

Bulletin for Sunday, May 17, 2026

WORSHIP NOTES

- **Series:** Hebrews
- **Scripture:** Hebrews 13:7-17
- **Youth Service:** Our youth will be leading our worship service
- **Offerings:** General Fund and Inspiration Hills Camp and Retreat Center. Inspiration Hills' mission is to provide an environment for the individual to come to know and grow in Christ and be challenged for life in God's Kingdom. The vision of the Board is to be a uniting presence for churches of all denominations to collaborate in kingdom work. To learn more, go to: <https://inspirationhills.org/home.html>

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.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** for TK/K through high school immediately following the worship service. **Sunday School is on summer break and will resume in September.**

CHURCH EDUCATION

Today is the last time **Promise Lambs** will meet for this school year. Classes will resume in September.

The Shepherd Nomination Process Continues

Today we will have a brief congregational meeting **immediately following worship** to **affirm** those who have been placed in nomination. Affirming nominees is an opportunity for the church body to verify and approve that those who have been nominated are gifted and qualified to serve at this time. This is done by ballot.

Pastoral Shepherd Nominees		Service Shepherd Nominees	
Sandi Altena	Henry Vander Pol	Kevin Christian	Jay Ouwinga
Josh Bowar	Piet Westerbeek	Josh Folkerts	Koty Vande Griend
Mark Buss	Lance Wunderink	Thad Logan	Carla Vande Zandschulp
Angela Perigo		Kristen Oostra	

- On 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 28th 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 6th-8th grade {CONNECT} and 9th-12th grade {UNITE})

- **Today, May 17:** CONNECT/UNITE Potluck 12:30-2 (parents/students/leaders)
 - At the Ouwinga's house (1640 Sunrise Trail, Sioux Center)
 - Hotdogs, buns, and toppings will be provided!
 - Bring lawn chairs & a side dish/fruit/vegetable and enjoy some outdoor games and fellowship to celebrate the end of another great year! Also, if you'd like a drink besides water, bring that as well.
- June 14: BIKE N FEAST
 - Event for middle and high school! Time/info TBD


ADVANCE NOTICE:

All-Church Campout July 17-19 @ Sandy Hollow Campground east of Sioux Center

- Like to camp? Like to hang with your church family? Want to get to know others better? Then join us for a weekend of camping!
- Don't like to camp? **You don't need to be a camper to enjoy the weekend activities which includes evening bonfires, Saturday fishing & swimming, Saturday evening potluck & bean bag tournament.**
- The weekend will conclude with everyone invited to our **Sunday morning worship service out at Sandy Hollow followed by lunch together**, compliments from the Council.
- **Put it on your calendar and count on it as a part of your summer plans!**



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

Dear Bridge of Hope,

Thank you for supporting the Winter Warm Up ministry during HHHF Sunday. We are grateful for the help in getting some much-needed sorting and organizing done, as well as for the hygiene bags for this year's distribution. Thank you for serving Christ by serving your neighbors!

Winter Warm Up

This week, the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Maria Magdalena Reformed Church and leader Jason Lief.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Today, May 17</u>	<u>Next Sunday, May 24</u>
Nursery: Kayla K, Joren VG, Kara F	Nursery: Koty VG, Rowan O, Elliot M
Promise Lambs: Kara F, Elliot & Rowyn M	Promise Lambs: <i>Done for the semester</i>
Coffee Service Setup (before church): Jolynn VDB	Coffee Service Setup (before church): Ardene H
Coffee Service Cleanup (after church): Borger	Coffee Service Cleanup (after church): Sandouka
Shepherd Duties: Christina P	Shepherd Duties: Robb DH, Marcus VZ
Outside door greeter: Sawyer O	Outside door greeter:
Additional Mic Runner:	Additional Mic Runner: Ryan P
Check-ins: Jill VS, Lindsey VP	Check-ins: Jill VS, Rachel P, Ruth R

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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
A-B	Robb De Haan	Reggie Hostetler
C-G	Christina Postma	Brandon Huisman
H-M	Daren Dieleman	Klay Byker
N-T	Tim Foreman	Marcus Van Zee
U-Z	Ellen Korver	Tom Coulander

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

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.