



CORNERSTONE

• JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING •

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JANUARY • 2026



GOD'S —DESIGN—

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

Accident or design? Did the universe accidentally stumble into existence or was the universe created by God's design? There's a huge difference between something that accidentally happened and something that has been created according to a specific design. If everything is accidental, there is no purpose or meaning to our lives other than what we make up. If everything has been created by God's design, then we want to know that design so we can become who we were created to be: We want to fulfill our design. God's design gives meaning, direction, and purpose to our lives.

We'll begin 2026 in worship by focusing on God's design for our lives, discovering the freedom that comes from both knowing and living out God's design. We'll explore some foundational Bible basics about God's design: God's design creates goodness, gives direction that brings life, and reveals gender through the body.

To enjoy life we actually do need to read the directions provided by God, the one who designed and created us. Peace and joy come through understanding and living out God's design! Pastor Steve

**GOD'S DESIGN GIVES MEANING, DIRECTION, AND
PURPOSE TO OUR LIVES.**

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 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 ARK Youth56 - 5th & 6th grade

KIDS CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE



WEDNESDAYS

NETWORK 56

5th - 6th graders

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

Sunday School
Resumes on Jan 11th
Network 56
Resumes on Jan. 7th



CORNERSTONE
STUDENT MINISTRY



CEDAR CANYON
CAMP AND RETREAT

*Mark
Your
Calendar!*



MID-HIGH CAMP

June 8-12 - 2026

SR-HIGH CAMP

June 15-19 - 2026

JANUARY YOUTH GROUP

JAN. 07 - LARGE
AT THE CHURCH

JAN. 14 - SMALL
Location on the right ->

JAN. 21 - LARGE
AT THE CHURCH

JAN. 28 - SMALL
Location on the right ->

SMALL GROUP LOCATIONS
7TH & 8TH
@ CHURCH

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

10TH
-GRAF'S- (ON JAN. 14)
1240 2ND ST NE
-TRUPE'S- (ON JAN. 28)
NEED

11TH & 12TH
-KEYES'- (ON JAN. 14)
66 PARADISE DR.
-SMITH'S- (ON JAN. 28)
1700 GRANDVIEW DR.

PURE DESIRE EVENT: EQUIPPING YOUTH FOR SEXUAL HEALTH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

CORNERSTONE CHURCH

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DESIREWATERTOWN](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PUREDESIREWATERTOWN)
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- THE EVENT AND ALL FOOD IS FREE WITH REGISTRATION.
- AGES: YOUTH 7TH-12TH GRADE RECOMMENDED

**YOU NEED
TO KNOW**

**YOU ARE LOVABLE, CAPABLE & WORTHWHILE
YOU ARE LOVED WITHOUT STRINGS & NEVER ALONE
YOU HAVE A FUTURE**



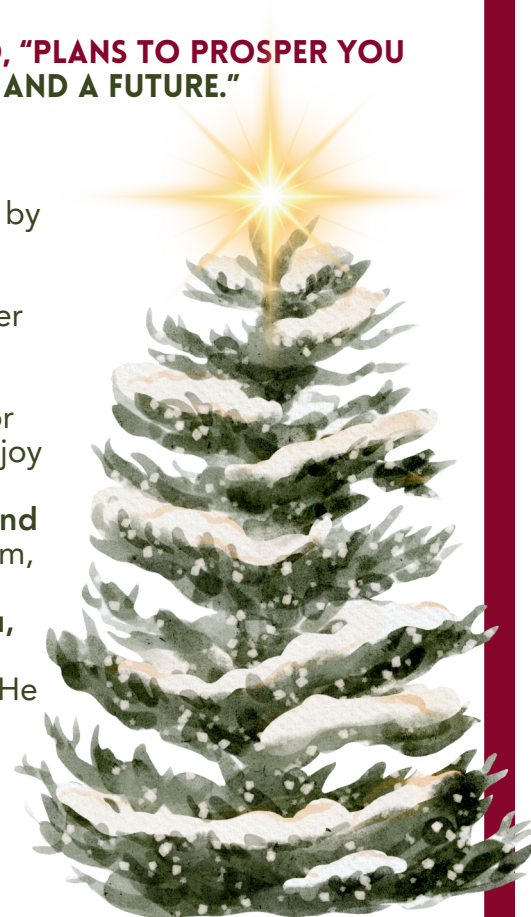
STEPPING INTO 2026

As we step into 2026, we do so not striving for more, but receiving the blessing of God already spoken over our lives. A new year is an invitation to trust, to listen, and to welcome Jesus into every part of what's ahead.

