



KINGDOM of GOD



**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
901 Pleasant St. Boyden, IA
Pastor Heath De Jong
May 3, 2026**

***First Reformed Church in Boyden will follow God in
being a thriving community church.***

***We welcome back Pastor Doug Van Aartsen and thank him
for leading us in worship!***

Prelude **Kathy Ver Meer**

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn #26 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

Hymn #97 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
(general & mission offerings & offertory prayer)

***Praise Song "How Great Is Our God"** (video)

Scripture: **Various**

Sermon: **"The Gospel Seldom Heard"**

Prayer

***Hymn #266 "Holy, Holy" vs 1-5**

*Benediction

***Hymn #266 "Holy, Holy" vs 6**

Postlude

*(those who are able please stand)

Welcome // TO CHURCH

TODAY – MAY 3, 2026

9:30 AM – WORSHIP

9:35 AM – FELLOWSHIP

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

USHERS: Kenny Olson & Link Sietstra

AUDIO: Jeff Neuman

VIDEO: Cheyenne Neuman

POWERPOINT: Teresa Harms

KITCHEN: Wanda Slykhuis

COOKIES: LuEtta Heemskerk & Carla Starckenburg

NURSERY: Marissa Mouw

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Mon May 4 – BAC meeting 7:30 pm

Tue May 5 – Men's Group 5:30 am
Evening Ladies 7 pm

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 10, 2026

Happy Mother's Day

Worship – 9:30 am

Fellowship – 10:35 am

Kitchen – Sheryl Warntjes

Cookies – Joan Wiertzema & Shauna Neuman

Nursery – Shauna & Cheyenne Neuman

Boydén Bash

JUNE 25-28, 2026

BOYDEN COMMUNITY EVENTS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

- Bike Decorating**
@ Boydén Public Library
3pm
Come decorate your bike, stroller, scooter, etc for the Kiddie Parade!
- Very Good Trivia Company ***
@ Demco Community Center
7pm
Register by June 19 (712-725-2281)

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

- Boydén Golf Event ***
@ Otter Valley Country Club
9 Holes, 2 Person Best Ball
Meal at 11:30am, Golf starts at 1pm.
Register by June 19 (1-605-553-5708)
- Boydén Fire & Ambulance Meal**
@ Boydén Fire Station
Serving from 5pm-7pm
Serving: Burgers
Freewill Donation
- Happy Endings Band**
@ Rok's Bar & Grill
8pm-12am
All ages are invited!

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

BOYDEN CENTENNIAL PARK

10 AM - 2 PM

- Kids' Zone - FREE**
Inflatables
Train Rides
Balloon Art (10am-12pm)
Face Painting (10am-12pm)
- Pickleball Tournament ***
@ Pickleball Courts (check in at 10:45am)
\$5 / team. All ages may participate!
Please provide your own paddles.
Register by June 19 (712-449-6030)

- Hot Spot Shooting Contest**
@ Basketball Courts
Ages 2nd-12th grade
Register @ Basketball courts (10am)

- Vendor Fair ***
Crafts, Antiques, Baked Goods, Collectibles!
\$20 / vendor
Register by June 19 (712-348-3805)

- Door Prizes - FREE**
@ Information Booth
Drawing at 2pm
Must be present to win!!

- BINGO**
@ Open Shelter House
10am - 11am and 1pm - 2pm

- Kiddie Parade**
@ Circle Parking Lot
Line up at 10:15am, starts at 10:30am

- Ice Cream Float Stand**
11am-1pm
\$3 each
Fundraiser for: First Steps Academy

- Rainy Day Coffee Truck**
Hot, Iced, Frozen Coffee/Non Coffee
Drinks, Smoothies, Teas, and more!

