

Sunday, September 25, 2022 – 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 Thomas Soodsma will open God's Word for us.
- Our first offering today is for the **General Fund**; the second offering is for **Christian Education**. While Christian Education is a part of BOH's budget; this quarterly offering designated specifically for Christian Education is an opportunity to further support it. Money received will specifically go towards the Christian Educ. share of the budget.
- Our second offering next Sunday will be for the **Ministry Center Fund**.
- Next Sunday we will witness, celebrate, and participate in the baptism of Benjamin Prosper Huisman, son of Brandon and Erica Huisman.

Future Pulpit Supply:

- Oct 2: Dr Nathan Hitchcock (*Baptism*)
- Oct 9: Dr Angela Perigo
- Oct 16: Sam Ashmore (*Communion*)
- Oct 23: Dr Angela Perigo
- Oct 30: Dr Angela Perigo
- Nov 6: Dr Angela Perigo
- Nov 13: Sam Ashmore
- Nov 20: Dr Nathan Hitchcock
- Nov 23: (Thanksgiving Eve) Trevor Mouw (*Communion*)

Announcements / What's Up:

CONNECT Schedule:

- September 25: Middle School CONNECT
 - First meeting @ the Ministry Center from 7-8:30
- October 2: High School Youth Group
 - First meeting @ the Ouwingas house from 7-8:30

Feel free to reach out to Kira with any questions (712) 441-0841 or kira@bridgecrc.org

ANNUAL APPLE PIE FUNDRAISER: You can find an apple pie **order form** with **order envelope** on the **information table this morning**. Submit the **order envelope** with the total number of pies sold, your name & contact information, and payment to Tim Foreman by **NEXT Sunday, October 2**. You can also submit your orders by emailing them to tim@groundeffects.com. (Keep the **order form** for your records so you know where to deliver the pies you sold.)



DATES TO REMEMBER: **Orders** are due on Sunday, Oct 2; **apple peeling** and **dough making** will be on Thursday, October 20; **pie making** will be on Saturday, October 22.

GEMS (for girls in grades 4th - 8th) will have their kick-off on **Wednesday, Sept 28**, at Covenant CRC, **7:00-8:30 pm**. We'll be tie-dying our theme shirts, so please wear clothes that can get dirty! If your daughter hasn't registered yet, please email northstar_gems@hotmail.com. Our GEMS ministry includes Bridge of Hope, Covenant and Faith CRC.

Winter Gear Drive & Giveaway: Bridge of Hope is again partnering with several other community members for an annual Winter Gear Drive and Giveaway! Each year we get the opportunity to bless hundreds of people in our community through providing outerwear for our cold Iowa winters. We are looking for donations of winter gear in all sizes, as well as blankets. We have specific needs for boots & quality gloves, as well as any gift cards or donations to purchase needed items. **Donations can be brought to church (look for the sign by the welcome area) or the ministry center.** Questions? Ask Christina Postma (712.240.0155) or Koty VandeGriend (515.314.5988). Thanks!

Employment Opportunities: As the Council continues to move forward with our new **staffing model**, we would like to encourage the congregation to prayerfully consider applying for one of these new roles. Or, if you see gifts in members of our church body that you believe are well-suited to serve in this way, please encourage them to consider applying. Applications will be considered in October for the **Sunday School Director** position; applications will be considered in November for both the **Worship Director** and the **Congregational Caregiver** positions. Job descriptions along with instructions on how to apply can be found on our website: <https://www.bridgecrc.org/employment>. The job description for the **clerical support** position is in process of being developed and will be made available in the near future.

We have a new team at Bridge!

After many conversations about how Bridge of Hope can best reach out to our community, the His Hands His Feet Team has been formed. **And we're looking for new members to join us on this journey!** Email the office for more information. And learn more about the team's missional mandate by scanning the qr code.



Our Church Family:

This week the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Christ the King Catholic Church and Father Douglas Klein.

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 will be **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.