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE."

– JEREMIAH 29:11

- **May the Lord give you an expanded vision of your life.** May you know that you are valuable, precious, and deeply needed, chosen by God before you were ever known to the world.
- **May He reveal His purpose to you and plant His words deep within your heart.** May you hear His voice clearly above every other voice, and may you recognize the song He sings over your life, declaring that you are a blessing.
- **May your heart remain open to His presence.** May you hunger for His Word, grow confident in prayer, and learn to linger where true joy is found.
- **May you see the good God desires to do in you, through you, and around you.** May your life touch people and places for His Kingdom, forging new paths, bringing hope, and watering dry places.
- **May you always remember that He goes before you, beside you, and behind you.** May He pull back the curtain and give you a glimpse of what He has planned for this season of your life. When He calls you to step up, step in, or step out, may you know that He is with you and has equipped you for such a time as this.



**BLESSED DAUGHTER OF THE KING,
YOU ARE PRECIOUS, FAVORED, AND DEEPLY LOVED.
MAY YOUR DAYS BE BLESSED AS YOU DRAW NEAR TO YOUR LORD**

FIND YOUR WELL!

Just as Jesus met the woman at the well with Living Water, He longs to meet you too. Come be refreshed in His presence and connected in community as we grow together in faith and purpose.

**FIND THE WELL
THAT IS RIGHT
FOR YOU:**

- Women at the Well Events
- Bible Study
- YouTube & Facebook
- Ruth/Naomi Mentorship Program
- Personal Growth Session

**SIGN UP BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.CORNERSTONEWTN.COM/WOMEN**



ABIDE & REMAIN

WOMEN AT THE WELL
WOMEN'S EVENT

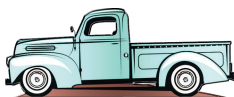
SATURDAY
MARCH 07
9:00 - 11:30 AM

CORNERSTONE WORSHIP CENTER

RSVP BY TEXTING YOUR FIRST AND
LAST NAME ALONG WITH "WOMEN'S
EVENT" TO 605.777.7230. PLEASE
INDICATE IF YOU NEED CHILD CARE.

COST: \$ 10

*Includes Backroads coffee,
child care & materials!*



BACKROADS

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE GOD'S WORD FOR WISDOM
AND INSIGHT, LEARNING WHAT IT TRULY MEANS TO
ABIDE IN CHRIST AND REMAIN IN HIM, ALLOWING OUR
LIVES TO BE SHAPED BY HIS PRESENCE.



**NICOL
THERON**



**ABBY
KEYES**




**STACY
HENDRICKS**

*"Yes, I am the
vine; you are the
branches. Those
who remain in me,
and I in them, will
produce much
fruit. For apart
from me you can
do nothing."
John 15:5*



POST EVENT 5-WEEK BIBLE STUDY!

THURSDAYS • 6:00 PM • MAR 12-APR 9 • ROOM 102



Want to dive in deeper? Join Nicol Theron & Guest speakers for a 5 week study on the Fruit of the Spirit. An intentional exploration of what it looks like to live a life rooted in Christ and led by the Holy Spirit. We'll discuss the difference between the world's idea of growth and the biblical picture of fruit, unpacking each fruit, its biblical meaning, and what it looks like to live it out in everyday life.

To sign up for this Bible study text your first and last name along with "FRUIT" to 605-777-7230.

||| MEN MOVING
FORWARD

MEN'S *Fire* NIGHT

MON. JANUARY 12

6-8:30 PM SERVICE PLUS
511 4TH ST SW

\$10 FOR MEAL

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



RESGEN

MEN'S SUMMIT 2026



Tom Henderson

John C. Maxwell

Tim Tebow

Sammy Adebisi

Jonnie W.

