

# Bulletin for Sunday, November 19, 2023

## WORSHIP NOTES

--**The message:** We are continuing the sermon series, "Armor of God." Today's message will be given by Pastor Gail and will be based on verses 15-16 in Ephesians 6. After we have understood who our enemy is, Paul invites us to actively put on the full armor of God. The armor is available to us because of our victory in Jesus. We are living *from* victory, not *for* victory. Together, we will look at the practice of putting on the full armor of God. How do we stand firm? What is available to us? This sermon will identify the power of the shoes of peace and the shield of faith and how we apply them to our everyday lives.

--**Our first offering** today is for the **General Fund**.

--**Second offering** this morning is for **Katelyn's Fund**. Their mission 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 calling them to adopt. To learn more go to: <http://www.katelynsfund.org/>

**Thanksgiving service:** We'll gather for a service of thanksgiving on **Thanksgiving EVE, Nov 22, at 7:00pm**. Our service will include the Lord's Supper. (*A nursery will not be available.*)

In the spirit of thanksgiving, you will be given the opportunity to **give to a ministry of your choice**. The Service Shepherds are asking you to consider the Ministry Center/Building Fund, Christian Education, Celebrate Recovery, and the Hope Food Pantry. Checks can be made out to Bridge of Hope with the designated ministry written on the memo line.

This year the Council will be doing a **matching gift program** for the Thanksgiving offering. Every donation that is made (up to \$100) will be matched so your donation will be doubled, providing even more financial support to the organizations that mean so much to members of the congregation. The Council hopes this will encourage giving in this season of thanks.

**We want to be sure that everyone has an opportunity to give to our Thanksgiving offering so here are 3 different opportunities for you to give:**

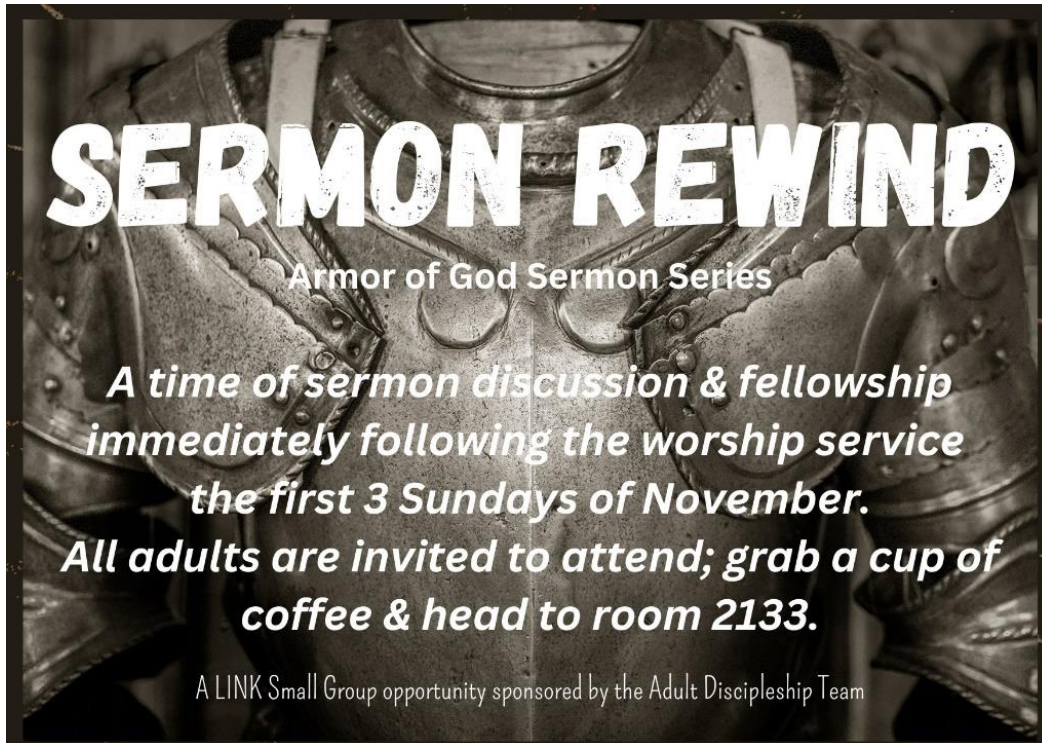
- The Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 19
- At the Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 22
- The Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 26

Please write on the memo line which organization you are donating to so that the funds can get to the correct ministry. Questions? Email [bohss@bridgecrc.org](mailto:bohss@bridgecrc.org) or talk with a Service Shepherd.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **OUR CHILDREN:**

- A **NURSERY** is provided for children from birth through 2 years old. You can find it down the hallway from the gym; look for the banner that indicates its location.
- **PROMISE LAMBS** is for children 3 through TK. They are dismissed part-way through the service and can meet their teachers by the gym door.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**, for TK/K through high school students, meets following the worship service.



