

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

**March 19, 2023**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

**9:30 AM**

Prelude

Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Welcome and Announcements

**The Approach to God**

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Salutation: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Invocation

Sentences: Psalm 23

The Peace: The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Hymn of Invitation# 255**

**"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in compassion you sent your son Jesus to be the savior of the world. We confess it was for our sin He was broken that we might be made whole. He was troubled in spirit that we might be given peace. He died on the cross that we might be restored to life. Forgive us.**

Words of Assurance

Guidelines for Living- **Ten Commandments** – Gloria Patri

**Anthem**

**"My Savior Jesus"**

**Carole & Sue**

Children's Time

**Proclamation of the Word**

Prayer of Illumination

OT Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 pg 257 NT Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14 pg 1067

Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-41 pg 976

**Sermon: I was blind, but now I see**

Offering and Doxology

**Hymn # 283**

**"Were You There"**

**Response to God**

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

**Hymn of action # 258**

**"At the Cross"**

Benediction

**Closing Hymn # 270**

**"Oh How He Loves You and Me"**

**Welcome to First Reformed Church. Today we will be leading worship at TMNH at 1:30. All are welcome to join in.**

**Young Adults will meet at 5:00 pm, Enjoy supper, "the Chosen", and time to talk. Child care available too!**

**Sarah Circle will meet tomorrow at 9:00 am in the narthex.**

**Sue Peake's** sister Beth Hull's daughter Rebekah Vandenberg went to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 11 at Grand Rapids, Michigan. She was 37 years old and leaves her husband Dave and kids Heidi age 14, Gideon age 12 and Malikai age 10. The family appreciates your prayers.

**Prayer list: Paul Steffensen , John Smidt,** Ron Abels Doris Harms, Keith Finer. 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:** MaryAnn Voortman, Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull, Arlo Heyer. and Don Johnson. Cards for Paul and John are in the narthex.

**Bulletin Cover** - March is being sponsored by Les and Karen Kiewiet.

**Attendance last week** – 67 **Offering** - \$1481.00

**Worship Broadcast** today is live on KIOW radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given in loving memory of Vern Risius by Arlene and family.. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast please call Linda at 641-562-2731.

**Choir will practice at 11 AM today.**

**The Spring Classis Meeting will be held at Orchard Hill in Grundy Center on Tuesday March 21. Pastor Sue, Elder Gene Brass and Clerk Linda Harms will be attending.**

**Instead of giving up** something for Lent, (like chocolate), try 'taking up' something instead. Through the season of Lent let's read the Bible together. A Daily Bible reading plan is available in the Narthex. Times are changing. For just a few minutes each day connect with God through His Word.

**Happy Birthday wishes this week to –**

Tuesday – Lily Schmitt

Wednesday – Al Boeckholt

Friday – Mary Gerzema

First Reformer's local logo search is still going on. Our quilters are still accepting any logos from the area. This week our focus is any local business office, medical or dentist office, gas station, bowling alley, Gruis Recreation, The Barn, or any other local logos that you have to donate. Drop off locations are First Reformed Church, BC Library and Main Street Market. Thank you for your donation to our quilt to be auctioned off this fall.

### **March Calendar**

March 19 Young Adults meet at 5 pm  
March 20 Sarah Circle at 9 am  
March 29 Consistory will meet at 7 pm

### **March Greeters**

March 19 Volunteers  
March 26 Brian and Amy Vander Wilt

### **March Flowers**

Paul and Jo Steffensen  
Andy and Alicea Porter

### **March Ushers**

Mike Larson  
Steve Bosma

**The Food Pantry is in need of these items:  
can soup, , can tuna and can chicken, saltine crackers,  
muffin mix, pasta sides, box potatoes**