

Sunday, January 22, 2023 – a Worship Celebration

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today—members, visitors, those passing through, and those looking for a church home. We're glad you've joined us! Please stay following worship for a cup of coffee and fellowship; we would like to get to know you.

Worship Notes:

- This morning, Pastor Kurt Monroe from First CRC will bring our message. Text: Mark 9:30-37; sermon title: "Greatness Turned On Its Head."
- Each Sunday our first offering is for the **General Fund**. Second offerings for the remainder of the month are:
 - Today, January 22: **New Life Treatment Center**, a faith-based treatment option for those struggling with addiction.
 - January 29: **Christian Education**, on months with 5 Sundays (in 2023: January, April, July, October, December), a special offering will be taken on the 5th Sunday to further support Christian Education. Although Chr Ed is a large part of BOH's budget, the Service Shepherds are offering the opportunity to give as you feel led to support the impact Chr Ed has had in the lives of many of our church body. This offering will specifically go towards the Christian Education share of the budget.

Future Pulpit Supply:

- Jan 29: Phil Postma
- Feb 12: *Classical Appointment*
- Feb 5: Nathan Hitchcock
- Feb 19: Christina Hitchcock

Announcements / What's Up:

Cadet Sunday is scheduled for **TONIGHT at 6pm** at Covenant CRC. Cadets should be at Covenant by **5:40pm** in full uniform. An offering will be taken to support the Calvinist Cadet Corps. Thanks for your support.

CONNECT (Youth Ministry for 6th – 12th)

- **January 22: Middle School CONNECT Groups; Ministry Center from 7-8:30**
- **January 29: Air Madness with all CONNECT students 6th-12th – RSVP ASAP**
 - We will be jumping from 5-7, so will leave around 4 and return around 8:00. Parents:
 - You may want to send money along with your student to get treats from concessions since it is over the supper hour.
 - Also, below is a link to the **waiver form** EVERYONE who is going needs to fill out before we go to make the process much easier! (Adult leaders also need to fill this out.)
 - Students: ***If you already have air madness socks, please bring them along 😊***
 - Waiver form: <https://airmadnesspos.com/airmadness/onlinewaiver/waiver.php>.
 - If this doesn't happen, your child cannot jump!! Please be sure to sign this before Sunday the 29th.

Discipleship and Neuroscience: The Adult Discipleship Team is excited to offer a **LINK Small Group** led by Deon Wynia. He will address how we experience pain, how we are made (personality, temperament, traits that are common to human beings), the nature of the world we live in (fall), what we do with the pain we experience apart from God, and what it looks like to trust God to make life work on His terms. This will be held for six Sundays beginning Feb 26 and going through April 2 from 4-6pm at the Ministry Center. Pizza will be provided. Questions? Contact adultdiscipleship@bridgecrc.org

Summer Camp for Kids! Inspiration Hills Camp and Retreat Center near Inwood, Iowa, offers wonderful options for camp each summer for those entering 1st grade through 12th. Registration opens Feb 1; you can save money by registering before April 15. As in the past, **Bridge of Hope is offering \$50 towards the registration fee for each camper!** Just list BOH as the church affiliate and Inspiration Hills will invoice Bridge for the \$50. Look for brochures on the information table or go to: www.inspirationhills.org

Our Church Family:

This week the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Carmel Reformed Church.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

Several years ago, I attended a conference on the power of corporate prayer. Corporate prayer was described as praying together with other people - in small groups or larger gatherings of people. At that conference the question was raised, "I have my own prayer time. Can't I just pray on my own? The answer was, "you can." There is nothing in scripture that suggests that corporate prayers are "more powerful" than individual prayers. The Bible is very clear that we can pray anywhere, anytime on our own and God hears us. However, there are also many examples of the people of God coming together to pray. It's not a matter of "either" "or", but rather both individual prayer and corporate prayer. There is something very powerful when the people of God come together and cry out to him. Some examples of people gathering for corporate prayer are found in the Bible: 2 Neh 9:1-38, 2 Chron 7:14, Joel 1:14, Matt 18:19-20 Acts 1:14, 4:24-31, 12:5-18...

Corporate prayer happens in the life of Bridge of Hope whenever there are groups of people gathering for worship, team meetings and small group settings. At BOH we also offer an opportunity to gather together in corporate prayer every Tuesday evening at 5:30pm at the Ministry Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

This is an important time at Bridge as we seek God's guidance in calling a new pastor to lead us. The Search Team is asking you to pray both individually and in corporate settings for the presence of the Holy Spirit as they meet together to find the person God has chosen to lead our church in the years ahead. We need all of you!

Judy Dirkse, Search Team Prayer Coordinator

Visiting? Welcome!

If you would like to learn more about Bridge of Hope, please fill out the information below and place in the offering bag. Thanks!

Name(s) _____

Email _____

I would like:

- More information about Bridge of Hope
- More information concerning Link Groups or Life Groups (2 types of Small Groups)
- More information regarding youth programming
- More information about opportunities to serve and/or become involved
- To receive weekly email communication from the church office
- A call/visit from a church leader
- To become a member
- Other: _____

Our Little Ones

NURSERY

(Birth through 2 years old)

Nursery care is available during the service. It's staffed with volunteers to care for your child. The nursery is located down the north hallway; you'll see a sign indicating its exact location.

PROMISE LAMBS

(3-year-old through TK)

Children are dismissed during the service for a time of worship geared towards their age. They can meet their teacher/helpers by the gym doors and gather in the Music Room in the south hallway.