HOPE REFORMED CHURCH

Monthly Newsletter | November 2026

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

Serving at Freedom's Gate

On Sunday, November 8th we will be worshiping with and serving a meal to the Freedoms Gate After Prison Ministry in Sioux Falls. You're invited to come with us. We'll probably leave about 3pm. If you'd like to help in another way, we will need **12 breakfast casseroles** (can be mixed up the night before or morning of and refrigerated) that we'll bake when we get there. You find the recipe on the right. We'll also need **6 batches of 24 muffins.** This means we need 18 folks to step up and help us with food. Please contact Kathy or Pam if you're able to come with us, make a casserole or make muffins before November 1st. We appreciate HRC as they work to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus. MESA Task Force

THIS MONTH AT HOPE:

Sunday, Nov. 1	9:00AM—Sunday School
	10:00AM—Worship Service, Communion
	11:00AM—MESA TF Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 4	7:00PM—Catechism and RCYF
Sunday, Nov. 8	9:00AM—Sunday School
	10:00AM—Worship Service
	11:00AM—Education TF Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 10	1:00PM—Esther Circle
Wednesday, Nov. 11	Pairs & Spares
	7:00PM—Love Circle, Catechism and RCYF
Sunday, Nov. 15	9:00AM—Sunday School, Worship TF Meeting
	10:00AM—Worship Service
	11:00AM—Annual Congregational Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 18	7:00PM—Catechism and RCYF
Sunday, Nov. 22	9:00AM—Sunday School
	10:00AM—Worship Service
	11:00AM—Buildings & Grounds TF Meeting
Monday, Nov. 23	6:30PM—Elders Meeting
	7:00PM—Consistory Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 25	7:00PM—Thanksgiving Eve Service
Sunday, Nov. 29	9:00AM—Sunday School
	10:00AM—Worship Service
	11:00AM—Christmas Program Practice
	3:00PM—5th Sunday Movie

Tator Tot Breakfast Casserole

Ingredients:

1 30-32 oz bag of frozen tator tots
16 oz diced ham
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup mozzarella or Monterrey jack cheese
8 large eggs
½ cup milk
1 cup sour cream
½ tsp salt
¾ tsp pepper
½ tsp garlic powder
½ tsp onion powder
*If you don't have the powders, skip the ½ tsp salt and add 1 tsp onion salt or 1 tsp garlic salt.

Directions:

Grease a 9x13 disposable pan.
Place tator tots, ham and cheese into the pan. Toss with hands to combine.
Whisk together the milk, eggs, sour cream and seasonings.
Pour over the tator tot mixture in the pan.
Can be covered and refrigerated overnight.
Bake at 375° for 45-60 minutes.
Can sprinkle with ½ cup grated cheese and bake for 5 more minutes.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 **Kim & Dorene Chapa,** Sara Sprock
9 Evan Bechler
12 Steve Klaahsen
13 Gary Jager
14 Elijah DeHaan
15 Lori Sneller
19 David Grave
21 Abby Reitsma, Brandon Sprock
23 Barb Modder, Emily Denekas
27 Audrey Groen
28 **Steve & Ann Klaahsen,** Gerald Grave
29 Donna Popkes, Kallie Zylstra
30 Kendra Reitsma

***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:

Glenda Jager—For everything she's done for 42 years and continues to do to keep our church clean and organized...

MESA TF—For all this task force does to direct our thoughts and gifts towards missions and reaching others for Christ...

Thank you!



November Bulletin Board
Sandy Reitsma
Kendra Reitsma

Pairs & Spares
Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00pm

Esther Circle
Tuesday, November 10 at 1:00pm
Location: Floy Korthals
Lunch & Lesson: Floy Korthals
Devotions: Donna Popkes

Love Circle
Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00pm
Leader: Janice Krull
Lunch & Devotions: Wendy Leemkuil
Lesson: TBD

DEACON'S REPORT

January-September 2026

Fund	Offerings	Budget to Date	Difference
General	$92,135.68	$96,919.20	($4,783.52)
Benevolent	$22,852.18	$29,625.00	($6,772.82)
TOTAL	$114,987.86		

Serving Others

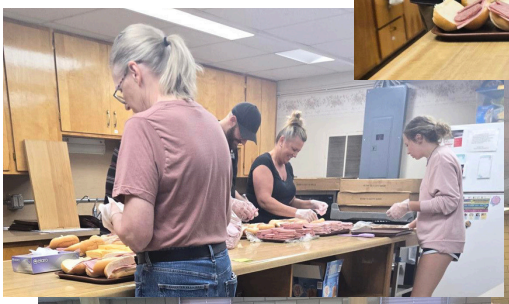
Nov	Greeters	Nursery	Sound	Video	Children's Sermon	Offering
1	David & Marlene E.	Wendy L. Annabelle R.	Craig S.	Cory A.	Brenda S.	Benevolent
8	Jim & Klarice R.	Vonda M. Khloe D.	Bert R.	Sandy R.	Sandy R.	General
15	Craig & Brenda S.	Nancy P. Shelly A.	Pam G.	Brandon V.B.	Kathy A.	General
22	Billy & Sara S.	Sandy R. Kinsly A.	Dorene C.	Kyle R.	RCYF	General
29	Paul & Angie V.B.	Kendra R. Rachel B.	Craig S.	Cory A.	Pam G.	Building

