

HOPE REFORMED CHURCH

Monthly Newsletter | July 2026

Walking with Jesus, Walking with Others. Serving God, Serving Others.

VBS at Zion Prebyterian in Ellsworth

Vacation Bible School was held at Zion June 8-12, with the program on Saturday, June 13 at 7PM (photo below). Throughout the week the kids enjoyed supper, singing, arts and crafts, a Bible lesson, and games (the favorite activity every day!). Turn to page 2 to see additional photos and read more about what they learned.



THIS MONTH AT HOPE:

Sunday, July 5	10:00AM—Community Worship Service at the GLR Auditorium
Sunday, July 12	9:00AM—Education TF Meeting; 10:00AM—Worship
Tuesday, July 14	1:00PM—Esther Circle
Sunday, July 19	9:00AM—Worship TF Meeting; 10:00AM—Worship
July 25-29	Rocky Mountain High
Sunday, July 26	9:00AM—Building & Grounds TF Meeting; 10:00AM—Worship
Monday, July 27	7:00PM—Elders Meeting; 7:45PM—Consistory Meeting

Wonder Junction VBS

Day 1: The Wonder of His Birth

Jesus came to earth just as God promised. We can trust God's promises because He always keeps them.

John 1:14 - The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Day 2: The Wonder of His Childhood

Jesus came as a child and grew in wisdom and obeyed His Heavenly Father. Jesus showed us how to honor God.

Luke 2:52 - And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Day 3: The Wonder of His Ministry Years

Jesus has power over all creation. He calmed a storm simply by speaking - the wind and waves obeyed Him. Nothing is too difficult for Jesus.

John 21:25 - Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.



Some kids enjoyed singing very loudly while others covered their ears.



Day 4: The Wonder of His Death and Resurrection

The greatest treasure is knowing Jesus as Savior. Jesus died on the cross and rose again so we could have eternal life. No treasure in the world is more valuable than Jesus.

John 20:31 - But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Day 5: The Wonder of His Return

Jesus returned to heaven and one day He will come again. We can look forward to His return with joy and hope. Until then, we want to follow Him and tell others about Him.

Matthew 6:10 - Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.



July Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Jack Stubbe
 7 Ina Faye Hilbrands
 10 Sandy Reitsma
 13 Paul Altena
 15 Jackson Abshire
 20 **Shane & Melinda DeLeeuw**
 21 David Ellrich
 22 Billy Sprock
 23 **Robert & Valerie Gruis**
 27 Keaton Bechler

***Bold** = anniversary*

- Gratitude Corner -

Each month this space is used to recognize groups or individuals who help to further the Kingdom by *Serving God and Serving Others*. This month we are grateful for:

Library Committee—To Marlene and Floy for all they do to get new materials and keep it all organized...

Video & Sound Operators—To all those who make the “techy things” work during our services...

Thank you!

July Bulletin Board

Pat Bruinsma
 Chantell Abshire

Esther Circle

Tuesday, July 14 at 1:00pm

Location: Lois Jurens

Lunch & Lesson: Lois Jurens

Devotions: Floy Korthals

Love Circle

Date and Time TBD

Tour Audrey Groen's Gardens

Community Worship Service

Sunday, July 5th at 10:00am

at the GLR High School Auditorium
 All are welcome to worship together!

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable— if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

DEACON'S REPORT

January-May 2026

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>	<u>Difference</u>
General	\$51,547.93	\$53,844.00	(\$2,296.07)
Benevolent	\$14,339.18	\$16,458.34	(\$2,119.16)
TOTAL	\$65,887.11		

Serving Others

<u>July</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Nursery</u>		<u>Sound</u>	<u>Video</u>	<u>Children's Sermon</u>	<u>Offering</u>
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12	Ande & Pat B.	Pam G.	Kyle D.	Craig S.	Cory A.	Sarah D.H.	General
19	Shane & Melinda D.	Sarah D.H.	Keilahny A.	Bert R.	Sandy R.	Shelly A.	General
26	Jon & Emily D.	Melissa G.	Grace L.	Pam G.	Brandon V.B.	Brenda S.	General

“The greater your knowledge of the goodness and grace of God on your life, the more likely you are to praise Him in the storm.” – Matt Chandler

A graphic with the words "Thank You" written in a large, elegant, cursive script. The text is dark blue or black, set against a light blue, textured background that resembles a sky or water.

Wow! Thank you! Thank you for the fabulous gifts from our Amazon list! We are so so very grateful for you & them! They are being used already! Enjoy your summer!

- Staff at Inspiration Hills

Dear HRC,
Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift basket you gave me as I prepared for college finals. Your kindness, generosity, and support mean more to me than words can express.

-Jack Krull

Thank you for donating a half inch socket set. This had been a need of ours for a while as we didn't have a complete set. As you well know a complete set is pleasing to work with & helps work flow efficiently. It's also a good reminder of God's complete nature & the order He has set to creation. Again, thank you very much!

-Inspiration Hills B&G Team
Caleb Jones

Trivia Time!

Test your Bible knowledge with these trivia questions.

1. How long was Noah's ark?
A. 500 cubits B. 100 cubits C. 300 cubits D. 250 cubits
2. How old was Joseph when his brothers sold him into slavery?
A. 69 B. 23 C. 17 D. 90
3. How old was Moses when he gave God's message to Pharaoh: "Let my people go."?
A. 80 B. 18 C. 13 D. 39
4. Upon what mountain was Israel cursed for disobedience?
A. Mt. Moriah B. Mt. Zion C. Mt. Carmel D. Mt. Ebal
5. When Saul was pursuing David, in which cave did David seek refuge?
A. Cave of Makkedah B. Cave of Machpelah
C. Cave of Adullam D. Dambulla Cave
6. What king did God smite with leprosy?
A. Athaliah B. Jehoram C. Amaziah D. Uzziah
7. Which of the prophets was carried captive to Babylon?
A. Ezekiel B. Malachi C. Nehemiah D. Zechariah

2026 Task Forces

MESA

Kathy Altena-Deacon & Sec.
Craig Sandbulte-Elder
Gary Jager
Angie Van Briesen
Pam Grave
Floy Korthals

Education

Sandy Reitsma-Elder
Mark Leemkuil-Deacon
Abby Reitsma-Superintendent
Shelly Altena-Secretary
Kendra Reitsma
Brenda Sandbulte
Sarah DeHaan
Kyle Reitsma
Angie Van Briesen

Worship

Gerald Grave-Elder/Chair
Jim Rypkema-Deacon
Kaitlin Bechler-Secretary
Dorene Chapa
Wendy Leemkuil
Marlene Stubbe
Vonda Maggert

Building and Grounds

Bert Reitsma-Chair
Matthew Grave-Deacon
Randy Rosenboom-Elder
Kathy Altena-Secretary
Dalton Popkes
Kim Joe Chapa
Abby Reitsma

Find the trivia answers in the following passages if you get stuck!

1. Genesis 6:15 2. Genesis 37:2 3. Exodus 7:7 4. Deut. 27:13 5. 1 Samuel 22:1 6. 2 Chron. 26:19 7. Ezekiel 1:1