

# Bulletin for Sunday, April 27, 2025

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Message:** “Love God, Love Neighbor, Care for Creation: A Celebration of Faith & Agriculture”

**Scripture:** Genesis 2:15, Job 12:1-12, Matthew 22:37-40

**Guest pastor:** Rev. Tim Olsen grew up on a farm in SW Minnesota. Graduating from the University of Minnesota with an Agriculture Education degree he worked for several years as a County Extension Agent for the University of Minnesota and Cornell University (NY). Responding to the call to ministry, Tim attended the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) he served rural congregations in Iowa for 14 years. Moving back to Minnesota to be closer to aging parents he led a new church start with the RCA before accepting a position for a special project with Sioux Falls Seminary. The special project inspired Tim to launch a nonprofit that provided curriculum and technical support for constructing teaching gardens on the campuses of Title 1 elementary schools to enhance STEM education. When Tim retired from the nonprofit there were three program areas, including SD Agriculture in the Classroom, being accessed by 141 South Dakota school districts, reaching nearly 18,000 students. Tim is a U of M Extension Master Gardener, beekeeper and beekeeper educator, and continues to judge 4-H exhibits at numerous County & State Fairs. Tim is married to his high school sweetheart, the proud father of three children, and spoils his 6 grandchildren.

**Offerings** will be taken for the **General Fund** and for the **Sioux Center Sack Pack Program**. The Sack Pack Program offers free meals & 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 local communities. Sack Pack Sioux Center is headquartered in the H.O.M.E. building and volunteers/groups currently pack sacks for over 300 kids every week.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **OUR CHILDREN:**

- A **NURSERY** is provided for children from birth through 2 years old. You can find it down the hallway from the gym; look for the banner that indicates its location.
- **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 students, meets September through April following the worship service. **Today is the last day of Sunday School for this semester. Classes will resume in September.**

**Shepherd Nominees:** For those who've been nominated, please join current Shepherds in Room 2133 following the morning's worship service for an informational session explaining the biblical principles that give guidance in serving God and His church in the role of a Pastoral or Service Shepherd at Bridge of Hope.

### **Promise Lambs Shadowing opportunities—TODAY and next Sunday, May 11**

If you would like to come and check out what it looks like to teach Promise Lambs, you are welcome to sign up to shadow for either April 27 or May 11. Please email or text Abby Foreman at 712-441-1169. Promise Lambs is an important ministry geared for children aged 3 through TK. Promise Lambs meets during the worship service and are dismissed part way through the service for a Bible lesson and other activities.

## Service Opportunity: Promise Lambs Coordinator Needed

Promise Lambs is looking for a new coordinator in the fall. Primary responsibilities for the coordinator include making the teacher and helpers' schedule two times per year, replenishing craft materials, etc. If interested in serving in this way, please contact Abby Foreman (712-441-1169).

## 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, April 27: CONNECT - Redeem the Screen 2 & Outdoor games 7-8:30pm
- May 7: LAST UNITE - This is the Day 3/4 & snack potluck 7-8:30pm
- May 4: LAST CONNECT - Redeem the Screen 3 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade send off 7-8:30pm
- May 11: CONNECT Service at 9:30 & Potluck/Games 12-2pm at Children's Park Shelter House

## His Hands His Feet Sunday Service!!!


Coming up **NEXT SUNDAY, May 4**, our "service" will be our "service." It will be a time where our church body will communally serve our community by going out to do service projects during our normal worship time. Here are some details:

- Meet at the **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL GYM** at 9:30am. (The shelter house at the park isn't available this year.)
- After brief devotions, the church body will be divided into groups and will be sent out to do various projects that include, but not necessarily limited to...
  - Sorting winter gear & assembling toiletry bags at Nick & Lisa Doelman's shed
  - Making laundry soap for the Hope Food Pantry at the Ministry Center
  - Preparing meals at the Groeneweg's for the Care Team to use to bless families in times of need
  - Various jobs at Heritage Village
  - Cleaning parks & ditches around town
- Child care will be provided. If it's a nice day out, kids can be outside at the playground. Otherwise, the gym will be open for play.
- At **11:30am** we'll meet back at the school for lunch. Council will be providing pulled pork buns, chips, carrot sticks, and bottled water. (Gluten free options will be available.)
- Sponsored by the His Hands His Feet Team. Questions? Contact [hishands@bridgecrc.org](mailto:hishands@bridgecrc.org).

**We are excited to celebrate** your upcoming 8th Grade graduate, high school graduate, or college graduate in the Connect/Unite Youth Service on May 11. We would love to share with the congregation what your grad's plans are for next year. Please let us know where they are attending school, if they are joining the workforce, or what their next adventure is! Thank you! Sarah Stoub [sarah@bridgecrc.org](mailto:sarah@bridgecrc.org)


**\*ATTN BOH Christian School Families:** Please plan on attending a SCCS legacy plan and general fair share meeting following our morning service Sunday, May 18. Important information will be shared regarding the partnership between BOH & our local Christian schools. We will also discuss the support level BOH will be partnering with our children for the 2025/26 academic year. If you cannot attend on the 18th, please contact Derrick Postma @ 712-578-9778 or [dczpostma@gmail.com](mailto:dczpostma@gmail.com).

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## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS


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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@bridgecrc.org](mailto:becky@bridgecrc.org), [gail@bridgecrc.org](mailto:gail@bridgecrc.org), or [sam@bridgecrc.org](mailto:sam@bridgecrc.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.

**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 requests submitted after the Koinonia Prayer email has been sent that week 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.)* Submitting an online prayer request can be done by following the QR code.



Scan me!

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Membership Transfer** of Sam Mueller to Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley.

**This week**, the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Church of God and Pastor Dustin Bolks.

## CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

### Today, April 27

**Nursery:** Kristen O, Jordyn P, Kenzie V

**Promise Lambs:** Shadow Teaching

**Coffee Service:** Buss

**Greeters/Shepherd Duties:** Tim F, Mark O

**Additional Mic Runner:** Aimee VM

**Check-ins:** Ruth R, Aimee VM, Cindy G

### Next Sunday — May 4

***His Hands His Feet Sunday Service***

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

## 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	Klay Byker
<b>C-G</b>	Dave Mulder	Andrea Westerbeek
<b>H-M</b>	Glen Boer	Mark Oostra
<b>N-T</b>	Tim Foreman	Marcus Van Zee
<b>U-Z</b>	Ellen Korver	Tom Coulander

## STAFF & LEADERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastors • <a href="mailto:sam@bridgecrc.org">sam@bridgecrc.org</a> and <a href="mailto:gail@bridgecrc.org">gail@bridgecrc.org</a>	
Church Administrator/Coordinator • <a href="mailto:office@bridgecrc.org">office@bridgecrc.org</a>	
Youth Director • <a href="mailto:kira@bridgecrc.org">kira@bridgecrc.org</a>	Sunday School Director • <a href="mailto:sarah@bridgecrc.org">sarah@bridgecrc.org</a>
Worship Coordinator • <a href="mailto:becky@bridgecrc.org">becky@bridgecrc.org</a>	Congregational Caregiver • <a href="mailto:aimee@bridgecrc.org">aimee@bridgecrc.org</a>
Treasurer • <a href="mailto:treasurer@bridgecrc.org">treasurer@bridgecrc.org</a>	Council • <a href="mailto:council@bridgecrc.org">council@bridgecrc.org</a>
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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.**