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• JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING •

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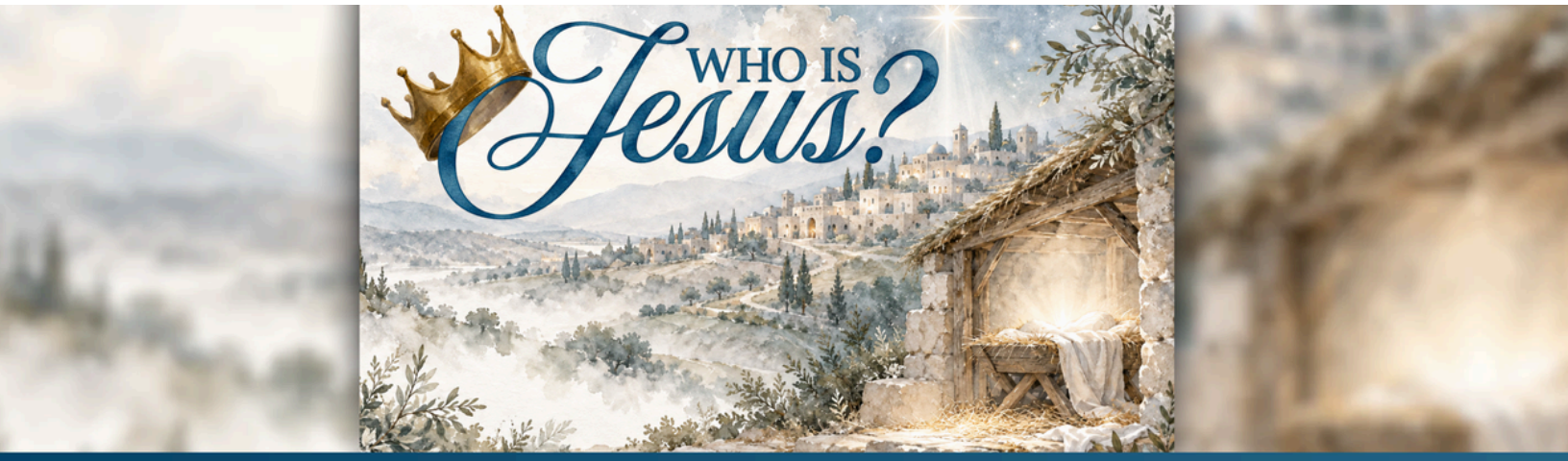

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 8:00 | 9:30 | 11:00am

In our small-town culture we like to know who people are. So, when we meet someone for the first time, we ask questions: What's your name? Where do you live? Where did you grow up? What do you do for work? Do you have a family? As each question is answered we feel that we're getting an idea of who this person is. If a friendship develops, we begin swapping stories about life experiences. That's when we begin to really know each other. The more we know a person's story, the more we know the person.

The same applies to getting to know who Jesus is. We have to ask questions and search out the answers. What's Jesus' name and what does it mean? Where did Jesus come from? What's Jesus working towards? Why was Jesus, the Son of God, born into our world? To prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ, at Christmas, in December worship we're going back to the basics to get to know Jesus. We'll ask questions and Scripture, the Bible, will give us answers. We'll discover that Jesus is the Promised One, Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus is the King, and Jesus is the Word.

What better way to experience Christmas than to discover who Jesus is! *Pastor Steve*

JESUS IS THE PROMISED ONE, JESUS IS THE MESSIAH, JESUS IS THE KING, AND JESUS IS THE WORD.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH

Christmas Eve Offering

45% Free Burma Rangers | **45%** Haven Center | **10%** Cornerstone's Benevolent Fund

45% Doubling Free Burma Rangers Audio Bible Ministry!

In the combat zones of Burma, the Free Burma Rangers (FBR) provide lifesaving assistance to people affected by war. Our teams evacuate the wounded, provide emergency medical treatment on the front lines, and deliver vital medicines, food, and other supplies to displaced families living in camps. When we enter a conflict zone, we cannot always change the circumstances people face, but we can bring people the hope of Jesus Christ through His Word.

A solar powered audio Bible can accompany a displaced family as they flee their home, encourage a wounded soldier during recovery, or introduce someone to the good news of salvation through Jesus. It can continue serving its listener long after our relief team has moved on.

With the support of Cornerstone's Christmas Eve Offering, our goal is to double our current solar audio Bible production from 2,000 to 4,000 Bibles annually. $50,000 will enable us to purchase two additional 3D printers and maintenance, an SD card duplicator upgrade, assembly equipment, electricity, and the production of 4,000 solar powered audio Bibles.

