

Bulletin for Sunday, September 17, 2023

WORSHIP NOTES

The message: Pastors Sam & Gail Ashmore are doing a 5-part series called, "Life Without Lack." The 4th message in the series, "Psalm 23:4 The Authority of the Staff," will be given by Pastor Gail. Summary: The rod and staff of the shepherd is a tool of authority and protection. We will be diving deep into places in scripture where the victory of Jesus guides and protects us.

Communion: This morning we'll celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper as we remember Christ's sacrifice for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Our offerings this morning will be for the **General Fund** and **Sioux Center's Sack Pack Program**. This program offers free meals and snacks for kids to take home from school on weekends. The packs contain individually packaged food that is ready to eat or easily prepared in the microwave. It's supported by *Hunger Free Kids of Sioux County* and the local community. It's headquartered in the H.O.M.E. building and volunteers/groups currently pack sacks for 270 kids every week.

Future Pulpit Supply:

Sept 24: Pastor Gail

Oct 1: Deon Wynia

Oct 8: Pastor Sam

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILAGE PILE FUNDRAISER: If anyone ended up helping at the silage pile on Saturday, please let Tina Folkerts know asap so she can let Bethel church know how many helpers we had. 712-441-1319.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP/CHURCH EDUCATION:

- ***TODAY the 17th we will kick off our Sunday School year!*** Join us after the service for a 'Meet & Greet' of your children's teachers. Join us on the lawn to have a snack, play some lawn games, take some fun photos at the photo booth, and meet your Sunday School teacher for the year. *Connect and Unite leaders will be there, too!
- Sign your child up for Sunday School! Click on the link to register your child for Sunday School (Promise Lambs through 12th Grade). Or follow the QR Code which will be on tables at the 'Meet & Greet' after church. (<https://form.jotform.com/232475687047163>)
- **Sunday, September 24, will be our first day of Sunday School.** Students will be blessed and then dismissed from the service at 10:45 to head to their large group activities before heading to their own classes (small groups). Small groups will be dismissed from their classrooms at 11:40.
- Our teachers will be commissioned during the service on September 24. ***It's not too late to volunteer!*** We are still looking for a few spots! 2-TK/K helpers, Grades 1/2 Teacher and helper, 1-Grade 3/4 helper, 1-Grade 5/6 helper, 1-Grade 7 helper, Grade 8 helper and teacher, 2-Elementary School Large Group MC/Worship Leader and 1-Middle School Large Group MC/Worship Leader are still needed.

Council will meet this Wednesday the 20th at 6:30pm.

Youth Ministry (CONNECT—6th-8th & UNITE—9th-12th; Kira Ouwinga, Youth Director kira@bridgecrc.org)

- **TODAY the 17th:** Sunday School & *Connect/Unite Kickoff on the grass following the church service
 - Join us for snacks, fellowship, outdoor games, and to meet all the leaders.
 - You will also receive a copy of the mission statement and sign the Press & Release Form for your student. See you there!!
- **Sunday, September 24:** First CONNECT meeting at the Ministry Center from 7-8:30pm!
- **Wednesday, September 27:** UNITE meeting at the Ministry Center from 7-8:30pm

CONNECT/UNITE is excited to get back into the swing of things but are still looking for a **big car/van/bus** to carry our students when we have big events in order to prevent the use of volunteers' vehicles. If you know of anyone who has a van or bus (or two) big enough to fit our big group and willing to allow us to utilize it during the year, that would be AWESOME! Contact Kira with more info or questions, 441-0841.

ETM (Early Teen Ministry) for 7th & 8th graders. This ministry is hosted by First CRC who welcome all 7th & 8th graders in our community to join them. They meet one Sunday a month; their first meeting is **TODAY, Sept 17** at 7:30pm at First CRC. For more information, contact kira@bridgecrc.org.

Small Group Ministry: Small Groups at Bridge of Hope are a vital part of our ministry. It's here that community is developed, discipleship occurs, and authenticity encouraged. And it's a great way to get connected with others!

Bridge's Small Group Ministry takes on two forms, LINK Small Groups and LIFE Small Groups.

