

# Bulletin for Sunday, May 31, 2026

## WORSHIP NOTES

- **Series:** Discernment
- **Scripture:** Philippians 1:9-10
- **Sermon:** “What Discernment Is”
- **May 31 & June 7 – Series: Discernment**

“What do I do next? What are the best steps forward? Where is God leading us?” These are familiar questions that rise within us as we seek to make decisions, both big and small. In the middle of ordinary life, our desire for direction can feel both urgent and complicated, as if we are sifting through noise, uncertainty, and competing voices. But what if direction is closer than we think?

Discernment is the Spirit-formed ability to recognize what is true, good, and aligned with the heart of God. It is a practice that postures us to follow a God who speaks, invites, and leads His people.

Over the next two weeks, we will explore what discernment is, what keeps us from it, and how it is cultivated through Scripture, prayer, community, waiting, and attentiveness to the Holy Spirit. Together we will learn what it means to become people who can “*discern what is best.*” (Philippians 1:9–10).

Whether we are facing a major decision as individuals or as a church, longing for clarity, or simply sensing a deeper hunger to be guided well in daily life, this series is an invitation to slow down, listen deeply, and grow in wisdom and spiritual maturity.

- **Membership Sunday:** Today, we welcome several new members! \* We’re thankful for their presence among us and grateful for the ways they will use their gifts alongside us as we continue to serve the Lord in the work He has called us to do.
- **Offerings:** General Fund and Inspiration Hills Camp and Retreat Center.
- **NEXT SUNDAY, June 7:**
  - We’ll celebrate the baptisms of JD & Erica Boer’s 3 sons—Nazareth, Izaiah, and Sullivan.
  - Our second offering will be for the Ministry Center/Building Fund.
  - We will cast lots from those who were affirmed by the body to serve as Shepherd.

## 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.**

## **Bridge Family Welcome BBQ**

Join us for a Bridge family barbecue as we celebrate the Bowers’ return to the States! We are excited to surround Tom, Toni, Stella and Georgia with love and welcome them home. This will also be a wonderful opportunity to welcome, celebrate, and get to know some of our newest members at Bridge of Hope!

**TONIGHT the 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm at Mark & Mary Borgers’ residence @ 1104 6th St NE, Sioux Center (NOTE change of address from what was previously announced in The Weekly & last week’s bulletin.)**

Please bring lawn chairs and a side dish to share. Meat, buns, drinks (water & lemonade), and dessert will be provided! We hope you’ll join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and celebration!

## Volunteers needed:

We at Bridge of Hope, have the wonderful opportunity to volunteer at the **Hope Food Pantry** the first Wednesday afternoons of January, June, September and December.

The next time we are signed up to help is **THIS COMING Wednesday, June 3**. **We need five volunteers from 1:30-3:30 and three from 3:30-5:30**. Please contact Ardene Huisman at 712.441.0117 if you are willing to serve our community in this way.

## First Friday Diners – June 5

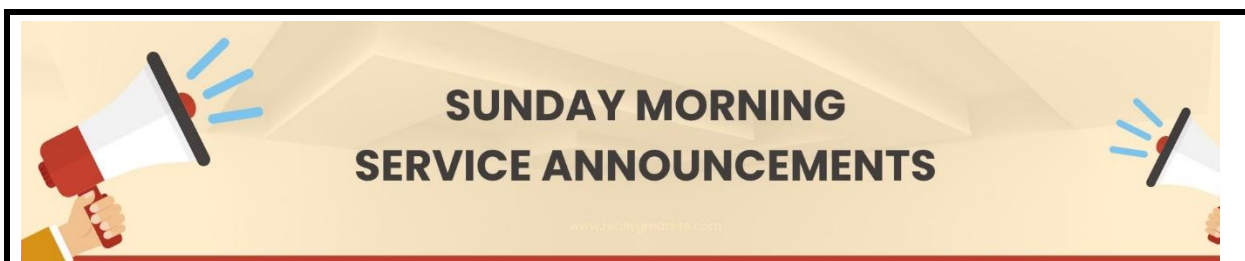
Casey's Bakery Subs at the Ministry Center 5:30pm. We'll order a platter of subs, and have chips, veggies, and drinks to go along with them. It's the Summer Celebration Cruise-in night, starting at 5pm at the Centre Mall. Please plan to "chip in" \$10/person to help cover costs, and don't forget to **text "Coming!" to either Miriam Buss (712-578-1227) or Cindy Groeneweg (712-441-4336) by THIS Wednesday, June 3!**

