

Bulletin for Sunday, October 27, 2024

WORSHIP NOTES

--**The Message:** Pastor Sam will kick-off a 5 week series called, "Brief and Bold" as we take a look at brief yet bold books of the Bible: Obadiah, Philemon, 2 John, 3 John, and Jude. These short books are packed with purpose and passion. To prepare for each message, you're invited to read through the book for that Sunday beforehand. Next Sunday, November 3, we'll be taking a look at the book of Philemon.

--**Prayer Ministry:** During worship today, opportunity for individual prayer will be given.

--**Offerings** will be taken for the **General Fund** and **Center for Financial Education**. CFE's mission as a non-profit organization is to *transform lives through Christ-centered financial education*. They assist their clients in budget development, organizing debts, balancing checkbooks, managing bills, and paying creditors in a timely manner. They do this all within the framework of confidentiality.

--**Next Sunday, November 3:**

- **The second offering** will be for the Ministry Center / Building Fund.
- **A Combined Reformation Service** hosted by Faith CRC and Lebanon CRC will be held at Faith CRC at **5:00PM**. Members of both host churches will participate and the message will be delivered by Pastor Cal Hoogendoorn, from Sioux Falls, SD. The offering has been designated for Sioux Center ATLAS. A nursery will be provided and a time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the service.

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.

Join us for our FALL MIXER MEALS!

The Adult Discipleship Team is once again organizing/sponsoring Sunday noon potlucks for the church body.

→ **What is it?** A time to gather for fellowship over a Sunday noon meal.

→ **Why?** To help fulfill Vision 2025 – to be a church of "joyful hospitality," to create opportunities to "invite people into the life of the church," and become "an authentic, caring community."

→ **Who is it for?** Everyone at Bridge—members & visitors, young and old, adults and children are welcome!

→ **When will it happen?** **Sundays, November 3, 10, 17. TODAY IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP FOR NOVEMBER 3.**

→ **How can I be involved?** Sign up to either be a *host or to be **hosted! **All who sign up will be assigned and notified. Sign up by going to the bulletin page on our website, or check out The Weekly email.** (*Hosts provide the space to gather—at their home or the Ministry Center, if available. The host contacts those who signed up to be hosted, and makes the arrangements for the potluck meal. Those being **hosted will be contacted by the hosts they've been assigned to, help with the potluck meal, and join others for fellowship over a meal.) Questions??? Contact adulthood@bridgesc.org.

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

- Sunday, October 27: CONNECT Lesson at the MC from 7-8:30pm
- October 23: UNITE Serve Project (Operation Christmas Child) 7-8:30pm at the MC
- October 27: CONNECT Awaken 2 at the MC 7-8:30pm
- November 6: UNITE - The Book of Joshua 4 at the MC from 7-8:30pm
- November 10: CONNECT Service Project (Hope & Culvers)

The Hallelujah Party is in its 25th year! The Hallelujah Party has become a valued tradition for the community and provides a safe and family-friendly night full of games and prizes. The Hallelujah Party, held **Thursday, October 31, from 5:30 to 7:30pm** at the Dordt University Recreation Center, is supported by many area businesses and would not be possible without help from you! *Please sign up using [this link](#) (on the online bulletin, or check out *The Weekly*) to help with set up, running games, or clean up.* We need the most help during the event itself, kids middle school aged and above are welcome to sign up to volunteer, we'll work to get them a split shift so that they can enjoy the event as well.

Employment Opportunity – Youth Director

The Youth Director oversees programming, apart from Sunday School, for the junior high (CONNECT) and senior high school (UNITE) youth of Bridge of Hope. They plan and carry out the week-to-week operations of CONNECT and UNITE by planning activities and creating educational programs that help students in their walk with God. They are responsible for ensuring programs offer welcoming and safe environments while building positive relationships with youth and their parents. A job description can be found [here](#).

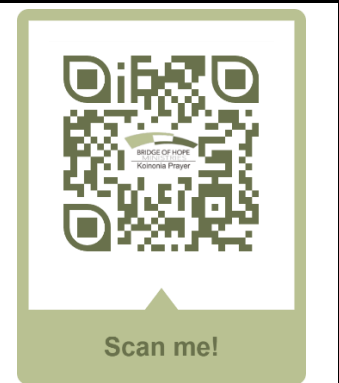
This position will be open for job-shadowing sometime between February 1, 2025 and March 1, 2025, with taking over full responsibility of the position early summer. To apply, please send a cover letter with a resume and references to office@bridgecrc.org

Opportunity to Serve

Cadets is looking for one to two counselors. One of the 5th grade counselors, Brent Kooiman, was recently diagnosed with kidney cancer and will not be able to serve. The Bridge of Hope/Covenant/Faith Cadet program is in need of 1-2 more men to help through the rest of the year. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Jeff De Boer @ fcbcadets@gmail.com or 712-441-6249.

ADVANCE NOTICE: There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on **Sunday, November 10**, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of going over and approving the 2025 budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available on the information table in the lunchroom. **Absentee ballots are also available and can be returned next Sunday** by giving them to Dave Mulder, Council Chair, or Ruth Ruter, Church Administrator. They can also be dropped off at the church office/Ministry Center any time before Friday, November 8. If you have any questions, feel free to contact council@bridgecrc.org.

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.



Did you know that 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. 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 Central Reformed Church and Pastor Jesse Henkle.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Today, October 27

Nursery: Koty VG, Courtney D, Joren VG
Promise Lambs: Justine/Klay B, Elly V, Amira P
Coffee Service: Ter Horst
Greeters/Shepherd Duties: Robb DH, Tom C
Additional Mic Runner: Ryan P
Check-ins: Jill, Ruth, Aimee

Sunday — November 3

Nursery: Missy M, Callie M, Adalee H
Promise Lambs: Abby F, Brielle P, Rowyn M
Coffee Service: Bowar
Greeters/Shepherd Duties: Tim F, Mark O
Additional Mic Runner: Dave R
Check-ins: Cindy, Di, Rachel

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

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

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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

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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.