***SERMON REWIND*** questions will be on the information table where you enter the building.

**Sunday School families:** We want to give you a glimpse into the next few months as we are shifting seasons from fall into the Advent season and new year. We will have a few changes in our schedule due to our Christmas program and vacations.

- **November 19** we will have regular Sunday School. Students will come to Sunday School after the service and will be released at 11:45. We will be practicing some songs for our Christmas Program during the Sunday School hour so we will dismiss just a few minutes later this week.
- **November 26** we will not have Sunday School due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- **December 3** we will have Sunday School. Students participating in the Christmas Program will practice from 11:30 until 12:00 immediately following Sunday School. Students not participating in the Sunday School program will be released at their regular time.
- **December 10** will be our Christmas Program. We would like students participating in the program to come at **8:30** to practice. We will serve a snack/light breakfast before the service at 9:30. There will be cookies after the service. Christmas goodie bags will be passed out for all students, including college students! There will be no Sunday School on December 10 due to the Christmas Program.
- **Here is a Spotify link** with the music for Promise Lambs through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Listening to the music will help your child learn the words better before our program. Thank you for your help with this!  
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2gwBs4jSdK8cNWP8TWFmrt?si=914bac6e559446f3>
- **December 17** we will have regular Sunday School.
- **December 24 & 31** we will not have Sunday School due to Christmas vacation.
- **January 7** we will not have Sunday School; there will be a Sunday School teacher in-service.
- **Sunday School classes will resume in the new year on January 14.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Sarah at [sarah@bridgecrc.org](mailto:sarah@bridgecrc.org)

## 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))

- **November 19:** CONNECT Service Project at the Hope Food Pantry sorting clothes & Culvers afterwards (you can **drop your student off at the Food Pantry at 6:30pm** where we will meet, and then we will be sorting clothes/loading boxes into trucks to help the pantry as they move the last things to another location 😊 After we finish with that, we will head over to Culvers to get some ice cream! **You can pick them up around 8:30/45ish from Culvers** (9 at the latest!!). Be sure to check your phones for updates from Kira or your students' Small Group leaders!! **\*Please remind students to be very respectful when they come so we can help with a humble and servant-hearted attitude!!\***
- **November 22:** UNITE groups at the Ministry Center (2-3:30pm at the Ministry Center)
- **THANKSGIVING BREAK!!**

**ETM's Christmas Party** (First CRC's Early Teen Ministries {ETM} for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders) will be held on Saturday, December 2, from 6 to 9 pm at the All Seasons Center. Pizza will be served at 6 pm in the Senior room with ice skating to follow from 7 to 9pm. Please bring \$8.00 for skating and skates unless you have your own, which will then be \$5.00 for skating. There will also be a prize for the ugliest Christmas sweater. Please come with your Christmas spirit on! All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited.

**Women's Ministry presents: GIFT WRAP GATHERING** *at the Ministry Center on Thursday, December 7 from 7:00-9:00pm (but come and go according to what works best for you!).*

Women, join us for a festive night of gathering together as you wrap your presents. Sip on hot chocolate, hot apple cider or Christmas punch while nibbling on Christmas cookies/muffins. Enjoy the fellowship of other women with Christmas music in the background as you tackle one of your Christmas tasks. The woman with the "best wrapped" gift may even win a prize! Wrapping paper, bows, and tape will be provided. If able, please bring along a scissors...and wrapping paper if you prefer your own. Also, plans for upcoming Women's Ministry events/studies will be shared! Questions? Contact Judy Dirkse at [judy@bridgecrc.org](mailto:judy@bridgecrc.org) or [adulthooddiscipleship@bridgecrc.org](mailto:adulthooddiscipleship@bridgecrc.org). (Women's Ministry is sponsored by the Adult Discipleship Team)

**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, as well as 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.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

## CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

### Today – November 19

**Nursery Adult(s) & Helper(s):** Cheryl DH, Rachel P, Taiya P

**Promise Lambs Adult(s) & Helper(s):** Alicia B, Zahra & Arabella P

**Coffee Service:** Josh & Alicia B

**Greeters:** Glen B, Klay B, Dave R

**Check-ins:** Cindy G, Mark B, Ruth R

**Next Sunday — November 26**

**Nursery Adult(s) & Helper(s):** Kayla K, Tiffany P, Anna VP

**Promise Lambs Adult(s) & Helper(s):** *No Promise Lambs*

**Coffee Service:** Mark & Mary B

**Greeters:** Mark B, Josh F, Ryan & Tiffany P

**Check-ins:** Miriam B, Rachel P, Aimee VM

**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

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**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

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Website • [www.bridgecrc.org](http://www.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}.)
- ❖ **E-tithing:** Contact a Service Shepherd to get set up. ([bohss@bridgecrc.org](mailto:bohss@bridgecrc.org))
- ❖ **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.***