Saturday, February 21

DENNY SANFORD PREMIER CENTER

8:00AM - 2:00PM

SIoux FALLS, SD

IN-PERSON OR ONLINE

TICKETS STARTING AT \$29

VISIT RESGEN.ORG

ticketmaster

ENGAGE. EQUIP. ENCOURAGE.

PURE DESIRE EVENT: EQUIPPING MEN AND WOMEN FOR SEXUAL HEALTH

As we enter 2026, many of us are looking for a fresh start. We desire integrity in our relationships and peace in our hearts, yet sexual brokenness affects every part of the Church. Healing starts when we face these struggles together.

This January, Pure Desire Together will be a simultaneous one-day event designed to equip both men and women with biblical truth, grace, and practical tools for transformation. While we are uniting in purpose, we will be meeting in separate locations to address the specific challenges men and women face.

FOR MEN: REDEFINING MANHOOD

Location: Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center

Men, it is time to move beyond behavior modification and discover true freedom. Throughout the day, we will tackle the pressures of the digital age and the roots of our struggles.

- Session Highlights: We will explore "True Lies: The Redefining of Manhood", discuss "Cultivating Health in a Digital World", and unpack the "Daddy Complex: Understanding Our Legacy".
- Practical Tools: Learn about the "Matrix of Addiction" and how to change the tide of your life from here to there.

FOR WOMEN: IDENTITY & WHOLENESS

Location: Cornerstone Church

Ladies, you were created for wholeness. This day is set aside to provide a safe space to discuss identity, betrayal, and emotional health.

- Session Highlights: We will look at "Love, Sex, and the Brain" and "Love, Sex, and My Feelings".
- Finding Hope: Join us as we navigate "Identity Crisis" and look forward to restoring our "Hopes and Dreams".

SCHEDULE

- 7:30 AM: Check-in and Registration.
- 8:30 AM: Worship begins.
- Lunch: Provided for all attendees at 11:45 AM (Men) and 12:15 PM (Women)
- 4:30 PM: Conference concludes.

SAT. JANUARY 17, 2026
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

**WOMEN @
CORNERSTONE CHURCH**

**MEN @
HOLY NAME
PARRISH CENTER**



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PURE DESIRE EVENT: EQUIPPING YOUTH FOR SEXUAL HEALTH

Growing up in today's digital world is complicated. Our youth are bombarded with confusing messages about relationships, identity, and sexuality. As a church, we want to help the next generation navigate these topics with clarity and confidence.

This is a high-energy, safe environment where students can have honest conversations about the real issues they face every day.

Why All Students Should Attend

This evening is designed to help youth understand their identity in Christ and God's true design for healthy relationships. Through worship and engaging sessions, we will move beyond "behavior modification" and look at how to have a plan with God for our lives.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
CORNERSTONE CHURCH

SCHEDULE

5:30 PM: Worship kicks off the night.

Sessions: Three dynamic sessions addressing real-life topics.

9:00 PM: Event concludes with worship.

- THE EVENT AND ALL FOOD IS FREE WITH REGISTRATION.
- AGES: YOUTH 7TH-12TH GRADE RECOMMENDED



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SINGING SONGS IS LIKE SLINGING STONES

Psalms 144:1-2

"The Lord, my protector, deserves praise – the one who trains my hands for battle, and my fingers for war, who loves me and is my stronghold, my refuge and my deliverer, my shield and the one in whom I take shelter, who makes nations submit to me."

When we come to church to worship together, we enter a space to join with all of heaven, all of creation and the entire body of Christ to magnify God. The sound of worship expressed by God's people emanates from the very breath we sing out this breath which was given to us by God to sustain our very life.

