

# Bulletin for Sunday, January 12, 2025

## WORSHIP NOTES

--**The Message:** Pastors Sam & Gail will be starting a new series called, "Joshua." Today's message, "A New Moses (maybe Adam too)" will be based on Joshua 1-2.

Series Description: God is faithful, as shown in the book of Joshua. Israel enters the land of Canaan, fulfilling God's promise to Abraham (Gen. 12), and Joshua instructs Israel to live faithfully in response. Israel faces a choice: faithfulness or faithlessness. This series on Joshua explores God's faithfulness, justice, generosity, and inclusion – Gentiles, Canaanites, all people - in Israel's story. Yet, within Israel's story, we see our own. Like Israel, we too face a choice: faithfulness or faithlessness. What will we choose? How will we respond?

--**Offerings** today will be taken for the **General Fund** and for **GEMS/Cadets**, 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. You can learn more about these ministries on our website: <https://www.bridgecrc.org/copy-of-children>. **NOTE: Our offering will be divided between our local clubs and the denomination.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **OUR CHILDREN:**

- A **NURSERY** is provided for children from birth through 2 years old. You can find it down the hallway from the gym; look for the banner that indicates its location.
- **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. **Promise Lambs begins again.**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**, for TK/K through high school students, meets September through April following the worship service. **No Sunday School through January 12—Christmas break**

### **Schedule for Sunday School** for TK/K through high school students through mid-January:

- Today, January 12—NO Sunday School today; **teacher Inservice after church during the Sunday School hour**
- Next Sunday, January 19—Second semester Sunday School begins

### **Cadets:**

- The time we meet has changed because GEMS will also be meeting at Faith CRC the remainder of the year. **Cadets will start at 7pm and go until 8:30pm.** We are doing this so parents who have kids in both GEMS and Cadets have an easier time getting their kids where they need to go.
- **Cadet Sunday has been moved to this evening at Faith.**

### **CONNECT & UNITE** (Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade called **CONNECT**, and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> called **UNITE**)

- January 12: **CONNECT** - Awaken 4
- January 22: **UNITE** - The Book of Joshua 7
- January 26: **CONNECT/UNITE ACTIVITY** - Amazing Race

## Regional Ministry for single young adults ages 19 – 29 years of age!

This new ministry is being launched by MIK Youth which is supported by three Classis—lakota (the Classis Bridge belongs to), Minn-Kota, and Heartland, and will be called **MIK +**. It will consist of Bible study, fun outings, and perhaps service trips or service days.

The first official gathering will take place on **Saturday, January 18, at 6:00pm**, at the Worthington (MN) CRC. The plan is to study each book of the Bible starting with Genesis and working our way to Revelation. If you would like more information, please email Lee at [mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com).

## Opportunity to be involved in and serve our community!

The Sioux Center High School is hosting a Show Choir event for the first time on **Saturday, February 8**. This is a BIG event and MANY volunteers are needed for it to be successful. And, this is a chance to get to know others in our community. If you're able, please consider finding a spot to volunteer! <https://m.signupgenius.com#!/showSignUp/10C044FA9AD2AA6F94-52148068-sioux>

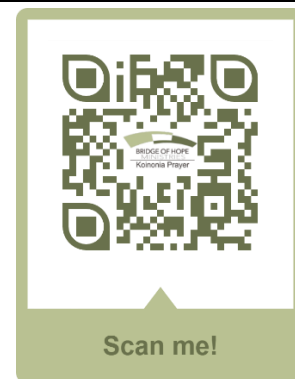
**A weekly offering schedule for 2025 has been created.** Please check it out and see what opportunities are available for you to financially support this year. You can find the schedule on our website (<https://www.bridgecrc.org/schedules>) or [here](#).

## Employment Opportunity – Youth Director

The Youth Director oversees programming, apart from Sunday School, for the junior high (CONNECT) and senior high school (UNITE) youth of Bridge of Hope. They plan and carry out the week-to-week operations of CONNECT and UNITE by planning activities and creating educational programs that help students in their walk with God. They are responsible for ensuring programs offer welcoming and safe environments while building positive relationships with youth and their parents. A job description can be found [here](#).

This position will be open for job-shadowing sometime between February 1, 2025 and March 1, 2025, with taking over full responsibility of the position early summer. To apply, please send a cover letter with a resume and references to [office@bridgecrc.org](mailto:office@bridgecrc.org)

**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 requests submitted after the Koinonia Prayer email has been sent that week 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.)* Submitting an online prayer request can be done by following the QR code.



**Did you know that 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 the common announcements being printed in Sioux Center church bulletins. A link to it can be found on our website under What's Happening / Bulletin.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This week, the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Lebanon CRC and Pastor Bob Drenten.

## CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

### Today, January 12

**Nursery:** Michelle B, Jena D, Gracin D

**Promise Lambs:** Abby F, Lucas F, Asher F

**Coffee Service:** Buss

**Greeters/Shepherd Duties:** Tim F, Mark O

**Additional Mic Runner:** Dave R

**Check-ins:** Jill VS, Cindy G, Rachel P

### Next Sunday — January 19

**Nursery:**

**Promise Lambs:** Kayla K, Taiya P, Elliot M

**Coffee Service:** Oostra

**Greeters/Shepherd Duties:** Ellen K, Marcus VZ

**Additional Mic Runner:** Aimee VM

**Check-ins:** Ruth R, Aimee VM, Miriam B

## 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

Like us at [www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry](http://www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry)

Website • [www.bridgecrc.org](http://www.bridgecrc.org)

## 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:*

	<b>Pastoral Shepherd</b>	<b>Service Shepherd</b>
<b>A-B</b>	Robb De Haan	Klay Byker
<b>C-G</b>	Dave Mulder	Andrea Westerbeek
<b>H-M</b>	Glen Boer	Mark Oostra
<b>N-T</b>	Tim Foreman	Marcus Van Zee
<b>U-Z</b>	Ellen Korver	Tom Coulander

## 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}.)

❖ **Drop off at or mail to:** Bridge of Hope; 43 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE; Sioux Center

## STAFF & LEADERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

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***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.***