

# Bulletin for Sunday, May 5, 2024

## WORSHIP NOTES

--**His Hands His Feet Sunday Service** begins at the CHILDREN'S PARK enclosed shelter house at 9:30am. Our "service" will be our "service."

--**Offerings** are for the **General Fund** and the **Ministry Center / Building Fund**. An offering for this fund is 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.

**To all Sioux Center CRC's:** You are invited to the Ascension Day worship service at First CRC on **Thursday, May 9, at 7:00pm**, led by Pastor Kurt Monroe.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Ministry** (CONNECT—6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> & UNITE—9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>; Kira Ouwinga, Youth Director [kira@bridgecrc.org](mailto:kira@bridgecrc.org))

- **May 5: LAST CONNECT MEETING 7-8:30 in MC**
- Come for our last lesson, 8<sup>th</sup> grade send off, games, and a fun treat to end the year 😊

***Also, an exciting opportunity!!! A couple of new CONNECT leaders are needed for next year! This is an opportunity to "grow followers of Jesus" through youth ministry. Have questions? Contact Kira, she would LOVE to tell you more! [kira@bridgecrc.org](mailto:kira@bridgecrc.org).***

**Women's Ministry:** Women, we would love to have you join us at the Ministry Center (MC) for our last gathering this semester on **Thursday, May 9** from **7:30-9:00pm**. Come for a time of fellowship and learning. There may be an outing planned during the summer, keep a lookout for more information regarding that!

**Men's Ministry:** Join us for our monthly breakfast on **Sat., May 11 at 8:00am** at the Ministry Center.

**Practicing the Way LINK Small Group** will meet following the worship service on **May 12, 19 & 26** in **Room 2133** (first classroom on the left in the north hallway).

**Last Sunday was our last week of Sunday School!** Thank you for sharing your kiddos with us this past year. We know that God blessed our time together and equipped us with a new understanding of Him and His story. Promise Lambs will meet yet on **May 12 & 19** and then will take a break over summer, resuming after the Labor Day weekend.

**Congratulations, Graduates!** We would love to celebrate with you and your graduate. If your child is graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, or college, we'd love to hear what their future plans are. Please email Sarah Stoub at [sarah@bridgecrc.org](mailto:sarah@bridgecrc.org) with your graduate's name and what they will be doing next year (name of school, future job, etc.). We will be celebrating graduates in the service on **Sunday, May 19**.

## 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](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t7NdDuj9lUFGN7gTerff8Ynkaql-iQi4NqzfHE_rRM/edit?usp=sharing) to read their responses. If you checked before, you may want to check again as nominees are able to fill out the form.

Pastoral Shepherd Nominees	Service Shepherd Nominees
Daren Dieleman      Ellen Korver Christina Postma	Tom Coulander      Koty Vande Griend Dustin Vanden Hull

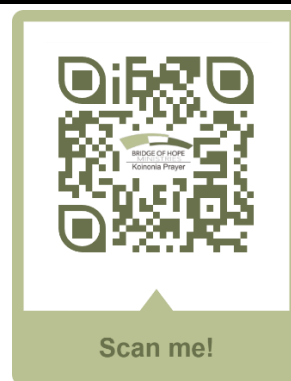
- On **Sunday, May 19**, we will have a brief “body” (congregational) meeting following worship to **affirm** those who have been placed in nomination. This is done by ballot. **ABSENTEE BALLOTS will be available on the information table on Sunday, May 12.** They can be returned by giving them to Glen Boer or filled out and turned in right away.
- On **Sunday, June 2**, we will **cast lots** from those who were affirmed by the body. One (1) name will be chosen for Pastoral Shepherd and one (1) for Service Shepherd.
- On the **30<sup>th</sup> of June** we will **install** those who have been chosen. That afternoon the incoming, outgoing and remaining Shepherds will meet for **Council Orientation**.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** There will be a meeting on **Sunday, May 19** following the morning service, and after the vote for affirming shepherds, for the SCCS Legacy Plan. **BOH Sioux Center Christian families:** Please plan on attending the SCCS legacy plan meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Important information will be shared regarding the legacy partnership between BOH & SCCS and how BOH will be financially supporting your student in the 2024/25 academic year. We will also be sharing information regarding the Iowa Educations Savings Accounts and how they financially impact BOH and Christian day school families. **If you cannot attend on the 19th, please contact Derrick Postma @ 712-578-9778 or [dczpostma@gmail.com](mailto:dczpostma@gmail.com).**

**Cadets:** (*Boys in grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>*) This year the local 3-day campout will be at Oak Grove on **July 11-13**. There will be canoeing, swimming, and a lot more fun activities. There is usually a service project as well. There is still some planning going on but depending on how big of a group we get we will probably meet at either Faith or Covenant Church on Thursday morning, July 11 at 9:30am and head out as a group. Then on that Saturday, parents are usually invited to come out later in the morning to see the camp and pick up their son, usually everyone is on the road before noon. ***If your son is interested or you would like to know more, please contact Jeff DB at 441.6249.***

**Additional announcements** can be found in the Community Activities Sheet, a weekly publication of activities/events pertaining to the Christian Reformed churches in Sioux Center and other churches within our community. It originated because of the repetitive nature of the common announcements being printed in Sioux Center church bulletins. It can be found on our website under What’s Happening / Community Activities Sheet.

**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.



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

## CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

**Today – May 5** (*His Hands His Feet Sunday*)

**Nursery:**

**Promise Lambs:**

**Coffee Service:**

**Greeters/Shepherd Duties:**

**Additional Mic Runner:**

**Check-ins:**

**Next Sunday — May 12**

**Nursery:** Cheryl DH, Ellen K, Ethan B

**Promise Lambs:** Abby F, Reese M, Kinzie VM

**Coffee Service:** Kristen O & Jena D

**Greeters/Shepherd Duties:** Glen B & Marcus VZ

**Additional Mic Runner:** Cindy G

**Check-ins:** Ruth R, Cindy G, Jill VS

## 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>	Mark Buss	Tina Folkerts

## 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)

## STAFF & LEADERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastors • [sam@bridgecrc.org](mailto:sam@bridgecrc.org) and [gail@bridgecrc.org](mailto:gail@bridgecrc.org)

Ministry Administrator/Coordinator • [ruth@bridgecrc.org](mailto:ruth@bridgecrc.org) or [office@bridgecrc.org](mailto:office@bridgecrc.org)

Youth Director • [kira@bridgecrc.org](mailto:kira@bridgecrc.org)

Sunday School Director • [sarah@bridgecrc.org](mailto:sarah@bridgecrc.org)

Congregational Caregiver • [judy@bridgecrc.org](mailto:judy@bridgecrc.org)

Congregational Caregiver • [aimee@bridgecrc.org](mailto:aimee@bridgecrc.org)

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Council • [council@bridgecrc.org](mailto:council@bridgecrc.org)

Pastoral Shepherds • [bohps@bridgecrc.org](mailto:bohps@bridgecrc.org)

Service Shepherds • [bohss@bridgecrc.org](mailto:bohss@bridgecrc.org)

## 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



***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.***