

Bulletin for Sunday, April 26, 2026

WORSHIP NOTES

- **Series:** Hebrews
- **Scripture:** Hebrews 12:18-29
- **Offerings:** General Fund and the Sack Pack Program. The Sack Pack Program offers free meals & snacks for kids to take home from school on weekends. The packs contain individually packaged food that is ready to eat or easily prepared in the microwave. It's supported by *Hunger Free Kids of Sioux County* and local communities. Sack Pack Sioux Center is headquartered in the H.O.M.E. building and volunteers/groups currently pack sacks for 270 kids every week.
- *** His Hands His Feet Sunday Service**
NEXT Sunday, May 3, our "service" will be our "service." It will be a time when our church body will communally serve our community by going out to do service projects during our normal worship time. **Instead of meeting at the school next Sunday, head to the Children's Park Shelter House** where people will be divided into groups to do various projects around the community. Following the service projects, we'll gather for a meal provided by Council. **Childcare will be provided. This is sponsored by the His Hands His Feet Team. More details to come!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CHILDREN:

- A **NURSERY** is provided for children from birth through 2 years old. **Nursery is held in the school's music room. It's to your left and down the hallway when exiting the gym. Look for the banner!**
- **PROMISE LAMBS** is for children 3 through TK. They are dismissed part-way through the service and can meet their teachers by the gym door.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** for TK/K through high school immediately following the worship service.

CHURCH EDUCATION:

- **TODAY is the last week of Sunday School.** Promise Lambs will continue through **Sunday, May 17.**
- *We would love to celebrate your graduates!* If your student is graduating from 8th grade, high school or college we would love to hear what is next in their life! Please share their new school, job, or future plans with Sarah Stoub. Thank you!
- We will be acknowledging graduates in the service on Sunday, May 17. We will be calling graduates forward to give them a special gift from our church.

The Shepherd Nomination Process Continues

All those who have been nominated for Shepherd are asked to attend the informational meeting TODAY, immediately following the morning worship service in room 2133.

- Those who accept the nomination will be sent a link to an online form and asked to fill it out. The information on that form will help the congregation get to know our shepherd nominees better. The names of the nominees, along with a link for the congregation to see the nominee's answers will be published in the bulletin on Sundays, May 10 & 17, as well as subsequent weekly emails.
- Following the worship service on the 17th, the congregation will meet to affirm those who have been nominated.
- On Sunday, June 7, the casting of lots will be held during the worship service.
- Installation of new Shepherds and the Council Orientation Retreat will be held on Sunday, June 28.

CONNECT & UNITE *(Youth Group for 6th-8th grade {CONNECT} and 9th-12th grade {UNITE})*

- **TODAY, April 26:** CONNECT Lesson
- May 10: CONNECT - LAST Lesson & 8th Sendoff
- May 13: UNITE - LAST lesson
- May 17: CONNECT/UNITE Youth Service at Bridge of Hope (9:30 start time)
 - <https://tinyurl.com/Youth-Service-Involvement-Form>
- May 17: CONNECT/UNITE Potluck 12:30-2 (parents/students/leaders)
 - At the indoor children's park shelter house
 - Hotdogs, buns, and toppings will be provided!
 - Please sign up using this link to bring a food item to share with everyone: <https://tinyurl.com/4j9ff42n>

Congregational Meeting

The congregation is invited to an afternoon of feedback & conversation about Living Toward 2030 and a building; **meet TODAY from 4:00 to 5:30pm at the Intermediate School.** (**NOTE CHANGE OF TIME as previously announced.**) The afternoon will include a brief overview of the two topics, guided table discussions, and light snacks/refreshments. Childcare will also be provided. Before you come, please take a few minutes to read the two attached documents and think about the following starter questions. Additional questions may be shared later.

Living Toward 2030

1. *Looking at Living Toward 2030, what areas do you think Bridge of Hope is already living out?*
2. *In what areas of Living Toward 2030 do you think Bridge of Hope could grow, go deeper, or strengthen its ministry as we move forward?*
3. *Which part of Living Toward 2030 do you feel most connected to or excited about? Are there any parts that you aren't connecting with?*

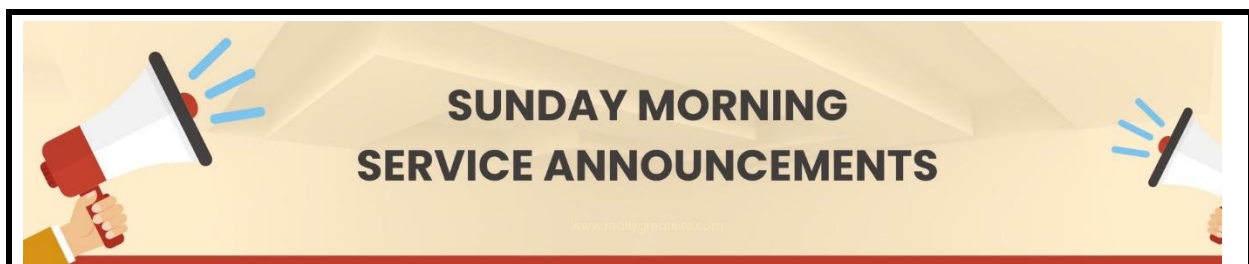
Building

1. *When you first heard that Council was praying and discerning about a building, what was your initial reaction? (Excitement, hesitancy, fear, hope, or something else?)*
2. *How do you see a building supporting our vision of Living Toward 2030? How might it create challenges or distractions?*
3. *As you prayerfully reflect on this next season, what else is on your mind that you would like to share?*

We hope you'll join us for this important conversation—your voice matters, and together we can discern God's calling for Bridge of Hope.

