

# Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center

Pastor Sue Shike

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**March 15, 2026**

**9:30 AM**

Prelude

Carole Kettwick

Welcome and announcements

Invocation

## Call to worship

L: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters;

**P: He restores my soul.**

L: He leads me in right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

**P: I fear no evil; for You are with me.**

L: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil

**P: My cup overflows.**

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

**P: all the days of my life**

L: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

**P: my whole life long.**

**Hymn of Invitation # 422**

“Amazing Grace” vs. 1,3,5

## Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, thank You for allowing me to have a part in Your purposes in the earth. Thank You that You do not look at outward appearances but my heart. Thank You for Your patience with me as I strive to see the world as You do, amen.

Gloria Patri

**Hymn #251**

“I Come to the Cross” 2X

Children's Time

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-14 *pg. 1067* John 9:1-41 *pg. 976*

**Sermon: Sleeper awake!**

Offering and Doxology

**Hymn # 281**

“Lamb of God”

Prayer, Lord's Prayer

**Hymn of Action # 480**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Benediction

**Closing Hymn # 305**

“He Is Lord”

## May God Bless you on this 4th Sunday in Lent!

**Prayer list:** Darlene Block, 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 by a radio listener. 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 – 50 Offering last week – \$1842.70**

**Happy Birthday** to Alicia Brass and Greg Aukes on Tuesday  
Lilly Schmitt on Saturday

**Adult Bible Study today at 4 PM**

**Pastor Sue will lead worship at TMNH today at 1:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend!**

**Confirmation Class meets on Wednesday Mar 18 at 6 PM**

**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.

Contact Shelley Volz at 507-526-3707 or 507-520-6322 to order your **Easter Lily** for the display.

The Spring **Classis Meeting** will be held March 17 at the Stout Reformed Church. Pastor Sue, Linda, Gene and Marilyn will be attending.

First Reformed Church is inviting you to an open house Coffee Bar in the church basement on Wednesday, March 25, 9:00 - 11:00 am. Come enjoy coffee or a morning beverage and listen to a presentation on **Fraud Prevention Awareness** put together by the fraud team at the Farmers Trust and Savings Bank. You'll learn to recognize scams and helpful tips to protect yourself and family members. Everyone is 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 15 Doug and Barb Murra  
March 22 Gene and Marilyn Brass  
March 29 Kerry and Peg Mastin

**2026 Bible reading plan**

3/15 Ps. 124; Acts 27-28  
3/16 Ps. 125; Romans 1-4  
3/17 Ps. 126; Romans 5-8  
3/18 Ps. 127; Romans 9-11  
3/19 Ps. 128; Romans 12-16  
3/20 Ps. 129; 1 Cor. 1-4  
3/21 Ps. 130; 1 Cor. 5-7