

AUGUST 23, 2026



MIDDLEBURG FREE GRACE
REFORMED CHURCH

Knowing Jesus and making Jesus known



WELCOME

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE TO WORSHIP WITH US!

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

Prelude

Praise & Worship

Living Hope

Love of God

Goodness of God

Prayer

Announcements

Ministry Of Music - Ella Scholten

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #92 - O How I Love Jesus (All verses)

Offering

Message - In Christ, Through Christ, For Christ | Colossians 1:15-20

Hymn #129 - Great & Mighty (All verses)

Benediction

Hymn #18 - Let's Just Praise the Lord

FELLOWSHIP WITH US

A special welcome to our visitors! If you are a visitor, we would like to make contact with you. Please fill out a "Welcome to the Family" card located by the sanctuary doors and place it in Rus Verburg's church mailbox. Thank you for coming! Everyone is invited for coffee and lemonade after the service.

CONNECT WITH US!

If you are new and wish to get connected with MFG, scan the QR Code.



Welcome back, church family! As summer comes to an end and the school bells begin to ring, whether you are a student, a parent, or an educator, we pray over the start of this season. We hope it is filled with new friendships, learning, and God's guiding light for all our students and teachers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you

What an amazing church family we have! Thank you does not seem like enough for all of the prayers, love, support, words of encouragement, food donations, and gifts that were given to our family after the loss of Mark. We are grateful to each and every one of you for the impact that you have had on Mark's life. He loved this church so much! Thank you for wrapping your arms around our family during this difficult time! May God bless you and keep you. —Jill De Ruyter

Women's Bible Study - Renewing Your Mind Will Lead To A Transformed Life

Have you been feeling weighed down by worry? Or caught up in a web of self-critical thoughts? The good news is that with God's help, you can learn to renew your mind, break free from negative patterns, and become a little more like Jesus every day. This six-session Bible study explores three scripture-based tools that will help you take every thought captive and test the messages that replay in your mind against the truth of God's Word. You will also learn to overcome common thought traps like anxiety, guilt, rejection, dissatisfaction, and more. No matter who you are or where you come from, progress is possible. The Tuesday morning Bible study ladies invite anyone interested to join them in this study by Max Lucado! We meet at church at 9:00 a.m. and will begin this 6-week study on Sept. 15. Let Beth Kooiker know if you would like a book.

Education Meeting

There will be an Education Teacher's meeting immediately after the service in room 10.

Golf Fun Night

There is a meeting Monday night at 7:00 p.m. to begin plans for a church golf fun night at the Rolling Hills Golf Course in Hull on Sunday, Sept. 27. More info to come.

Consistory Meeting

The Consistory will meet on Monday, August 31 for the months of August and September. If anyone would like to request baptism or make profession of faith, please meet with the elders at 6:45 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kids' Corner

Today, we will have a second opportunity for parents to drop off their kids after church in the northwest yard to play outside. Children ages 2-10 are welcome to play with balls and other outdoor toys while supervised by volunteers so parents can fellowship in peace indoors! Playtime will run for 45 minutes after the service ends. Older kids are welcome, too, but won't be directly supervised. Please contact Kaylee Moss if you have any questions.

Life Groups

We look forward to Life Groups starting this fall! The groups will be staying the same. If you are not already in a Life Group and would like to join, or if you were previously in a group and would like to be removed from the list, please let Tara know at freegracereformed@gmail.com. Life Groups start in September and end in March. We meet every third Sunday of the month. We will be studying II Peter by Kyle Idleman. We look forward to growing in our faith together.

Gifts from the Garden - "Give and receive with a grateful heart"

A table has been set up in our fellowship room to share excess garden produce from mid-summer into fall. Clean/dry vegetables and fruits can be set on this table for others to take. Plastic bags are provided, and the only days food can be on this table is late Saturday into Sunday. Whatever food is left after Sunday service/activities is either taken back or removed and the table will be cleaned up until the next weekend. Contact Gloria Miller or Ashley Schuiteman with any questions.

