

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

**September 17, 2023**      **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**      **9:30 AM**

Prelude Ruth Ann Milbrandt  
Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship**

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

**P: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**P: as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us.**

L: As a father has compassion for his children,  
**P: so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him.**

Invocation

**Hymn of Invitation# 341**      "Jesus Shall Reign"

Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, teach Your people to love and know Your ways and truth so we might walk in faithfulness. Forgive us for when we have chosen our own way, overlooked deception and have ignored Your plans.**

**I choose to separate myself from all falsehood and follow You, walking honorably with compassion and love. In Jesus' name, amen.**

Guidelines for Living- Ten Commandments – Gloria Patri

**Anthem**      **Change My Heart, O God**      **Pastor Sue**

Children's Time

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21 pg. 47 Romans 14:1-12 pg. 1034

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35 pg. 896

**Sermon: Why does forgiveness matter?**

Offering, Doxology and Prayer

**Hymn # 354**      "Just As I Am"

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

**Hymn of Action # 474**      "I Surrender All"

Benediction"

**Closing Hymn # 305**      "He Is Lord"

**Welcome to First Reformed Church!**

**Today is the RCWM Harvest Sale Lunch and Auction.** The **free will donation lunch** will follow morning worship from 10:30-11:30 with the AUCTION after.

**Confirmation class** starts today with Pastor Sue This will be a two year course that follows the school calendar. We will be meeting weekly beginning September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Sue to enroll at 641-251-2255.

**Prayer list:** Hank Dohlman, Jennifer (Dohlman) Cooper. Please contact the office if you would like your name on or off the prayer list. (641-562-2731)

**Continue to uphold others in care centers:** MaryAnn Voortman, Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull, Arlo Heyer, Don Johnson and Keith Finer. Elaine Boehm has also moved to TMNH. Addresses for these folks are on the narthex bulletin board. They would appreciate hearing from you.

**Bulletin Cover** - September is being sponsored by Harley and Doris Harms

**Attendance last week** - 75      **Offering** - \$2546.00

**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 at 641-562-2731 to check on open Sundays! There are several open Sundays in September.

**Happy Birthday wishes:** Mark Milbrandt on Tuesday  
Doug DeBoer and Dylan Voortman on Thursday

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF SEP. 24<sup>TH</sup> ! To celebrate, following worship we will have games, and a **Church picnic**. We will provide burgers and hot dogs, please sign up to bring a dish to share. **Dress to play!** Please bring your lawn chairs. If you can bring a bean bags game, or croquet set, please let Pastor Sue know.

**Sarah Circle will meet tomorrow at 9 AM**

## **Mark your calendars for these events**

**Sunday September 17** Worship at 9:30 am with Pastor Sue  
Lunch and Auction at 10:30 am

**Monday September 18** Sarah Circle meeting at 9 AM

**Sunday September 24** Worship at 9:30 am with Pastor Sue  
Sunday School Kick-off with BBQ  
at 10:30 am

**Other small group meetings will start in October**

### **September Greeter**

September 17 Dave & Ruth Ann Milbrandt

September 24 John & Sher Blomster

### **September Flowers**

John & Sher Blomster and Mark & Shelda Krull

### **September Ushers**

Dale Meinders and Hayden and Hunter Meinders

### **Food for Families is in need of these items**

Can Fruit, Cookie mix, cake mix, frosting

can corn, soups