

CORNERSTONE
• JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING •

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MAY • 2026



I CAN PRAY!

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 8:15am | 9:30am | 10:45am

What's been your experience in praying? Maybe you grew up in a home where prayer wasn't talked about and you never heard a person pray. Maybe you grew up in a home where you prayed a memorized prayer at mealtime. Maybe as a child mom or dad prayed with you at bedtime. Maybe you grew up in a home where you listened to your parents pray aloud. Maybe you grew up thinking that the pastor up front on Sunday prays the best. Maybe you think other people are much better at praying than you are.

Listen. Praying is not a competition to impress God or those listening. Praying is simply engaging God in conversation. If you can talk, you can pray. If you know how to talk to another person, you know how to pray to God, your Creator and Redeemer. Our May message series is "You Can Pray!". We'll use passages from the Bible to learn how to pray when we sin, when life falls apart, and when life is great. The goal of the series is to remind ourselves that we were created to pray. We were created to be in conversation with God, just like Adam and Eve did in the garden and just like Jesus talked with his Father.

Be encouraged and confident. You can pray! *Pastor Steve*

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JUST LIKE JESUS TALKED WITH HIS FATHER.**

CORNERSTONE
Kids
MINISTRY

SUNDAYS

NURSERY-

Birth – 3 years old

Every Sunday @ 9:30
& 10:45 am services.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH-

3yrs - Kindergarten

Every Sunday during the 2nd & 3rd
service through May

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

**NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH OR
NURSERY ON MAY 10 MOTHER'S
DAY. SO OUR VOLUNTEERS CAN
BE WITH FAMILY!**

WEDNESDAYS

NETWORK 56

5th - 6th graders

Every Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 pm
(Walk through the Bible)

LAST DAY OF NET.56 – MAY 6TH



VBS

AT WILDERNESS ESCAPE, KIDS
WILL SEE, HEAR, TOUCH, AND
EVEN TASTE WHAT IT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN LIKE TO LIVE IN
THE WILDERNESS WITH GOD'S
PEOPLE, THE ISRAELITES.

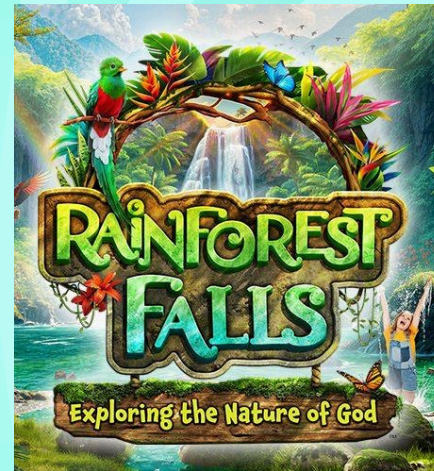


SUN. JULY 12TH- WED. JULY 15TH
9:00AM-12:00PM
AGES 4 YEARS-ENTERING 1ST GRADE

REGISTER WITH THE QR CODE OR ON OUR
WEBSITE WWW.CORNERSTONEWTN.COM/KIDS

VBS

JOIN US FOR RAINFOREST
FALLS VBS! EXPLORE THE
MEANINGFUL, LIFE CHANGING
CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD-
THEIR LOVING CREATOR
WHO KNOWS THEM AND WILL
LOVE THEM FOREVER.



MON. AUGUST 3RD - THUR. AUGUST 6TH
6:00PM-8:30PM
AGES ENTERING 2ND GRADE-6TH GRADE



KIDS SUMMER RETREAT 2026
CAMP SHAMINEAU | MOTLEY, MN

- When registering online:
- Pick up Authorization: Jill Hauger and Cornerstone Staff
- Room Assignments (if you wish to room with Cornerstone Kids)- Enter "Cornerstone Watertown" in the "buddy request" section.



Kids team will transport Cornerstone Kids the week of
June 28th-July 1st **ONLY!** Once officially registered-
Email the Kids Staff at theark.jill@gmail.com or text
605-205-7802 to reserve a spot on the van.

