

Adult Discipleship “LINK” Small Group Opportunities – Fall 2026

Two kinds of Small Groups at BOH – LIFE Groups & LINK Groups. LINK Groups allow for people who have busy lives to experience small group ministry on a short-term basis, meeting anywhere from 1 to 8-10 times. Below are options for this fall.

Women’s Group: Open Table

- Thursdays at 5:30 PM - September 10 - October 15
- The Fruited Plain - Back Room

For six weeks, we'll gather around the Open Table: a space to slow down, breathe, and connect with one another. We'll grab refreshments and share some light food. With our Bibles open, we will make room for honest conversation, encouragement, and deeper relationships. There's no pressure to have the right answers or say the right thing, just come as you are. Look out for more information about events this fall!

Sign Up Here! <https://forms.gle/nbVa4xH1XcqVyzCo7>

Women’s Retreat 2026

- Saturday, October 24, 9:00 - 3:30 PM
- The Sanctuary (near Larchwood, Iowa)

Join us on a Saturday in late October as we gather at "The Sanctuary," a vacation home on the Big Sioux River near Larchwood, Iowa. Be our guest on Saturday, October 24, from 9:00am-3:30pm for fellowship, delicious food, and a time to be refreshed as we connect with our self, connect with others, and connect with God. The day will be led by Sandi Altena, with others contributing at various times. Attendance will be capped at 30 women. The deadline to sign up is October 19!

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Men’s Group: Romans Study

- Thursday at 7:30 PM September 10 - October 29
- Ministry Center

This fall, the men will work through the book of Romans. This won't be only about simply getting through a book of the Bible. It will be about an opportunity to study Scripture, ask questions, wrestle, and have meaningful conversations with other men.

Come ready to open your Bible, dig deep, and grow together. Be on the lookout for information regarding backyard gatherings!

Sign Up Here! <https://forms.gle/xUbNpMZEoLSJV9jR8>

Practicing the Way: Prayer

- Four sessions after church: September 27, October 4, October 11, October 18
- Room # TBD

Practicing the Way: Prayer is an opportunity to slow down and learn the practices of prayer that have been followed by Christians throughout the centuries. Rather than simply learning about prayer, we'll actually practice prayer: learning to be with God. Listen to God and become a more noble human being. This study will coincide with our upcoming sermon series. "The Lord's Prayer" gives us an opportunity to explore Jesus's teaching on prayer and Sunday and put it into practice throughout the week. Together, we'll learn to follow Jesus not just by believing what He taught, but by practicing the way He lived.

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Praying the Scriptures

- Every other Sunday at 5:00 PM: October 4, October 18, November 1, November 15
- Location TBD
- Leader: Amy Westra

Is your prayer life mostly about you talking to God and just hoping for some kind of response from Him? Come explore how God speaks to us through His Word. This group will explore the ancient practice of Lector Divina – a reading the Bible that allows for God to speak to us in powerful ways. You'll hear a short testimony, a brief explanation of "How to", and will spend most of our time using this tool to engage with God through His Word.

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Biblical Foundations of Living Toward 2030

- Mondays, 12:00-1:00 October 12, 19, 26
- Ministry Center
- Three-week study led by Pastor Sam

What does Scripture have to say about who we are called to be as a church? Join us for a three-week study as we explore the biblical foundations that have shaped our vision for Bridge of Hope. Together, we'll look at Scripture, talk about what it means for us today, and consider how we can faithfully live out this vision as we move toward 2030.

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Belong

- Sundays, November 1 & November 9 - 12:00 - 2:00 PM
- Ministry Center (Back Room) 43 2nd St NE

If you're not currently a member, this is an opportunity to gain a clear picture of who we are and what we believe. But Belong is more than a membership course: it's a two-session experience that invites all to actively participate. Lunch/childcare provided..

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College Link Group

- The Ouwinga Home
- Leaders: Jay and Heidi Ouwinga

This group is for college students! We'll gather on selected Sundays throughout the fall for a shared meal, fellowship, and growing together. Whether you're new to Bridge of Hope or have been part of the community for some time, you're welcome!

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