

CORNERSTONE
• JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING •

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JANUARY • 2025

SERVING IS LIFE!

SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:15 am 9:30am & 10:45 am

We begin a new year reminding ourselves that Jesus has turned things upside down. Our culture says the goal of life is success; climbing the ladder, getting to the top, and getting people to serve you. Jesus, the Son of God, said the goal of life is to climb down the ladder to the bottom and serve the people God has placed in your life. The American Dream is a striving to be successful and getting what we want, but following Jesus leads us down a very different path; a path of serving others in which we discover that success leaves us empty but serving others leaves us full and impacts the world for Jesus Christ.

Friends remember Alan, a single social worker, as frugal. He wore old shoes held together with duct tape, drove old cars, and ate at cheap restaurants. His life had no signs of success. But when he died of cancer at age 63, his friends and co-workers discovered that Alan had focused his life not on success but on serving. Alan left his entire 11-million-dollar estate to organizations serving abandoned, impoverished, sick, and disabled children. Alan spent less than he earned, saved, took on side jobs, and inherited millions from his parents. He focused his life on serving children in need. Alan gave \$2.5 million to a charity that helps newborns exposed to opiates, cocaine, and other drugs. In life and in death, Alan made his impact by using what he had to serve others. He was not successful in the world's eyes. He did not care. He was focused on serving people.

When Jesus' disciples were arguing about who was the greatest among them - who was most successful - Jesus set them straight by saying - For even the Son of Man (Jesus) came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45) Jesus was very clear - Pastor Steve.

**SERVING IS LIFE! LET'S FOLLOW JESUS ON
THIS ADVENTURE OF SERVING JESUS BY
SERVING PEOPLE! - PASTOR STEVE**

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

WEDNESDAYS

NETWORK 56

5th - 6th graders

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

FAMILY

Fitness

EVENT



JANUARY 24TH

6:30 PM IN THE KIDS MINISTRY CENTER!

Bring a stretching/exercise mat or a
towel for each family member.

Sign up by texting your first & last name,
number of people attending along with
"Fitness" to 605-777-7230 to let us know how
many in your family are attending! This will
help us in planning our fun night together!

This is not a drop-off event.

Sunday School

Resumes on Jan 5th

Network 56

Resumes on Jan. 8th





CORNERSTONE
STUDENT MINISTRY



JANUARY YOUTH GROUP

JAN. 08 - LARGE
AT THE CHURCH

JAN. 15 - SMALL
Location on the right ->

JAN. 15 - LARGE
AT THE CHURCH

JAN. 29 - SMALL
Location on the right ->

SMALL GROUP LOCATIONS
7TH & 8TH
@ CHURCH

9TH
- @ MEESTER'S-
2735 14TH AVE NE

10TH
-SMITH'S- (ON JAN. 15)
1700 GRANDVIEW DR.
-KEYES- (ON JAN. 29)
66 PARADISE DR

11TH & 12TH
- @ CARLSON'S -
44854 169TH ST

*Mark
Your
Calendar!*



CEDAR CANYON
CAMP AND RETREAT



MID-HIGH CAMP

June 9-13 - 2025

SR-HIGH CAMP

June 16-20 - 2025

IYL | IGNITE YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

YOU ARE INVITED TO

**IGNITE YOUTH
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

DES MOINES,
IOWA

MAR 14 & 15
2025

IGNITE is more than just a conference—it's a chance to grow in your faith and make a real impact in your school and community. Whether you're a student or a leader, you'll find powerful biblical teaching, practical breakout sessions, and tools to help you step into your purpose.

**YOU NEED
TO KNOW**

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

TRAUMA

WOMEN'S EVENT - WOMEN AT THE WELL

PASTOR CARLA JOHNSON, VAL FAST
& JEN HALVORSON



SATURDAY
JANUARY 18

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

CORNERSTONE WORSHIP CENTER

"God is within her; she will not fall"

Psalm 46:5

**JOIN US AS WE TURN TO GOD'S WORD FOR WISDOM,
INSIGHT, AND ANSWERS TO THE MANY QUESTIONS
SURROUNDING THE TOPIC OF TRAUMA.**

COST: \$10

*Includes Backroads coffee, pastries,
and all materials! Childcare will be
available from 9:00-11:30 AM.*



