

AUGUST 9, 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 9, 2026

Prelude

Praise & Worship

His Mercy Is More
In Christ Alone
You've Already Won

Prayer

Announcements

Talking Bibles Update - Mark Klaasen

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #506 - I'd Rather Have Jesus (all verses)

Offering

Message - Lying & Christ's Apprentices | Matt. 5:33-37

Hymn #10 - Majesty

Benediction

Hymn #10 - Majesty

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Pastor Cody!

We extend a big welcome to Pastor Cody & Kait Raak and their family as they join us for their first Sunday at our church! Thank you to all who helped get the parsonage ready, helped them move, and made them feel welcome. It is a team effort and we appreciate all those who pitched in!

Thank you

Thank you for your prayers and words of kindness after my recent heart procedure. It is appreciated! —Marv Van't Hul

Kids' Corner

On August 9 and 23, we will have a new 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.

New Baby

Congratulations to Kyle and Katelyn Heemstra on the birth of their baby boy, Owen Jay, born on July 13. Today is the last day to put a gift in the baby basket in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to bless them with a gift.

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.

De Ruyter Funeral

The funeral visitation for Mark De Ruyter will be this Wednesday from 5-7 pm at our church. Mark's funeral service will be Thursday at 11:00 am in our church. Continue to pray for God's peace and comfort during these difficult days.

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.

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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.

LifeWise Academy

The LifeWise Academy Boyden and Hull classrooms are looking for people to share God's love and who are willing to give their time to help students grow in their faith. Please consider volunteering 1 time every 4-6 weeks, knowing that you will make a lasting impact on a child's life. Hours at our Boyden Elementary classroom are Tuesdays 11:30-3:30 and Thursdays 11:30-2:30. Jr. High session in Hull is 11:30-1:15 on Wednesdays. Please contact Kelley Crawford (712-548-7947) or Tina Koerselman (712-540-4117) if interested or if you have any questions.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us remember our friends and family in our prayers:

- Jill De Ruyter family, in the passing of Mark.
- Pat Buyert, as she recovers from knee surgery.
- 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.



GET INVOLVED

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 16 - Pastor Welcome Potluck

Aug. 23 - Education Teacher's Meeting

Aug. 30 - Church Picnic

August 16 - Pastor Welcome Celebration

Join us next Sunday for a welcome potluck for Pastor Cody and Kait. Tableware, drink and ice cream sundaes (dessert) will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a hot dish and a cold dish. The meal will begin at 11:30. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Cody while enjoying some great food and fellowship.

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.

BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 9 - Becky Kooiker

Aug. 10 - Harlan Huitink

Aug. 10 - Paul Schuiteman

Aug. 12 - Dan Oolman

Aug. 12 - Brayson Kooiker

Aug. 13 - Fran Mouw

Aug. 14 - Mark Schmith

Aug. 14 - Betty Moss

Aug. 15 - George Regnerus

ANNIVERSARIES

Aug. 14 - Pastor Cody & Kait Raak

Aug. 15 - Dilan & Kaylee Moss

Aug. 15 - Mark & Katie Schmith

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pastor - Doug Van Aartsen
Pianist - Haley B.
Sound Tech - Klint K.
Power Point - Haylee O.
Children's Message - None.
Ministry of Music - Beth Kooiker
Special Offering - None.
Ushers - Eric M. & Kason M.

Prayer Team - Loren T.S. & Chris G.
Coffee & Lemonade - Carmen M.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Beth K; Brantley H; Lily L.

ELDER GREETERS

Kevin(E), Loren(S), Pastor(W)

NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor - Cody Raak
Pianist - Haley B.
Sound Tech - Bryce H.
Power Point - Haylee O.
Children's Message - Rus V.
Ministry of Music - Garret Van Der Wilt
Special Offering - Improvement Fund
Ushers - Mike B. & Chad K.

Prayer Team - Dave R. & Dan O.
Coffee & Lemonade - Lana O.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Carmen M; Kylie M; Joslin H.

ELDER GREETERS

Pastor(E), Dave(S), Loren(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.