

Sunday, September 18, 2022 – a Worship Celebration

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today—members, visitors, those passing through, and those looking for a church home. We're glad you've joined us! Please stay following worship for a cup of coffee and fellowship; we would like to get to know you.

Worship Notes:

- This morning Sam Ashmore, Campus Pastor at Dordt University, will begin a 4-part sermon series on the book of Titus, one message given each month this fall. In this cultural moment, the world needs beauty. There is much hate, division, and death that fill our feeds, screens, and thoughts. The Church can fill this gap with beauty! The task of the Church is to be an agent of transformation and make Jesus and His kingdom compellingly beautiful in the public square. Devotion to Jesus and the common good will show the beauty of our message about the generous grace of God to all people. According to Paul, in the book of Titus, this task is done through wise participation in culture rather than assimilating to it or waging war against it. In this series, we will unpack Paul's paradigm of what beautiful resistance and participation in culture looks like and how we can make Jesus and His kingdom and His way compellingly beautiful in a world that desperately needs it. This morning we'll look at Titus 1:1-4.
- This morning we are blessed as a body of believers to celebrate **communion**. (Please note that the elements are gluten free.)
- Our first offering today is for the **General Fund**. Our second offering is for the **Sack Pack Program of Sioux Center** which offers free meals & snacks for kids to take home from school on weekends.
- Next Sunday's second offering will be our quarterly offering for **Christian Education**. While Christian Education is a part of BOH's budget; this is an opportunity to further support it. Money received will specifically go towards the Christian Education share of the budget.

Future Pulpit Supply:

- Sept 25: Thomas Soodsma (*Classical Appt.*) • Oct 2: Dr Nathan Hitchcock (*Baptism*)

Announcements / What's Up:

Council meets this Wednesday, Sept 21, at 6:30pm.

As the Council continues to move forward with our new **staffing model**, we would like to encourage the congregation to prayerfully consider one of these roles if you believe you are well-suited. Or, if you see gifts in members of our church body that you believe are suited to serve in this way, please encourage them to consider applying. Applications will be considered in October for the **Sunday School Director** position; applications will be considered in November for both the **Worship Director** and the **Congregational Caregiver** positions. Job descriptions along with instructions on how to apply can be found on our website: <https://www.bridgecrc.org/employment>. The job description for the clerical support position is in process of being developed and will be made available soon.

Winter Gear Drive & Giveaway: Bridge of Hope is again partnering with several other community members for an annual Winter Gear Drive and Giveaway! Each year we get the opportunity to bless hundreds of people in our community through providing outerwear for our cold Iowa winters. We are looking for donations of winter gear in all sizes, as well as blankets. We have specific needs for boots & quality gloves, as well as any gift cards or donations to purchase needed items. **Donations can be brought to church (look for the sign by the welcome area) or the ministry center.** Questions? Ask Christina Postma (712.240.0155) or Koty VandeGriend (515.314.5988). Thanks!

ANNUAL APPLE PIE FUNDRAISER: It's time to sell apple pies to help raise funds for Bridge of Hope! **You can find an apple pie order form with order envelope on the information table this morning.** Submit the **order envelope** with the total number of pies sold, your name & contact information, and payment to Tim Foreman by **October 1**. You can also submit your orders to tim@groundeffects.com. (Keep the **order form** for your records so you know where to deliver the pies you sold.)



DATES TO REMEMBER: **Orders** are due on **October 1**; **apple peeling and dough making** will be on **Thursday, October 20**; **pie making** will be on **Saturday, October 22**.

GEMS (for girls in grades 4th - 8th) will have their kick-off on **Wednesday, Sept 28**, at Covenant CRC, **7:00-8:30 pm**. We'll be tie-dyeing our theme shirts, so please wear clothes that can get dirty! If your daughter hasn't registered yet, please email northstar_gems@hotmail.com. Our GEMS ministry includes Bridge of Hope, Covenant and Faith CRC.

Our Church Family:

This week the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Christ Community and Pastors Mark Johnson, Carlos Perez, and Brandon Thiel.

Thank you, Sioux Center area church families!

Many of you participated in the Ukraine Care opportunity at the Centre Mall parking lot trailer in August. The response from NW Iowa churches was tremendous!

Financial contributions and all items were taken to Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, NE and within a month these donations will reach countries where they will be distributed to Ukrainians who continue in the struggle to have their basic needs met.

Continue to pray for the Ukrainian people, that these items will ease some of their sufferings, and that they will experience Christ's love and find hope in Him.

Sincerely,

Caring for Ukrainians Team / NW Iowa Communities in Partnership with Orphan Grain Train – Cal Cleveringa, Brenda Coulander, Laurie Gabhart, Magdalene Landegent, Ruth Landegent, Gregg Miller, Loralie Wiese

Visiting?

Welcome!

If you would like to learn more about Bridge of Hope, please fill out the information below and place in the offering bag. Thanks!

Name(s) _____

Email _____

I would like:

- More information about Bridge of Hope
- More information concerning Link Groups or Life Groups (2 types of Small Groups)
- More information regarding youth programming
- More information about opportunities to serve and/or become involved
- To receive weekly email communication from the church office
- A call/visit from a church leader
- To become a member
- Other: _____

Our Little Ones

NURSERY

(Birth through 2 years old)

Nursery care is available during the service. It's staffed with volunteers to care for your child. The nursery is located down the north hallway; you'll see a sign indicating its exact location.

PROMISE LAMBS

(3-year-old through TK)

*Children will be **dismissed during the service** for a time of worship geared towards their age. They can meet their teacher/helpers by the gym doors and gather in the Music Room in the south hallway.*