



CORNERSTONE

• JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING •

www.cornerstonewtn.com

SEPTEMBER • 2026



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

We exist to help people find their spiritual home in Jesus Christ. That happens when a person confesses their sin, surrenders their life to Jesus Christ, and begins to imitate the rhythm of Jesus' earthly life: UP in worship and prayer, IN into community, and OUT on mission.

This month we're introducing Cornerstone's Discipleship Pathway that guides us through the four stages of spiritual growth: Planted, rooted, growing, and thriving. We're planted in Christ, we root ourselves in Truth – God's Word, we grow together in community, and we thrive as we're part of God's mission in this world. If you're not yet planted in Christ, we'll help you take that step. If you're not yet rooted in Truth, God's Word, we have an event on October 10th to help you understand the Old Testament. If you're not yet growing together in community, we'll be offering a six-week small group experience beginning in October. If you're not yet thriving on Mission, our Pastor of Outreach and Hospitality, Mark Tracy, will be inviting us into mission on Sunday, Sept. 27th.

It's going to be a great way to start this fall! Planted in Christ, rooted in Truth, growing together, and thriving on mission! *Pastor Steve*

**PLANTED IN CHRIST, ROOTED IN TRUTH, GROWING
TOGETHER, AND THRIVING ON MISSION!**

WHY A DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY?

Following Jesus is a lifelong journey of transformation. No matter how long we have followed Christ, there is always an opportunity to know Him more deeply, grow in His truth, strengthen our relationships with others, and live more fully on mission.

Cornerstone's Discipleship Pathway gives us a simple way to see that journey and ask an important question: Where is Jesus inviting me to grow next?

The pathway is not a checklist to complete or a series of steps everyone must take in the same order. Instead, it helps us become more intentional about our spiritual growth.

You may be deeply rooted in God's Word but need greater connection with Christian community. You may faithfully worship each Sunday but sense God calling you to begin serving. Or you may be ready to take your first step toward a relationship with Jesus. Wherever you are, there is a next step.

Throughout the year, Cornerstone will provide opportunities through worship, Scripture, prayer, classes, small groups, relationships, serving, and mission to help each of us continue growing as disciples of Jesus.

The goal is not simply to participate in more programs. The goal is to become more like Jesus.
Planted in Christ. Rooted in Truth. Growing Together. Thriving on Mission.



EVERY MARRIAGE IS BEING BUILT WHAT ARE YOU BUILDING YOURS ON?

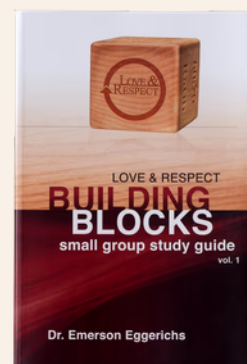
MARRIAGE CLASS

SUNDAYS @ 9:30^{AM}

STARTING SEPT. 20

LOCATION: UPSTAIRS

LED BY: AARON & DEANNA SHIVES



**TO SIGN UP TEXT "MARRIAGE" ALONG WITH
YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME TO 605-777-7230.**

WALK THRU THE OLD TESTAMENT EVENT!

SAT. OCTOBER 10th
9:00 AM TO NOON
CORNERSTONE CHURCH WORSHIP CENTER

SEE THE OLD TESTAMENT COME ALIVE!

This event is for **ALL AGES**, nursery/child care is provided. In one engaging and interactive morning, you will explore the major people, places, and events of the Old Testament and discover how the entire story fits together.

This is not a lecture. It is a memorable and fun experience that will deepen your understanding of Scripture and inspire you to read God's Word with fresh confidence and excitement.

LEARN THE STORY. REMEMBER THE JOURNEY.
GROW IN YOUR LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD.

COST: \$20 | PER PERSON

Tickets can be purchased
online, the church office or in
the Lobby on Sunday mornings.





SUNDAYS

NURSERY-

Birth – 3 years old

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH-

3yrs - Kindergarten

Every Sunday during the 3rd service
(Children are excused to the Ark
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 graders

Every Wednesday from 3:30-5:15 pm
(Parent drop off only)

NETWORK 56

5th - 6th graders

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL



September 13th- OPEN HOUSE for
parents and kids, ages 3 years-6th grade!
Come to the KIDS CENTER for an punch
card to earn a snow cone!
(Parents, please bring your phones.)

