



CORNERSTONE

• JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING •

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JUNE • 2026



HOPE IN HARD TIMES

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 8:45am & 10:00am

Hope. We usually use the word “hope” in place of the word “wish”. I hope it won’t rain today. I hope inflation goes down. I hope I get the job for which I applied. We say “hope” when we mean “I wish”. We want a certain thing to happen over which we have no control, so we say “we hope” when we mean “we wish”. We wish for things when we know it probably won’t happen.

In the Bible “hope” is not a “wish”. In the Bible “hope” is based on who God is and what He's done; so hope is a confident expectation. In June and July we'll journey through the New Testament book of 1 Peter, a letter the disciple Peter wrote to believers who lived in what is now the country of Turkey. Peter was aware that these believers were struggling, encountering hard times, and experiencing persecution for their faith in Jesus. So Peter wrote them a letter about hope. Not a wish that things will get better, but a confident expectation that God the Father is at work and would bring them through. Peter wrote – *All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation...* (1 Peter 1:3 NLT) Our hope, the great expectation that we live in, is that the God of resurrection power will guide us through all the challenges of this life, through death, to a new resurrection body when Jesus Christ returns!

Join me in worship this month to gain an understanding of biblical hope based on Jesus Christ that enables us to live with great expectation. *Pastor Steve*

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THAT THE GOD OF RESURRECTION POWER WILL GUIDE US
THROUGH ALL THE CHALLENGES OF THIS LIFE**

CORNERSTONE
Kids
MINISTRY

SUNDAYS

NURSERY-

Birth – 3 years old

Every Sunday both services
8:45 am & 10:00 am

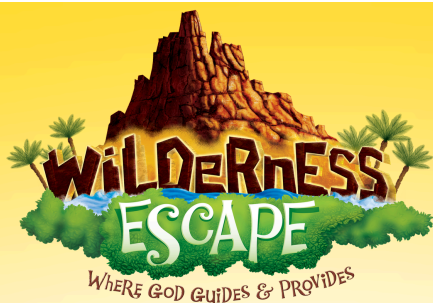
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-

3yrs - Kindergarten

Every Sunday both services 8:45 am &
10:00 am (*Children are excused to
the Ark before the Pastor's message*)



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



VBS

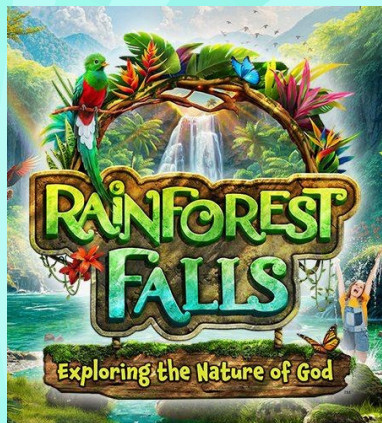
AT WILDERNESS ESCAPE, KIDS
WILL SEE, HEAR, TOUCH, AND
EVEN TASTE WHAT IT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN LIKE TO LIVE IN
THE WILDERNESS WITH GOD'S
PEOPLE, THE ISRAELITES.



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

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



- 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.



PRAYER PAILS

Summer Family Resource

Hi Cornerstone Families!

Our Kids Team is excited to share a fun and meaningful resource to help your family grow in prayer this summer: The Prayer Pail!

Inside your Prayer Pail, you will find everything you need to create simple hands-on ways to connect with God together. Send us a picture or a message about what your family is enjoying or engaging in the most!

We would love to hear about your experience!

Pick up your Prayer Pail on Sunday mornings after service May 31st and June 7th or connect with us by text to 605-205-7802 through the month of June to get your Prayer Pails! (*while supplies last*)



KIDS SUMMER RETREAT 2026 CAMP SHAMINEAU | MOTLEY, MN

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**



MEET OUR

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM



Jesse Hurkes



Emily Trupe



Abby Keyes



**Malachi
Mennenga**



JJ Jones

**SUMMER
YOUTH GROUP IS EVERY**

SUNDAY

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Meet @ Church for a ride.

MAY 31- YG @ CHURCH

JUNE 07- YG @ CHURCH

**JUNE 14- YG @ Rieffenberger's
2817 14th Ave NE**

**JUNE 21- YG @ Munger's
16665 448th Ave, Florence**

**JUNE 29 -YG @ Spahr's
232 N Lake Dr**

Text line for Youth Group

To receive youth group updates & announcements:
**Send a text to this number
605-597-4545.**
Choose from Below for the proper code.