Church Directory

We will be printing updated copies of our church directory this fall. Please review your profile on our Online Directory to ensure everything is accurate. If you want to update your photo or information, now would be a good time. If you have any questions or need help with this, contact Tara or Carol Kooiker.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us remember our friends and family in our prayers:

- Nelva Huitink and their family, as Nelva's sister, Carol Van Meeteren, passed away.
- Jill De Ruyter family, in the passing of Mark.
- Carol Adkins, Marilyn Schafer's sister, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Kraayenbrink family, as their daughter, Sarah, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Grace Van Der Zwaag, as she has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- Matt Punt, Heidi Oolman's cousin, as he recovers from injuries due to a plane crash.
- All our beloved elderly members who are unable to gather with us each Sunday.
- Pastor Cody Raak, as his family transitions to our church.
- Members of our military families who currently have family members on active duty.

"IN CHRIST, THROUGH CHRIST, FOR CHRIST"

Aug. 23 | Passage: Colossians 1:15-20

In Christ . . .

. . . _____ were created.

. . . _____ hold together.

. . . _____ dwells.

Through Christ . . .

. . . all things _____.

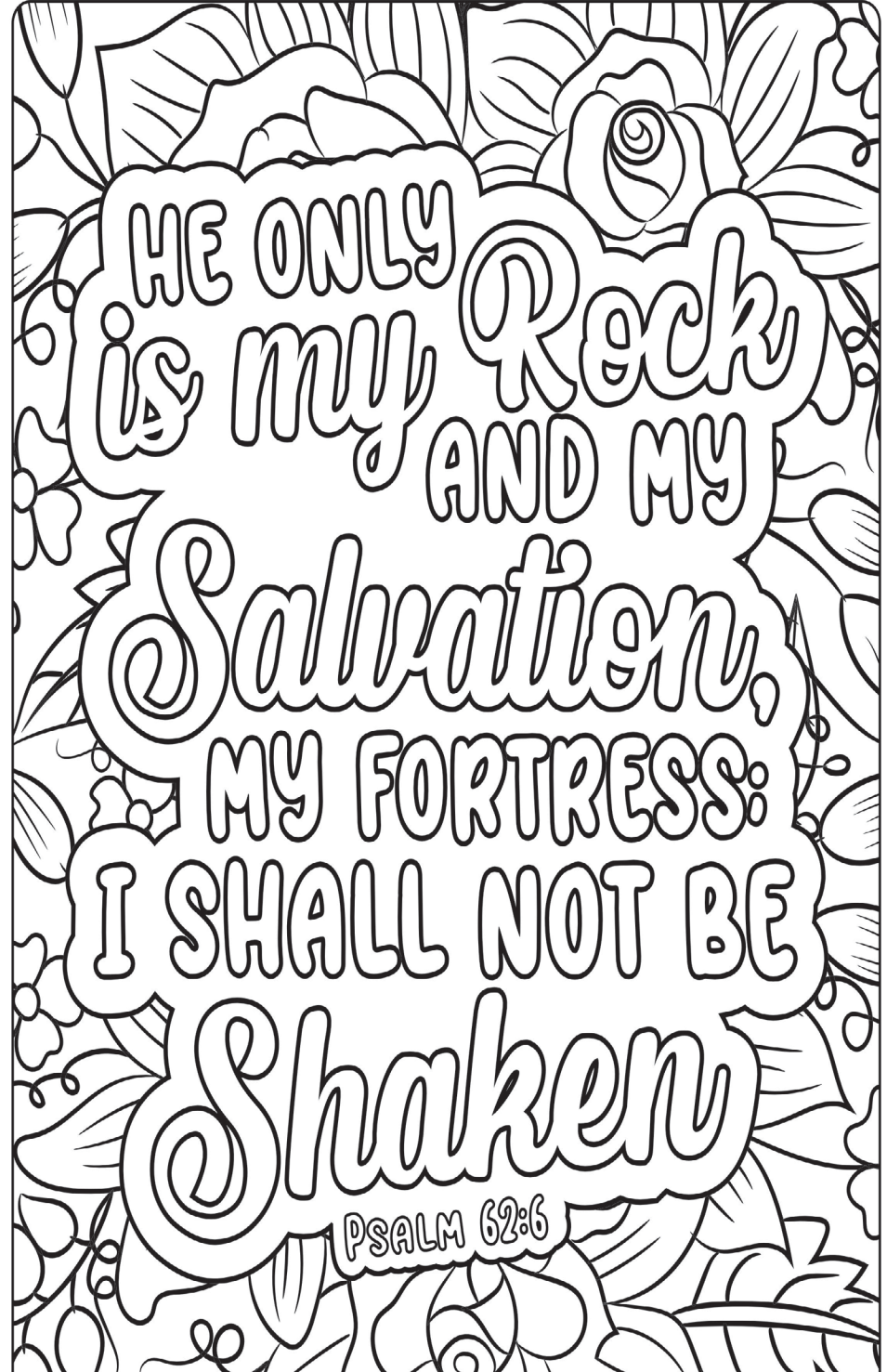
. . . all things _____.

