

# Bulletin for Sunday, May 28, 2023

## WORSHIP NOTES

Our message will be given by Dan Tracy, a Classical Appointment. The message, "Oh What Love" is based on John 3:16.

Our offerings will be for the **General Fund** and **Inspiration Hills Camp & Retreat Center** whose mission is to provide an environment for the individual to come to know and grow in Christ and be challenged for life in God's Kingdom. The vision of the Board is to be a uniting presence for churches of all denominations to collaborate in kingdom work. To learn more about their events, activities, summer camp and/or facilities, go to <https://inspirationhills.org/home.html>

Next Sunday, June 4, our second offering will be for the **Ministry Center / Building Fund**.

### **Future Pulpit Supply:**

June 4: Angela Perigo

June 11: Sam & Gail Ashmore

June 18: Testimonies

June 25: Nathan Hitchcock

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Our Children:**

- A **NURSERY** is provided for those from birth to 2 years old. It's down the hallway from the gym. Look for the sign indicating its location.

### **The Shepherd nomination process continues:**

- On **Sunday, June 4**, we will **cast lots** from those who were affirmed by the body. Two names will be chosen for Pastoral Shepherd and two for Service Shepherd.
- On the **25<sup>th</sup> of June** we will **install** those who have been chosen. That afternoon the incoming, outgoing, and remaining Shepherds will meet for Council Orientation.

**The Pastor Search Process:** On behalf of the Search Team and Council, thank you to those who were able to spend time discussing the pastoral search process after church last Sunday. We appreciated your encouragement and your cautions as we move forward in the process. If you were not able to join us, please feel free to send your thoughts and questions to Glen Boer (Council Chair - [gaboer@mtcnet.net](mailto:gaboer@mtcnet.net)), Daren Dieleman (Search Team Chair - [daren.dieleman@interstates.com](mailto:daren.dieleman@interstates.com)) or Tim Van Soelen (Council/Search Team Member - [tim.vansoelen@cace.org](mailto:tim.vansoelen@cace.org)).

As a reminder, the Ashmores will preach on June 11, followed by a time of Q&A with the congregation.

Please continue to keep the process, the Ashmores, and our church in your prayers as we discern God's plans for Bridge of Hope. And, as we heard in the message last Sunday, "Thy will be done."

## **CONNECT** (Youth Ministry for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)

- Summer event—Bike N Feast! Find out details [here](#). **Please note, homes are needed to host our youth for the Bike n Feast—this is a GREAT opportunity to interact with our youth!**
- *As of right now, CONNECT is in need of one female leader for our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls, and also 1-2 male leaders for the middle school boys. If you have a heart for youth and want to build relationships with a small group of students, reach out to Kira ([kira@bridgecrc.org](mailto:kira@bridgecrc.org) or 712-441-0841) to let her know and get involved! Also, if you have a desire to work with high school students and would like to join Kira in leading the youth group next year, let Kira know and she can give you more information!*
- Also, we are still looking for a **PING PONG TABLE**. If you have one you would like to donate, or know of any good leads to find one, please let Kira know.

**Camping Season is here!** The all-church campout will be **June 16-18** at the Sandy Hollow campground. Those who don't camp are invited to join the campfire on Friday evening, fishing and swimming, the potluck on Saturday evening (bring a hot & cold dish to share; table service and ice water will be provided), and the outdoor worship service at Sandy Hollow on Sunday morning at 9:30am with a meal following that. More details for those who will be camping will be forthcoming.

## **Prayer Request from the Pastor Search Prayer Coordinator:**

Robert Murray McCheyne was a Scottish preacher who received the gift of the Holy Spirit. He desired to see revival in Scotland. God gave him the desires of his heart. He was in Palestine, on a mission of inquiry, when the revival broke out in Dundee, Scotland. Robert McCheyne died very young, at the age of twenty-nine, but he is remembered still. Robert considered himself an adoring spectator, God was in control of his actions. He was merely an instrument of God.

You also have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The evidence of the Holy Spirit in your life lies in the words and actions that come out of your life. The evidence of the Holy Spirit lies also in your prayer life. Can people see the power of God's Spirit in the way you live? In the way you pray? In your church life?

When the Holy Spirit is ignored or rejected by the people of God the church is forced either to do their own creating or to continue to live in the past. A few settle down to the work of preserving their past. Others seek to appear modern and imitate the current activities of the world with the mistaken idea that they are being creative. The hallmark of the Holy Spirit is not there.

The truth is that God never fathered His Church apart from the Holy Spirit. We should be anointed with the Spirit, led by the Spirit, and taught by the Spirit. The Spirit, then, is the creative power in which God holds His Church.

The Spirit also leads men and women to bring the truth of the gospel to adults and children in both the worship service and children's programs. Today we (BOH) are searching for a leader to pastor our church through the Word and power of the Holy Spirit. As the process continues, call upon the Holy Spirit to lead us and to lead our future pastor. Pray for the Spirit. Pray for the church. Pray for our future pastor.

Judy Dirkse, Search Team Prayer Coordinator

**Stellar VBS** is coming to Bethel CRC **July 17-20**. Registration for attendees opens May 15. Children ages 5 through completed 4th grade are welcome to sign up! We also need many volunteers for VBS! The sign-up link for both registration and volunteers can be found at [www.bethelsc.org](http://www.bethelsc.org) or on Bethel's Facebook page.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*This week the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Amistad Cristiana and Pastor Eddy Olguin.*

## CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

### **Today – May 28**

Nursery Adults & Helper(s): Rachel P, Jordyn P, Cora F  
Coffee Service: Mark & Mary B  
Greeters: Boer, Folkerts, Groeneweg  
Check-ins: Jill, Cindy, Di

### **Next week – June 4**

Nursery Adults & Helper(s): Christina P, Audra C, Zach P  
Coffee Service: Marcia B / Ellen K  
Greeters: Buss, Oostra, Ruter  
Check-ins: Miriam B, Jill VS, Mark B

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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## **GIVING BACK / WAYS TO TITHE**

- ❖ **Online:** go to Bridge's website ([www.bridgecrc.org](http://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}.)
- ❖ **E-tithing:** Contact a Service Shepherd to get set up. ([bohss@bridgecrc.org](mailto:bohss@bridgecrc.org))
- ❖ **Drop off at or mail to:** Bridge of Hope; 43 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.***