**KIDS ENTERING 7TH GRADE: watch for the summer
events on the Youth page as you will be joining
Pastor Jesse and his activities!**



**CORNERSTONE
STUDENT MINISTRY**



**MAY
YOUTH
GROUP**

SUMMER

YOUTH GROUP IS EVERY

SUNDAY

6:30 - 8:30 pm

START MAY 31st

Meet @ Church

MAY 6- SMALL

Location on the right ->

**MAY 13- LARGE
AT THE CHURCH**

6:30 - 8pm

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS**

SMALL GROUP LOCATIONS

**7TH & 8TH
@ CHURCH**

**9TH
- @ BLANK'S -
1408 7TH AVE NE**

**10TH
-TRUPE'S-
17608 456TH AVE**

**11TH & 12TH
-KEYES'-
66 PARADISE DRIVE**

**PINE RIDGE
MISSIONS TRIP**

**July 20-23rd | 9 -12 grade
\$100**



**CLASS
of
2026**

Parents of the 2026
Cornerstone Seniors,
as a way to
commemorate our
Seniors graduating
this year, we would
like to put together
a Senior Slide Show.

DEADLINE: MAY 09

EMAIL TO CHURCH OFFICE:
cornerstone.office605@gmail.com

- NAME OF YOUR GRADUATE
- SENIOR PHOTO
- BABY PHOTO
- FUTURE PLANS AFTER GRADUATION

northwest district
youth camp 2026

**NO
TURNING
BACK**

mid high: june 8-12
sen high: june 15-19

**REGISTER HERE
COST IS \$380
DEADLINE: MAY 31**



**Pay Cornerstone Church.*

Scholarships are available as needed.

Daughters of the King

ROOTED & ESTABLISHED IN HIS LOVE

THANK YOU to our incredible teachers, volunteers, kitchen team, and every helping hand behind the Daughters of the King Women's Workshop, thank you. Truly!

This day happened because of your "yes." Your time, your energy, your obedience, it all mattered more than you know. You created space for women to encounter truth, connection, and the presence of God.

To every woman who attended, thank you for coming with open hearts. It was an honor to share this day with you. This wasn't just an event... it was a sacred moment.

Women were seen, strengthened, and reminded of who they are, Daughters of the King. We are so grateful for each of you!



"It was amazing the way the Spirit moved between Renee and I as we shared and taught together. It flowed so naturally. I felt there was a trust and understanding between us that day that didn't come from years but from the Lord. It was so beautiful to see the women understanding and getting excited about engaging. My favorite thing we have done in women's ministry so far!"

———— Jessica Little

"The Daughter's of the King event was so amazing. I have recently had God reveal something to me that I need to do. This event reaffirmed that I am hearing God and listening to him. I can't pinpoint one specific speaker or thing that was better or more impactful than any other. Each speaker and each topic spoke to me in such meaningful ways. Thank you to everyone involved."

———— Mary Henning

"I was able to sit at the Lord's feet and surrendered all that I am to Him. I learned to love myself as He made me, seeing my worth through His eyes."

———— Nikki Kannas

"The Women's Workshop was an impactful day filled with the Holy Spirit, amazing teachers, and a day full of growing deeper in my faith. Through time in prayer, learning, and fellowship I felt the Holy Spirit speak to me in a way I had never experienced before! I would encourage every person to try it, because you will not regret it!!"

———— Makenna Blank

"Spending a Saturday morning surrounded by so many faithful women was so uplifting! Each breakout session had its own unique and significant impact. The one that resonated with me the most was titled "Stepping Into Identity." During this session, I was inspired to reflect deeply on the false beliefs I hold about myself and to replace them with the truth that we are wonderfully and beautifully created in His image."

———— Anna Brenden

"Through the Godly presenters, my desire was renewed to cultivate a closer walk with Him, reading, praying and journaling. I am truly thankful for the new generation of Christian women who are revitalizing our congregation."

———— Joyce Paulsen

WHAT IS THE RUTH & NAOMI JOURNEY?



The Ruth & Naomi Journey is a Christ-centered, life-on-life connection within Daughters of the King ministry, inspired by the Biblical story of Ruth and Naomi. Rather than a formal mentorship program, this journey was created to offer something many women long for but rarely experience, a grace-filled, intentional friendship rooted in faith.

We began the Ruth & Naomi Journey because we believe women were never meant to walk alone. While many women desire deeper spiritual connection and encouragement, others hesitate to step into relationships labeled "mentor" or "disciple-maker," often feeling unqualified or unsure they have enough to offer. This journey removes those barriers by focusing on presence over position and relationship over roles.

Women in different seasons connect to share life, pray together, and encourage growth, spiritually and practically, allowing the Holy Spirit to lead. Through these shared relationships, women grow deeper in faith and confidence, learning to walk with others just as they have been walked with, one season and one step at a time.