We pray that God will use His Word to strengthen believers, bring comfort to the suffering, and lead people to faith in Jesus Christ. We are grateful for your partnership in the gospel!

45% Haven Center's Vision Of Staffing For Growth!

Haven Center is a local pregnancy help medical center that demonstrates the love of Jesus Christ by providing life affirming care to those facing unplanned pregnancies through education, resources, and mentorship. We work with women from the moment they think they could be pregnant until their baby turns 2 years old, walking with the family so they are able to thrive!

Haven Center has been blessed with an ultrasound machine, a beautiful office space, essential resources, and dedicated volunteers, but we need additional staff to be open more hours to serve more clients. Since January 2023, we have served over 65 individual clients, which has stretched our current staff of one part time nurse and Executive Director. **With the support of Cornerstone's Christmas Eve Offering, we will have the opportunity to add a second part time nurse to expand our hours of service and an operations manager to guide our expanding operations.**

Cornerstone's Christmas Eve Offering will also allow us to grow our advertising efforts, investing in search engine optimization and potentially expanding into platforms such as Snapchat and TikTok, helping those who need us most discover Haven Center at the right time. Thank you for supporting us as we demonstrate the love of Jesus to women facing unexpected pregnancy in our community!

10% Cornerstone's Benevolent Fund will be used to help people at Cornerstone when they encounter hardship and unexpected challenges.

Begin to pray now, asking the Lord to lead you in determining your financial gift to the Christmas Eve Offering.



OFFICE CLOSED

DEC. 25 - JAN. 01

The Cornerstone Church office will be closed so our staff can celebrate with their families. If you need to reach a pastor during this time, please call (605) 886-2242 and follow the prompts. We will reopen on Monday, January 04th.

Sunday Service

December 27th

ONE SERVICE ONLY

at 9:30am

CORNERSTONE Kids MINISTRY

SUNDAYS

NURSERY: BIRTH-3 YEARS

Every Sunday @ 9:30 & 11am services.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH-

3yrs - 2nd Grade

Every Sunday during the 3rd service (Children are excused during the Pastor's message)

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30AM

THE WEE ARK - 3yr olds

THE LITTLE ARK - 4yr - Kindergarten

THE ARK - 1st - 4th grade

THE ARK56 - 5th & 6th grade

WEDNESDAYS

CLUB 234: 2nd-4TH GRADE

Every Wednesday from 3:30-5:30pm (Parent drop off only)

NETWORK 56: 5TH-6TH GRADE

Every Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 pm. Parent drop off or van transportation available at the Intermediate School; pizza one time fee $35)

December 23rd & 30th -
No Wednesday Programming due to Christmas!

Pajamas and Pancakes

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 20TH

Wear pajamas to Sunday School, pancakes with party toppings

Kids Christmas Performances

DECEMBER 6TH

Kids ages 3 years - Kindergarten will sing a special song at the 9:30am service.

Practice will be **December 4th @ 6:30pm**

DECEMBER 13TH

Kids ages 1st grade - 6th grade will sing a special song at the 9:30am service.

Practice will be **December 11th @ 6:30pm**

DOUGH Holy Night

An at-home family interactive experience of why we celebrate Christmas.

Bake cookies & hear the story of Jesus' Birth.

Together we will discover the ingredients that made the first ever Christmas so sweet!

Video Led

DOUGH Holy Night

A sweet Christmas adventure for your family!

Bake cookies. Make memories. Celebrate Jesus!

Merry Christmas and welcome to "Dough Holy Night!" This is a fun and interactive experience designed for your family to do at home. Together, you'll bake a batch of Christmas cookies and, along the way, hear the story of the very first Christmas. Best of all, there's a video that walks you step-by-step through the entire experience. It's so simple!

1. Gather the ingredients.

David and Casey (a.k.a. "The Cookie Crew") will show you how to make snickerdoodle cookies. You can see the list of ingredients and baking instructions below.

2. Press play on the video.

The video will walk you step-by-step through the entire experience. Occasionally, the Cookie Crew will tell you press pause and do something. When you're finished, press play again.

3. Step 3: Eat cookies.

Possibly the best step ever! When the timer goes off, enjoy your cookies while David and Casey remind your family why Jesus is the sweetest part of Christmas.