If this is your class year: Text this:

Class of 2027	2027
Class of 2028	2028
Class of 2029	2029
Class of 2030	2030
Class of 2031	2031
Class of 2032	2032
Parent	Parent

PINE RIDGE MISSIONS TRIP

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



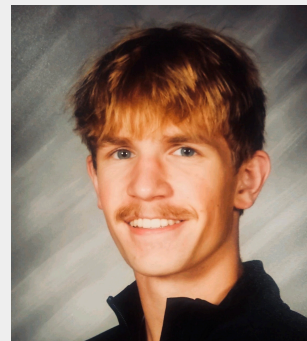
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Siri Bach
Youth & Worship
Minisrty



Zach Beynon
Youth & Worship
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KINGDOM JOURNEY

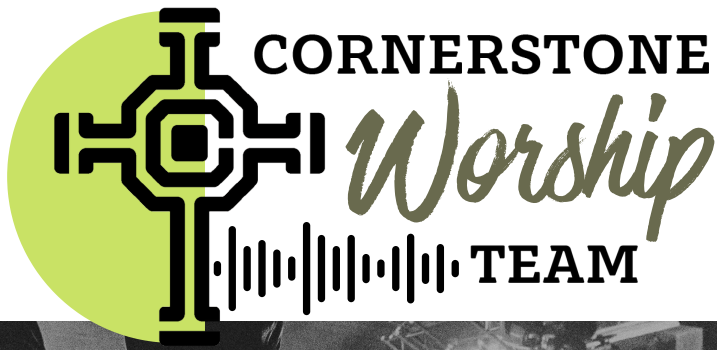
The Building Committee met on May 19th and discussed the progress and future plans for the Kingdom Journey project. Al shared a devotional on faith and adversity, emphasizing patience and trust in God's plan. Pastor Steve shared that he will not be attending the building committee meetings going forward and challenged everyone to "Step up their game". He will be kept informed of what is going on and give input if requested.

The committee reviewed survey results indicating a preference for flexible service times and adult Sunday school classes. They discussed the need for more space. A financial update was provided, noting \$528,600 has been raised out of \$2.19 million pledged to date.

The following items were decided on for reports at the next building committee meeting.

1. The committee members will plan visits to other churches to look at different design and facility layouts.
2. The staff will meet to decide on a well-defined discipleship pathway.
3. The staff will work on answering questions provided by Hasslen Construction.

Please pray for God to provide a clear direction for the staff and building committee in deciding on a Multi-Generational, Multi-purpose facility to reach the people of Watertown and surrounding areas. Pray that we continue to life in the rhythm of Jesus' life, Up in worship and prayer, In into community, Out on mission and help people find their spiritual home in Jesus here. May God expand His Kingdom here on earth through Cornerstone Church.



CORNERSTONE

Worship

TEAM

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

WORSHIP &
PRAYER

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CORNERSTONE
CHURCH WORSHIP
CENTER



MONDAY
JUNE 15
6:30PM

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



Daughters of the King



FIND YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE

BIBLE STUDIES

- Meets Weekly

Bible study is a space where women come together to read, study, and reflect on Scripture. As we explore God's Word, we learn from one another, ask questions, and allow the Holy Spirit to shape our hearts and strengthen our walk with Christ.

WOMENS EVENTS

- Quarterly

Our events are designed to bring women together to grow in faith, build meaningful friendships, and be encouraged in their walk with Christ. Through worship, teaching, and shared experiences, we create space for connection, renewal, and spiritual growth.

RUTH & NAOMI

A Christ-centered, life-on-life connection within Daughters of the King Women's 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. Ruth 1:16:
Wherever you go, I will go.

PERSONAL GROWTH SESSION

- In-person meeting

A safe, welcoming time to pause and be heard, offering encouragement and support as you navigate life and faith. Like Jesus meeting you at the well, this session is a space to find healing for your heart and hope for the journey ahead.

GET CONNECTED & SIGN UP AT:
WWW.CORNERSTONEWTN.COM/WOMEN



||| MEN MOVING
FORWARD

MEN'S *Fire* NIGHT

MONDAY JULY 13

6-8:30 PM BOB SCHERBENSKE'S
17250 466TH
AVE GOODWIN, SD

\$10 FOR MEAL

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



BE A MOUNTAIN TAKER!



