Tuesday. Madonna Kettwick on Wednesday. Steve Bosma on Friday and Ron Abels on Saturday.

Adult Bible Study today at 4 PM

Confirmation Class meets on Wednesday Mar 4 at 6 PM

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time moves ahead one hour next Sunday. Don't be late for church!

A very big thank you to those who volunteered their time and energy for the meal prep and serving for the One God Network.

The **Esther Circle** will meet on Monday March 9th at 9 AM at the church

Cup of Blessing will meet Tuesday March 10

Sarah Circle meets Monday March 16 at 9 AM

Bethlehem Lutheran is having Wednesday evening services for Lent at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Immanuel Lutheran in Titonka is having a soup and pie lunch on Sunday March 8 from 11-1 at Buffalo Creek Activity Center. There is a free will offering for Exceptional Opportunities.

Our Saviors Lutheran in Leland is having a soup supper March 14 at 4:30 – 7:00 PM. See the flyer in the narthex.

The Spring Classis Meeting will be held March 17 at the Stout Reformed Church.

The Fraud Team from Farmers Trust and Savings Bank will have a presentation on cyber security for the email and internet usage. This is free and open to the public and held in the church fellowship hall on March 25. Coffee will be served starting at 9 AM with the team starting at 9:30 AM. All are welcome to attend.

The Main Street Market Card Box is available again for cards to be taken to TMNH. There are 37 residents.

March Flower Committee: Andy & Alicea Porter and Tim and Vicki Berschman

March Greeters:

March 1 Mitch and LeAnn Mastin
March 8 Braden and Bailey Ortman
March 15 Doug and Barb Murra
March 22 Gene and Marilyn Brass
March 29 Kerry and Peg Mastin

2026 Bible reading plan

3/01 Ps. 102-103; John 19-20
3/02 Ps. 104; John 21; Acts 1
3/03 Ps. 105; Acts 2-3
3/04 Ps. 106; Acts 4-5
3/05 Ps. 107-108; Acts 6-7
3/06 Ps. 109-110; Acts 8-9
3/07 Ps. 111-112; Acts 10-12