



Walking with Jesus

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WELCOME

October 18, 2026

Welcome to worship! As we celebrate Mission Fest today, may we be reminded to *"Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space."* Jesus calls us to make disciples everywhere and to abide in Him, trusting in His promise to be with us always (Matt. 28:19-20). May all we do bring Him glory!

CHURCH INFORMATION

Sunday School—9:00AM; Worship—10:00AM

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THIS WEEK AT HOPE

Sunday, October 18

- 9:00AM—Sunday School, Worship TF Meeting
- 10:00AM—Mission Fest Worship Service
- 11:00AM—All-Church Potluck

Wednesday, October 21

- 7:00PM—RCYF and Catechism

Sunday, October 25

- 9:00AM—Sunday School
- 10:00AM—Worship Service
- 11:00AM—Building and Grounds TF Meeting

MINISTRIES THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

This Week, October 18

Greeters: Bert & Sandy R.

Nursery: Melissa G. and Grace L.

Sound System: Pam G.

Power Point: Brandon V.B.

Children's Sermon: Brenda S.

Fellowship Treats: Potluck

Next Week, October 25

Greeters: Kyle & Abby R.

Nursery: Pam G.

Sound System: Dorene C.

Power Point: Kyle R.

Children's Sermon: Shelly

Fellowship Treats: Abby & Annabelle

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Ministries: Bread of Life, Inspiration Hills, Words of Hope, Love Inc., Operation Christmas Child
- Shut-ins—Lois J., Audrey G., Kathryn K., Larry G.
- Mike Modder, Craig Sandbulte
- Pastor Steve and family—During deployment
- Melissa Grave's mom, Kay Hoogendoorn
- Hilbrands family following Hermina's passing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Bread of Life ask for the month of October is **toilet paper**.
- Mission Fest is today! Ashley Sandbulte will share her summer missionary experience in Africa with us during the church service. During the first part of Sunday School, the MESA Task Force will talk to the kids about all the different ways you can be a missionary for Jesus. After church we will have the opportunity to share food and fellowship through a potluck.
- Sunday, October 18th at 6:00pm: Faith Baptist Church in Rock Rapids will host a “Rethinking the Abortion Issue” event. Zach Dieken will share his testimony along with introducing the Abortion Abolition movement. Central Baptist and First Baptist are also sponsoring this event.
- Cleaning the VBS room: On Sunday, October 25th at 1:00PM the Education TF will be meeting to clean out the VBS room on the 3rd floor and getting rid of some old things we no longer need. If you would like to help with this project, please let the TF know or just show up with willing hands. Thank you!
- On Sunday, October 25th at 6:30pm First Baptist Church of George will host an Ernie Couch & Revival concert.
- October is Pastor Appreciation Month: Remember to tell both Mark and Steve how much you appreciate the work they do and the service they give to our congregation this month. There are some papers in the narthex for kids and adults with writing prompts that you may use. If you would like to send a card or letter to Pastor Steve, please put it in the basket in the narthex and we will send them all in one package at the end of the month.
- Safari Adventure: Join Bible League International on Saturday, October 31, from 9:00-10:00AM for a tour of the Green Oaks Museum & Educational Center, located 3 miles south of Fairview, SD (29043 486th Avenue). See 150+ taxidermized animals in natural habitats from the Anden Van Beek family's global hunting trips. Refreshments and Q&A will follow, with an opportunity to learn more about Bible League. Free admission. Freewill donations will benefit Bible League and the Mongolian orphanage supported by the Van Beek family. Children welcome!
- Zion Presbyterian will have their soup & pie supper on Sunday, November 1st from 4:00-7:00PM. They will be serving chili, chicken wild rice, and potato cheese soups. Sandwiches are: BBQ's, hotdogs, chili dogs, and deli ham.

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- OCC Boxes: It's already time for us to put together Operation Christmas Child boxes as they are due to be turned in **by Sunday, November 15th**. The catechism kids will be assembling boxes again this year at the Nov 11th catechism night. Parents, if you have kids in catechism and they could donate a 'Wow' item, that would be great. If you do boxes as a family, please don't feel like you need to donate to the catechism stash. There are boxes ready in the narthex--there are 2 ways to donate the \$10 for shipping and those options are in the boxes along with a list of appropriate gifts. More suggestions can be found online as well at the Samaritans Purse website and on the table with the boxes. If you would like to donate towards the fees to send the boxes the catechism kids will be packing and praying for, please make your check out to Operation Christmas Child, put them in Kathy's or Pam's mailbox and we will see that they get to the correct place. If you would like to donate some gifts but don't want to fill a box, please feel free to put those in the MESA mailbox. We appreciate your help with this mission as being the Hands and Feet of Jesus is reaching faraway lands. Each child receives a booklet called 'The Greatest Gift' in their language. If someone in their village or community volunteers to teach, this is followed up with a 12-lesson curriculum called 'The Greatest Journey' based on KNOW, GROW and SHARE. There are so many stories about families coming to know Jesus through this little red box. Thank you, MESA
- Men and Young Men: The 5th Annual Mendistry Area Men's Event is November 5th at 7:00PM at The Triple Box near Orange City. In 2023 The Triple Box burned to the ground, taking the Schrock family's livelihood, hard work, and dreams with it. Come and hear Justin Schrock's story of crisis, courage, and hope.
- VBS Coordinator: It is Hope's turn to host VBS in 2027 and the Education TF is looking for someone (or two or three people) to oversee it. If you are interested, please talk to a member of the Education TF.

WORSHIP

Prelude—Jo Van Engen

Call to Worship

Invocation

Song—*Goodness of God*

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Special Music—God's Kids Choir

Announcements and Congregational Prayer

Song—*Trust in God*

Children's Message—Brenda Sandbulte

Scripture—Psalm 91

Sermon—Trusting the God You Don't Understand

Prayer of Application

Offering and Offertory Song—*How Good God Is*

Doxology (#34) & Offertory Prayer

*Benediction—#357—*Knowing You (Refrain only)*

SERMON NOTES