Every week we face down the enemy of our souls and the opposition to the work of God in the world. God gave us a song to sing to repel the voice and influence of the enemy. Dan Wilt, author, pastor, & worship leader writes about the place that songs hold in our worship. This excerpt is adapted from his book, "Songs are a Place We Go":

"When a giant needed to be dealt with, God sent a musician. David, the young shepherd who faced down the giant Goliath was a musician. While tending to his father's flocks in his lonely life as a shepherd, he had not only learned how to sling stones at lions and bears; he learned how to face down the enemy in his own heart through the singing of songs."

Music has played a powerful role in enabling small heroes to take down big enemies. God sends a musician to help people face their giants every week. And the music, sound, & visuals that support those songs deliver anthems into people's hearts that are needed for their battle lines.

Songs are as sure to turn the tide in a battle as the five smooth stones David pulled from the stream. Every giant in the room on a Sunday morning has been served notice when the people of God begin to sing, fear has met its match."



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

What's one giant that you are facing right now? How can a song strengthen your heart to trust in God's promises? Name a song that has been a powerful weapon a stone in your sling against the enemy of your soul and play that song as you take some time to worship God with the breath that God has given you. Remember, God gave you a voice to praise Him with, and he gives you songs only you can sing.



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



CORNERSTONE CHURCH

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MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

MONDAY
JANUARY 26

5 - 7 PM

DRIVE-THRU, LIMIT
2 HOUSEHOLDS
PER VEHICLE

Please stay in vehicle!

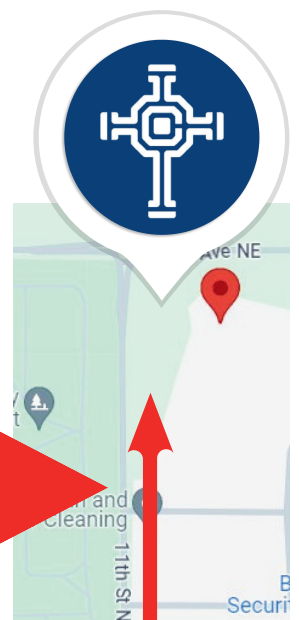
Any person in need of food assistance may receive food from the allocation once each calendar month. To receive USDA food items made available through The Emergency Food Assistance Program you must be a resident of South Dakota and fall within the income guidelines.

You may send someone to pick up food for you by printing and completing the State's Proxy Form and sending it along with them. This individual will need to show a valid I.D. to confirm they are the person authorized by the form. Find the form at feedingsouthdakota.org/mobile.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH 1350 11th St. NE
Watertown, SD

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**MUST ENTER FROM THE
SOUTH ON 11TH STREET!**



GRIEF SHARE®

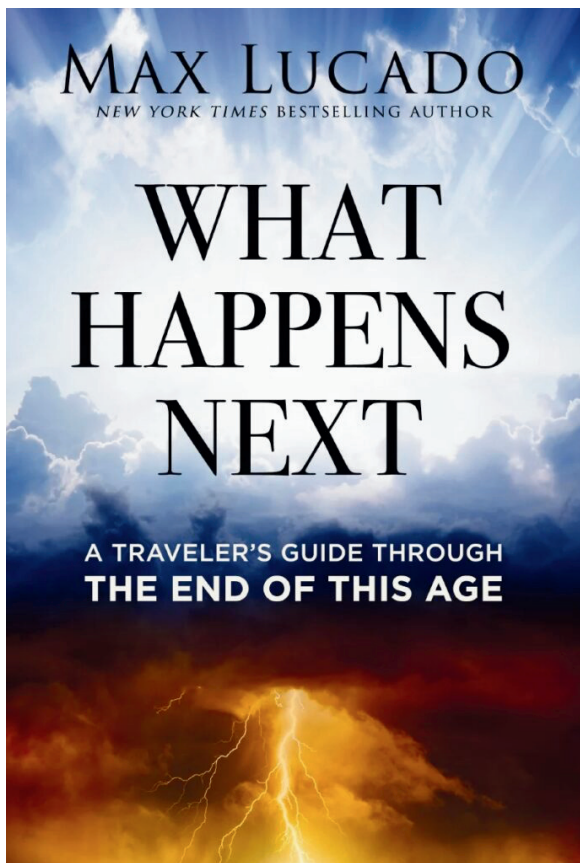


Cornerstone will be hosting a support group called Grief Share, a Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one.

