

Offering Schedule

2026_1st Quarter

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

A second offering is also taken each Sunday. On the...

- **FIRST Sunday of each month**, the second offering is for the ***Ministry Center / Building Fund**.
- **SECOND through FOURTH Sundays** the offering is for a ministry listed below.
- **Months with FIVE Sundays**, the second offering on the last Sunday of that month is for ****Christian Education**. (Those months in 2026 are March, May, August, & November.)

JANUARY: G.E.M.S./Cadets—(half local, half headquarters)

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 offering will be divided between our local club and the denominational ministry.

FEBRUARY: 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/>

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/>

***Ministry Center / Building Fund**

An offering for this fund will be 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.

****Christian Education**

This offering is for the purpose of further supporting Christian Education. Although Christian Education is a large part of BOH's budget, the Service Shepherds are offering this opportunity to give as you feel led to support the impact Christian Education has had in the lives of many of our church body. This offering will specifically go towards the Christian Education share of the budget.