What's up on Wednesdays for Cornerstone Kids?

CORNERSTONE Net.56

Pre-Register HERE!



5th & 6th graders are invited to discover
who God is, how He sees them, and
how to build their identity in Christ
through a new biblical truth each
month. Wednesdays (Starting Sept.
2nd) from 3:30-5:30pm in the ARK
Room 104.

*Parents: when you pick up
your kids, you must come
inside to check them out.*

NEW

CORNERSTONE Club234

Pre-Register HERE!



2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders are invited to
discover who God is, how He sees them,
and how to build their identity in Christ
through a new biblical truth each month.
Wednesdays (Starting Sept. 2nd)
from 3:30-5:15pm in the ARK Room 106.

*Parents: please come in with your
kid, get them checked in, please
keep your parent sticker, and they
can meet Mandy in Room 106!*

 CORNERSTONE
STUDENT MINISTRY



FALL YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF

SEPT
09

7TH -12TH GRADE

6:30-8pm | Large Group
Worship Center

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

**THUNDER
ROAD** SIOUX
FALLS

MON. - OCT.12

LEAVE @ 10:30 am
RETURN @ 4:30 pm

\$35 + Food Money



SIGN UP

SEPTEMBER YOUTH GROUP

- ▶ **SEPT 09 - LARGE**
AT THE CHURCH
- ▶ **SEPT 16 - SMALL**
Location on the right ->
- ▶ **SEPT 23 - LARGE**
AT THE CHURCH
- ▶ **SEPT 30 - SMALL**
Location on the right ->

SEPTEMBER SMALL GROUP

7TH & 8TH
@ CHURCH

9TH
- @ TBD -

10TH
- @ BLANK'S -
1408 7TH AVE NE

11TH & 12TH
- @ KEYES' -
66 PARADISE DR.

OKWU
College Visit!



Upper Classmen
OCTOBER 8-11

 collisionCAFE
FRIDAY SEPT. 11
@ 7:30AM

Location: Watertown High School Choir Room
Questions: Contact Malachi at
malachim.cornerstone@gmail.com

SUNDAY FIRST DAY
SCHOOL SEPT 13TH
9:30am-10:20am
UPSTAIRS IN YOUTH AREA

FROM SURVIVAL TO *Saved*

Hebrews 4:12-13 "For the word of God is alive and powerful."



Melissa Rowenhorst

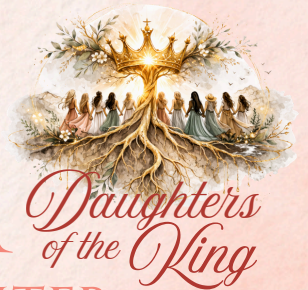


Nicol Theron



Mary Henning

Saturday, October 3rd
9:00-11:30 AM



CORNERSTONE WORSHIP CENTER

COST: \$10



Includes Backroads coffee,
child care & materials!



Special
Music by
Mary's son

Adam Henning

Join us as we explore God's Word for wisdom and truth, discovering what it truly means to go from surviving to saved in Christ. Together, we'll learn how the living Word of God transforms our hearts, heals our wounds, and shapes our lives through His presence.

TO SIGN UP: TEXT YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME ALONG WITH "WOMENS EVENT" TO 605-777-7230. *PLEASE INDICATE IF CHILD CARE IS NEEDED!

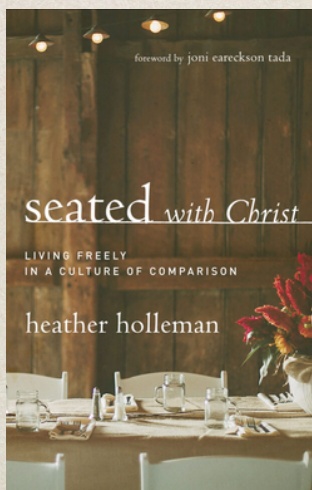
4-WEEK POST EVENT STUDY!

Want to dive in deeper? Join us for Seated with Christ: Living Freely in a Culture of Comparison book study. Discover the freedom of knowing you already have a place at God's table. Through Seated with Christ by Heather Holleman, we'll explore how our identity in Christ frees us from comparison, striving, and shame and helps us live securely in His love.

Thursdays | 6:30-8:00 PM | Beginning October 8 | Room 102

**To sign up for this Bible study text
"SEATED STUDY" to 605-777-7230.**

The study will be led by Shelley Scherbenske.