WHEREVER YOU GO, I WILL GO.
RUTH 1:16



TO SIGN UP VISIT
OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.CORNERSTONEWTN.COM/WOMEN



KINGDOM JOURNEY

The Building Committee, Ministry staff, and Facilities Study Committee met on Tuesday April 21st to continue discussing the needs of the church facility. This meeting focused on a few more questions about service times, Sunday School, and Worship Center size. These are the questions we are praying over and discussing at this meeting and will continue seeking the Lord for His leading.

- Why do you attend your chosen church service?
- Would you change your service time if adult Sunday school were offered?
- If Sunday school classes (kids, youth, and adults) are offered at both contemporary service times, which time would you choose?
- If space allows, would you like to see both contemporary services combined?

The questions we are focusing on are helping the committee to decide what size Worship Center we should have and how many classrooms will be desirable for us as we continue to grow. As we grow we are pondering how we can reach more people with the Gospel while building a community of faith where we are noticed and have people we stay connected with in our lives.

The Building Committee will be meeting again on Tuesday May 19, 2026. Please pray for us as we continue to reach a design for our building to "Bring healing, give hope, dry tears, and bring beauty from ashes; be a safe haven, touch lives in the community, glorify God with it, honor Him, and worship Him." The building should be a safe, welcoming, and multi-generational space for every generation to look UP to God in worship and prayer, go IN into community, and go OUT on mission.

||| MEN MOVING FORWARD

MEN'S *Fire* NIGHT

MON. MAY 11

6-8PM TERRY LITTLE FARM
17532 454TH AVE

NO COST!

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

CELEBRATE LUKE!
HONOR HIS JOURNEY



THE WAY OF LOVE

The Foundation For Spiritual Gifts: by Dan Wilt

1 Corinthians 13:4-6 reads, *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth."*

So, here we are: Heaven-meets-earth people, the beloved of the Father, filled with and empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:11), seated in heavenly places with Jesus (Eph. 2:6), ready to enter another day as the royal priesthood (1 Pet. 2:9), relying on God's love, learning to live in love (1 John 4:16), to move about in time and space as the People of the Resurrection. How will the Spirit work through you, through me, today?

Spiritual gifts, especially those noted in 1 Corinthians, have long been a fascination of the Body of Christ. These "gracelets" from heaven, expressing ministry in Jesus' name, have been a curiosity for the Church ever since Jesus released his disciples to do miracles and the Spirit was poured out at Pentecost. Spiritual gifts should be eagerly desired by anyone wanting to be filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to do what Jesus did. But we must first learn to do what Jesus did in the way, in the why, he did what he did (John 14:12-14).

And to this point, Paul wants to make something clear. The progression for gifts of the Spirit to be made manifest in the life of a believer is to be as follows: "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit..." (1 Cor. 14:1a). In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul takes an entire chapter to make the "way of love" very, very clear. If you want the gifts, he is saying, start by learning the way of love. Love is the foundation, the "complete" (love) toward which the incomplete (spiritual gifts) points (1 Cor. 13:8-13).

In other words, love matters most. Love is the center, reason, and meaning for any spiritual experience. Love is real where you see it with these characteristics: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

We could go so far as to say that, for Paul, love is the most powerful force on earth—and love is the center of all things the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit do in the universe. There is nowhere to hide from these words of Paul, and we brush them off to our peril. If we're even going to begin to talk about spiritual gifts, the prerequisite is a long, drawn out, life-long course on love. The Jesus-kind of love is mingled with everlasting truth—it is not sappy or sentimental, it is in accord with the essential character and reality



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

of God. We have seen enough confusion created by love-immature leaders who gain their identity from hyped spiritual power sessions. The Father wrote Jesus' business card in his baptismal waters—Beloved. The Christian's heart must first know it is beloved, and be artful at expressing love and compassion, for gifts of spiritual power to be expressed healthily and fruitfully through each one of us.

If the Spirit is training you in love, and you are leaning into love's life curriculum, you are in the right spot for being used in spiritual gifts. It's time to learn to step into spiritual gifts as we remain in love's gravitational pull.

This is an excerpt from The Wake Up Call by Seedbed, a non-profit publishing organization.



If you love to worship and have a gift to sing or play an instrument, we would love to connect with you!