"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." — C.S. Lewis

RCYF

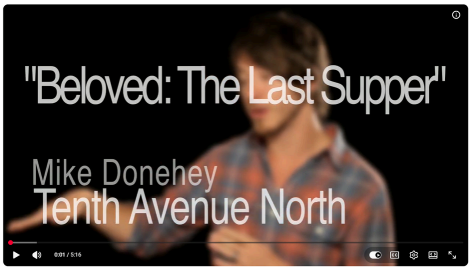
Thank you to everyone who bought subs or donated to our fall fundraiser for Rocky Mountain High and Power Connection trips! A special thank you to the adults who came to lend a helping hand in the assembly line. We are so grateful for your donations, purchases, and help!









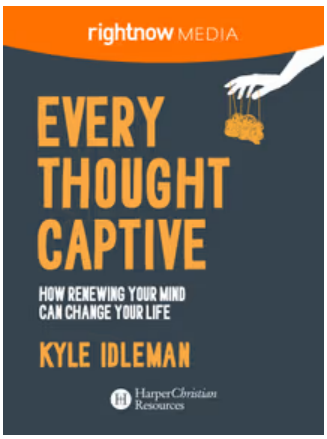


November

Prayers of THANKS for

- God's love
- Jesus
- Freedom
- Family
- Housing
- Transportation
- Clothing
- Public and Christian Education
- Occupations
- Friendships
- Church
- Brothers and Sisters in the Lord
- Food and Fellowship
- Health

Our youth group started off the year in September with discussing some questions from a video by Mike Donehey of Tenth Avenue North. Some things we discussed were discerning God's will, trusting Him, finding satisfaction in God, and the story behind their song *Beloved.* The inspiration for that song comes from the Last Supper and Jesus' invitation when he offered the cup to the disciples. The cultural context that the disciples understood with that invitation is so much deeper than how we understand it today. You can check out the story behind the song here or click on the video image *(above right)*.



We are now working through a series on RightNow Media by Kyle Idelman called *Every Thought Captive* where we are learning about a topic crucial for our spiritual growth: the battle for our minds. Romans 12:2, says: "Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Silly Joke: What do you call a turkey the day after Thanksgiving?

Inspiration Hills

Registration for their winter/spring 2027 events and retreats opens on Monday, November 9 at 9:00AM.

Art of Parenting Retreat
January 15–17, 2027

Single Moms Retreat
January 29–31, 2027

4th–6th Grade Winter Retreat
February 12–14, 2027

Digging Deeper Bible Workshop
March 13, 2027

Art of Marriage Retreat
April 2–4, 2027



Thank you to the RCYF for the amazing subs!

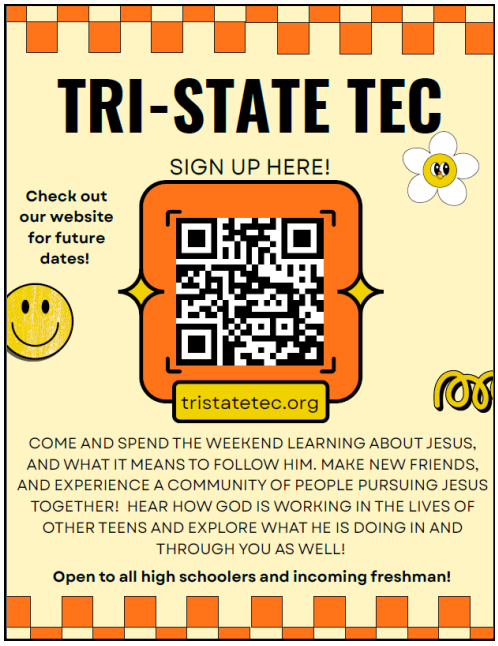
Thank you to the Catechism kids for the special sidewalk chalk art!

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)

is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at Maurice Reformed Church in Maurice, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community.

The next TEC is November 20-22, 2026. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com.

The cost is $50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.



2026 Task Force Members

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–Chair, Co-Superintendent
Brenda Sandbulte–Co-Superintendent
Shelly Altena
Kendra Reitsma
Rachel Blake
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
Darrin Popkes
Dalton Popkes
Kim Joe Chapa
Abby Reitsma

Heavenly Father,
We come before You with a heart full of gratitude. Thank you for the gift of life, for the air we breathe, and for the simple joys that brighten our days. Thank you for Your love, which is steady and unchanging, even when life feels hard. Help us to notice Your goodness in both the big and small moments. Give us a contented heart and show us how to share Your kindness with others. Amen

"O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name."
1 Chronicles 29:13

Answer: Lucky!