

Bulletin for Sunday, February 22, 2026

WORSHIP NOTES

- **Series:** Hebrews
- **Scripture:** Hebrew 5:11-6:1
- **Offerings: General Fund** and the **Hope Food Pantry**, a charity organization in Sioux Center which seeks to aid the unemployed, under-employed, and/or the working poor with much needed food items as well as personal care products. To learn more, go to: <http://hopefoodpantry.weebly.com/>.
- **Our second offering next Sunday, March 1**, will be for the **Ministry Center / Building Fund**. An offering for this fund is taken the first Sunday of each month. While the Ministry Center was paid off in 2023, ongoing expenses occur and with increased staff and the potential of additional office and storage space, it's important to keep looking to the future as we grow and have adequate funds available to expand if needed. While we aren't actively raising money for the purpose of a future permanent home for Bridge of Hope, building money in this fund, along with equity in the Ministry Center, would someday help fund a permanent location.

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.

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

- *February 25: UNITE – Relationships Lesson & Donuts after Dark*
 - *Meeting at the MC @ 7, then we'll head to Casey's Bakery for DAD discussion and games*
- *March 1: CONNECT Lesson - Gods Heart Is Lesson 5*
 - *Meet at the MC from 7-8:30pm*
- *March 11: UNITE Lesson*
 - *MC from 7-8:30pm*

Softener Salt Fundraiser!

We are once again partnering with Covenant CRC and Water Werks/Joe's for our annual softener salt fundraiser to help meet our Legacy plan commitment for Sioux Center Christian School

- We are taking orders **February 22- March 8**
- All orders and payments are due March 8
- Please make checks out to "Bridge of Hope"; memo salt fundraiser
- Price this year is \$10 per 40lb bag of salt crystals
- Delivery date is set for **Saturday, April 18**. Sign-ups for this will be coming soon
- If you have any questions, contact Tina Folkerts, 712-441-1319

GEMS is hosting its first-ever Pinewood Derby on **Tuesday, March 3** at Covenant CRC. Everyone is welcome to come watch—races begin at **6:30PM**.

Cadets Pinewood Derby is **Wednesday, March 4**, at Covenant CRC. Weigh-in will start at 6:15 with the races beginning at **6:30**. All families are invited to come and watch.

Hope Food Pantry

Bridge of Hope has the opportunity to reach out to people in our community by serving at the Hope Food Pantry the 1st Wednesday of every third month.

- The next opportunity to serve is **Wednesday, March 4**.
- Shifts are **1:30-3:30** & **3:30-5:30**.
- **FIVE** people are needed for the first shift. **FOUR** people are needed for the second shift.
- Sign up TODAY by the information table or contact Ardene Huisman at 441.0117.

First Friday Diners

The next one is scheduled for **Friday, March 6** at Culver's in Sioux Center. Meet at the restaurant at **5:30 pm**, order at the counter and join us in the south party room. Please send a "Coming!" text to either Miriam Buss (712-578-1227) or Cindy Groeneweg (712-441-4336) by **Wednesday, March 4**.

Coffee Service Changes!

Beginning on Sunday, April 5, coffee will be available before the service begins! Due to an anonymous donor, we are excited to share that our coffee will soon be imported from different countries around the world. This will allow us to enjoy a variety of rich, global flavors during fellowship time while supporting farmers and small communities internationally. Each month or so, we'll feature coffee from a different country, along with a brief highlight about its people and culture. Details of what that will look like are still being worked out.

- ***To pull this off, people are needed who are willing to come early (8:00/8:15am?) to get coffee made and everything set out so that coffee is ready by 9:00am. If you are willing to be on a rotating schedule to serve in this way (once every other month, or so), please contact the church office soon.***
- ***Also, the regular coffee service schedule will still exist. Those scheduled to serve will now only be responsible for cleaning up after the service.***

Just a Heads Up!

- **Mixer Meals** are planned for this spring. Signups will be available soon! Consider joining one, as either a host, or to be hosted. Dates are scheduled for **March 29, April 12 & April 26**. More information and a signup will be available soon!
- **Men's Retreat** is planned for **April 17 & 18** and will be held at a Lakehouse in Okoboji, Iowa. [Sign Up for Men's Retreat](#) Deadline for signing up is **March 31**.

**SUNDAY MORNING
SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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 becky@bridgecrc.org, gail@bridgecrc.org, or sam@bridgecrc.org.

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 Central Reformed Church and Pastor Jesse Henkle.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

<p>Today, February 22 Nursery: Christina P, Anna VP, Amira P Promise Lambs: Avery D, Cora & Lucas F Coffee Service: Wynia Shepherd Duties: Ellen K, Klay B (mic only) Outside door greeter: Zach P Additional Mic Runner: Ryan P Check-ins: Ruth R, Aimee VM, Rachel P</p>	<p>Next Sunday, March 1 Nursery: Courtney D, Bailey VM, Jaevyn O Promise Lambs: Kara F, Anna & Joel VP Coffee Service: Van De Berg Shepherd Duties: Christina P, Tom C Outside door greeter: Additional Mic Runner: Rich V Check-ins: Jena D, Jill VS, Lindsey VP</p>
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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

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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, a First Aid kit can be found in the storage room in the north hallway. An AED (automated external defibrillator) can be found on the wall near the entrance to the building.