

Offering Schedule 2024

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** it's for a ministry listed below.
- **months with 5 Sundays**, the second offering will be on the last Sunday of that month for **Christian Education**. (Those months in 2024 are March, June, September, & December.)

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/>

APRIL: 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 and volunteers/groups currently pack sacks for 270 kids every week.

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: Bethesda Christian Counseling—

Bethesda Christian Counseling Midwest, Inc. was established for the purpose of restoring and sustaining wholeness in the lives of all people. They offer hope where there was once despair, turning sorrow into joy.

They are doing it all in the name and through the grace of Jesus Christ. They need your help to fulfill their mission. They covet prayer support and are in need of financial gifts. It's important to know that 88 cents out of every dollar donated goes directly back to providing Christian counseling services, whether it be through client scholarships or consultation to church leaders. To learn more, go to:

<http://www.bethesdachristiancounseling.org/>

JULY: Foster Hope NWIA, Inc / Royal Family Kids Camp—

Foster Hope NWIA, Inc encompasses Royal Family Kids Camp (a 5-day summer camp for children ages 7-11 in foster care), as well as new opportunities for teenage foster kids in NW Iowa including one-day events and a weekend camp. Your financial support will help to off-set the cost of these events, enabling these children the opportunity to see and hear about the love of Jesus.

AUGUST: Winter Warm Up—

Providing winter gear for those in need, from infants to adults, making sure everyone in our community has access to warm clothing for free during Iowa's bitter cold months.

SEPTEMBER: Bridge of Hope's Hope Fund—

This fund is used to help those in our congregation in times of need.

OCTOBER: Center for Financial Education—

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.

NOVEMBER: Katelyn's Fund—

The mission of Katelyn's Fund 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 28: 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.

Sioux Center's Celebrate Recovery meets on Monday evenings at 7:00pm 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. All those interested in attending are invited to join those who gather each week.

***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.