

Sunday, May 8, 2022 – 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 coffee, etc. and fellowship; we would like to get to know you.

Worship Notes:

➤ This morning, **Dr Justin Bailey** will be giving our message, "The Real Thing." Text: I John 5:20-21. Theme: We keep ourselves rooted in the real thing only insofar as when we look at Jesus, allowing Jesus to show us who he is and what it means to love.

This will be Justin's last Sunday with us. It doesn't mean he won't ever return, it simply means the consistency with which he has been with us the past 22 months has come to a close. We are thankful for all that was accomplished through him by the power of the Holy Spirit. We saw healing, faith nurtured, great expository preaching, and simply the joy of the Lord restored here. We pray he is blessed many times over for everything he did while serving at Bridge. To celebrate the blessing he's been to us, we'll be serving cake following the service.

➤ This morning we will celebrate the sacrament of **The Lord's Supper**.

➤ Each Sunday our first offering is for the **General Fund**. Our second offering this month is for **Inspiration Hills Camp and Retreat Center**.

Pulpit Supply through May:

- May 15: Rev Sam Ashmore
- May 22: Dr Nathan Hitchcock
- May 29: Dr Nathan Hitchcock

Announcements / What's Up:

Outreach Opportunity: Volunteer to reach out to our community this month by serving at the Hope Food Pantry! Volunteers help by gathering and/or passing out grocery items and basic necessities to those in need. Bridge of Hope is scheduled to serve the 2nd Wednesday of each month and are needed **THIS Wednesday, May 11**. The hours to help are either **1:30-3:30** or **3:30-5:30**. **Sign up today** on the sheet on the information table by the entrance. Or, contact Tiffany at r_tpostma@hotmail.com or 712.578.9675.



Members know they belong at Bridge! If you're interested in exploring membership, please join us for the next Belong course on **May 15 & 22**. You'll hear about who Bridge is and get to interact with some wonderful people. **New as well as long-time members are invited to join us as well!** The two-hour sessions happen from **12 to 2pm** at the Ministry Center. Lunch will be provided, and child-care is available. RSVP at <https://forms.gle/CpWns3tNbljFssa1A>.

CONNECT (youth ministry for middle school 6th- 8th + high school 9th & 10th):

- May 15: CONNECT Church Service at Bridge of Hope
- May 15: End of the Year Potluck!! (12-2)
 - All families of students are invited to the Ouwinga's house for a potluck lunch and giant yard games!! (1640 Sunrise Trail)
 - Please bring some sort of a side dish/veggie/fruit & lawn chairs

We are looking for a couple of people to volunteer with CONNECT next year: three middle school boy leaders & a couple to assist with high school ministry. Prayerfully consider volunteering with our youth! If you're interested or have questions, please reach out to Kira at (712) 441-0841 or kira@bridgecrc.org

The Shepherd nomination process continues:

Below are the names of those who have been nominated by the body and agreed to have their name remain in the selection process. To better acquaint yourself with each nominee, they have been asked to fill out an online questionnaire. Go to https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t7NdDuj9lUFGN7gTerff8Ynkaql-iQi4NqzfHE_rRM/edit?usp=sharing to read their responses.

Pastoral Shepherd Nominees		Service Shepherd Nominees	
Glen Boer	Dave Mulder	Mark Oostra	Andrea Westerbeek
Robb De Haan	Carla VandeZandschulp	Dustin Vanden Hull	

- On **Sunday, May 22**, we will have a brief "body" (congregational) meeting following worship to **affirm** those who have been placed in nomination. This is done by ballot. **ABSENTEE BALLOTS are available on the information table TODAY.** They can be returned by giving them to Glen Boer today or next Sunday, May 15.
- On **Sunday, June 5**, we will **cast lots** from those who were affirmed by the body. Two (2) names will be chosen for Pastoral Shepherd and two (2) for Service Shepherd.
- On the **26th of June** we will **install** those who have been chosen. That afternoon the incoming, outgoing and remaining Shepherds will meet for Council Orientation.

ATTENTION Sioux Center Christian families at Bridge of Hope: Please plan on attending a SCCS legacy plan meeting following our morning service **Sunday, May 22**. (We'll have our meeting immediately following the affirmation vote for Shepherds.) Important information will be shared regarding the legacy partnership between BOH & SCCS and how BOH will be financially supporting your student in 2022-23. If you can't attend, please contact Derrick Postma @ 712-578-9778 or dczpostma@gmail.com.

Our Church Family:

Jason Van Middendorp had knee replacement surgery this week. As Jason recovers, the family would appreciate meals on Monday and Wednesday nights when Aimee has to work late. Here is a link to sign up: <https://takethemameal.com/UPZY4618>. The password is 2637.

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 will be **dismissed during the service** for a time of worship geared towards their age. They can meet their teacher by the gym doors.