

Sunday, January 29, 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, Phil Postma will bring our message. Phil and his wife and four children live in Sioux Center. Phil is the 7th & 8th grade Bible teacher at SCCS. This morning's message, "Jesus the True Authority," is based on Mark 2:1-17.
- Each Sunday our first offering is for the **General Fund**. Our second offering today is for **Christian Education**.
- Our second offering next Sunday is for the **Ministry Center Fund**.
- Next Sunday, February 5, we'll celebrate the baptisms of Reggie & Payton Hostetler's infant twins—Collins Jae and Hayes Jon.

Future Pulpit Supply:

- Feb 5: Nathan Hitchcock
- Feb 12: *Classical Apt.*—Bethel CRC
- Feb 19: Christina Hitchcock
- Feb 26: *Classical Apt.*—Thomas Soodsma

Announcements / What's Up:

CONNECT (Youth Ministry for 6th – 12th)

- TODAY, January 29: AIR MADNESS DAY!
 - We will be jumping from 5-7, so will leave at 4 from the Ministry Center and return around 8.
 - Be sure to complete your waiver & bring along the orange socks if you have them/spending \$ for supper 😊
- February 5: High School Youth Group
 - Ministry Center 7-8:30

Bridge of Hope once again has the opportunity to reach out to people in our community by serving at the Hope Food Pantry the 2nd Wednesday of February. The next opportunity to serve is **Wednesday, February 8**. The shifts are 1:30-3:30 or 3:30-5:30. If you would like to serve, please sign up on the designated sheet on the information table or, contact Tiffany at 578.9675 or [r_tpostma@hotmail.com](mailto:tpostma@hotmail.com). (If you would like to sign up to serve other times, go to their website at <https://hopefoodpantry.weebly.com/>)



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 Centerpoint and Pastors Chris Godfredsen and Jamie Dykstra.

"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 to 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.