Please join us every Thursday evening in January, February, and March from 6pm – 8pm room 103.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER,
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WITH THE WORD "GRIEF" TO 605-777-7230**

SUNDAY 9:30 AM BIBLE STUDY



What Happens Next is an optimistic, accessible, non sensational guide to what the Bible says about heaven's time line that will empower you to face the future with faith.

Max believes God wants us to be prepared, not scared; informed, not intimidated. He writes: "The future is not frightening if you know the future. And you can know the future when you know who holds it."

**JOIN US AT EDGEWOOD ON
SUNDAYS 9:30-10:30 AM
STARTING JANUARY 11**

FRIDAY FEB 13TH 7-9PM JOY RANCH

WHAT WE NEED TO MAKE THIS
NIGHT UNFORGETTABLE!

- **GUESTS**
 - Anyone with special needs ages 14 and older
- **VOLUNTEERS**
- **VENDOR DONATION**
- **FINANCIAL DONATIONS**



You can sign up for any
of the categories by
going to the website:
www.nighttoshinesd.com



KINGDOM JOURNEY

Thank you for participating in our capital campaign – 130 generous pledges resulted in a promising \$2.2 million toward the initial \$5.7 million plan to address needs for lobby space, adequate bathrooms, classrooms for Adult Sunday School and more worship space.

After assessing the gap between the funds pledged and the projected cost, a motion was made at Cornerstone's Annual Meeting, held Dec. 4th, that the best way forward is to direct the Building Committee to develop a new plan that meets our needs at a more cost-effective price point – That motion was unanimously approved. So beginning in January, our Building Committee will review our future needs and reconceptualize a revised plan – our goal is to have an updated design ready to review by the fall of 2026. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to a new plan that will meet our needs in a financially responsible manner. Stay tuned in 2026 for a better plan at a better price point!

UPDATE FROM THE STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Pamela Carlson resigned effective November 25 from her part-time position as Coordinator of Cornerstone's Freedom in Christ Ministry and Coordinator of Hospitality. We thank God for the way in which Pamela built our Freedom in Christ Ministry, developed the Connection Point ministry, and effectively scheduled greeters, communion servers and prayer ministers. Bethany Severson has been hired in a part-time position to become the new Coordinator of Hospitality, scheduling greeters, communion servers and prayer ministers for Communion Sundays. Our goal is continue our Freedom in Christ Ministry and we will begin searching for a new Coordinator.

CORNERSTONE'S 2026 BUDGET:

Our Dec. 4th, 2025 Annual Meeting unanimously approved our \$1.9 million 2026 ministry budget which supports our 9 full-time staff, 13 part-time staff as they lead our local ministries, as well as enables us to support 6 local ministries (Access Ministry, Brothers and Sisters Behind Bars, Fall Out Shelter, Haven Center, Cornerstone Food Pantry, Watertown Christian School), 4 ministries in the US (Luke Smith with Canyon Pathways, Teen Challenge of the Dakotas, Intervarsity College Ministry, Re-Creation Center in Oglala, SD) and 14 missionaries scattered across the globe. Our 2026 budget is a 10% increase from 2025. Thank you for your glad and generous giving to the ministry Jesus has given us – and thank you for increasing your giving as the Lord increases your income. Looking forward to seeing how we will be able to welcome more kids, youth, and adults to find their spiritual home in Jesus in 2026!

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*
 Bethany Severson: *Hospitality Coordinator*
 Jen Koistinen • Mandy Hilmoe • 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: \$1,791,847.00
 \$34,355.00 needed per week to meet budget • Weekly average received for budget expenses - \$31,317.37
 General Fund Year-to-Date Income: \$1,565,868.26
 Building Fund Balance: \$22,567.32
 Attendance (in-person average): 1st - 155 • 2nd- 358 • 3rd- 317 ; Online- 119 | TOTAL = 949
 Average Weekly Food Pantry Families: 65

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