WATCH & BAKE

Find the video and other materials at:
https://www.gocurriculum.com/dough-holy-night-parent-portal

Password: LETSDOUGH

Snickerdoodle Cookie Recipe

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup butter (softened)
- 2 large eggs
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ cup sprinkles
- 2 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp cream of tartar

LET'S BAKE! (Ask a grown-up to help.)

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
2. Cream together butter, sugar, vanilla, and eggs. Blend in flour, cream of tartar, salt, and baking soda until a soft dough forms.
3. Form dough into 1-inch balls and roll through sprinkles. Place 2 inches apart on an ungreased baking sheet.
4. Bake 8–10 minutes, or until set (but not too hard).



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CORNERSTONE
STUDENT MINISTRY

collisioncafe

DEC. 4TH & 18TH
@ 7:30AM

Watertown High School - Choir Room

Collision is all about helping students share Jesus with their friends. We want every middle and high schooler in Watertown to hear about Him and have the chance to follow. Want to be part of it? Join us!

Questions: malachim.cornerstone@gmail.com

LOVE LIKE JESUS DOES

LARGE GROUP

6:30 - 8:00 PM

DEC. 2ND & 16TH

7TH - 12TH GRADE

CORNERSTONE WORSHIP CENTER

SMALL GROUP LOCATIONS

WEDNESDAY

DEC. 9TH

7TH & 8TH	@ *CORNERSTONE CHURCH* 1350 11TH ST NE
9TH	@ *FOX'S* 1811 8TH AVE NE
10TH	@ *BLANK'S* 1408 7TH AVE NE
11TH & 12TH	@ KEYES' 66 PARADISE DR.



DEC. 23RD OR DEC. 30TH

NO SMALL GROUP ON THESE DATES MERRY CHRISTMAS



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WORSHIP

A Heart for the Advent Season

For me, Christmas centers around the Holy and sacred moment of worship during Christmas Eve. It wasn't always that way. As a kid, I barely remember any experiences of being at church during Christmas Eve. I do remember spending time with my extended family at my grandparents house. Back then, all I looked forward to during those nights was opening presents and eating my grandpa's home-made ice cream. Those were good memories and times that are not forgotten. I'm grateful for my family in so many ways. I think I'll always love the holidays, Christmas lights, food, family, time with friends, etc; It's often been a time of joy and anticipation.

As I grew older and experienced Jesus in life-changing ways, I started to long for the depth of powerful and intimate moments with God in worship and especially at Christmas time. I still remember the first Christmas Eve service that I attended at Cornerstone when Ben Gietzen was leading worship. I was blown away! It was beautiful, sacred, holy, and powerful in so many ways.
The season of Advent for me leads up to that moment, and I look forward to what God is going to do this season. I want to approach Advent this year with an intentional humility and attention to the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit.

There's often a song that can help me to break out of the slumber and rut of the routine busyness and crazy holiday activities. For many it's the classic Christmas songs or the well-done remakes. For me it's the blending of powerful and Holy focused worship and classic Christmas songs that bolster the entire message of the Gospel that the God of the Bible is telling us in the Christmas story.

JOHN 1:4-5

"In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

This Christmas and Advent season, may Jesus meet you where you need Him the most. May He shine into the darkness. My prayer is that God would renew His people, and that we would fix our eyes upon Him.

LISTEN TO OUR CURRENT

Worship Playlist

For a list of songs that we're currently singing, listen on Spotify or YouTube!

SPOTIFY PLAYLIST

YOUTUBE PLAYLIST

JOIN THE

Worship Team

Is God leading you to be a part of the Cornerstone Worship Team? If so, please visit

cornerstonewtn.com/worship

and fill out the Worship Team Application.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Who is Jesus

AN ADVENT JOURNEY
FOR DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Make room for Jesus this Advent.

Join us for four weeks of short Monday-Friday devotions
(scripture, reflection and prayer) along with worship music on the weekend.



WEEK 1
The Messiah
TRUST



WEEK 2
The King
FAMILY



WEEK 3
The Word
LOVE



WEEK 4
The Light
HOPE

Available online starting Monday, November 30th

Or pick up a printed version at the Connection Center.



www.cornerstonewtn.com/advent

MEN MOVING FORWARD

MEN'S FIRE NIGHT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

6-8:30PM

PAUL JOHNSON'S
420 28TH AVE SE

$10 FOR MEAL

TEXT FIRE + YOUR FIRST & LAST NAME TO 605-777-7230

SAVE THE DATE!