Have you ever felt like you've reached the summit of your active years, that the "mountain-taking" days are behind you? Perhaps you've seen the vigor of youth and thought, "That's for them now. My time for big adventures is winding down." If so, I want to invite you to consider the powerful, inspiring story of Caleb in Joshua 14.

After decades of wandering in the wilderness, the Israelites are finally entering the Promised Land. Joshua is dividing the land, and here comes Caleb, a man in his 80s, stepping forward with a bold request. He wasn't asking for an easy pasture, a quiet valley to retire in. No! He declared, "Now then, give me this mountain country of which the Lord spoke on that day; for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, and that great fortified cities were there. Perhaps the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said" (Joshua 14:12).

Think about that for a moment. Caleb, at 85 years old, was still ready to fight giants! He remembered the promise God made to him 45 years earlier, when he was a strong, vibrant man. And he hadn't forgotten the courage, faith, and vitality God had given him then. He recognized that those same qualities, empowered by God, were still present within him. He wasn't looking for a rest stop; he was looking for a new mission, a new mountain to conquer.

And here's the beautiful truth for us: God's promises don't have an expiration date based on our birth certificates. His call to follow Him, to be His hands and feet in the world, doesn't diminish with age. In fact, our years of experience, our accumulated wisdom, and our deep roots in faith become powerful assets for the Kingdom!



A memory care resident receiving a hug!

Are you retired? Are you over 55? Consider joining "Mountain Taker Ministry". It's more than just a Bible study; it's a mission. Just like Caleb, who was still strong enough to "go out and come in" (Joshua 14:11), this is a group of seniors who practice the "Up, In, and Out" rhythm (see www.cornerstonewtn.com/about).

"Mountain Taker Ministry" invites you to:

- Take the mountain of intergenerational discipleship: We meet every Wednesday for fellowship, praise, scripture and prayer. Plus, once a month (during the school year), we invite 7th and 8th graders from Watertown Christian School to join us for cross-generational conversation.
- Take the mountain of compassionate worship: Alongside these same 7th and 8th graders, we go out into our community each week, leading worship at memory care units. Think about the joy you can bring, the comfort you can offer, and the legacy of worship you can model with these young people. Your voice, your presence, and your heart for the Lord will touch lives.
- Take the mountain of service: No matter your skill or mobility level ... Mountain Taker Ministry has something for you. At a minimum, you can help us pray. In addition, we serve the kingdom by making treats from time to time for the children's ministry. We prepare and pray over communion elements each month. We take care of the laundry needs for the church with Cornerstone's in-house laundry facilities. And, much more!

Caleb, at 85, didn't shrink back from the challenge. He embraced it, confident in the Lord's power. Are you ready to embrace your "mountain" in this season of your life? Are you ready to see how God can still use you mightily to impact the lives of young people and bring His light into our community?

If you've been praying for a way to use your gifts and your passion for Christ in a meaningful and active way, then we believe "Mountain Taker Ministry" is for you. Come, join us. Let's take these mountains together, for the glory of God and for the equipping of a new generation. Join us Wednesday's at 1:30 in Room 102! - Pastor Mark Tracy

Hospitality TEAM

Do you have a warm smile and a heart to serve? We're growing and excited to welcome more Greeters and Ushers to our Sunday morning Hospitality Team!

- As a Greeter, you'll be the friendly face that helps people feel at home the moment they walk through our doors.
- As an Usher, you'll play an important role in creating a welcoming and comfortable environment—especially as we move to two services this summer by helping guests find seats and making room for everyone.

We're thankful for the growth and the opportunity to serve more people and we'd love for you to be a part of it! Want to serve... Text "Hospitality" along with your first and last name to 605-777-7230



CONNECTION POINT

How can we help?

TEXT

"NEW"

TO

605-777-7230



**STARTING
SUNDAY
JUNE 7TH**

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES 8:45 AM & 10:00AM

** BOTH SERVICES WILL BE THE SAME WITH A WORSHIP TEAM
LEADING HYMNS AND CONTEMPORARY SONGS.*

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH AT BOTH SERVICES!

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: *Communications & Business Assistant*

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 - \$35,040.70

General Fund Year-to-Date Income: \$700,814.74 Building Fund Balance: \$670,654.69

Attendance (in-person average): 1st - 162 • 2nd- 388 • 3rd- 309 ; Online- 136 | TOTAL = 995

Average Weekly Food Pantry Families: 73

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

