

# Bulletin for Sunday, January 18, 2026

## WORSHIP NOTES

- **Series:** Hebrews
- **Title:** Better Than Angels
  - Jesus is better than the Angels - What or who are you paying attention to? What messages have priority in your life?
- **Scripture:** Hebrews 1:4 - 2:4
- **Series Description:** The word better is defined as, “of a more excellent or effective type or quality.” In the book of Hebrews Jesus is referred to as better repeatedly. Jesus is BETTER! Jesus is the clearest, fullest, and most ultimate revelation of God, and he is worthy of total trust and devotion. He is worthy of being followed! Join us as we encounter Jesus as better than ALL THINGS and worth following in ALL THINGS through the book of Hebrews.
- **Communion:** Today, we’ll celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.
- **Offerings:** Our first offering is for the General Fund. Our second offering is for our GEMS/Cadet Ministries for girls & boys in 4th-8th grade. Monies collected will be divided between the two ministries; half of the GEMS proceeds will go to our local ministry and half to headquarters. The same will be for Cadets. Bridge of Hope's GEMS/Cadet program is combined with Covenant CRC & Faith CRC. Both youth ministries meet at Faith CRC on various Wednesday evenings during the school year. For more information, contact the church office.
- **Next Sunday, January 25,** Dr Gayle Doornbos will open God’s Word for us.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **OUR CHILDREN:**

- A **NURSERY** is provided for children from birth through 2 years old. **Nursery is held in the school’s music room. It’s to your left and down the hallway when exiting the gym. Look for the banner!**
- **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 immediately following the worship service.

## **CONNECT & UNITE** *(Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade {CONNECT} and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade {UNITE})*

- **TODAY, January 18: CONNECT/UNITE Activity - Bowling in LeMars**
  - a. We will leave from the Ministry Center at 6:50 to arrive by 7:15. We will leave bowling at 8:30pm and arrive back by 9 for parents to pick up students.
  - b. Bridge will cover the cost of entrance/bowling, but students will need to bring their own cash for snacks.
  - c. I will have chaperones driving- no students will take vehicles from the MC
    - *\*For the couple of boys involved in the CADET church service this evening, we will have one car (the 6-8th college leaders’ vehicle) wait until 7 to leave the MC, if you are able to sneak out of the Cadet service a bit early to make both events work.*
- **January 21: Info Night for El Salvador before UNITE 6:30-7pm at the MC**
  - a. This is for the students that are going on the El Salvador mission trip AND their parents. It will be a casual Q&A presentation with myself to learn more about the trip, what we are focusing on, and other questions you may have.
- **January 21: UNITE - Wk 2 Humility and Trust**
  - a. Meet at the MC at 7-8:30pm

**Join us** immediately following the service **NEXT Sunday, January 25** for our **Adult Discipleship Kickoff**.

Over doughnut holes and refreshments, you'll have the opportunity to review and sign up for the adult discipleship opportunities being offered this Spring! At Bridge of Hope, we believe discipleship is central to the life of the church. It is how we learn to follow Jesus more closely, grow in our faith together, and commission one another to live out the mission of Jesus to the world. This kickoff will be a come-and-go space to take a next step, find a place to belong, and commit to growing alongside others in our community. We invite you to stay, explore what's being offered, and discern how God may be inviting you to grow in the season ahead!

**The Care Team** is extending an invitation to those interested in joining the team. There are 3 members who are going off in the upcoming months. We welcome males and females to help carry out our responsibilities of coordinating care and meal support for families welcoming children or for those facing hospitalization or physical challenges. The team also helps organize projects like lawn mowing, light house cleaning, or giving rides if a family needs a helping hand during a time of illness. If interested, please reach out to any member—Michelle Boer, Mary Borger, Des Coulander, Courtney Douma, Laurie Vander Weidi, or Ellen Korver as Council Liaison.

**Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)** is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Reformed Church in Rock Rapids, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is **February 13-15**. If you would like to REGISTER or learn more, visit [www.TriStateTEC.org](http://www.TriStateTEC.org) or email [TriStateTEC@gmail.com](mailto:TriStateTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.



Would you like an announcement made on a Sunday morning before or during the worship service? If so, please fill out the Sunday morning announcement form. Please submit the form by the Thursday before the Sunday you would like the announcement made, preferably earlier if possible. The form can be found [here](#). If at the last minute there's an unexpected announcement that needs to be made, please contact [becky@bridgecsrc.org](mailto:becky@bridgecsrc.org), [gail@bridgecsrc.org](mailto:gail@bridgecsrc.org), or [sam@bridgecsrc.org](mailto:sam@bridgecsrc.org).

**Additional announcements** can be found in the Community Activities Sheet, a weekly publication of activities/events pertaining to churches in our community. It originated because of the repetitive nature of common announcements. A link to it can be found on our website under What's Happening/Bulletin.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This week, the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Amistad Cristiana and Pastor Eddy Olguin.

**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 request submitted after the Koinonia Prayer email has been sent that week, or after Tuesday, 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.)* Follow the QR Code to submit an online prayer request.



## CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

<p><b>Today, January 18</b>  <b>Nursery:</b> Abby A, Elliot M, Reese M  <b>Promise Lambs:</b> Abby F, Leyton &amp; Carson D  <b>Coffee Service:</b> Jena D &amp; Amy W  <b>Shepherd Duties:</b> Ellen K, Klay B  <b>Additional Mic Runner:</b> Ryan P  <b>Check-ins:</b> Jill VS, Aimee VM, Rachel P</p>	<p><b>Next Sunday, January 25</b>  <b>Nursery:</b> Alicia B, Zach P, Kinzie VM  <b>Promise Lambs:</b> Erica H, Adalee H, Arabella P  <b>Coffee Service:</b> Borger  <b>Shepherd Duties:</b> Christina P, Tom C (mic only)  <b>Outside Door Greeter:</b> Zach P  <b>Additional Mic Runner:</b> Rich V  <b>Check-ins:</b> Cindy G, Lindsey VP, Ruth R</p>
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## 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:

	Pastoral Shepherd	Service Shepherd
<b>A-B</b>	Robb De Haan	Reggie Hostetler
<b>C-G</b>	Christina Postma	Brandon Huisman
<b>H-M</b>	Daren Dieleman	Klay Byker
<b>N-T</b>	Tim Foreman	Marcus Van Zee
<b>U-Z</b>	Ellen Korver	Tom Coulander

## 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  
 Website • [www.bridgrecrc.org](http://www.bridgrecrc.org) Like us at [www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry](https://www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry)

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## 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.**