

Offering Schedule 2022

*Each Sunday our first offering is for the **General Fund**.*

*A second offering is taken each Sunday as well—
on the **FIRST Sunday of each month**, it's for the ***Ministry Center Fund**;
on the subsequent Sundays, the second offering will be for the following ministries:*

JANUARY: One Body One Hope (OBOH)—

OBOH is a bi-national, non-profit organization that works alongside a series of churches and mission homes in Liberia, West Africa.

FEBRUARY: G.E.M.S./Cadets—

GEMS and **Cadets** are youth ministries established in several different denominations and non-denominational churches, as well as Christian organizations. Our local **GEMS & Cadets** programs are made up of three Sioux Center Christian Reformed congregations—Bridge of Hope, Covenant and Faith. Both meet on various Wednesday evenings, September through April; GEMS meets at Covenant CRC and Cadets meets at Faith CRC. Read more about both ministries below.

G.E.M.S. (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) is a ministry for *girls in grades 4 through 8*. The purpose of this ministry is to “encourage each girl to serve the Lord with sincerity and integrity while raising awareness of her responsibility in God’s world.” They do this through Bible studies, activities, crafts, and fellowship. To learn more, go to: <http://www.gemsgc.org/>

Cadets is a ministry for *boys in grades 5 through 8*. Their goal is to help boys in respect to their devotional, mental, physical, and social development in light of God’s Word. The Cadets and their counsellors meet throughout the year to work together through Bible studies, crafts, fellowship, and special activities while learning how to apply God’s Word to Christian living. To learn more, go to: <http://www.calvinistcadets.org/>

NOTE: Our offerings will be divided between our local clubs and the denominational ministries.

MARCH: Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.—

Mid-Sioux is a not-for-profit Community Action Agency established to fight poverty at a local level by assisting low-income families in Northwest Iowa to become self-sufficient. Some of the services offered include help with rent, utilities, gas, medicine and other bills in a crisis situation. Their Food Pantry enables them to provide people in need with a three-day supply of food & toiletry items. They also distribute donated school supplies for area children and help families in need with special meals during the holiday season. Your financial support is needed as most of the services provided are 100% funded by monetary donations from local individuals, businesses & churches. To learn more, go to: <http://www.midsioux.org/>

APRIL: Center for Financial Education (CFE)—

CFE’s mission as a non-profit organization is to *transform lives through Christ-centered financial education*. They assist their clients in budget development, organizing debts, balancing checkbooks, managing bills, and paying creditors in a timely manner. They do this all within the framework of confidentiality.

MAY: Inspiration Hills Camp and Retreat Center—

Inspiration Hills’ 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>

JUNE: Amistad Cristiana—

Amistad Cristiana (*Christian fellowship*) was a church plant which began nearly 20 years ago in response to a growing Hispanic population in Sioux Center. Unique to Amistad is that it considers itself both RCA and CRC. The congregation is led by a board consisting largely of Hispanic members. While not yet self-sustaining, Amistad Cristiana relies on the generous giving of the RCA, CRC, and other Protestant churches in the area.

JULY: ATLAS of Sioux Center—

A.T.L.A.S. (Attaining Truth Love And Self-control) is a Christ-centered ministry that provides personal development services to individuals and families who are hurting for a variety of reasons. ATLAS of Sioux Center works with churches and resource organizations in our community to meet the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of people. They are committed to touching lives for Christ in hopes of seeing community-wide transformation and renewal. To learn more go to: <http://www.atlasofsiouxcenter.org/>

AUGUST: For the Children / Royal Family Kids—

Royal Family Kids, Inc., a network of children's clubs, camps, and child mentoring for abused, abandoned and neglected children in the foster care system has changed their name! The umbrella ministry is now called, **For the Children**. *Same Heart, New Name, Bigger Impact*. (To learn more, go to: <https://www.forthethechildren.org/>)

The 5-day summer camp for children in foster care, ages 7-11, is one aspect of the **For the Children** ministry and is still called, **Royal Family Kids Camp (RFKC)**.

Since 2014 a camp has been held each summer for children in the foster care system in our area. Your financial support will help to off-set the cost of the camp, enabling these children the opportunity to see and hear about the love of Jesus.

SEPTEMBER: Sack Pack Sioux Center—

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 (behind Culvers) and volunteers/groups currently pack sacks for 270 kids every week.

OCTOBER: Hope Food Pantry—

The Hope Food Pantry is 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/>

NOVEMBER: Katelyn's Fund—

Katelyn's Fund's mission is to bring orphan awareness to others, provide emotional and prayer support to families, and assist Christian families with the high costs of adoptions. Your financial support will enable them to carry out their ministry of speaking on behalf of millions of orphaned children and offering financial grants to families who have felt God's call to adopt. To learn more go to: <http://www.katelynsfund.org/>

NOVEMBER 27: Thanksgiving Eve Offering—

You will be given the opportunity during our Thanksgiving Eve service to express your love and thankfulness to God for His bounty of blessings in your life by giving a monetary gift to the ministry of your choice. We encourage you to prayerfully consider giving according to how the Lord has given to you.

DECEMBER: Celebrate Recovery—

Celebrate Recovery is a biblically-based recovery program designed to help those struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and habits (addictions) by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process. It exists to see people experience full recovery and freedom through the power of Jesus Christ.

Sioux Center's Celebrate Recovery meets on Monday evenings at BOH's Ministry Center. The evening begins as a large group gathering which consists of worship and a lesson. Two smaller, gender-based groups are then formed. These groups seek to be places of acceptance and confidentiality.

***Ministry Center Fund**

An offering for the Ministry Center Fund, previously referred to as the Building Fund, will be taken the first Sunday of each month. The Building Fund was established earlier to set aside money for a future permanent home for Bridge of Hope. Since equity in the Ministry Center will someday help fund a future permanent home the quarterly offering is now referred to as the Ministry Center Fund.