

Bulletin for Sunday, April 20, 2025

WORSHIP NOTES

Message: "See My Hands"

Scripture: John 20:24-31

Summary: This is the story of Jesus appearing to Thomas. We often associate Thomas with doubt, however, Thomas' main obstacle was control. Yet the appearance of Jesus shatters our lack of imagination. His love shatters our control. "Touch my hands." The three words of invitation to a resurrected life.

Offerings will be taken for the **General Fund** and for the **Sioux Center Sack Pack Program**. The Sack Pack Program offers free meals & snacks for kids to take home from school on weekends. The packs contain individually packaged food that is ready to eat or easily prepared in the microwave. It's supported by *Hunger Free Kids of Sioux County* and local communities. Sack Pack Sioux Center is headquartered in the H.O.M.E. building and volunteers/groups currently pack sacks for over 300 kids every week.

After the service, donuts, fruit and juice will be served, as well as coffee & tea. Please plan on joining us for a time of fellowship!

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. **Please note, a nursery will not be provided this morning.**
- **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. **Please note, there will be no Sunday School this morning. It will resume next Sunday, April 27, which will be the last time for the season.**

Cadets: The end-of-the-year picnic and auction will be **THIS Wednesday, April 23**, at Faith CRC, Families are invited as well. The meal will start at **6:15pm** and the auction will begin at 7:00pm. Current 3rd grade boys and their parents are also invited to attend. (*Cadets is for boys in grades 4-8; Bridge of Hope joins in with Covenant & Faith CRC's Cadet program.*)

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

- April 23: UNITE - This is the Day 2 & MAFIA with Sam Ashmore 7-8:30pm
- April 27: CONNECT - Redeem the Screen 2 & Outdoor games 7-8:30pm
- May 7: LAST UNITE - This is the Day 3/4 & snack potluck 7-8:30pm
- May 4: LAST CONNECT - Redeem the Screen 3 & 8th grade send off 7-8:30pm
- May 11: CONNECT Service at 9:30 & Potluck/Games 12-2pm at Children's Park Shelter House

Shepherd Nominations: For those who've been nominated, please join current Shepherds in Room 2133 following next Sunday's worship service for an informational session explaining the biblical principles that give guidance in serving God and His church in the role of a Pastoral or Service Shepherd at Bridge of Hope.

His Hands His Feet Sunday Service!!!

Coming up on **Sunday, May 4**, our "service" will be our "service." It will be a time where our church body will communally serve our community by going out to do service projects during our normal worship time. Here are some details:

- Meet at the **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL GYM** at 9:30am. (The shelter house at the park isn't available this year.)
- After brief devotions, the church body will be divided into groups and will be sent out to do various projects that include, but not necessarily limited to...
 - Sorting winter gear & assembling toiletry bags at Nick & Lisa Doelman's shed
 - Making laundry soap for the Hope Food Pantry at the Ministry Center
 - Preparing meals at the Groeneweg's for the Care Team to use to bless families in times of need
 - Various jobs at Heritage Village
 - Cleaning parks & ditches around town
- Child care will be provided. If it's a nice day out, kids can be outside at the playground. Otherwise, the gym will be open for play.
- At **11:30am** we'll meet back at the school for lunch. Council will be providing pulled pork buns, chips, carrot sticks, and bottled water. (Gluten free options will be available.)
- Sponsored by the His Hands His Feet Team. Questions? Contact hishands@bridgecrc.org.


Bridge of Hope! The sign-up list for **5th - 12th grade students to help out in nursery** is being updated. Please fill out the form provided so a new list of the 5th - 12th graders that would like to help can be made. Thanks! Jena D, Nursery Coordinator <https://forms.gle/fMpS7qbeGnSk1okq8>

You are invited to a special Worship Night hosted by Z8, a ministry of LifeLight, THIS Saturday, April 26 from 7:00–9:00 PM at the H.O.M.E. Building (behind Culvers).


This night will be filled with passionate worship, powerful testimonies, and a Christ-centered message—all designed to bring Generation Z into a real and life-changing encounter with Jesus.

What is Z8? Z8 is the Gen Z movement of LifeLight. We're on a mission to awaken this generation—to win, send, empower, and multiply them for Christ. Whether they're believers, seekers, or somewhere in between, Z8 is a place for Gen Z to gather, connect, and encounter Jesus in authentic and powerful ways.

Whether you're part of a youth group, a church leadership team, or just passionate about reaching the next generation, we'd love to see you there. Bring your students, your friends, and your passion for Jesus—we're believing for a night that will spark something powerful! (<https://lifelight.org/z8/>)



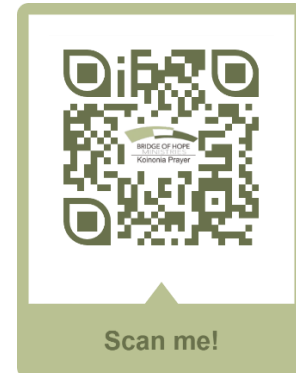
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 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.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This week, the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of Christ the King Catholic Parish and Father Mauro Sanchez.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Today, April 20

Nursery: *No nursery on Easter*

Promise Lambs: Abby F, Cora, Lucas & Asher F

Coffee Service: Amy W

Greeters/Shepherd Duties: Robb DH, Tom C

Additional Mic Runner: Ryan P

Check-ins: Miriam B, Rachel P, Aimee VM

Next Sunday — April 27

Nursery: Kristen O, Jordyn P, Kenzie V

Promise Lambs: *Shadow Teaching*

Coffee Service: Buss

Greeters/Shepherd Duties: Tim F, Mark O

Additional Mic Runner: Aimee VM

Check-ins: Ruth R, Aimee VM, Cindy G

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.bridgēcrc.org Like us at www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry

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

STAFF & LEADERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.