

Bulletin for Sunday, December 21, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent - Love

WORSHIP NOTES

- **Message:** Pastor Sam will open God's Word for us.
- **Series:** Flashbulb Moments
- **Text:** Matthew 2:13-23
- **Offerings** will be taken for the **General Fund** and **Celebrate Recovery**, a biblically based recovery program designed to help those struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and habits (addictions) by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process. Sioux Center's Celebrate Recovery meets on Monday evenings at Bridge of Hope's Ministry Center. The evening begins as a large group gathering which consists of worship and a lesson. Two smaller groups are then formed, a men's group and a women's group. These groups seek to be places of love, acceptance, and confidentiality as they share with and encourage each other.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE / COMMUNION SERVICE** will be Wednesday, December 24 at 5:00pm. Pastor Gail will give the message based on Luke 2:1-20.

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 through January 4.)**

Church Education holiday schedule:


- Promise Lambs will meet TODAY. No Promise Lambs on December 28 and January 4. They will resume on January 11.
- No Sunday School today or on the 28th & January 4. Classes will resume on January 11.

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

- *January 4: CONNECT - God's Heart IS... Lesson 4*
- *January 7: UNITE - Wk 1 Identity in Christ*
- *January 18: CONNECT/UNITE Activity - Amazing Race!*




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 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.



Scan me!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This week, the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of New Life Reformed Church and Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

<p><u>Today, December 21</u> Nursery: Jenny VZ, Joren VG Promise Lambs: Courtney D, Gracin D, Zahra P Coffee Service : Groeneweg Shepherd Duties: Robb DH, Tom C (door&mic) Additional Mic Runner: Rich V Check-ins: Cindy G, Ruth R, Di M</p>	<p><u>Next Sunday, December 28</u> Nursery: Lauren M, Courtney D, Brielle P Promise Lambs: <i>No Promise Lambs</i> Coffee Service : Heie Shepherd Duties: Christina P, Reggie H (mic only) Outside door greeter: Zach P Additional Mic Runner: Dave R Check-ins: Miriam B, Aimee VM, Cindy G</p>
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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

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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.