Please visit the Connection Center in the lobby, text "Worship" to 605-777-7230, or fill out the interest form here: www.cornerstonewtn.com/worship

Also, check out our Sunday Setlist for a current list of the Modern worship songs we're singing:
www.cornerstonewtn.com/spotify
www.cornerstonewtn.com/youtube



BE THE REASON A CHILD SMILES THIS SUMMER: MENTOR AT ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP



Right here in Northeast South Dakota, there are children in the foster care system who simply need a chance to just be kids. This summer, the Glacial Lakes chapter of For The Children is hosting our Royal Family Kids Camp, and we are looking for compassionate mentors to help us create unforgettable memories.

From July 20th through the 24th, we'll be taking over Joy Ranch in Florence for five days of pure fun, friendship, and encouragement. Our campers will get to experience a week packed with incredible moments—including our massive Birthday Carnival and even actual helicopter rides! But the most impactful part of the week isn't the activities; it's the people.

As a mentor, you aren't expected to have all the answers. Your role is to be a consistent, safe, and positive presence for a child who truly needs one. You'll spend the week cheering them on, navigating the camp stations alongside them, and showing them that they are valued. It's an opportunity to help provide a fresh start and a week of uninterrupted joy.

"We have the camp fully funded and the schedule packed with fun—now we just need your heart and your time."

Whether you have experience working with youth or you just have a heart for helping others, we will provide the guidance you need to succeed. The required background check accounts and vendor are already established and ready to go, making your onboarding process as smooth as possible.

READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

To learn more about joining our team as a mentor, please reach out to our Camp Director, Abby Kwasniewski, at director@glaciallakesftc.org

or apply at glaciallakesftc.org.



PRAY & GO

The Outreach Program for EVERYONE



This is such an easy way to dip your toe into the outreach water. Come and give it a try! I am praying that you will!

Reaching Every Doorstep: Join Us for Our 3rd Summer of Pray & Go!

It is time to hit the streets of Watertown once again! We are incredibly excited to announce the launch of our third summer of the Pray & Go initiative. Our vision this year is bold, but with your help, it is entirely attainable: before the summer ends, we will have prayed in front of and over every single home in Watertown.

If you are new to this ministry, the concept is rooted in Thom S. Rainer's transformative book, *Pray & Go: Your Invitation to Become a Great Commission Christian*. The premise is simple but powerful. We aren't knocking on doors or leaving intrusive materials; we are simply walking our neighborhoods, silently lifting up the families inside each home, and leaving a small door hanger to let them know they were prayed for.

It is a low-pressure, high-impact way to step outside the walls of the church and bring the power of prayer directly to our neighbors. You don't need to be an extrovert or a theologian to participate, you just need a willing heart, a comfortable pair of walking shoes, and a desire to see our community blessed.



The Details

- **Kick-Off Date:** Sunday, May 3
- **Time:** 1:00 PM
- **Location:** Meet at the church
- **Schedule:** Every Sunday afternoon this summer until every home is covered!

Whether you can commit to walking every Sunday or just a few weekends this summer, we need you. Let's make this our most impactful summer yet as we take the Great Commission into our own backyards. See you on May 3rd!

SUMMER WORSHIP



8:15 AM - CLASSIC
10:15 AM - MODERN

STARTS ON JUNE 7TH

*TENTATIVELY



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MINISTRY TEAM:

Steve Anderson: *Senior Pastor*

Paul Rownhorst: *Executive/Men's 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 Keys: *Financial Manager/Youth Ministry Assistant* • Emily Trupe: *Youth Ministry Assistant*

Bethany Severson: *Hospitality Coordinator* | Travis Berkland, *FIC Coordinator*, to the Ministry Team

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

Anna Ruschmeier: *Kids Hospitality* • Lindsay Conrad: *Nursery Coordinator*

Marissa Stone: *Kids Hope Coordinator*

Lehla Pietz: *First Service Director of Music*

Shannon Berg: *Custodian*

Guy Gibson: *Safety/Security Director*

2025 FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Annual Budget: \$1,914,710.00

\$36,821.35 needed per week to meet budget • Weekly average received for budget expenses - \$36,556.03

General Fund Year-to-Date Income: \$548,340.08 Building Fund Balance: \$608,465.32

Attendance (in-person average): 1st - 161 • 2nd- 372 • 3rd- 311 ; Online- 140 | TOTAL = 984

Average Weekly Food Pantry Families: 99

**To view the church calendar
use the QR code or go to
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