

Bulletin for Sunday, February 11, 2024

WORSHIP NOTES

--**The message:** To begin the year, Pastors Sam & Gail are doing a *six-week series on the book of Esther* called, "Feasts and Gallows." **Series Summary** - Esther is a story full of parties, executions, humor, odd coincidences, surprising twists, and ultimately deliverance, yet the story lacks even one mention of God. He's not in the story. Or is He? The absence of God in Esther invites us to look for God's activity throughout the book, and there are signs of it everywhere. Just as there are signs everywhere of God's activity and deliverance in your life even when He seems most absent. **This coming Sunday Pastor Gail's message, "At the Edge," will be based on Esther 8-9:19.**

--**Offerings** will be for the **General Fund** and the **Hope Food Pantry**, a charity organization in Sioux Center which seeks to aid the unemployed, underemployed, and/or the working poor with much needed food items as well as personal care products. To learn more, go to: <http://hopefoodpantry.weebly.com/>

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.
(No Sunday School next Sunday, February 18.)

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

1. Upcoming schedule
 - a. *February 25: CONNECT Groups at the MC from 7-8:30pm*
2. May 3-4 UNITE Weekend Community Service Lock-In **CHAPERONES NEEDED!!**
 - a. Our 8th grade students who will graduate this coming Spring and current high school students in UNITE will be having a lock-in service weekend on Friday, May 3-Saturday May 4! Our students will get the chance to serve the community and end the weekend by serving with the body of Bridge during His Hands His Feet Sunday!
 - b. If you are interested in being a chaperone or being involved with the weekend/know of areas that need assistance, reach out to Kira @ (712) 441-0841

Sprinter Mixer Meals are potluck meals happening this winter/spring and sponsored by the Adult Discipleship Team (ADT) for the purpose of creating a space for hospitality. These mixer meals this time around are being offered during the season of Lent and discussion questions will be offered that tie in with the sermon series Pastor Sam & Pastor Gail will be doing on repentance. The discussion questions will serve as a topic of conversation while you fellowship over a meal. **You can sign up to either HOST or to be HOSTED on February 25, March 3, 10, 17 or 24.**

Those who sign up to HOST will be contacted and informed of who's been assigned to come to their home. The host will then contact those people and make food arrangements, asking everyone to contribute to the meal. **To learn more or sign up, go to:** <https://forms.gle/WVMoXQH3BNZ2MF9>

Advance Notice

- Thursday, Feb 22, 7:30-9pm—**Women’s Ministry:** *A night of painting at the Ministry Center... Bible Study Part 2—A Place to Call Home: The Invitation to Belong...*
- Saturday, Feb 24, 8:00am—**Men’s Ministry:** *Monthly breakfast at the Ministry Center...*

Questions? Contact adulthooddiscipleship@bridgecrc.org.

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, as well as 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.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This week the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Hope Lutheran.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Today – February 11

Nursery Adult(s) & Helper(s): Courtney D, Abby A, Bailey VM

Promise Lambs Adult(s) & Helper(s): Kristen O + Raleigh O

Coffee Service: Jon & Sheila H

Greeters: Robb DH, Mark O, Cindy G

Check-ins: Ruth R, Di M, Cindy G

Next Sunday — February 18

Nursery Adult(s) & Helper(s): Koty VG, Tara V, Eliana V

Promise Lambs Adult(s) & Helper(s): Daren D, Kara F, Bailey VM

Coffee Service: Kristen O & Jena D

Greeters: Tim F, Marcus VZ, Dave R

Check-ins: Miriam, Rachel, Jill

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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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

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, 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.

