



CORNERSTONE

• JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING •

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Journey and building are the two images that explain our lives. We journey through this life from birth to death, from our first to our last step, from our first to our last breath. While on our journey through life we are building. As kids we built with blocks or Legos or models. As adolescents we begin to build our identity, figuring out who we are, where we belong, and what gifts and skills we possess. Entering adulthood, we begin putting the pieces of our lives together – education, work, family, friends, hobbies. Approaching the final years of life we begin to look back on our life's journey and what we've built and ask, "Was the journey worth it? Did I build what mattered?"



At Cornerstone Church we are on a Kingdom Journey, building for the generations. We took our first breath when in the late 1800's, four families who migrated from Wisconsin to the Watertown area began meeting with a pastor in their homes, which led to Pastor Young holding mission tent meetings on the corner of 4th St. and 2nd Ave NE, which led to the formation of a Sunday School in 1911 with 15 people. On their journey to help people find their spiritual home in Jesus Christ, they built their first church building in 1913 at 409 North Maple. As their journey continued and the church grew, in 1955 they purchased lots on the corner of 9th Ave. and 3rd St NE, completing construction of a new church in 1958. As their journey continued and the church grew as they helped people find their spiritual home in Jesus Christ, we bought our current location in 1997 and built our current facility for \$2.5 million, marching over on a Sunday morning from our 9th Avenue location to our current building in 2002.

Now, in 2025, as we are reaching and helping more and more kids, youth, and adults to find their spiritual home in Jesus Christ, it's time to build for the generations to come! We need more lobby space, rooms for adult Sunday School classes, adequate bathrooms for men, women, and families, and eventually a worship space for the Traditional Worship Service. Thank you for being part of this great Kingdom of God journey we're on together in which we build facilities to help us welcome people to find their spiritual home in Jesus Christ. More information and details to come in September and October. In the meantime, thank God that he is using us to help people find their spiritual home in Jesus, and get ready to join together to build, not just for the generations already here, but for the generations to come! The journey's worth it and what we're building matters! - Pastor Steve Anderson

CORNERSTONE Kids MINISTRY

SUNDAYS

NURSERY-

Birth – 3 years old

Every Sunday

@ 9:30 & 10:45 am service.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH-

3yrs - Kindergarten

Every Sunday during the 3rd service

(Children are excused to the Ark during the Pastor's message)



SUNDAY SCHOOL

STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 07

Sunday School runs September through April | 9:30-10:30 am

NURSERY

AGE: 0-3 YEARS OLD

EMBARK ON A FAITH JOURNEY from birth. Our Nursery team introduces the love of God to the youngest of our Cornerstone Kids through books, play, music, and cuddles. We provide a clean and safe environment located just down the hall from the Worship Center. The Nursery is staffed during the 9:30am & 10:45am services. Parents, you can feel comfortable leaving your child in the loving care of our Nursery team of volunteers as you enjoy worship and the message.

THE WEE ARK

AGE: 3 YEARS OLD

(must be 3 years old by September 1st)

EXPLORE FAITH with a walk through The Word. In the Old Testament, your wee little one will be introduced to God's power and loving character & in the New Testament guided to a personal friendship with Jesus. SING • PRAY • CARPET TIME • TABLE TIME
3-year-olds who begin in this room, stay in this room for the remainder of the year. If your 3-year-old is not ready for this step, the Nursery is still available for them until they are comfortable.

THE LITTLE ARK

AGE: 4 YEARS OLD - KINDERGARTEN

(must be 4 years old by September 1st)

EMBRACE FAITH in The Little Ark! Your child will experience a large and small group setting. The Bible stories, prayer time, worship, crafts, and games aim to help them understand that "God made me", "God loves me", and "Jesus wants to be my friend forever."

THE ARK

AGE: 1ST - 4TH GRADE

ENGAGE IN FAITH through worship, interactive games & activities, word knowledge, prayer, and Bible stories. The teachings are driven to help kids grow in virtue knowing that "I can trust God no matter what", "I need to make a wise choice", and "I need to treat others the way I want to be treated."

THE ARK.56

AGE: 5TH & 6TH GRADE

ENJOY (OWN) YOUR FAITH knowing you are not too young...." to be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, in your faith, in your purity." 1 Timothy 4:12. Preteens will have their own space to continue building a faith foundation as they hear God's Word, learn life application skills, form relationships, ask questions, play games, and worship.

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STARTING SEPTEMBER 03!



CORNERSTONE
STUDENT MINISTRY



Connecting Parents,
Teens, & Jesus in a
Disconnected World



Ever feel like you are not equipped to answer your teen's tough questions? Does it seem like you are trying to prove that you are "in the know" about the world your kid is living in?

