

Bulletin for Sunday, March 16, 2025

WORSHIP NOTES

Lenten Series: What if Jesus was Serious About Money?

Title: Watch out for Greed!

Text: Luke 12:13-21

Generosity Practice: [Practice # 2 - Give Away and Simplify](#)

Church, join us in practicing the words of Jesus, becoming more attached to Him through joyful, sacrificial generosity.

Jesus said, "But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice." – Luke 11:28

This morning, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Opportunity for individual prayer will be given during the service.

Offerings today will be taken for the **General Fund** and for **Mid-Sioux Opportunity**. 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. To learn more, go to: <http://www.midsioux.org/>

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 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 September through April following the worship service. *

***Sunday School:** Just a reminder that we have 2 weeks off for Spring Break (**March 16 and 23**). I hope you are able to enjoy some time away with your family and friends.

- After our break, we only have 4 more weeks of Sunday School: March 30, April 6, April 13, and April 27. *We will not have Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 20.*
- We will be having younger students TK-6 wave Palm Branches and sing on Palm Sunday (April 13). The song will be familiar for most students so we will not need to have any additional rehearsals. Please have your children arrive at 9:15 on Palm Sunday. Students will gather in the music room. Here is the video link if you would like to listen with your children:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1GiZL60c80&ab_channel=KeithandKristynGetty

Mid-Sioux Food Drive!

The His Hands His Feet Team (HHHF) is sponsoring a food drive this month for Mid-Sioux to help replenish their food pantry. **Bags that were passed out earlier can be returned to church on Sunday, or anytime at the Ministry Center during the month of March.** To help encourage us all to return the bags, each Sunday a visual will be on the screen with the number of bags that have been turned in. If we're able to get at least half of the bags returned, the HHHF Team will provide donut holes for the Sunday School kids! (If you didn't get a bag and would like one, please email the church office.)

Council meets this Wednesday the 19th at 7:00pm.

MIK+YOUNG ADULTS (19-29 year-old singles) is a sister ministry to MINNIKOTA YOUTH (MIK YOUTH which serves 6th-8th grades and 9th-12th grades). Both ministries are supported by three Christian Reformed Classis (Minnkota, Lakota, and Heartland; Bridge is a part of Classis Lakota).

MIK Youth has been around a long time, but **MIK+Young Adults** is NEW! We are working at getting the word out about this awesome ministry opportunity for our young adult singles in our regional CR Churches. Here is a tentative schedule for MIK+ YOUNG ADULTS. Watch the Minnikota Youth FB page for more info + updates!

- Saturday, March 22- BIBLE STUDY (LEVITICUS) IN HULL 1ST CRC YOUTH BUILDING.
- Saturday, April 5- ACTIVITY-Planning on reserving Escape Rooms in Sioux Falls. Will need to RSVP in advance to pay for tickets in advance. More info coming soon.
- Saturday, April 19- BIBLE STUDY (NUMBERS) IN SIOUX CENTER BRIDGE OF HOPE MINISTRY CENTER.

If you are not receiving texts about **MIK+Young Adults** upcoming events and you'd like to be added to our list, text Lee at 712-470-4244. --Lee De Groot & Pastor Doug De Groot.

CONNECT & UNITE *(Youth Group for 6th-8th grade {CONNECT} and 9th-12th grade {UNITE})*

- *March 23: CONNECT Service Project (Renewed Hope, formerly Melissa's Hope Chest) at 3-4:30pm.*
 - *CONNECT leaders and Jay Ouwinga will be here to supervise as I am gone :)*
 - *Parents drop off/pick up at Renewed Hope.*
- *March 26: UNITE 7-8:30pm at the MC with guest speaker Deon Wynia.*
- *April 6: CONNECT: Lee and Doug Lesson 7-8:30pm at the MC.*
- *April 9: UNITE Serve Project (2nd Chance Depot) - time TBD.*

SECRET CHURCH

The Adult Discipleship Team is excited to announce that we will once again be offering *Secret Church* on Friday night, April 11, from 6-12 pm!

Secret Church is a unique, one-night event that is streamed online to tens of thousands of participants around the world. Encouraged by our persecuted brothers' and sisters' example, we meet for 6 hours of intense Bible study and passionate prayer for the persecuted.


Many churches around the world face severe persecution and must meet in secret, often at night. They spend 8-12 hours intensely studying the Word and in prayer. *Secret Church* was created to join in solidarity with these churches and dive deep into the word and join in prayer for the persecuted churches around the world.

This year's study will be a 6-hour deep dive into the book of Matthew. We're all hard-wired to want to make our lives count. None of us wants to get to the end of life, look back, and realize, "I missed the point." So how do we make our lives count? This step-by-step journey through the life of Jesus in Matthew will reveal a clear answer to that question. And for all who are bold enough to follow his lead, by God's grace we are guaranteed to get to the end of our time in this world and realize, "My life counted for what matters most."

Along with this deep dive into Matthew, we will pray for and support our brothers and sisters in North Korea, Indonesia, Myanmar, and other persecuted places. *(continued on back)*

If you would like to join others from around the world at Bridge of Hope on April 11 for an evening of study & prayer, please contact adultdiscipleship@bridgecrc.org or Marcus VZ at marcusvanzee@gmail.com. **The deadline to register is Sunday, March 30.**

Bridge of Hope will be joining via a live link at **6:00pm sharp** at the Ministry Center. Supper and snacks will be available. If you would like more information about Secret Church, visit <https://radical.net/secret-church/>.




**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 the common announcements being printed in Sioux Center church bulletins. 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 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.



CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Today, March 16

Nursery: Alicia B, Christina P, Bailey VM
Promise Lambs: Justine B, Brielle P, Rowyn M
Coffee Service: De Haan
Greeters/Shepherd Duties: Robb DH, Tom C
Additional Mic Runner: Ryan P
Check-ins: Cindy G, Di M, Ruth R

Next Sunday — March 23

Nursery: Koty VG, Deb K, Taiya P
Promise Lambs: Kristen O, Raleigh O, Jaevyn O
Coffee Service: Heie
Greeters/Shepherd Duties: Tim F, Mark O
Additional Mic Runner: Dave R
Check-ins: Ruth R, Jill VS, Miriam B

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

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	Ellen Korver	Tom Coulander

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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



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.