

Our Responsive Psalm 107:1-9, 43

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOR EVER.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

THOSE HE REDEEMED FROM TROUBLE

and gathered in from the lands,

**FROM THE EAST AND FROM THE WEST,
FROM THE NORTH AND FROM THE SOUTH.**

Some wandered in desert wastes,

FINDING NO WAY TO AN INHABITED TOWN;

hungry and thirsty,

THEIR SOUL FAINTED WITHIN THEM.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,

AND HE DELIVERED THEM FROM THEIR DISTRESS;

he led them by a straight way,

UNTIL THEY REACHED AN INHABITED TOWN.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,

FOR HIS WONDERFUL WORKS TO HUMANKIND.

For he satisfies the thirsty,

AND THE HUNGRY HE FILLS WITH GOOD THINGS.

Let those who are wise give heed to these things,

AND CONSIDER THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD.

August Ministries at First Reformed Church

Flowers: John & Sher Blomster, Alroy & Marlene Krull

Ushers: Jay Mayland(Capt); Randy Swalve

Greeters:
 August 1 Jay & Clarice Mayland
 August 8 John & Sher Blomster
 August 15: Randy & Connie Swalve
 August 22: George & Evelyn Winter

Radio: Alroy Krull

First Reformed Church At Worship

Buffalo Center, Iowa

Sunday, August 1, 2010

9:30 AM

10th Sunday after Pentecost

“We can make all kinds of plans – good plans – yet the best plans always lean on the Lord instead of ‘going it alone’”.

Prelude	God's Word: Luke 12:13-21 (p. 949)
News for the Church	Message: Going the Distance with God!
Call To Worship	Prayer for Blessing
*Hymn # 78 “God of the Ages, History's Maker”	Our Offering to God
*Passing the Peace	* Doxology
Our Morning Prayer	* Prayers of the People
Our Reading (See inside)	*Hymn # 505 “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”
*Gloria Patri	*Benediction
*Hymn #419 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”	*Recessional Hymn # 748 “Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing” (Stanza 1)

* = all who are able are invited to stand
 Our Organist/Pianist Today is Marlene Krull

Welcome to First Reformed Church. We all want to be 'grown up' – act on our own without depending on anyone. This morning we find that maturity involves learning to lean on a power greater than our own. May you find permission to do so today in worship.

Our Guests and Visitors are a sign to us that we are doing something right! All who gather here are most welcome to worship and fellowship. We are a denominational church (and proud of it) but we are also a community congregation eager to fit into our town and your life. Please sign our guest register and join us in all the activities listed that appeal to you. We'd also like to know how better to be a welcom-ing and hospitable church.

Our **SUMMER FELLOWSHIP HOURS** hopefully continue this morning. Several Sunday's remain open for the summer beginning today!

Each Sunday our **WORSHIP** is **BROADCAST** live at 9:30 AM over KIOW FM 107.3, simulcast on WCTA Cable channel 2 and broadcast world-wide at www.kiow.com. Today's broadcast is made possible in loving memory of Irene Winter given by Pauline Eisenhower, Fred Boehm, Otto and Dorothy Boehm, George and Elaine Boehm, John Boehm, Robert & Gracie Boehm Dennis & JoAnn Boehm, and Harvey & Rosie Nerdig. Please contact Linda Harms who will gladly schedule your broadcast in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one. Several openings are still available and the cost is \$75.

Prayer Matters: **Ruth Feldick** has returned to the Titonka Care Center. Please uphold her and all our members & friends who are struggling right now **Geraldine Wessels, Betty Kiel, Alyssa Guzman, Jerry Bechler, Luella Hagedorn, Harlan Aukes and Tyler Olson.**

We extend Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries this week to: **Shelley Armstrong, Robin Kettwick** (Today); **Henrietta Brass** (Monday); **Corey Wessels** (Tuesday); **Ethan Armstrong** (Friday); **Gabe Torres** (Saturday).

We extend **CONGRATULATIONS** to Travis and Kristin (Gerzema) Soland and Landon who welcomed Peyton RoseMarie Soland into their family. Peton was born July 28 and all are doing well. Peyton is the newest grandchild of Dean and Mary Gerzema.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING was \$1,150.00 for the General Fund (\$1,717.25 last year), with an attendance of 98 persons (134 persons last year). Our average attendance this year is 81 persons in worship weekly (80 persons last year). Our average Sunday Offering this year is \$1,124.51 (\$1,152.97 last year).

This Week at First Reformed Church

Today	09:30 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hour in the narthex
	02:15 PM	TMNH Worship led by Zion Lutheran Church - Rake
Monday		Pastor Bill is taking today off

Tuesday		Tribune Notes are due in the study
		Lectionary Text Study is cancelled until 8/17
Wednesday	Noon	Bulletin announcements are due to Linda Harms
Thursday		Pastor Bill is on vacation through 8/14

Pastor Bill and family will leave for vacation Thursday, August 5 and be out of state through August 14. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Elder Doug Murra.

Throughout the summer months Pastor Bill will be compiling our weekly bulletin. Please send him your bulletin announcements by Wednesday of each week to rev@wctatel.net. Thank you!

Pastor Bill is already planning for the fall and is hoping to include **VOLUNTEER READERS AND WORSHIP LEADERS**. Plans are also in place to have a monthly drama focused upon our worship theme that Sunday. Our worship will hopefully involve more people and be more participatory.

Your **Consistory** has recently established committees for our Sunday School Kick-Off to be held on September 12. Another committee is planning a fall fundraiser and a patriotic service to be held on the Sunday following Veteran's Day here at First Reformed. Some innovative worship changes are also in the planning stages including a monthly worship drama, new and pumped up youth activities, and a possible summer community out-reach in the coming year. We are also discussing re-sizing our consistory. There will be some roofing done on the narthex as well as narthex air conditioner repairs. It may be the dog-days of summer, but your church is busy looking at ways to be more effective in our mission for Christ.

Please remember our **Ramsey Reformed** Friends who have recently extended a call to the Rev. Perry DeGroot of Orange City, Iowa.

Sunday School teachers who are in worship this morning are asked to meet briefly following worship in the rear of the sanctuary. Thanks.