

Bulletin for Sunday, August 9, 2026

WORSHIP NOTES

- **Series:** The Easy Yoke
- **Sermon:** Celebration
- **Summary:** Jesus said, “My yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Jesus meant those words. His yoke is easy and His burden is light, and He wants you to experience that. He wants you to become like Him—a gentle and humble shepherd. This summer, we are pursuing that together. In our summer series, The Easy Yoke, we’ll explore what Jesus’ words in Matthew 11:28–30 really mean. Together, we’ll learn how to take on the yoke of Jesus through spiritual disciplines and experience the light, easy, restful, and abundant life He offers. Each week, you won’t just hear a message—you’ll also receive a resource to help you practice a spiritual discipline and respond to Jesus’ invitation: “Come to me.”
- **Our first offering** each Sunday is for the **General Fund**. **Our second offering** for the remainder of August goes as follows:
 - August 9, 16, 23: **Winter Warm Up** is a non-profit ministry that provides winter gear for those in need from infants to adults. The ministry strives to make sure everyone in our community has access to warm clothing for free during Iowa’s bitter cold months.
 - August 30: **Christian Education**. This offering is for the purpose of further supporting Christian Education. Although Christian Education is a large part of BOH’s budget, the Service Shepherds are offering this opportunity to give as you feel led to support the impact Christian Education has had in the lives of many of our church body. This offering will specifically go towards the Christian Education share of the budget.
- **Bridge of Hope**, a few Sunday nights each year, all the CRC churches in Sioux Center gather to worship together. The next service is TONIGHT, **August 9, at 6:00 p.m. at Faith CRC** and Pastor Sam will be preaching. Join us as we worship together as the body of Christ in Sioux Center!

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. **Promise Lambs is on summer break and will resume in September.**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** for TK/K through high school immediately following the worship service. **Sunday School is on summer break and will resume in September.**

CONNECT & UNITE *(Youth Group for 6th-8th grade {CONNECT} and 9th-12th grade {UNITE})*

- **Sunday, August 23: CONNECT & UNITE Kick-Off “Anything But the Bat Wiffleball Game”**
 - *Students, families, siblings, council, and staff are all invited to play!*
 - *Open Space Park Softball Field*
 - *5:00-6:30pm*
 - *Bring your own “bat” replacement and come for a fun night!*



Sunday, August 30 is **'Say Yes Sunday'**! It is our kick-off to find volunteers to meet the needs of our children's ministries next year. We are encouraging everyone to consider saying 'yes' to the children of our church and volunteer in children's ministries. On 'Say Yes Sunday' you can find out details about how you can give your faith hands and feet in practical ways for our children in Sunday School for all ages, Junior High Connect, and High School Unite Youth Group. Stick around after the service Sunday, August 30 to explore how you can 'say yes' to the kids of our congregation!

All are invited after church on Sunday, August 30, for food & fellowship while checking out adult + college small group opportunities and ways you can volunteer to serve our youth. (*See announcement above.*)

Food and drink will include a Pork Chop Sandwich or Dutch Rookhorst Dog, chips, and bottled water. A special treat will also be available!

Gluten Free options of pulled pork or hot dogs will be available.



"Food Truck" Sunday

Sponsored by the Adult Discipleship Team

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.



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@bridgecrg.org, gail@bridgecrg.org, or sam@bridgecrg.org.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This week, the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Christ Community Church and Pastors Mark Johnson and Carlos Perez.

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

Today, August 9 Nursery: Callie M, Cora F, Kinzie VM Coffee Service Setup (before church): Ardene H Coffee Service Cleanup (after church): Postma, S&R Shepherd Duties: Henry VP, Brandon H Outside door greeter: Additional Mic Runner: Ryan P Check-ins: Jill VS, Rachel P, Di M	Next Sunday, August 16 Nursery: Cheryl DH, Carson D, Zach P Coffee Service Setup (before church): Lance W Coffee Service Cleanup (after church): Bowar Shepherd Duties: Daren D Outside door greeter: Sawyer O Additional Mic Runner: Check-ins: Cindy G, Ruth R, Lindsey VP
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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
 Website • www.bridgecrc.org Like us at www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry
 Please note: Our worship services are recorded each Sunday and shared on Facebook.

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
A-B	Angela Perigo	Reggie Hostetler
C-G	Christina Postma	Brandon Huisman
H-M	Daren Dieleman	Jay Ouwinga
N-T	Henry Vander Pol	Koty Vande Griend
U-Z	Ellen Korver	Tom Coulander

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>. 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 2nd Street NE; Sioux Center



NOTE: At the Intermediate School, near the entrance to the building, a FIRST AID KIT can be found on a small table; an AED (AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR) can be found on the wall in that same area.