

Sunday, January 15, 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, Dave Mulder will bring our message. Text: Jeremiah 1; sermon title: "Called and Equipped." We will also celebrate the **Lord's Supper**.
- Each Sunday our first offering is for the **General Fund**. Second offerings for the remainder of the month are:
 - January 15, 22: **New Life Treatment Center**
 - *New Life Treatment Center is a faith-based treatment option for those struggling with addiction. They deliver quality, professional inpatient and outpatient treatment services, helping clients break the power of chemical dependency to lead healthy lives, free from alcohol and drugs. NLTC seeks to provide clients and their families hope to find freedom from the devastating effects of addiction where Christ's love for all is lived out.*
 - 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.*
 - **NOTE: The 2023 offering schedule is posted on our website.**
<https://www.bridgecrc.org/schedules>

Future Pulpit Supply:

- Jan 22: Pastor Kurt Monroe (from 1st CRC)
- Jan 29: Phil Postma
- Feb 5: Nathan Hitchcock
- Feb 12: Classical Appointment

Announcements / What's Up:

Council meets this **Wednesday at 6:30pm**.

Cadet Sunday is scheduled for next **Sunday, Jan 22, at 6pm** at Covenant CRC. Cadets in attendance 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 Group Meeting**
- **January 29: Air Madness with all CONNECT students**

We are back in full swing with Sunday School for students K-12. We are blessed with amazing teachers! We are looking for another teacher who would be willing to 'job share' teaching Sunday School for 2nd & 3rd graders. If you are interested in helping, but can't commit on a weekly basis, this would be a great fit for you! We need a few subs to get us through the cold and flu season. If you would be willing to have your name on a sub list, please email Sarah Stoub at sarah@bridgecrc.org. Thank you!

Our Church Family:

Thank you! We greatly appreciate your commitment to helping those in need. We are especially appreciative of your commitment to volunteering! Sincerely, Marianne Sjaarda on behalf of the Hope Food Pantry

This week the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for our congregation.

"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead..."
Philippians 3:13

In the beginning of this new year, I want to share parts of a prayer taken from the book "Pray the Word for Your Church" by Tiece L. King. Share this prayer with your family as you have devotions. God hears the corporate prayers of His people as we pray united in one voice.

"Heavenly Father, I thank you that in Christ we have been made new.... In light of this great truth, I ask that we be strengthened and reminded by the Holy Spirit to forget former things and stop dwelling on the past. Where there is mourning or despair, pour out Your gladness and robe us in praise. Bind up the brokenhearted and wounded among us, for when we are in Christ Jesus, there is healing and freedom.

I ask Father, that as a church community we might become more determined to throw off everything that hinders our race of faith and that we will no longer be defined by past brokenness or hurt. Teach us to walk in victory, living up to what we have already received through Christ.

May our minds be renewed by Your Word and our lives transformed.... Break the chains of our past that we might see ourselves as You do, wearing the righteousness of Christ.

This day, Lord, I ask that You fill Your Church with a fresh determination to move forward in our journey with You. Strengthen us to persevere with joy...that we might push forward into the next thing that You have for us. Like the Apostle Paul, may we truly press on! Do this, I pray, that this great salvation that is ours might define everything about who we are and empower us to live boldly for our Savior. In the name of Jesus, Amen."

As you pray, continue to remember the needs of the Pastoral Search Team as they press on, and the individuals who apply for the position of pastor at Bridge of Hope.

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.