Grow as His Daughter

God designed women to need one another. Daughters of the King is a place for women to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus, discover who they are in Him, and walk alongside one another in faith.

Here, you are invited to be known, encouraged, and rooted in God's love as you grow in His Word and in community. Whether through a Bible study, mentorship, women's event, or another opportunity to connect, there is a place for you to grow.

Together, we are learning to live confidently in our identity as His daughters, supporting one another through every season and becoming the women God created us to be.

Know Jesus deeper. Find community. Grow together.



BIBLE STUDIES:

SUNDAY

9:30am - Denise Ragels (Conference Room)

MONDAY

12pm - Rachelle Thorson (Offsite)

7pm - Sandy Ellyson (Offsite)

Young Women

WEDNESDAY

9:30am - Caren MacMurchy (102)

9:30am - Abby Keyes (Room 103)

6:30pm - Carol Olson (Room 103)

THURSDAY

9:30am - Sandy Keyes (103)

6:30pm - Bethany S. & Nikki K. (102)



Visit our website or
scan the QR code to
explore each study
and find your place
to grow.

www.cornerstonewtn.com/women

A WOMEN'S STUDY

UNRAVELED

MANAGING LOVE, SEX, AND RELATIONSHIPS

MONDAYS | 6-7:30PM

STARTING SEPTEMBER 14

CORNERSTONE CHURCH ROOM 103

Many women struggling with love, sex, and relationship addictions long for connection but experience pain, shame, and broken relationships.

Unraveled: Managing Love, Sex, and Relationships offers hope through practical tools, weekly exercises, and a faith-based path toward healing and wholeness in Christ.
Led by Susan Buhler & Nikki Kannas

**TO SIGN UP FOR THIS BIBLE STUDY TEXT YOUR FIRST & LAST
NAME ALONG WITH "UNRAVELED" TO 605-777-7230**

||| MEN MOVING
FORWARD

MEN'S *Fire* NIGHT

MONDAY SEPT. 14

6-8:30 PM

SCOTT MUNGER
16665 448TH AVE
FLORENCE, SD

\$10 FOR MEAL

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



RETREAT

MEN'S FALL RETREAT THE MAKING OF A SON

FROM CALLING TO COMPLETION

SEPTEMBER 25 & 26

BEGINS: 5:00 PM ON THE 25TH

LOCATION: BYRON BIBLE CAMP

COST: \$125 WITH OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

\$50 EVENT ATTENDANCE ONLY, NO OVERNIGHT STAY



GOD IS WAITING. WILL YOU ANSWER?

Men, what would it look like to walk through life fully secure in your identity as a son of God?

TEACHING LED BY CANYON PATHWAYS

What if the words of Romans 8:19 are speaking directly to us, that all of creation is actually waiting in eager expectation for you to step into who you were made to be? How do we intentionally enter that deliberate process of being formed by our Father?

THREE SESSIONS. ONE FORMATIVE JOURNEY.

01 CREATION'S CRY, MAN'S CALL

Reorienting to
the Priority of
Sonship

02 CREATOR'S INTENT, MAN'S AWAKENING

Embracing the
Complexity of
Youth

03 COMPLETING THE CIRCLE

Resting in the
Blessing of
Perspective

STEP AWAY FROM THE NOISE. STEP INTO SONSHIP.

Whether you are discovering your purpose for the first time or looking for traction right where you stand, come rediscover sonship and step into the reality of who your Creator made you to be.

WHAT CAN
YOU LOOK
FORWARD TO?

- Great Food & Fellowship .
- Leadership Exchanges with Canyon Pathways
- Teaching Sessions to Inspire



WANT TO KNOW
MORE ABOUT
CANYON PATHWAYS?
CHECK OUT OUR
WEBSITE!

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WITH THE WORD "RETREAT" TO 605-777-7230

FINDING YOUR FAMILY'S **OUT** ON SUNDAY --- UP • IN • **OUT**

As a church family, our core DNA calls us to a beautiful, balanced rhythm: we are called to live UP in worship, IN into community, and OUT on mission.

As we reset our schedules for the fall, it's a great time to take a look at our own family rhythms. For many of us, the first two pieces of that calling are established. We prioritize coming together on Sundays to go UP in worship, and many of us have leaned IN into community through our groups and relationships.