No matter where you are on your parenting journey, the Axis community is a place for you. Whether you are facing a tough conversation with your child and don't have the words to begin or you're getting a jumpstart on the teenage years ahead, Axis is for you. We invite you to learn more about how to have better conversations that last a lifetime check out the website at

www.axis.org

SUMMER

YOUTH GROUP IS EVERY

SUNDAY

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Meet @ Church for a ride.

AUG 03- YG @ Rieffenberger's
2817 14th Ave NE

AUG 10- @ Keyes'
66 Paradise Dr

THUNDER
ROAD

SIoux FALLS
Save the
Date!

FRIDAY - SEPT 19



FALL YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF

SEPT
03

7TH - 12TH GRADE

6:30-8pm | Large Group
Worship Center

WOMEN OF CORNERSTONE

I'm Nicol Theron, and I'm honored to introduce myself as the new Women's Ministry Director here at Cornerstone. I am truly excited to walk alongside you in this next season.

Over the past three years, I've had the privilege of working behind the scenes in our women's ministry. From the beginning, I was part of launching Women at the Well, a ministry born from the heart of John 4, where Jesus meets the Samaritan woman. Our vision was simple but profound: to create a space where women feel welcome to come to "the well," be fully themselves, and encounter the life-changing presence of Jesus.

Jesus says in John 4:14,
"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

I believe this promise is for every woman. You don't have to stay spiritually thirsty. Jesus offers healing and redemption, no matter your story. And I'm so humbled to sit at the well with you.

As we move forward, the rhythm of our ministry may look a little different. We're planning more frequent gatherings with intentional times where we'll explore what it means to live as biblically rooted women of Christ. We'll focus on developing the character of Christ in our everyday lives, shaped by the fruit of the Spirit:

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

—Galatians 5:22–23

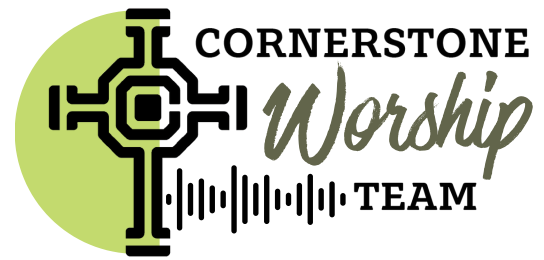
It's going to be a beautiful season of drinking deeply from the living water Jesus offers. I can't wait to grow together with you.

Nicol Theron
Women's Ministry Director



CORNERSTONE WORSHIP NIGHT FRIDAY AUGUST 22ND

Join us for a night of prayer &
worship as we kick off the new
school year!



TO EMPOWER PEOPLE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIFE-
CHANGING PRESENCE OF GOD TOGETHER.

Cornerstone Worship Night

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worship as we kick off the new
school year!

8.22.24

6:30pm

Cornerstone Church
Worship Center

Also, check out our Sunday Setlist for a current list of the Modern worship songs
we're singing:

[https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3dhrYEEazi4HA0iGAPBJfQ?
si=31c393f8d26e4395](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3dhrYEEazi4HA0iGAPBJfQ?si=31c393f8d26e4395)

[https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLOWYTTcc6D-0YSmlfq8t3AmQw7_HGT8-
I&si=BsZM08cbjs5L1ypQ](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLOWYTTcc6D-0YSmlfq8t3AmQw7_HGT8-I&si=BsZM08cbjs5L1ypQ)



MEN MOVING FORWARD

OUR VALUES: HONOR | INSPIRE | EQUIP

OUR VEHICLES: EVENTS | BANDS | TRAINING

OUR PRACTICES: READ | PRAY | SEARCH

CORNERSTONE MEN'S MINISTRY IS MOVING FORWARD!

Staff addition: Executive Pastor with Men's Ministry Focus

This new position will help us fill two ministry gaps – leadership to our Men's Ministry which Pastor Luke developed and operational oversight for Cornerstone. The general job description reads: Working under the Senior Pastor the Executive Pastor with Men's Ministry Focus will provide leadership, vision implementation, crucial thinking, and accountability to the operation of Cornerstone's ministry and Cornerstone's Men's Ministry. Pray for God to provide the right person for this position and feel free to direct names of potential candidates to Pastor Steve or the office.

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GET CONNECTED:

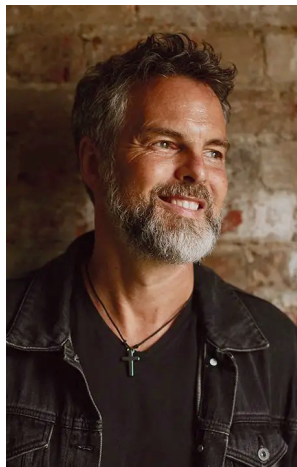


READY TO TAKE A NEXT STEP? JOIN A MEN'S BAND.

