

Bulletin for Sunday, October 11 & 18, 2026

WORSHIP NOTES

- **October 11:**
 - **Series:** The Lord's Prayer
 - **Sermon:** On Earth as it is in Heaven
 - **Scripture:** Matthew 6:10
- **October 18:**
 - **Series:** The Lord's Prayer
 - **Sermon:** Daily Bread
 - **Scripture:** Matthew 6:11
 - **Communion:** We will celebrate the Lord's Supper.
- **Our first offering each Sunday** is for the **General Fund**. **Our second offering for the remainder of October** will be for **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. Go to: <http://www.atlasofsiouxcenter.org/>
- **Reformation Day Service:** Each year, the CRC churches in Sioux Center gather for a combined Reformation Day Service. This year, **Bridge of Hope and Bethel are co-hosting**, with Pastor Sam preaching.
Sunday, October 25 at 6:00 PM at Bethel CRC.
We invite you to join our brothers and sisters in Christ from across our community as we worship and celebrate God's faithfulness together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CHILDREN:

- A **NURSERY** is provided for children from birth through 2 years old. **Nursery is held in the school's music room. It's to your left and down the hallway when exiting the gym. Look for the banner!**
- **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.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** for TK/K through high school immediately following the worship service.

Practicing the Way: Prayer

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 have the opportunity to actually practice prayer—learning to be with God, talk with God, listen to God, and become more aware of His presence in our everyday lives. This study will coincide with our current sermon series, "The Lord's Prayer," giving us an opportunity to explore Jesus' teaching on prayer on Sunday and then 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. Come learn to pray, not just more, but differently.

- **Four sessions after church: October 11, October 18, October 25, November 1**
- **Room #2133** (classroom next to our storage closet down the first hallway closest to gym)

CONNECT & UNITE *(Youth Group for 6th-8th grade {CONNECT} and 9th-12th grade {UNITE})*

- October 11: CONNECT Lesson 7-8:30pm at the MC
- October 14: UNITE Lesson 7-8:30pm at the MC
- October 24: CONNECT/UNITE Activity - Fields of Fun!
 - Meet at Fields of Fun at 7, pickup is at 8:30. Entry fee is covered, anything extra students will need to pay for.
- October 28: UNITE OCC Service Project - Meet/Pickup at the MC
- November 11: UNITE Lesson
- November 15: CONNECT Service Project (Hope & Culvers)
- November 18: UNITE Lesson
- November 22: CONNECT Small Group Week

Biblical Foundations of Living Toward 2030

What does scripture have to say about who we are called to be as a church? Join us for a three-week study led by Pastor Sam as we explore the biblical foundations that have shaped our vision for Bridge of Hope. Together, we will 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.

- **Mondays, over the noon hour -- 12:00-1:00, October 12, 19, 26**
- Ministry Center
- Three-week study led by Pastor Sam

Women's Retreat 2026!

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. It's a beautiful setting for a women's one-day. 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. Come on your own or car-pool from the Ministry Center with others. Attendance will be capped at 30 women. **The deadline to sign up is October 19!** Sign Up Here! <https://forms.gle/nbVa4xH1XcqVyzCo7>

Council meeting on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00pm

Winter Warm Up *a local ministry that shares the love of Christ by distributing free winter gear to our neighbors*

This year's Winter Warm Up Giveaway is being held on **Saturday, October 24** at **Sioux Center Middle School**. We are looking for volunteers like you willing and able to serve! Would you consider helping out for either set-up on Friday afternoon (October 23 - 4pm-6pm), and/or for the event on Saturday (October 24 - 8:30am-1:00pm)? Sign-up at the link below if this is something you would like to help with! We have a particular need for volunteers who are bilingual (English/Spanish). Questions? Contact Christina Postma (cegginkpostma@gmail.com) or Lisa Doelman (ldoelman@live.com) or find us on Facebook. Thank you! - Winter Warm Up Team
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845AAA72EAAFD0-65799869-2026#/>

Hallelujah Party-Volunteers Sign up!

Please make plans to serve at the Hallelujah Party this year! To sign up, please click [here](#). The Hallelujah Party is a family-oriented alternative to trick-or-treating that provides games, prizes, a scavenger hunt, and other fun activities. Bridge of Hope has been hosting the Hallelujah Party for over 25 years, and it has become a treasured community event for all. The Hallelujah Party draws over 1,300 community members, and will be held **Saturday, October 31 from 5:30-7:30 at the Dordt University Rec Center**. We cannot do it without your help, thanks for giving of your time as we provide a safe and fun event for our community! Thank you!

