

Bulletin for Sunday, April 21, 2024

WORSHIP NOTES

--**The message:** Pastor Gail will continue the "Practicing the Way" sermon series. The message, "Be with Jesus" (*Come as You Are*), will be based on Luke 10:38-42; John 17:3 + John 15. Summary: Our doing for God must flow from a life of being with God.

--**Baptism:** This morning, Elodie Joy Van Zee, daughter of Marcus & Jenny, will be baptized.

--**Today's offerings** are for the **General Fund** and the **Sack Pack Sioux Center 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 approximately 300 kids every week.

WORSHIP FUTURES:

--Sunday, April 28, we'll celebrate communion; our youth will help lead the service

--Sunday, May 5, His Hands His Feet Sunday Service (*we'll meet at Children's Park at 9:30am*) *

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 exact 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 following the worship service.

TODAY is Sunday School Visitation Day!! If you are interested in teaching Sunday School next year and want to find out more about our new curriculum and all the amazing things that happen each week with our TK-8th graders, please join us for the Sunday School hour immediately following the service! Our large group with younger students meets in the music room. 5-8 graders begin in their classrooms. Just look for the door signs! If you have any questions, please feel free to email Sarah Stoub at sarah@bridgecrc.org."

Practicing the Way LINK Small Group will meet following the worship service in **Room 2133** (first classroom on the left in the north hallway). They'll meet again on **April 28 and May 12, 19 & 26**.

Shepherd Nominee informational meeting will follow worship in **Room 2127**.

Youth Ministry (**CONNECT**—6th-8th & **UNITE**—9th-12th; Kira Ouwinga, Youth Director kira@bridgecrc.org)

- TODAY, April 21: CONNECT lesson with Dave Mulder at the MC from 7-8:30
- April 24: UNITE 7-8:30 at the Ministry Center with special guests (*continued on next page*)

- April 28: CONNECT Service at Bridge of Hope during morning service
 - *If your student is involved there will be an email sent out sometime soon with more information!*
- April 28: CONNECT/UNITE ANNUAL POTLUCK at the Children's Park Indoor Shelter House from 12:30-2ish.
 - *sign up here to bring food items:* [Potluck Sign-up](#)
 - *hotdogs/buns and drinks will be provided!*
 - *come for a fun time of fellowship & outdoor games (if the weather permits) to "end" our season of CONNECT/UNITE together!*

UNITE STUDENTS:

- Look forward to the community service lock-in weekend May 3-4 at the Ministry Center! The leaders and I are super excited to get to serve with you in this way in our own community for a day 😊

Cadets end of the year picnic is April 24th. This year we will be meeting at the Christian School Gym, families are invited. A meal will begin at 6pm and the auction will start at 7pm. Current 3rd graders and their parents are also invited to attend.

Women's Ministry: Women, we would love to have you join us at the Ministry Center (MC) from 7:30-9:00pm on the last two following Thursday evenings we'll meet this semester: April 25—an evening of fellowship & fun with Bunko & appetizers; May 9—Bible study. Come for a time of fellowship and learning!

Hope Food Pantry Volunteers are needed to serve next week **Wednesday, May 1**. The shifts are **1:30-3:30 OR 3:30-5:30**. If you would like to serve, please contact Tiffany at 578.9675 or sign up at church.

***His Hands His Feet Sunday Service:** Each year, on the first Sunday of May, Bridge of Hope gathers at a different location at **9:30am** for a different type of service. Rather than a **traditional worship service**, the body engages in **acts of service** around our community. The His Hands His Feet **Team** (previously called the outreach team) has been busy planning ways we can serve our community this year. Some activities will be indoors, others outdoors. Some will be kid-friendly, others not as much. For children too young to participate, child-care will be provided at the shelter house.

After brief devotions and prayer, we'll be divided into groups according to where we would like to serve. We'll go out from there and serve for approximately 1½ hours and return to the shelter house for pulled pork sandwiches provided by Council.

Please join us on Sunday, May 5, at 9:30am at the CHILDREN'S PARK SHELTER HOUSE. Questions? Contact hishands@bridgecrc.org.

Please save your *plastic gallon milk jugs* to be used to make soap for the Hope Food Pantry on **His Hands His Feet Sunday**. Please RINSE them out well and make sure the GALLON jugs have a SCREW TOP LID. *If you don't want them sitting around your house, feel free to drop them off at the Ministry Center.* Questions? Contact hishands@bridgecrc.org.



THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered on Saturday, April 6 with salt delivery and snack donations! It went very well; Bridge earned \$3100.

Additional announcements can be found in the Community Activities Sheet, a weekly publication of activities/events pertaining to the Christian Reformed churches in Sioux Center and other churches within our community. It originated because of the repetitive nature of the common announcements being printed in Sioux Center church bulletins. It can be found on our website under What's Happening / Community Activities Sheet.

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.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This week the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Bethel CRC and Pastor John Lee.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Today – April 21

- Nursery:** Christina P, Emily H, Kara F
- Promise Lambs:** Daren D, Elly V, Amira P
- Coffee Service:** Mark & Miriam B
- Greeters/Shepherd Duties:** Robb DH, Mark O
- Additional Mic Runner:** Dave R
- Check-ins:** Ruth R, Di M Cindy G

Next Sunday — April 28

- Nursery:** Deb K, Kara D, Bailey VM
- Promise Lambs:** Abby F, Brielle P, Rowyn M
- Coffee Service:** Brian & Cindy G
- Greeters/Shepherd Duties:** Tim F, Marcus VZ
- Additional Mic Runner:** Aimee VM
- Check-ins:** Jill VS, Miriam B, Aimee VM

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	Robb De Haan	Klay Byker
C-G	Dave Mulder	Andrea Westerbeek
H-M	Glen Boer	Mark Oostra
N-T	Tim Foreman	Marcus Van Zee
U-Z	Mark Buss	Tina Folkerts

STAFF & LEADERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

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
Like us at www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry
Website • www.bridgecrc.org



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.