

# Bulletin for Sunday, March 15, 2026

## WORSHIP NOTES

- **Series:** Hebrews
- **Scripture:** Hebrews 9:1-28
- **Communion:** We will celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning.
- **Offerings: General Fund and Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.** Mid-Sioux is a not-for-profit Community Action Agency established to fight poverty at a local level by assisting low-income families in Northwest Iowa to become self-sufficient. Some of the services offered include help with rent, utilities, gas, medicine and other bills in a crisis situation. Their Food Pantry enables them to provide people in need with a three-day supply of food & toiletry items. They also distribute donated school supplies for area children and help families in need with special meals during the holiday season. Your financial support is needed as most of the services provided are 100% funded by monetary donations from local individuals, businesses & churches.
- **Please join us for our Holy Week Services coming up:**
  - **Palm Sunday\***  
Students TK-4 will be singing during the service. See announcement with details elsewhere.
  - **Maunder Thursday Gathering**  
Maundy Thursday is the day we commemorate Jesus' last supper with his disciples, and reflect on the command he gave them while washing their feet, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34)
    - **Date:** Thursday, April 2
    - **Time:** 7:00 PM
    - **Location:** Sioux Center Intermediate School
  - **Easter Sunday**  
The season of Lent concludes with Holy Saturday, giving way to resurrection celebration on Easter Sunday, when followers of Jesus celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We rejoice in Jesus' power over death and the hope of all things made new. Gather with us as we worship and celebrate.
    - **Date:** Sunday, April 5
    - **Time:** 9:30 AM
    - **Location:** Sioux Center Intermediate School
  - **EASTER CHOIR INVITATION**
    - ***You are invited to participate in this year's Easter Choir!*** This special choir will help lead worship as we celebrate the joy and hope of Easter together. This is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to join their voices in praise—children, youth, and adults are all welcome. Whether you sing regularly or simply enjoy lifting your voice in worship, we would love to have you be part of this joyful celebration. Rehearsal will be before the service. No sign up necessary! If you have any questions, please contact Becky Ringsby at [becky@bridgecrc.org](mailto:becky@bridgecrc.org).

## 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. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY OR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 22.**

## \*Sunday School:

Parents, we are excited to celebrate the Lenten Season with you and your children. Students TK-4 will be singing on **Palm Sunday, March 29**. Below are the links for the songs we will be singing. Please have your child at church early on **Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am** for a brief practice. Thank you!

- Psalm 150-Praise the Lord-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4TEcG-cdyo>
- I Stand Amazed-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXB78cLK2dg>

**No Sunday School TODAY & March 22 due to spring break, and no Sunday School on April 5 due to Easter break.**

## Join us for our Spring Mixer Meals!

The Adult Discipleship Team is sponsoring Sunday noon potlucks for the church body this spring. The meals will take place at different people's homes and on three different Sundays—March 29, April 12 & April 26. EVERYONE at Bridge is welcome--members & visitors, young & old, adults & children!

Here's how it works:

- 1) Sign up to either be a **HOST** (at your home or the Ministry Center, if available) or to be **HOSTED** (visitors particularly are encouraged to sign up to be hosted and be our guest! :^)
- 2) For those who want to **HOST**, choose a date that works best for you and indicate the number of people you can host
- 3) For those who would love to be **HOSTED**, choose a date and indicate the number of people in your party
- 4) All those who sign up to be **HOSTED** will be assigned to a **HOST**
- 5) The **hosts** will be notified of those assigned to their group and will be asked to contact them and make arrangements regarding the meal/potluck.

**SIGN UP TODAY in the LUNCHROOM, or by going to:** <https://forms.gle/WVMoXQH3BNZ2MFBP9>

**The deadline to sign up is the TUESDAY prior to that coming Sunday.**

## 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})*

- **March 18: UNITE Lesson** **MOVED FROM THE 11<sup>TH</sup> BECAUSE OF STATE BASKETBALL** 😊
  - MC from 7-8:30pm
- **March 22: CONNECT/UNITE Worship Night**
  - 7-8pm at the MC - come to worship, learn, and fellowship!
- **March 25 - UNITE - Wk 4 Purpose and Calling**
  - Meet at the MC 7-8:30
- **CONGREGATION: UNITE BAKE SALE!!** Proceeds will benefit the El Salvador Trip! Sundays, April 12 & 19 following the service. Cash or checks will be accepted.
- Kira is starting the recruiting process for new leaders for the 2026/27 year of CONNECT/UNITE early, and if you would be interested in being a leader, please contact her at [kira@bridgecrc.org](mailto:kira@bridgecrc.org)! Prayerfully consider if you would be a good fit for leading our youth!
- Also, the MinniKota/Dordt Junior High Retreat is coming up again, check out the attached information & registration form in The Weekly email.

## Men's Retreat

- When: April 17–18
- Where: Lake house in Okoboji, Iowa

Join us for the Men's Retreat at a beautiful lake house in Okoboji, Iowa! Pastor Brian Oschner from Pella, Iowa, will be leading us in the Word as we spend intentional time together in fellowship, reflection, rest, and fun. The retreat includes lodging, meals, and community, all for \$50. **Registration is open until March 31**. Don't miss this opportunity to step away, recharge, and grow in faith alongside other men from our community. A schedule and more information will be communicated in the coming weeks! [Sign Up for Men's Retreat](#)

## Congregational Caregivers:

Mark B and Aimee VM serve as Congregational Caregivers and would truly be honored to pray with you and walk alongside you in whatever season you may be in. Whether you're carrying a heavy burden, celebrating something joyful, or simply longing for someone to listen, they are available. If you would appreciate prayer or a caring conversation, please feel free to reach out directly: Aimee – [aimee@bridgecrc.org](mailto:aimee@bridgecrc.org); Mark – [mark@bridgecrc.org](mailto:mark@bridgecrc.org).

## From the His Hands His Feet Team:

Thanks to those who helped at the Hope Food Pantry on March 4!!! We'll have opportunity to serve again in June.



The banner features a central title "SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS" in bold, black, uppercase letters. On either side of the title are illustrations of hands holding megaphones, with blue sound waves emanating from them. The background is a light beige color with a subtle geometric pattern. Below the title, there is a small, faint URL: <https://www.bridgecrc.org/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](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

This week, the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Church of Christ and Pastor Dustin Bolks.

## CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Today, March 15	Next Sunday, March 22
<b>Nursery:</b> Deb K, Lucas F, Adalee H	<b>Nursery:</b> Desiree C, Arabella P, Abby V
<b>Promise Lambs:</b> Erica B, Arabella P, Amira P	<b>Promise Lambs:</b> Abby F, Kinzie & Bailey VM
<b>Coffee Service:</b> Coulander	<b>Coffee Service:</b> Van Middendorp
<b>Shepherd Duties:</b> Robb DH, Brandon H (mic only)	<b>Shepherd Duties:</b> Tim F, Marcus VZ
<b>Outside door greeter:</b> Zach P	<del><b>Outside door greeter:</b></del>
<b>Additional Mic Runner:</b> Aimee VM	<b>Additional Mic Runner:</b> Dave R
<b>Check-ins:</b> Miriam B, Rachel P, Di M	<b>Check-ins:</b> Jill VS, Aimee VM, Rachel P

## 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

## 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](http://www.bridgecrc.org) Like us at [www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry](https://www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry)

## STAFF & LEADERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

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Service Shepherds	Klay Byker, Chair	<a href="mailto:bohss@bridgecrc.org">bohss@bridgecrc.org</a>

## 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, 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.***