RESGEN
MEN'S SUMMIT 2027



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

SATURDAY | 8:00AM - 2:00PM

FEBRUARY 20

SIOUX FALLS, SD

TICKETS AT
RESGEN.ORG

CELEBRATE THE SEASON TOGETHER

2nd Annual Christmas Eve Family Dinner from Mountain Taker Ministries

Make Christmas Eve effortless and memorable this year—stay after our final service for a warm, candlelit, home-style meal prepared and served for your family.



THE MENU

Table Starters: Cinnamon Popcorn & Homemade Caramel Corn

Main Course & Sides: Slow-Warming Sliced Ham • Cheesy Hash Brown Potatoes • Home-Grown Sweet Corn • Mandarin Orange Jell-O Salad • Warm Dinner Rolls & Butter

Dessert & Beverages:
Assorted Pies • Warm Apple Cider, Fresh Coffee & Ice Water

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2026

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM (Immediately following the 5:30 PM service)
Held in Room 102 • Served Family-Style

Mountain Taker Ministry
Joshua 14:12 (KJV) - "Now therefore give me this mountain ..."
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Reserve Your Family's Seats

Seating is limited to 50 guests—please register in advance so we can set a place for you.

Register online: cornerstonewtn.com/ChristmasDinner

Scan to Register

EXPLORE LIFE, FAITH, AND MEANING:

ALPHA BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

Have you ever wished for a comfortable space where you or a friend could ask the big questions about life and faith—without pressure, judgment, or awkward expectations?

Beginning Sunday, January 17, 2027, we are launching Alpha, an 11-week gathering designed to explore the core of the Christian faith in an open, relaxed environment. Whether you are exploring your own questions or looking for an inviting, un-intimidating space to bring a friend, coworker, or neighbor, there is a seat at the table for you.

EVERY WEEKLY SESSION INCLUDES:

A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER

We start each evening sharing a meal together to unwind and connect.

A SHORT TALK

We'll watch a 25-minute video exploring questions like "Is there more to life than this?" and "Who is Jesus?"

OPEN DISCUSSION

Small groups provide space to say what you actually think, ask questions, or just listen. No question is off-limits, and nobody will put you on the spot.

Free dinner and ***full childcare*** are provided at every session to make attending simple and hassle-free for families.

WHEN: Sunday evenings starting January 17th, 2027 • 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

WHERE: Cornerstone Church Fellowship Hall

COST: 100% Free (Dinner and childcare included)

REGISTRATION:

Use the QR Code or visit the Connection Center.

KIDS HOPE USA

You Make the Season Brighter!

Thank You, Kids Hope Mentors

Thank you for changing children's lives, one caring relationship at a time. Your faithful presence and love show our kids what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

David Lau	Kathy DeJong	Deanna Shives	Luke Smith	Pam Hurst
Marylee Plut	Leah Luken	Deb Schooley	Andy Ries	Travis Berkland
Joy Tracy	Elaine Vanderlaan	Connie Korf	Dar Fuchs	Lynne Forbusch
Dan Sauer	Gary Koistenen	Adam Fox	Grace Sauer	Scott Farleigh
Chelsea Finck	Lola Sackreiter	Marissa Stone	Thank	You!