First Friday Dinners

All adults are invited **THIS Friday, May 1**, to Sfumato Pizzeria in Carnes. This restaurant in “rural Orange City” offers delicious wood-fired pizza and a cozy atmosphere! Plan to meet at the Ministry Center at 5:30 pm to carpool, otherwise meet us at the restaurant at 6:00. **Please send a “Coming!” text** to either Miriam Buss (712-578-1227) or Cindy Groeneweg (712-441-4336) **by THIS Wednesday, April 29.**



Would you like an announcement made on a Sunday morning before or during the worship service? If so, please fill out the Sunday morning announcement form. Please submit the form by the Thursday before the Sunday you would like the announcement made, preferably earlier if possible. The form can be found [here](#). If at the last minute there's an unexpected announcement that needs to be made, please contact our worship coordinator or one of our pastors.

Additional announcements can be found in the Community Activities Sheet, a weekly publication of activities/events pertaining to churches in our community. It originated because of the repetitive nature of common announcements. A link to it can be found on our website under What's Happening/Bulletin.

Koinonia Prayer Requests: Prayer requests on Sunday mornings at Bridge of Hope have historically been taken verbally during worship. To help make sharing requests more accessible to all, a google form has been created so that people can share requests at a different time and method than verbally on Sunday morning. Prayer requests submitted this way will be included in the email that gets sent to the body each week on either Monday or Tuesday. *(Please note: Any prayer request submitted after the Koinonia Prayer email has been sent that week, or after Tuesday, will wait to be emailed out until the following week. Also, requests made here will not be verbalized on Sunday mornings by the Pastoral Shepherd leading Koinonia Prayer.)* Follow the QR Code to submit an online prayer request.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This week, the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Hope Lutheran and Interim Pastor Rosalyn De Koster.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

<p>Today, April 26 Nursery: Jordyn W, Cora F, Carson D Promise Lambs: Justine B, Lucas & Asher F Coffee Service Setup (before church): Ruth R Coffee Service Cleanup (after church): Heie Shepherd Duties: Tim F, Reggie H Outside door greeter: Additional Mic Runner: Rich V Check-ins: Ruth R, Jena D, Aimee VM</p>	<p>Next Sunday, May 3 ** Child Care at Park: Avery D, Reese M, Bailey VM * His Hands His Feet Sunday Service <i>Everyone meet at Children's Park at 9:30am</i></p>
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STAFF & LEADERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor of Preaching & Community Engagement	Sam Ashmore	
Pastor of Preaching & Discipleship	Gail Ashmore	
Administrative Assistant	Ruth Ruter	
Congregational Caregiver	Aimee VanMiddendorp	
Congregational Caregiver	Mark Borger	
Worship Coordinator	Becky Ringsby	
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Youth Director	Kira Ouwinga	
Treasurer	Cindy Groeneweg	
Council	Robb De Haan, Chair	
Pastoral Shepherds	Daren Dieleman, Chair	
Service Shepherds	Klay Byker, Chair	

BRIDGE CONNECTION GROUPS

The body is divided alphabetically (by last names) into groups with an assigned Pastoral & Service Shepherd to offer care and support. Feel free to contact your Shepherd should a need arise. The groups are as follows:

	Pastoral Shepherd	Service Shepherd
A-B	Robb De Haan	Reggie Hostetler
C-G	Christina Postma	Brandon Huisman
H-M	Daren Dieleman	Klay Byker
N-T	Tim Foreman	Marcus Van Zee
U-Z	Ellen Korver	Tom Coulander

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sunday Worship • 9:30am • Intermediate School Gym • 950 4th Ave NE

Offices/Ministry Center address • 43 2nd Street NE (Offices located 1 block south & ½ block east of the downtown stoplight)

Office Hours • Tuesday and Thursday 9-12 & 1-4

Website • www.bridgecrc.org Like us at www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry

GIVING BACK / WAYS TO TITHE

- ❖ **Online:** go to Bridge's website (www.bridgecrc.org) and hit the "give" button on the home page; or go to <https://bridgecrc.churchcenter.com/giving>
- ❖ **Giving App:** Instructions on how to use the online giving app: <https://pcogiving.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/217380608-Give-Online-with-Church-Center>
- ❖ **Text-to-give:** First time users: Text 84321. Click on the link sent back to you, select Bridge of Hope, add an email address, and enter your payment information. Or follow these instructions: <https://pcogiving.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/217380608-Give-Online-with-Church-Center>. After the initial set up, just text 84321, enter in the amount you would like to give and hit send. (Only the dollar amount is needed if it is to the General Fund. If it's to the second offering indicate dollar amount and "second" {i.e., \$10 second}; if it's to the Building Fund indicate amount and "building" {i.e., \$10 building}.)
- ❖ **Drop off at or mail to:** Bridge of Hope; 43 2nd Street NE; Sioux Center



NOTE: At the Intermediate School, near the entrance to the building, a FIRST AID KIT can be found on a small table; an AED (AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR) can be found on the wall in that same area.