But for young couples and families, that third piece — being OUT on mission — can feel elusive.

When you are balancing school drop-offs, work deadlines, and toddler naps, finding the margin to serve others is challenging. Too often, we assume that "mission" requires traveling far away or adding an exhausting extra night to our weekly calendar. Because of that, many families miss out on the rich, outward dimension of their spiritual lives.

Mission on the Front Lines

This fall, I want to invite your family to experience living out on mission right here on Sunday mornings by joining the new Hospitality Team.

When I was in seminary one of my professors taught us that Sunday morning is the most vital outreach moment in the life of the church. And, it is true. Hospitality is the front door of our mission field. Before a guest ever hears a sermon or experiences our worship, they experience our welcome. What makes this team so unique is that it is one of the few places where you don't have to separate from your family to serve. With the youngest ones in the nursery, the rest of the family can serve side-by-side.



We also know how important it is for your family to sit together and receive on Sunday mornings. That is why we are not asking you to serve every week. We would love to have your family serve on the Hospitality Team just once a month by serving one service and worshipping in another.

Even once a month makes a profound difference. When your children hold a door, offer a bulletin, or simply give a bright smile to a nervous first-time guest, they are absorbing a vital lesson. They aren't just hearing about the love of Christ; they are actively extending it.

If your family has been looking for a practical, joyful, and highly manageable way to add an "OUT" dimension to your walk with Christ, we have a spot for you. With Christ's help, we can make our church the most welcoming place in Watertown — together. Call me ... let's talk about it. Blessings, Pastor Mark

**Serve one service.
Worship one service.**

Want more information or are ready to serve? Text your first and last name along with "Serve" to 605-777-7230 or email Pastor Mark at pastor.mtracy@gmail.com

COME LORD JESUS COME:

*"Make my heart a cathedral,
Make my soul Your temple,
Make my life an altar where Your fire falls"*

Those are the lyrics to the song "Cathedral" by Jonathan Helser, Melissa Helser, and Molly Skaggs. These lyrics embody the picture and goal of the plan of God from the beginning- to abide within His people. Jesus states in John 14, *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, in order that he may be with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world is not able to receive, because it does not see him or know him. You know him, because he resides with you and will be in you."* -John 14:15-17

The goal has been for the Holy Spirit to fill His people and make us like Him. The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians that our bodies are the very temple of God (1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19, 2 Cor. 6:16;).

So how do we get there? How do we allow the very presence of the King of the Universe to be living within us and filling our entire being? When the fire of the Holy Spirit came and dwelt upon the believers in the Upper Room (Acts 2:2), they had been waiting and praying- believing in the words of Jesus to wait for the promise of the Father. We've got to believe in the very word of God. And further, the Apostle Peter declared in Acts 2: *"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."* -Acts 2:38-39

Humility, repentance, turning from our rebellion, and faith in God's word by responding to His Spirit to receive Him is what it takes. We can't do this alone, and in order to see the fire of God's Spirit fill us and cleanse our lives, we've got to ask for help. The song "Cathedral" further leads us to this place.

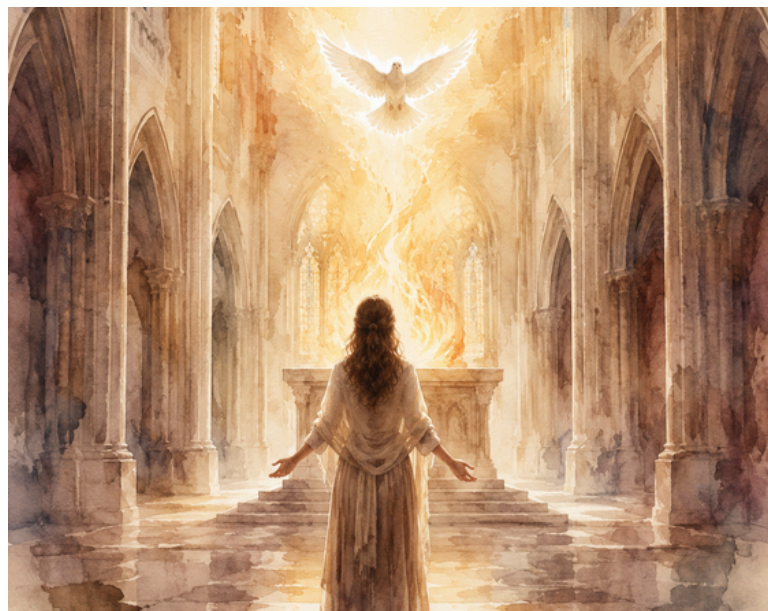
*"Come and do what I'm not able, come and
flip every table, come Lord Jesus come
Come and be the hero I can't be,
the Savior that I really need
Come Lord Jesus come, come Lord Jesus come"*