FREEDOM IN Christ

CORNERSTONE
COMMUNITY FREEDOM MINISTRY

YOUR NEXT STEP

STEPS APPOINTMENT →

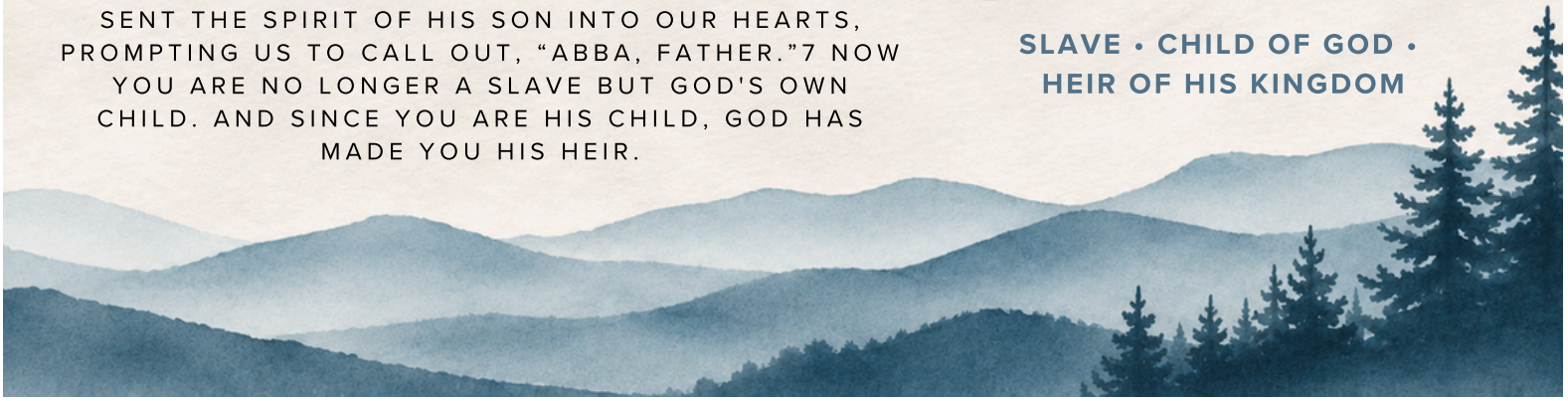
A Biblically-based ministry tool of repentance and renewing of your mind to experience freedom in Christ and grow in the Grace of God. Our team members will walk with you through this one-day process.

GALATIONS 4: 6-7 NLT

6 AND BECAUSE WE ARE HIS CHILDREN, GOD HAS SENT THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO OUR HEARTS, PROMPTING US TO CALL OUT, "ABBA, FATHER."7 NOW YOU ARE NO LONGER A SLAVE BUT GOD'S OWN CHILD. AND SINCE YOU ARE HIS CHILD, GOD HAS MADE YOU HIS HEIR.

WHO ARE YOU?

SLAVE • CHILD OF GOD • HEIR OF HIS KINGDOM



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FOOD PANTRY

MONDAY'S 9AM-12PM

Thank You

As the year comes to an end I would like to Thank all the volunteers that help during the week and all those that help each Monday when the Food Pantry is open. I am also very grateful for all the donations, both product and monetary that have been donated to the Food Pantry this past year.

The Food Pantry continues to be busy each Monday. We provide food for an average of 75 families each Monday. The families consist of every age group and size. We see elderly individuals and have many families consisting of 5-9 members. We have seen homeless individuals and many clients that just enjoy coming in to sit and visit with someone and have coffee and a treat.

The mission statement that has been with the Food Pantry since it opened many years ago is: "God's Work, Our Hands" and we continue to see this each week as we follow Cornerstone's statement of: **Up in Worship, In into Community and Out in Mission.**

Thank you again to everyone for their support and prayers. Mary Henning, Food Pantry Coordinator

WE ARE HIRING

CORNERSTONE CHURCH POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

- Children's Ministry Director



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY EMAIL

businessassistant@cornerstonewtn.com



MINISTRY TEAM

Steve Anderson	|	*Senior Pastor*
Paul Rowenhorst	|	*Executive & Adult Discipleship Pastor I Men's Ministries*
Jesse Hurkes	|	*Youth Pastor*
Mark Tracy	|	*Pastor of Outreach & Hospitality*
Nicol Theron	|	*Director of Adult Discipleship | Women's Ministries*
Jill Hauger	|	*Kid's Ministry Director*
Brandon Trupe	|	*Director of Worship*
Lucas Severson	|	*Creative Arts Director*
Malachi Mennenga	|	*Maintenance/Youth Ministry Assistant*
Lexie Vetch	|	*Business Administrative Assistant*
Denise Ragels	|	*Office Assistant*
Abby Keyes	|	*Financial Manager/Youth Ministry*
Emily Trupe	|	*Youth Ministry Assistant*
Pam Hurst	|	*Children & Hospitality Coordinator*
Travis Berkland	|	*FIC Coordinator*
Marissa Stone	|	*Kids Hope Coordinator*
Lehla Pietz	|	*First Service Director of Music*
Shannon Berg	|	*Custodian*

Jen Koistinen • Mandy Hilmoe • Molly Lindgren
Kids Ministry Assistants

2026 FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

ANNUAL BUDGET
$1,914,710.00

GENERAL FUND
YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME
$1,565,754.32

Needed per week to meet budget
$36,821.35

Weekly average received for budget expenses
$33,313.92

Building Fund Balance
$745,110.60

ATTENDANCE
(IN-PERSON AVERAGE)
1st - 181
2nd - 379
3rd - 277
Online - 135
TOTAL = 837

Average Weekly Food Pantry Families
81