

Welcome to First Reformed Church Buffalo Center
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June 9, 2024 **3rd Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 AM**

Prelude Ruth Ann Milbrandt

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship

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

P: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

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

The Peace: May the Peace of Christ be with you all; **and also with you.**

Hymn of Invitation # 123

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, and forgive. Help us to live in your light and walk in your ways. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of pardon- Guidelines for Living- Gloria Patri

Hymn # 465

“Lord, Be Glorified”

Children’s Time

Prayer of Illumination

OT Lesson: Leviticus 26:3-13 *pg. 113* NT Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 *pg. 1053*

Gospel Lesson Mark 4:1-20 *pg. 913*

Sermon To be fruitful soil

Offering and Doxology

Hymn # 72

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer, Lord’s Prayer

Hymn # 560

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Benediction

Closing Hymn # 305

“He Is Lord” vs. 1

Welcome to First Reformed Church!

We welcome you to our worship today. May it be a blessing to you! Remember in your prayers the General Synod of the Reformed Church in American meets this week. The meeting starts on Thursday the 13th and you can follow online at www.rca.org

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to Carole Kettwick and her family on the passing of her sister JoAnn Tordoff. Services will be this coming week in Glenville, MN.

Prayer list: Arlene Risius and 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:** Evelyn Winter, Vi Krull, Arlo Heyer. Don Johnson, and Elaine Boehm. Addresses for these folks are on the narthex bulletin board. Arlene has moved to TMNH for rehab.

Bulletin Cover - June is sponsored by John and Sher Blomster

Attendance last week - 77 **Offering** - \$1896.31

Worship Broadcast today is live on KIOW radio 107.3 and streamed on WCTA cable channel 2 and is given in loving memory of Mary Ann Voortman by her family. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast please call Linda at 641-590-3872.

Sunday morning **Bible Study** will continue in the narthex at 10:45 to 11:30 am. Please bring your Bible as we share this opportunity to explore the Gospels.

There will be a Come and Go Shower for Alex Balvance and Sydney Pitstick on Saturday, June 22 from 2-4-pm at First Reformed Church. They are registered at BC Hardware, Target and Amazon.

Coming for Summer! Saturday night worship in Buffalo Center! We are offering a livestreamed worship service on June 15th at 6:00pm. Contemporary music and a biblical message from Pastor Allen Jackson of World Outreach Church. Come and See!

We will celebrate the **Lord’s Supper next Sunday, June 16, Father’s Day!**

Happy Birthday wishes to Linda Abels today.
Darlene Block and Jo Steffensen on Monday
Kelli Gruis Hecker on Thursday

Happy Anniversary to Dave and Ruth Ann Milbrandt on Tuesday and to
Gene and Marilyn Brass on Saturday

Reminder: **VBS** will be held at the Methodist Church on July 28 – August 1. More
information to follow.

**Free: A church pew....talk to Pastor Sue if you have an interest
in free wood for a project!**

June Flower Committee: Brian and Amy Vander Wilt
and Dave and Ruth Ann Milbrandt

June Ushers are Doug DeBoer and Stan Siemens

June Greeters

June 9 Stan and Marilee Siemens
June 16 Lyle and Sharon Hippen
June 23 Doug and JoAnn DeBoer
June 30 Dylan and Marissa Voortman

**North Iowa Food for Families in the house west of the Congregation Church.
They are in need of these items for the month of June
Margarine 1# package, Cereal, pancake syrup, lunch meat
pasta, jam and peanut butter**

Bible reading for the week

6/9 . Leviticus 27, Numbers 1 (YAY! If you finished reading Leviticus
6/10 . Numbers 2-3 have an Ice Cream Sundae on Pastor Sue
6/11 . Numbers 4-5 at Main St. Market Deli!)
6/12 . Numbers 6-7
6/13 . Numbers 8-10
6/14 . Numbers 11-13
6/15 . Numbers 14-15

Season of Prayer for General Synod 2024. All pastors, leaders and
members are invited to participate in a season of prayer leading up to and
during General Synod June 13-18 in Tucson Arizona.

- 6/09: No matter what is occurring at General Synod, God is not
changed. Read Psalm 46. Read it prayerfully a second time, and then
put into practice the command of verse 10.
- 6/10: Remember that synod is about following God's will, not our own
will. Read Matthew 6:9-13. Pray that God's will be done.
- 6/11: Remember who you are, a living stone in a spiritual house. Read
1 Peter 2:1-10. Ask God to help you live out the identity that has been
given you.
- 6/12: Remember who you are, a member of one body, the church.
Read Ephesians 4:1-6. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live into the unity
God has declared you to have.
- 6/13: No matter the outcome of General Synod, the realities of heaven
have not changed. Read Revelation 7:9-10. Thank God for the diverse
crowd of worshipers before the throne of God, and recommit yourself
to working for that kingdom all the rest of your days

To view information and sessions of General Synod go to www.rca.org, click
on 'view the event'.