- FOOD OPTIONS:**
First Steps Academy Meal
@ Large Shelter
Serving: Tavern, Chips, Baked Beans
Freewill Donation

- Pork Loin Cook-Off ***
@ Open Shelter House
Sample for \$1 starting @ 12pm until gone.
No entry fee!
Register by June 19 (712-441-1080)

SATURDAY EVENTS AT:



- Mimosa & Bloody Mary Bar**
@ Rok's Bar & Grill
8am-11am

- Show & Shine Car Show**
@ Rok's Bar & Grill
Registration 10am-12pm
10am-12pm
Vehicles and Old Tractors, No Semis

- Meal Special**
@ Rok's Bar & Grill
11am - 2pm
Serving: Pulled Pork, Chips, Baked Beans

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

- Community Worship Service**
@ Centennial Park
10am
Please bring lawn chairs!
*Inclement weather: First Reformed Church

- Disc Golf Tournament**
@ Centennial Park
Register at Large Shelter House (12:30p)
Contact Info (712-541-4249)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

“When you’re not okay, God is still good. He is still good even when life is not.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Morning! We are delighted you are joining us this morning! Nursery services are available during worship in the church basement. After worship, please join us in the basement or the south entrance for a time of coffee and fellowship.

Parents of Littles! Please check the bathrooms after they use them. We almost had a disaster this week because over half of the stalls were locked from the inside! Teresa would greatly appreciate it! Thanks bunches!!

Ushers are still needed for the following months in 2026 – one each for July, August and December. If you are able to help out, please let Dave Mouw know. Thank you!!

Nursery volunteers! A new schedule has been put in your mailbox. Thank you so much for your service!

Wanted! The Media Ministry would benefit from individuals volunteering to join the rotation of managing the sound, video and/or PowerPoint for the Sunday worship services. You do not need to be an expert to help out!! Anyone from the ages of 16 and up would be a blessing! Training is available! Talk to Teresa H, Jeff N or Kevin R or just pop on back some Sunday and we’ll show you how much fun it is! Thank you!!

The Boyden American Legion and Auxiliary will meet on Weds, May 6th, at 6:30 pm in the Legion Building. All members are encouraged to attend to finalize plans for Memorial Day activities.

RiseFest 2026 on June 12–13! Don’t miss the biggest family-friendly Christian music festival in Northwest Iowa! This year’s lineup includes Phil Wickham, Josiah Queen, Hulvey, Ben Fuller, Katy Nichole, and more! Tickets include two fun-filled days of worship, community, seminars, food, camping, and activities for all ages. Get tickets today at risefestiowa.com.

Bible verse for May “When I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?” Psalm 56:3-4

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible League Spring Salad Luncheon – Mon May 4 – Trinity Reformed Church, Orange City – featuring Legacy Thrift and Hands Around the World ministries

New Roots Ministry – Bible reflection on immigration with founder Carl Bruxvoort and good eats! – May 9, 9-11:30 am – Empower Campus' Community Room, Sioux Falls

LifeWise – Family Impact Night – Weds May 20th – American Reformed Church Hull – meal, silent auction and program

Share Group for widow(er)s – Thur May 21st 11:30 am at Hull Pizza Ranch

Risefest – June 12 & 13 – risefestiowa.com

Boyden Bash – June 25-28 – So many good & fun things for the whole family! – Community Worship Sun June 28th 10 am

To begin a prayer chain – You can either call Max Moret at 348-2929 or Teresa Harms/church office at 725-2366.

2026 Consistory Executive Committee

Vice President – Roger Nelson

Clerk – Carla Starkenburg

Assistant Clerk – Alan Warntjes

Chair of Deacons – David Mouw

Treasurer – Colin Bolkema

Assistant Treasurer – Adam Schafer

Building & Grounds – Jon Huls & Rick Polacek

Music & Worship – Kathy Ver Meer

Community Impact – Wendy De Jong & Nic Rosenboom

Discipleship – Kaitlyn Rosenboom & Marissa Mouw

2026 Elders

Rod Bolkema ('26)

Josh Mouw ('28)

Roger Nelson ('26)

Carla Starkenburg ('27)

Alan Warntjes ('27)

2026 Deacons

Colin Bolkema ('27)

Jon Huls ('27)

David Mouw ('26)

Rick Polacek ('28)

Adam Schafer ('28)

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