- **LINK Small Groups** allow for people who have busy lives to experience small group ministry on a short-term basis, meeting from as little as one or two times, and perhaps up to as many as 6-8. They give opportunity to meet with people who don't know each other and/or are new to Bridge. LINK Small Groups are offered periodically throughout the year and are publicized in The Weekly, the bulletin and/or announced in church.
- **LIFE Small Groups** allow for people to deliberately make a longer-term commitment, perhaps 1 or 2 years, sometimes longer, for the purpose of spiritual growth and relational care. They create a space where opportunity is given to "speak into" each other's lives. These groups take prayer and commitment seriously and desire to foster honest discussions. Groups choose when and how often they meet but are encouraged to meet 1 or 2 times a month.

Bridge currently has 4 active **LIFE Small Groups** and the Adult Discipleship Team is introducing an opportunity this fall for additional **LIFE Small Groups** to be formed. More information will be forthcoming but for now, **if you would like to talk with someone about Bridge's Small Group Ministry**, or are interested in leading, hosting, or already know you would like to join a LIFE Small Group, please email adultdiscipleship@bridgecrc.org, or talk with one of the Adult Discipleship Team members—Angela Perigo, Gwen Weyen, Marcus Van Zee, Dave Mulder (Council Liaison) or Pastors Sam & Gail.

Our annual Apple Pie Fundraiser is coming up! Apple Pie making will **October 19 & 21**.

- **Order forms/envelopes are available on the information table. ORDERS ARE DUE on Sunday, October 1.** They can also be emailed to tim@scgroundeffects.com
- On **Thursday the 19th** people are needed to either make dough or peel apples.
- On **Saturday the 21st** four different time slots are available to help make pies.



You can sign up by going to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1k7nQoaa3b6422SypZ3gGiUazKfbbDGA0TIQtIm7RDGs>.

Coffee fellowship time at Bridge: Every Sunday people have the opportunity after church to linger and fellowship while drinking a hot beverage. Thanks to all who help make this possible by making the coffee, serving, and cleaning up afterwards. **Your help is very appreciated!!**

Many people volunteer in other ways on Sunday morning as well—with nursery, check-ins, greeting, setup/take down, media, sound, praise band, singers, leading prayer, counting offering...and now Sunday School will start again too! But given all these other ways we serve, we still offer coffee after church...and need volunteers to help. So, a couple of things...

- 1) It's not possible to trace everyone's Sunday schedule and somehow finagle a coffee service schedule that will work with no conflicts. So please feel free to swap your scheduled turn for a Sunday that will work better for you. You are encouraged to do that. (And it's helpful if you email the church office about the switch. 😊)
- 2) If you're not currently being scheduled to serve coffee but would be willing to take a turn once every couple of months, please contact Ruth at the office: ruth@bridgecrc.org.

As always, thank you for keeping Miriam (our coffee coordinator) posted on things that need to be restocked from Sunday to Sunday, and for taking the time to help out with this ministry!

JUSTICE FOR ALL is very excited to announce dates for the upcoming 2024 Service and Learning Trips! Please prayerfully consider joining us on one of these trips. The trips are designed to be an opportunity to use our hands and feet to bless others through work projects, but also to learn and experience a different culture than our own and see what God is doing through the incredible ministry partners serving in these communities. The sites/dates are Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez MX – Jan 20-26; JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – Feb 03-09; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson MS – Feb 10-16; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – Mar 02-08; Grace Reigns, Hildale UT – Mar 16-22. If you would like to sign up or want more information on any of these opportunities, please contact Nick Le Loux at JFA (712-476-2804, nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org.) Or you may join us on *October 23rd at 1335 Valley Drive, Rock Valley, IA for an Informational meeting at 6:30 p.m.* (refreshments will be provided)

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 the congregation of Lebanon Christian Reformed Church and Pastor Bob Drenten.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Today – September 17

Nursery Adults & Helper(s): Koty VG, Abby A, Cora F

Promise Lambs: Abby F, Cora F, Lucas F

Coffee Service: Ross & Shawn D

Greeters: Mark B, Tina F, Ryan & Tiffany P

Check-ins: Jill VS, Rachel P, Aimee VM

Next Sunday — September 24

Nursery Adult(s) & Helper(s): Ashlyn P, Beth P, Adalee H
Promise Lambs Adult(s) & Helper(s): Alicia B, Anna VP, Adalee H
Coffee Service: Jason & Aimee VM
Greeters: Robb DH, Mark O, Dave R & Rich V
Check-ins: Ruth R, Di M, Miriam B

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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
Like us at www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry
Website • www.bridgecrc.org

GIVING BACK / WAYS TO TITHE

- ❖ **Online:** go to Bridge's website (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>

[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)
- ❖ **Drop off at or mail to:** Bridge of Hope; 43 2nd 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.