## The Shepherd Nomination Process Continues

- Next Sunday, June 7, we will **cast lots** from those who were affirmed by the body.
  - Two (2) names will be chosen for Pastoral Shepherd and two (2) for Service Shepherd.
- On the 28<sup>th</sup> of June,
  - We will **install** those who have been chosen.
  - That afternoon, the incoming, outgoing and remaining Shepherds will meet for Council Orientation.

## 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})*

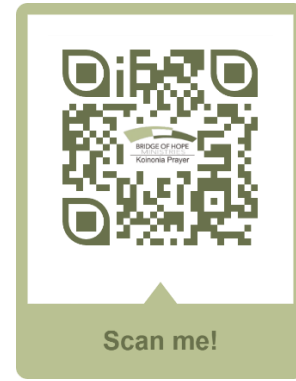
- June 14: BIKE N FEAST event for CONNECT + UNITE
  - 5:00-6:15ish
- July 24-31: UNITE El Salvador Trip
- Also, ***please prayerfully consider being a CONNECT or UNITE leader this coming year and on!*** Kira needs male/female leaders for the coming year who are willing to intentionally walk alongside students for at least the year (preferably longer, especially if they're a leader for middle school). Two males and 2 females are needed for CONNECT, and 2 people (either male or female) for UNITE. These kids need people who care and want to spend time with them/mentor them. It is not just babysitting or chaperoning; it is ministry and discipleship! Reach out to Kira with any questions or if you are interested! We always have a good time and would love to have you join us. :^)



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 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.



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- **\*New members:**
  - JD & Erica Boer, and children Audrey, Nazareth, Izaiah, & Sullivan
  - Tom & Toni Bower, and children Stella & Georgia
  - Nick & Lisa Doelman, and children Jasmine & Jetaya
  - Mark & Megan Mondoka
  - Tyson Van De Berg
- This week, the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of New Life Reformed and Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.

## CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

<p><b>Today, May 31</b>  <b>Nursery:</b> Kristen O, Eliana V, Anna VP  <b>Coffee Service Setup</b> (before church): Miriam B  <b>Coffee Service Cleanup</b> (after church): Foreman  <b>Shepherd Duties:</b> Daren D  <b>Outside door greeter:</b> Zach P  <b>Additional Mic Runner:</b>  <b>Check-ins:</b> Miriam B, Lindsey VP, Carla VZ</p>	<p><b>Next Sunday, June 7</b>  <b>Nursery:</b> Lauren M, Amira P, Bailey VM  <b>Coffee Service Setup</b> (before church): Jena D  <b>Coffee Service Cleanup</b> (after church): Ter Horst  <b>Shepherd Duties:</b> Tim F  <b>Outside door greeter:</b> Sawyer O  <b>Additional Mic Runner:</b>  <b>Check-ins:</b> Jena D, Lindsey VP, Aimee VM</p>
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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.bridgcecrc.org](http://www.bridgcecrc.org) Like us at [www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry](http://www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry)

## STAFF & LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

Pastor of Preaching & Community Engagement	Sam Ashmore	
Pastor of Preaching & Discipleship	Gail Ashmore	
Administrative Assistant	Ruth Ruter	
Congregational Caregiver	Aimee VanMiddendorp	
Congregational Caregiver	Mark Borger	
Worship Coordinator	Becky Ringsby	
Sunday School Director	Sarah Stoub	
Youth Director	Kira Ouwinga	
Treasurer	Cindy Groeneweg	
Council	Robb De Haan, Chair	
Pastoral Shepherds	Daren Dieleman, Chair	
Service Shepherds	Klay Byker, Chair	


## 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

## 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, 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.**