



Walking with Jesus

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WELCOME

August 16, 2026

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing... Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own. All are invited to join us in this time of worship with fellow Christ-followers. May we surrender our desire for control, trust that God will never forget us, and rest in the truth that He cares for us far more than we could ever imagine. Welcome here!

CHURCH INFORMATION

Worship—10:00AM

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THIS WEEK AT HOPE

Sunday, August 16

- 9:00AM—Worship Task Force Meeting
- 10:00AM—Worship Service

Sunday, August 23

- 9:00AM—Building & Grounds Task Force Meeting
- 10:00AM—Outdoor Worship Service; potluck & games to follow

Monday, August 24

- 7:00PM—Elders Meeting; 7:45PM—Consistory Meeting

MINISTRIES THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

This Week, August 16

Greeters: Don & Audrey G.

Nursery: Nancy P. and Abby R.

Sound System: Bert R.

Power Point: Sandy R.

Children's Sermon: RCYF

Fellowship Treats: Pam G.

Next Week, August 23

Greeters: Gary & Glenda J.

Nursery: Sandy R. and Shelly A.

Sound System: Pam G.

Power Point: Brandon V.B.

Children's Sermon: Shelly A.

Fellowship Treats: Potluck

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Ministries: Bread of Life, Inspiration Hills, Words of Hope
- Shut-ins—Kathryn K.
- Kelsey Choi, Mike Modder, Craig Sandbulte
- Pastor Steve and family—During deployment
- Brenda Sandbulte—Recovery from surgery
- Lois Jurens, Lee Hilbrands—Recovery following falls

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Bread of Life ask for August is **cereal**.
- The prayer bookmarks for August have been printed and can be found in the small black basket in the MESA box at the bottom of the mailboxes.
- Everyone is invited to Salem Reformed Church's Night of Music featuring The Ebel Family! Please join us for an evening of beautiful, Christ-centered music on Sunday, August 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Following the program, an ice cream social will be held in the church basement. Come enjoy a wonderful evening of music and fellowship. We hope to see you there!
- ATLAS will be hosting a come-and-go meeting with Kathleen Fritz from C.A.S.A. on August 19th from 11a-1p. Court Appointed Special Advocates are ordinary people who care about children. They volunteer their time to support and advocate for children who currently have a case in the Child Welfare System.
- The Iowa 99 County Bible Reading Marathon will be held on the courthouse lawn from 10:30AM-7:00PM on August 19th and 20th. Please see the flyer in the narthex if you would like more information.
- Our outdoor worship service will be held next Sunday, August 23rd on the church grounds with a potluck and games to follow.
- Bless the Backpack: Kids, teachers, and anyone else who would like to – please bring your backpack, briefcase, car/bus keys, etc. to the outdoor service next Sunday, the 23rd, for our “Bless the Backpack” children’s sermon for the new school year. We would love to pray a blessing over these items and the special people who carry them!
- Games after the outdoor service: The Education Task Force is planning some fun games for us to enjoy after the service and potluck next Sunday. Events such as a corn hole tournament, sponge/water relays, ladder golf, yard Yatzee, yard Jenga, etc. We would love to have you join in the fun or be a resident cheerleader! If you are interested in donating a few prizes for the games (no more than \$5.00 each), please bring them to church before the 23rd.
- Save the date for the Women of Hope Day of Commitment event on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30pm!
- The 1st day of Sunday School will be September 13th, beginning at 9:00AM.
- Catechism and RCYF will begin on Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The LifeWise Academy Boyden and Hull classrooms are looking for people to share God's love and who are willing to give their time to help students grow in their faith. Please consider volunteering 1 time every 4-6 weeks, knowing that you will make a lasting impact on a child's life. Hours at our Boyden (elementary classroom) are Tuesdays 11:30-3:30 and Thursdays 11:30-2:30. Jr. High session in Hull is 11:30-1:15 on Wednesdays. Please contact Kelley Crawford 712-548-7947 or Tina Koerselman 712-540-4117 if interested or if you have any questions.
- You are invited to the annual Bible League Dinner and Conference—September 14 and 15, *Hope and Forgiveness in the Midst of Evil*. The realities of WWII will come to life through a Corrie ten Boom dramatization, and you will be stirred by the hope that can only come through Jesus. Bible League leaders will share powerful ministry updates. Registration required by September 6th. For details, visit bibleleague.org/tickets
- Thank you: You've walked alongside Craig and me for so many years that we're sure your knees suffer from all the prayers sent heavenward on our behalf, but we are grateful. Thank you for the encouragement, texts, cards, food, and positive thoughts. Your kindness and compassion will never be forgotten.
- Craig and Brenda Sandbulte

WORSHIP

Prelude—Vonda Maggert

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn—#501—*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Hymn—#508—*Lead On, O King Eternal*

Announcements and Congregational Prayer

Hymn—#84—*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Children's Message—RCYF

Scripture—Romans 8:12-28

Sermon—Groaning and Glory

Prayer of Application

Offering and Offertory Hymn—#559—*Here I Am, Lord*

Doxology (#34) & Offertory Prayer

*Benediction—#393—*Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 1)*

SERMON NOTES