A GROUP OF MEN COMMITTED TO:

- **READ** THE BIBLE:
 - Through daily reading
- **SEARCH** YOUR HEART:
 - Through thought-provoking questions
- **PRAY** FOR ONE ANOTHER
 - Because we care

**NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED, JUST START
AND YOU WILL GROW!**



how to pray
21 days with
pete greig



YouVersion

||| MEN MOVING
FORWARD

MEN'S *Fire* NIGHT

MON. **AUGUST 25**
6-8PM BRETT PERSON'S
5523 7TH AVE SW

\$10 FOR MEAL

RSVP BY TEXTING
"FIRE" ALONG WITH YOUR
FIRST & LAST NAME TO
605-777-7230



Get ready to kick off the fall by with 24-7 Prayer!

Non-stop prayer isn't a new idea it's a recurring theme throughout Scripture and church history. When we intentionally set aside time to pray, we open ourselves to the presence, power, and love of God. It transforms us—and it transforms our community.

For over 25 years, 24-7 Prayer Rooms around the world have sparked revival, inspired mission movements, and led to real social change. Prayer doesn't just stay in the room it moves into the world through you.

What does it look like to participate?

We're inviting individuals, families, and small groups to sign up for one-hour prayer slots so that together, we can keep prayer going non-stop. You don't need to be a seasoned prayer warrior—just come as you are, ready to spend time with God.

Whether you choose a quiet hour alone or gather with friends to pray, your time matters. Every hour builds something eternal.

To sign up, simply scan the QR code below and choose a time that works for you. Location of optional prayer space will be coming.



Join in praying 24-7!



**Global Week
of 24-7 Prayer**
1 – 7 SEPTEMBER 2025

THE REAL GOD

How He Longs for You
to See Him

CHIP INGRAM

TUESDAYS

(Sept. 9th - Nov. 4th)

9-week study Room 102

6-7:30 PM

*Join us to unpack seven attributes of God,
which will change the way you think about Him,
yourself, and others. Lead by Pamela Carlson.*

To sign up for the study text
"REAL" along with your first &
last name to 605-777-7230

STRONGHOLD BUSTER WORKSHOP



CORNERSTONE
COMMUNITY FREEDOM
MINISTRY

**COMING
SEPTEMBER 15
ONLY 10 SPOTS AVAILABLE**

STRONGHOLD: A LONG-TERM/STUCK BELIEF OR
PATTERN OF THINKING THAT IS NOT CONSISTENT
WITH WHAT GOD TELLS US IS TRUE. (LIE)

STRONGHOLD BUSTING: BECOMING AWARE OF THE
LIE AND CREATING A LASER-FOCUSED, SCRIPTURE-
BASED REPLACEMENT OF THE LIE. (TRUTH)

**TEXT THE WORD "BUSTER" ALONG
WITH YOUR FIRST & LAST NAME TO
605-777-7230 TO SIGN UP**

AUGUST 24 BACK TO 3 SERVICES
8:15 | 9:30 | 10:45 AM

KICKOFF SUNDAY

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS
SEPTEMBER 7TH**



MINISTRY TEAM:

Steve Anderson: *Senior Pastor*

Jesse Hurkes: *Youth Pastor*

Mark Tracy: *Pastor of Outreach/Missions*

Nicol Theron: *Women's Ministry Director/Office Manager/Creative Arts*

Jill Hauger: *Kids Ministry Director*

Brandon Trupe: *Worship Pastor*

Lucas Severson: *Director of Technology/Creative Arts*

Malachi Mennenga: *Maintenance/Youth Ministry Assistant*

Lexie Vetch: *Business Manager*

Abby Keyes: *Financial Manager/Youth Ministry Assistant* • Emily Trupe: *Youth Ministry Assistant*

Pamela Carlson: *Cornerstone Freedom in Christ Ministry Coordinator*

Jen Koistinen • Mandy Hilmo • Molly Lindgren: *Kids Ministry Assistants*

Anna Ruschmeier: *Kids Hospitality*

Lindsay Conrad: *Nursery Coordinator*

Lehla Pietz: *First Service Director of Music*

Shannon Berg: *Custodian*

2025 FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Annual Budget: \$1,791,847.00

\$34,355.00 needed per week to meet budget • Weekly average received for budget expenses - \$31,287.43

General Fund Year-to-Date Income: \$938,622.79

Building Fund Balance: \$42,588.62

Attendance (in-person average): 1st - 155 • 2nd - 675 ; Online - 112 TOTAL = 942

Average Weekly Food Pantry Families: 97



**To view the church calendar
use the QR code or go to
www.cornerstonewtn.com/calendar**