For Christ . . .

. . . _____ was created.

. . . _____ were created.

Notes:



HE ONLY
is my Rock
AND MY
Salvation,
MY FORTRESS:
I SHALL NOT BE
Shaken
PSALM 62:6

GET INVOLVED

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 23 - Education Teachers' Meeting

Aug. 30 - Church Picnic

Sept. 13 - Children & Worship
& Sunday School begins

Sept. 23 - Wednesday Night Activities begin

BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 24 - Larry Vander Wilt

Aug. 26 - Brock Lehman

Aug. 29 - Kate Broersma

ANNIVERSARIES

Aug. 25 - Kevin & Betty Moss

Aug. 26 - Bill & Brenda Kooiker

Today - Back-to-School Worship

There will be a community Back-to-School Family Worship Night at New Life Church on Sunday, August 23, at 5:30 pm. Join us for an evening of songs and prayer as we send our students, teachers, and families into the new year!

August 27 - Divorce Care

Bethel CRC in Sioux Center is hosting Divorce Care this fall. This 14-week series will begin on August 27, and is geared to anyone who is separated, recently divorced, or has been divorced for a long time. Sessions run from 6:30 to 8:00pm. This is free, and child care will be provided. For questions or to register, please call Holly Case at 760-715-1796.

August 30 - Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 30th from 3-7 PM, and join us for an afternoon of fun at the annual Church Picnic! There will be games, inflatables, prizes, great food, and so much more! A volunteer sign-up sheet has been placed on the MOVE table for anyone willing to help run a game station. Don't forget to start planning your team for the obstacle course! An obstacle course team sign-up sheet has been placed on the MOVE table as well.

September 14 & 15 - 46th Annual Fall Regional Conference for Bible League

Hope and forgiveness in the midst of evil is the topic for the conference. The conference will feature Gayle Haas as Corrie Ten Boom, a devoted servant of Christ. She brings to life the testimony of Corrie Ten Boom, who helped shelter Jews in the Netherlands during the Nazi Occupation. The event will take place at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center. Monday, Sept. 14 is the dinner event beginning at 6pm. The cost is \$25. Tuesday is the conference. Doors open at 9am and the event runs from 9:30-2pm. \$40 with lunch or \$30 for the conference only. Register online at bibleleague.org/tickets. Registration closes Sept. 6. Any questions call 708-367-8921 or email ckooiman49@icloud.com.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pastor - Cody Raak
Pianist - Nora V.
Sound Tech - Luke K.
Power Point - Tayla K.
Children's Message - None.
Ministry of Music - Harold & Carla Dykstra
Special Offering - None.
Ushers - Harlan H. & Billy H.

Prayer Team - Rich K. & Mitchal P.
Coffee & Lemonade - Dot R.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Brittany H; Katelyn W; Brayson K.

ELDER GREETERS

Dave(E), Pastor(S), Rich(W)

NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor - Cody Raak
Pianist - Irene S.
Sound Tech - Garret VDW
Power Point - Tayla K.
Children's Message - None.
Ministry of Music - Klint & Jayden Koster
Special Offering - Words of Hope
Ushers - Ken G. & Darren B.

Prayer Team - Evan K. & Tyler V.Z.
Coffee & Lemonade - Rachel K.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Kaylee M.

ELDER GREETERS

Rich(E), Evan(S), Pastor(W)

OUR LEADERSHIP

ELDERS

Rich Kooiker
Dave Roskam
Kevin Moss
Evan Kraayenbrink
Loren Te Slaa

DEACONS

Tyler Van Der Zwaag
Darren Broersma
Chris Garris
Mitchal Punt
Dan Oolman



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Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. Go to our Facebook Page to view our live stream services

Please have your bulletin announcements and notices sent to our church email by 8pm on Wednesday.