

Bulletin for Sunday, July 26, 2026

WORSHIP NOTES

- **Series:** The Easy Yoke
- **Sermon:** Prayer
- **Scripture:**
- **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 want to pursue 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.”
- **Offerings:** The General Fund and Royal Family Kids Camp/Foster Hope. Foster Hope NWIA, Inc encompasses Royal Family Kids Camp (a 5-day summer camp for children ages 7-11 in foster care), as well as new opportunities for teenage foster kids in NW Iowa including one-day events and a weekend camp. Your financial support will help to offset the cost of these events, enabling these children the opportunity to see and hear about the love of Jesus.
- **Second offerings in August:**
 - Next Sunday, August 2, our second offering will be for the Ministry Center/Building Fund. An offering for this fund is taken the first Sunday of each month. While the Ministry Center was paid off in 2023, ongoing expenses occur and with increased staff and the potential of additional office and storage space, it’s important to keep looking to the future as we grow and have adequate funds available to expand if needed. While we aren’t actively raising money for the purpose of a future permanent home for Bridge of Hope, building money in this fund, along with equity in the Ministry Center, would someday help fund a permanent location.
 - August 9, 16, 23: Winter Warm Up, a non-profit ministry that provides winter gear for those in need from infants to adults, 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 **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})

- **Please pray for the group of UNITE kids & adult chaperones** as they are in El Salvador this week learning more about ministries that are happening there. They will return home on Friday, July 31.
- **Please prayerfully consider being a CONNECT leader this coming year!** Two male and two female leaders are still needed. We are looking for adults who are willing to intentionally walk alongside students for the year, if not longer. Reach out to Kira with questions or if you are interested!

First Friday Diners: Join other adults on Friday, August 7, to eat at the Cedar Rock Grill in Rock Valley. Meet at the **Ministry Center at 5:30 pm** to carpool to Rock Valley or join us at the **restaurant at 6:00 pm**. The Cedar Rock Grill is a locally-born establishment that offers American cuisine. Please send a "Coming!" text to either Miriam Buss (712-578-1227) or Cindy Groeneweg (712-441-4336) by Wednesday, August 5.

From the Council

Over the last several months, a group of Bridge members have been participating in a **Physical and Internet Safety Team**. Bridge of Hope looks different than it did five or six years ago, as does the environment we operate within. For that reason, Council decided to take a proactive look at assessing safety within the church and pulled in a group of individuals with expertise and skills in this area. We are looking at our current safety protocols related to medical, fire, severe weather, internet safety, and more. There will be more information on this in the coming months. If you have any questions in the interim, please reach out to Christina Postma at 712-240-0155.



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS



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, gail@bridgecrc.org, or 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

This week, the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Centerpoint Church and Pastors Chris Godfredsen and Jamie Dykstra.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Today, July 26</u>	<u>Next Sunday, August 2</u>
Nursery: Alicia B, Kaelen V, Brielle P	Nursery: Angela P, Sawyer O, Reese M
Coffee Service Setup (before church): Cindy G	Coffee Service Setup (before church): Miriam B
Coffee Service Cleanup (after church): Van Middendorp	Coffee Service Cleanup (after church): Ter Horst
Shepherd Duties: Angela P, Reggie H	Shepherd Duties: Christina P
Outside door greeter:	Outside door greeter: Zach P
Additional Mic Runner: Dave R	Additional Mic Runner:
Check-ins: Cindy G, Aimee VM, Ruth R	Check-ins: Jena D, Lindsey VP, Carla VDZ

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.

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	Daren Dieleman, Chair	
Pastoral Shepherds	Christina Postma, Chair	
Service Shepherds	Reggie Hostetler, 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
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.