

Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

Pastor Sue Shike

641-251-2255

July 19, 2026

9:30 AM

Prelude

Carole Kettwick

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Call to worship

L: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament!

P: Praise him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His surpassing greatness!

L: Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!

P: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Sharing the Peace

Hymn of Invitation # 11

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word—for its authority, truth, and power. Forgive me for when I have looked to other sources for truth and confidence. Remind me that true wisdom comes from You, and You are more than able to carry me through the trials of this world. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Assurance of pardon - Gloria Patri

Anthem

Children’s message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24 pg. 566 Romans 8:14-17 pg. 1030

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 pg. 890

Sermon

Children of the Kingdom

Offering and Doxology

Hymn of Action # 385

“Search Me, O God”

Prayer, Lord’s Prayer

Hymn # 603

“In Christ There is No East or West”

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 716

“God Be with You” vs. 1

Welcome and God Bless!

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

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

Attendance last week – 53 Offering last week – \$1063.00

Worship Broadcast today is live on KIOU radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given in honor of Marilyn Balvance's birthday by her children Julie and Dean.

If you would like sponsor a radio broadcast all Linda 641-590-3872.

Happy birthday this week to Darwin Adams on Wednesday Lily Krogman on Wednesday

Pastor Sue will have worship at TMNH this afternoon at 1:30 PM all are welcome to attend

Consistory will meet this Wednesday July 22 at 7 PM

BC VAC Brunch will be held next Sunday July 26 from 10-Noon. Be sure to stop by and support our community ambulance. **It is also Bison Days and worship will be in the Post Office Park starting at 9:30.**

The **Mission Kitchen** will be at Bison Days! Look for us in the parade and during Bison Days events Saturday and Sunday. If you would like to help, let Alicea or Kerry know. Come join the fun! (Yes, you! 😊)

VBS begins Aug. 3rd Please commit to help 1 morning- you will enjoy it! Please sign up in the vestibule. Teaching roles are covered, just needing extra hands to help.

Pray for our Teachers and staff at North Iowa. Envelopes are in the vestibule to sign, and pray for that specific person throughout the school year. Prayer is powerful and makes a difference. Please help by participating in this community outreach project. Thank you.

August 14 First Reformed will host the **Teacher's Luncheon**
Collecting School supplies to be available at the Teacher's Luncheon, It is earlier this year, so needed supplies are being collected now and left in the vestibule. Thanks for your continued support.

2026 Bible reading plan

7/19: Judges 7-8
7/20: Judges 9-10
7/21: Judges 11-12
7/22: Judges 13-15
7/23: Judges 16-17
7/24: Judges 18-19
7/25: Judges 20-21

You are invited to join a **retirement celebration honoring Pastor Rick Vollema** Sunday, July 26, 2026. Dinner and fellowship will follow the 9:30 AM Worship Service at Pleasant Valley Reformed Church. Please rsvp to Wendy Lage at 641-373-0049 if you plan to attend. Well wishes can be sent to 20979 150th St Holland, IA 50642