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

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

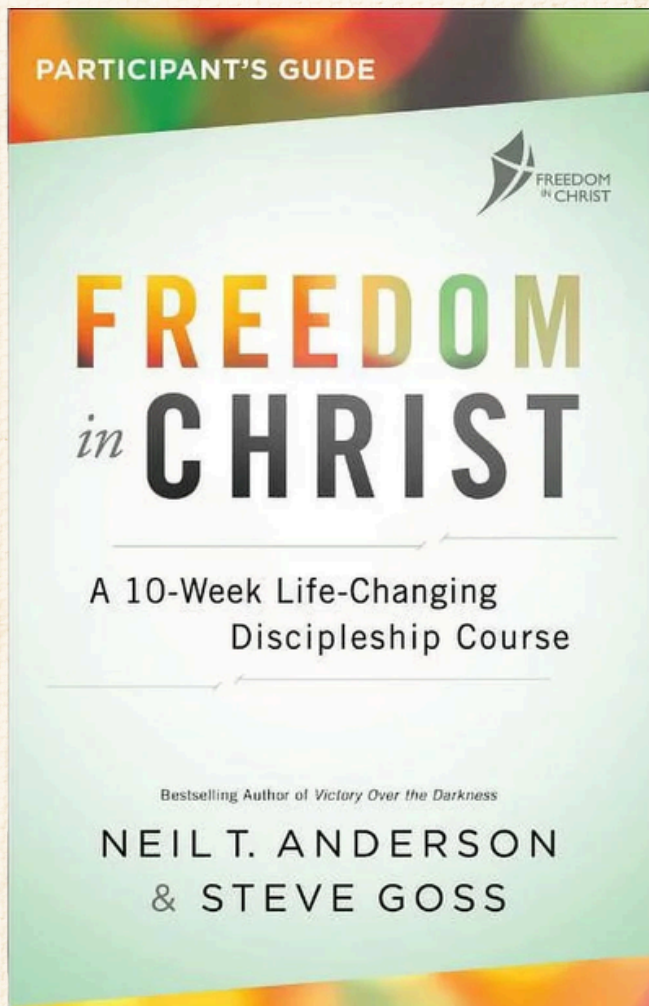
Do you believe that God wants to live in and fill you with His Holy Spirit? How have you allowed your life to be a temple for the living God to dwell in? Have you asked Jesus to come and cleanse the temple of your heart and life to allow Him to fully dwell within you?



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





TUESDAYS

(Sept. 15th - Nov. 3rd)

8-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 Travis Berkland.

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



MINISTRY TEAM:

Steve Anderson: *Senior Pastor*
 Paul Rowenhorst: *Executive & Adult Discipleship Pastor | Men's Ministries*
 Jesse Hurkes: *Youth Pastor*
 Mark Tracy: *Pastor of Outreach and Hospitality*
 Nicol Theron: *Director of Adult Discipleship | Women's Ministries*
 Jill Hauger: *Kids Ministry Director*
 Brandon Trupe: *Worship Pastor*
 Lucas Severson: *Creative Arts Director*
 Malachi Mennenga: *Maintenance/Youth Ministry Assistant*
 Lexie Vetch: *Communications & Business Assistant*
 Abby Keyes: *Financial Manager/Youth Ministry Assistant* • Emily Trupe: *Youth Ministry Assistant*
 Bethany Severson: *Hospitality Coordinator* | Travis Berkland: *FIC Coordinator*
 Jen Koistinen • Mandy Hilmoe • Molly Lindgren: *Kids Ministry Assistants*
 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 - \$33,210.43
 General Fund Year-to-Date Income: \$996,313.00 Building Fund Balance: \$719,741.89
 Attendance (in-person average): 1st - 188 • 2nd- 632 ; Online- 128 | TOTAL = 948
 Average Weekly Food Pantry Families: 70

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

