

HOPE REFORMED CHURCH

Monthly Newsletter | August 2026

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

Rocky Mountain High

We will share much more of our Rocky trip with the congregation on an upcoming Sunday. For now, please enjoy a few photos and know that we were so grateful for your support through well-wishes, financial gifts, prayers, and the loads of snacks you sent along with us!



Only some of the snacks!↑



↔ Bible Point hikers ↑



↑ Before we left at 12:45 am!

↔ Devil's Backbone hike near Loveland

↓ Group photo in the Snack Shack tent



THIS MONTH AT HOPE:

Sunday, August 2	9:00AM—MESA TF Meeting; 10:00AM—Worship, Communion
Sunday, August 9	9:00AM—Education TF Meeting; 10:00AM—Worship Service
Tuesday, August 11	1:00PM—Esther Circle
Wednesday, August 12	5:15PM—Pairs & Spares
Sunday, August 16	9:00AM—Worship TF Meeting; 10:00AM—Worship Service
Sunday, August 23	9:00AM—B&G TF Meeting; 10:00AM—Outdoor Service; 11:00AM—Potluck
Monday, August 24	7:00PM—Elders Meeting; 7:45PM—Consistory Meeting
Sunday, August 30	10:00AM—Worship Service

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 **Craig & Brenda Sandbulte**
- 4 **Bert & Sandy Reitsma, Evan & Kaitlin Bechler**
- 4 Kinsly Altena
- 7 **Merle & Patty Gronewold**
- 13 Paxton Grave
- 16 **Jack & Shari Kruse**
- 20 Jack Krull
- 26 **Mark & Wendy Leemkuil**
- 28 Aric Leuthold
- 29 **Bob & Jo Van Engen**

***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:

Reitsmas—To Kyle & Abby for the mowing and trimming they do to keep the cemetery and church grounds looking nice...

Thank you!

Hear me, Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
Guard my life, for I am faithful
to you;
save your servant who trusts in
you.
You are my God; have mercy on
me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.
Bring joy to your servant, Lord,
for I put my trust in you.

Psalm 86:1-4

August Bulletin Board

Melinda DeLeeuw

Love Circle

Vacation or Activity/Project

Esther Circle

Tuesday, August 11 at 1:00pm

Location: Jo Van Engen

Lunch & Lesson: Jo Van Engen

Devotions: Bev Luitjens

Pairs & Spares

Wednesday, August 12

Pizza Ranch in Orange City

Carpool from Ebenezer at 5:15pm

Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday, August 23 at 10:00am

at Hope Reformed

All are invited to join us for an outdoor service followed by a potluck and games.

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>Aug</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Video</u>	<u>Children's Sermon</u>	<u>Offering</u>
2	Gerald & Pam G.	Wendy L. Carly D.	Dorene C.	Kyle R.	Sandy R.	Benevolent
9	Matt & Melissa G.	Vonda M. Annabelle R.	Craig S.	Cory A.	Kathy A.	General
16	Don & Audrey G.	Nancy P. Abby R.	Bert R.	Sandy R.	RCYF	General
23	Gary & Glenda J.	Sandy R. Shelly A.	Pam G.	Brandon V.B.	Pam G.	General
30	Janice K.	Kendra R. Khloe D.	Dorene C.	Kyle R.	Sarah D.H.	Building

"Worship is our response to who God is and what He's done for us."

-Orchard Hill Collective at Rocky Mountain High

A note of invitation from the MESA Task Force

Before Pastor Steve left for deployment, he challenged each of us to start being a disciple. Begin by praying for that person, get to know them and then, when the time is right, present Jesus to them. He also challenged MESA to pray for our congregation and the community.

We decided to put a prayer list together each month around a theme. These lists will be available each month as part of the newsletter--you will be able to cut off the bookmark and insert it into your Bible or devotional book to remind you who is on our prayer list for the month. The monthly bookmarks will also be available in a basket in the MESA mailbox beginning next week.

Just imagine the power of prayer as we lift up each person,
each need, each thank you simultaneously to the throne of God!

August

Pray for SAFETY

- GEMS
- Firefighters
- County Sheriff dept.
- Those going on vacations
- Job safety
- Farmer safety
- Athletes beginning training for school year
- Military safety--especially Pastor Steve and his deployment group
- Children as they play outside
- Against negative thoughts
- From temptation
- Thanks for God's unfailing protection



Thank You

Hope Reformed,
Thank you so much for the delicious subs, macaroni salad, and watermelon. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. The light of Jesus is shining through your efforts. It was also great to have you join us for worship. Serving our risen Lord & Savior together!
Thanks again, Freedom's Gate Church



⇐ Another photo from our “we need to stretch our legs” hike at the Devil’s Backbone Open Space Area before lunch in Loveland.

2026 Inspiration Hills Warrior Run

We’d love to invite your church to be part of the 2026 Inspiration Hills Warrior Run on **Saturday, September 12!**

The Warrior Run is more than just a race—it’s a fun community event that helps provide camp scholarships, making it possible for more children and families to experience the life-changing ministry of Inspiration Hills.

Whether your church sends a youth group, families, small group, or individuals, this is a great opportunity to build community, enjoy a morning outdoors, and support an incredible cause together.

Register by August 28 and save \$10 with Early Bird pricing!

Early Bird Pricing:

- 5K Warrior Run: \$25 (regularly \$35)
- 1 Mile Fun Run: \$20 (regularly \$30)

Everyone who registers by **August 28** will also receive a **FREE event t-shirt!**

Race Day Schedule

- 8:00 AM – Registration Opens
- 9:00 AM – 1 Mile Fun Run
- 9:30 AM – 5K Warrior Run

We would be grateful if you would consider sharing this event with your congregation, youth group, and families. Every registration helps make camp accessible for a child who may not otherwise have the opportunity to attend.

You can register or learn more at www.inspirationhills.org/warrior.

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of Inspiration Hills. We hope to see many of your church families on the course this September!

Blessings,

The Inspiration Hills Team

Preserve us
and all your people
from injury and deceit,
from fear of the enemy,
from the arrow that
flies by day,
and the trouble that
walks in the darkness,
and grant us eternal
life
in Christ, your Son,
our Lord and Savior.
Amen

"The Lord will keep
you from all harm— he
will watch over your
life; the Lord will
watch over your
coming and going both
now and forevermore."
Psalm 121:7-8

“If you pray, why worry? And if you worry, why pray!” — Anonymous