

Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

Pastor Sue Shike

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Aug 23, 2026

9:30 AM

Prelude

Carole Kettwick

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Call to worship

L: I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

P: I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness;

L: for You have exalted Your name and Your word above everything.

P: On the day I called, You answered me, You increased my strength of soul

L: All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Lord, for they have heard the words of Your mouth.

P: The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Sharing the Peace

Hymn of Invitation # 474

“I Surrender All”

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, Your promises to me are profound and beautiful. Thank You for Your promise to forgive me and bless me. Help me to keep my heart and home open to everyone You send my way, so they might hear about Jesus. In His name, amen.

Assurance of pardon - Gloria Patri

Anthem

Children's Time Blessing of the backpacks

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 52:7-12 *pg.* 669 Romans 12:1-8 *pg.* 1034

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 15:29-16:4 *pg.* 893

Sermon: The signs of the times

Offering and Doxology

Hymn of Action # 443

“Trust and Obey”

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Hymn # 723

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 305

“He is Lord”

Welcome and may God's Word Bless you today!

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family of Dale Kramersmeier. Dale passed away Wednesday morning. There will be a visitation at the church on Monday August 24 from 4 to 6 pm and again one hour before the service. An outdoor service, weather permitting, will be held around the Gazebo on Tuesday, August 25 at 10 AM. Please remember to bring your lawn chair, golf cart, or even a tractor if you would like.

Prayer list: Brian Bashan, Linda Abels, Darlene Block, Also pray for others in care centers: Evelyn Winter, and Vi Krull,

Bulletin Cover - August is sponsored in memory of Diana Kramersmeier by Dale.

Attendance last week – 47 Offering last week – \$540.00

Worship Broadcast today is live on KIOU radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given by a radio listener. If you would like sponsor a radio broadcast all Linda 641-590-3872.

Today we will have a blessing of the backpacks as the kids head back to school.

Consistory will meet Wednesday Aug 26 at 7 PM

Volunteers are needed to sign up to make the coffee on Sunday

Reminder that while school supplies are still on sale they are also needed for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Good things to buy right now are crayons, pencils, colored pencils, markers, paper and other school supplies.

First Reformed Church **Fall Festival is Sunday Sept. 20** with a new twist this year. . Anyone who wants to donate a basket of items with a particular theme is welcome to bring it to the church before Aug. 28. We will have them wrapped in clear cellophane and on display. If you have items to fill a basket or you are creative for a special talent you would like to share please contact Peg or Linda. All donations for this project will go to the women's guild for later mission disbursement.

2026 Bible reading plan

8/23: 1 Kings 9-10

8/24: 1 Kings 11-12

8/25: 1 Kings 13-14

8/26: 1 Kings 15-16

8/27: 1 Kings 17-18

8/28: 1 Kings 19-20

8/29: 1 Kings 21-22

August Flower Committee: Lyle and Sharon Hippen and Ken and Kathe Kiewiet Rissius

August Greeters:

Aug 23 Dennis and Rancee Higgins

Aug 30 Volunteer needed

Sept 6 Brad and Laine Matson

Sept 13 Dave and Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Sept 20 John and Sher Blomster

Sept 27 Mark and Shelda Krull