

# THE BRIDGE

Spring 2011 Newsletter

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## Women of God Conference

### Restoring Workshops

#### RESTORED Physically

- 9:15 AM Healthy Living with Jodi McDonough  
9:55 AM Women's Health with Dr. Cindy Pals  
11:15 AM Exercise and Nutrition with Dean Calsbeek

#### RESTORED Emotionally

- 9:15 AM Understanding Addiction with Dee Pieper and Lynn Boeyink  
9:55 AM Healing from Grief, Loss, Hurt, Depression with Dee Pieper and Lynn Boeyink  
11:15 AM Boundaries. Just say, "No." with Dee Pieper and Lynn Boeyink

#### RESTORED Spiritually

- 9:15 AM Restored through Scripture with Michelle Christy  
9:55 AM Restored through Lectio Divina Psalm 23 with Tom Wolthuis  
11:15 AM Restored in our Living with Jennifer Lee

April 15 and 16 at  
New Life Reformed  
Church in Sioux  
Center. All proceeds  
go to The Bridge!

#### RESTORED Community

- 9:15 AM Helping our Kids with Becky Erdmann  
9:55 AM Marriage with Judy Dirkse  
11:15 AM Relationships with Carol Kramer

#### RESTORED Balance

- 9:15 AM Creative Memories with Pam Van Roekel  
9:55 AM Photography with Jo Alberda  
11:15 AM Creative Memories (repeat) with Pam Van Roekel

#### RESTORATION: Their Stories

- 9:15 AM Deb Feekes  
9:55 AM Donna Durham  
11:15 AM Arla Van Sloten

### Speakers

#### Michelle Christy

Through her ministry, Defining Word, Michelle reveals her journey through life as a daughter of the Most High King in a natural and sincere teaching style.

#### Shirley Folkerts

Shirley seeks to live out her identity as a child of God through all of her evolving callings—wife, mother, teacher, coach, worship leader, spiritual director, and now student.

#### Sandi Altena

The Executive Director of The Bridge, Sandi shares from her heart the story of God's faithfulness.

### Schedule

#### Friday, April 15

- 5:30 PM Doors Open/Punch  
6:00 PM Dinner, Music & Keynote  
8:00 PM Worship  
8:30-9 PM Dessert and Music

#### Saturday, April 16

- 8:00 AM Worship  
8:30 AM "Delivered. Restored!" Keynote  
9:15 AM Workshop 1  
9:55 AM Workshop 2  
10:30 AM Brunch Begins  
10:45 AM "Revelation" Mini-Concert  
11:15 AM Workshop 3  
12:00 PM "Delivered. Restored!" Keynote  
12:30-1 PM Worship and Wrap-up

## "Delivered. Restored!"

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \_\_\_\_\$35 or \_\_\_\_\$40 After April 1

Questions? Call 712-707-9922 or visit [www.thebridgehousing.org](http://www.thebridgehousing.org)

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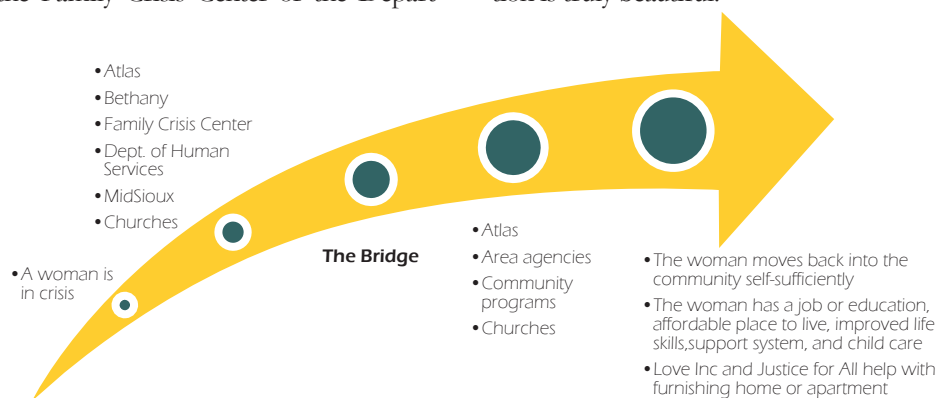
The Bridge – Conference  
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**Women of God Conference Registration**

# Teamwork: How area agencies work together for those in need

The people of Northwest Iowa are blessed to have multiple agencies that serve those in need. The question has been asked if all of these services are necessary. The question has also been asked if our agencies work well together. The answer to both questions is a resounding, “yes!” Women who are in need often come to The Bridge by way of Atlas, Mid Sioux, Bethany Christian Services, the Family Crisis Center or the Department of Human Services.

The Bridge in turn connects these women to area agencies, community programs, and churches. When the women move back into the community it is not uncommon for Love Inc and Justice for All to help supply their new apartment with basic furnishings. Although each of these agencies has their own Board and operates independently financially from one another, the collaboration is truly beautiful!



## Personal Mentors Walk Beside

All of the Women at The Bridge have a personal mentor. Our current mentors include Nelly Veldhuizen, Marla Groeneweg, Linda Te Grotenhuis, Rachel Klocke, Nancy Visser and Carol Kramer. Each of our children also have mentors, and those who need tutoring have a tutor, as well. These mentors come to love and care for their women and kids in very powerful ways. There are also two wonderful women who lead our women in Bible Study every week: Darcy Blythe and Elessa Marker, have opened Scripture and prayed with our women for 2 years. The staff and residents of The Bridge are truly blessed by these dear and dedicated women!

## Interns & Others Giving Time

The Bridge staff is joined this semester by 4 interns, Shawna Ymker, a senior social work major from Dordt; Hannah Schouten, a senior social work major from Northwestern; Sarah Skidmore, a business major from Dordt and Lauren Ridder, a business marketing major, also from Dordt. We are also hosting Becca Rowenhorst, a political studies major from Dordt who is doing a practicum with us, and Talitha Witt, a senior at Unity, who is doing an independent study. The 5th graders from Orange City Christian School are again serving at The Bridge once a week. And, finally, we are enjoying a partnership with Bethesda Christian Counseling and Child and Family Therapist, Becky Erdmann. We're so appreciative of these extra hands and feet!

## A Few Words from the Director

We have found that ministry ‘takes a village.’ Without the help of our mentors and volunteers and other organizations, we would be much less effective at showing the love of Christ to the women and children that live with us. Christ has given us a great gift in one another. We need the love, support and prayers of others to live to our fullest. We need their encouragement and accountability, as well.



Orange City (either walking or running – or both). Those who feel the challenge may ‘go the extra mile’ and complete the half marathon course, also ending in Orange City. Weekly devotions will be sent to registrants to support their training plan and Church groups will encourage and support participants along the course the day of the event.

Cost is only \$25 per person and the proceeds will benefit the ministry of ATLAS. Visit the ATLAS website for more information.

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”*

Hebrews 12:1

In that spirit, The Bridge is happy to be involved in the organization of the 12.1 Life Support Run/Walk sponsored by ATLAS on Saturday, June 11. Teams of up to 12 people may join together to complete the 12.1 mile course from Sioux Center to

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