HP Planning Committee Members: Abby Foreman, Lauren Moerman, Tiffany Postma, Amy Vanden Hull, Andrea Westerbeek

Hallelujah Party Planning Team Invitation

If you are interested in exploring being part of the HP Planning Team, you are invited to shadow this year to see what it is all about! If you are interested in giving it a try, we have space for 1 or 2 people. It's a fun and organized team and we'd love for a couple more folks to join us. We're happy to answer any questions you may have; please feel free to reach out to any of the team members on previous page if you're interested!

BELONG!

What does it mean to "belong" at Bridge of Hope? We want everyone, members and visitors alike, to know. That's why we developed and offer a membership course—a two-session experience that invites active participation.

WHO:

- If you're a **VISITOR**, please join us! This is an opportunity to gain a clearer picture of who we are. It's also a great way to meet more people! *There is no expectation of joining Bridge of Hope afterwards.*
- If you're a **MEMBER**, consider joining us as well! It's a wonderful refresher on what it means to truly belong to Bridge of Hope.
- And, if you're **CONSIDERING MAKING PROFESSION OF FAITH**, this is an opportunity to learn more about what we believe.

WHEN: Sundays, November 1 & 8 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.

WHERE: The back room of the Ministry Center

WHAT: Lunch and childcare will be provided!

HOW: Sign up here by Wednesday, October 28! <https://forms.gle/3K2oZqHMTpeKpi7>

First Friday Diners!

Cindy and Miriam are looking for suggestions for places to eat as they put the schedule for 2027 together. Reach out via email (Cindy's is cindygroen81@gmail.com, Miriam's is mom2hpl@gmail.com).



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Would you like an announcement made on a Sunday morning before or during the worship service? If so, please fill out the Sunday morning announcement form. Please submit the form by the Thursday before the Sunday you would like the announcement made, preferably earlier if possible. The form can be found [here](#). If at the last minute there's an unexpected announcement that needs to be made, please contact Pastors Gail or Sam, or our worship coordinator, Becky.

Each week, additional announcements can be found in the Community Activities Sheet, a weekly publication of activities pertaining to churches in our community. It originated because of the repetitive nature of common announcements. A link to it can be found on our website under What's Happening/Bulletin.

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 request submitted after the Koinonia Prayer email has been sent that week, or after Tuesday, 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.)* Follow the QR Code to submit an online prayer request.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Today, October 11 Nursery: Jenny VZ, Arabella P & Abby V Promise Lambs: Abby F, Kinzie VM, Brielle P Coffee Service Setup (before church): Cindy G Coffee Service Cleanup (after church): Coulander Shepherd Duties: Christina P, Reggie H ~~Outside door greeter:~~ Additional Mic Runner: Dave R Check-ins: Cindy G, Carla VDZ, Aimee VM	Sunday, October 18 Nursery: Jill VS, Gracin D, Avery D Promise Lambs: Erica B, Zach P, Leyton D Coffee Service Setup (before church): Jena D Coffee Service Cleanup (after church): Wynia, D&A Shepherd Duties: Henry VP Outside door greeter: Zach P ~~Additional Mic Runner:~~ Check-ins: Jena D, Jill VS, Lindsey VP
Sunday, October 25 Nursery: Jordyn P, Zahra P, Rowyn M Promise Lambs: Payton H, Elliot M, Asher F Coffee Service Setup (before church): Ardene H Coffee Service Cleanup (after church): Kragt Shepherd Duties: Angela P, Brandon H ~~Outside door greeter:~~ Additional Mic Runner: Ryan P Check-ins: Ruth R, Cindy G, Rachel P	

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:

	Pastoral Shepherd	Service Shepherd
A-B	Angela Perigo	Reggie Hostetler
C-G	Christina Postma	Brandon Huisman
H-M	Daren Dieleman	Jay Ouwinga
N-T	Henry Vander Pol	Koty Vande Griend
U-Z	Ellen Korver	Tom Coulander

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

Website • www.bridgecrc.org Like us at www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry

Please note: Our worship services are recorded each Sunday and shared on Facebook.

GIVING BACK / WAYS TO TITHE

❖ **Online:** go to Bridge's website (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 2nd Street NE; Sioux Center

STAFF & LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

Pastor of Preaching & Community Engagement	Sam Ashmore	
Pastor of Preaching & Discipleship	Gail Ashmore	
Administrative Assistant	Ruth Ruter	
Congregational Caregiver	Mark Borger	
Worship Coordinator	Becky Ringsby	
Youth Director	Kira Ouwinga	
Treasurer	Cindy Groeneweg	
Council	Daren Dieleman, Chair	
Pastoral Shepherds	Christina Postma, Chair	
Service Shepherds	Reggie Hostetler, Chair	



NOTE: At the Intermediate School, near the entrance to the building, a **FIRST AID KIT** can be found on a small table; an **AED (AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR)** can be found on the wall in that same area.