BACKROADS

**TO SIGN UP, TEXT YOUR
FIRST & LAST NAME
ALONG WITH
"WOMEN'S EVENT" TO
605-777-7230.**

PLUS: EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

BREAKOUT SESSION

12:30 - 2:30PM W/ TERRI MIELITZ



**DIVE DEEPER INTO UNDERSTANDING THE TRAUMA-AFFECTED BRAIN AND
EXPLORE ACES (ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES). THE BREAKOUT SESSION IS
AN EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITY THAT BUILDS ON THE MAIN "TRAUMA"
EVENT. THE COST FOR THE BREAKOUT SESSION IS \$20 AND INCLUDES LUNCH AT
CORNERSTONE CHURCH IN THE WORSHIP CENTER. TO SIGN UP, TEXT YOUR FIRST
AND LAST NAME ALONG WITH "BREAKOUT SESSION" TO 605-777-7230. FOR
THOSE ATTENDING THE ENTIRE DAY, THE TOTAL COST IS \$30.**

FIND YOUR WELL!

Following the January Trauma event we are offering two opportunities for women to further engage in their healing journey through faith in Jesus!

"I Want To Trust You But I Don't"



4 WEEK BOOK STUDY @ BACKROADS

Interested in deeper engagement with Pastor Carla, Nicol Theorn, and Val Fast? Join us for a 4-week book study on Lysa TerKeurst's *I Want to Trust You But I Don't*, where we'll explore the themes of trust, relationships, and emotional healing.

The study will take place on Wednesdays, from January 22 - February 12, at Backroads Coffee Shop.

The doors will open at 6 pm and the study will start at 6:30 - 8 pm. Drinks/pastries will be available to be purchased from (6-6:20 pm) - CREDIT CARD ONLY! No cash will be accepted.

We would love for you to join us! To sign up text your first & last name along with "TRUST STUDY" to 605-777-7230.

Betrayal & Beyond Study

The pain and trauma created through sexual betrayal is devastating. The life you thought you had is gone. And now, you are consumed with thoughts and feelings you've never experienced before—thoughts and feelings you can't even describe. Join Jen Halvorson on this 9-12 month study!



**Wednesdays from 6-8 pm in Room 102
@ Cornerstone Church, starting January 22nd**

To sign up text your first & last name along with "BETRAYAL STUDY" to 605-777-7230.

MEN MOVING FORWARD

OUR VALUES: HONOR | INSPIRE | EQUIP
OUR VEHICLES: EVENTS | BANDS | TRAINING
OUR PRACTICES: READ | PRAY | SEARCH

UPCOMING EVENTS



MEN MOVING FORWARD

MEN'S *Fire* NIGHT

MON. JANUARY 13

6-8PM FALLOUT SHELTER
10 2ND ST SE,

RSVP BY TEXTING "FIRE"
TO 605-777-7230

\$10 FOR MEAL

READY TO TAKE A NEXT STEP? JOIN A MEN'S BAND.

A GROUP OF 3-5 MEN COMMITTED TO:

- **READ** THE BIBLE:
 - Through daily reading
- **SEARCH** YOUR HEART:
 - Through thought-provoking questions
- **PRAY** FOR ONE ANOTHER
 - Because we care

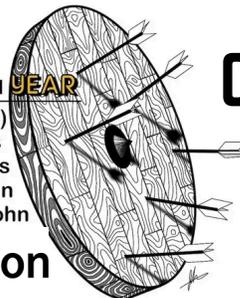
NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED, JUST START AND YOU WILL GROW!

NEW TESTAMENT in a YEAR

January - Matthew (cont'd)
Ephesians, Philippians
2 Thessalonians
2 John
3 John



YouVersion



GET CONNECTED:



WWW.CORNERSTONEWTN.COM/MEN

RESGEN

MEN'S SUMMIT 2025

LOCATION:
DOORS OPEN @ 7:30 AM



LAKE AREA
TECHNICAL COLLEGE
1201 Arrow Ave NE | Watertown

February 1
SATURDAY 8AM-1PM



**BRYAN
LORITTS**



**TED
CUNNINGHAM**



**DERWIN
GRAY**



**TOM
HENDERSON**



**JORDAN
MONTGOMERY**

PRICE: \$20

Get Tickets Here:

ONLINE: www.tinyurl.com/yc43ed64
OR AT: Cornerstone Church, Four Square
Church and Trav's Outfitter.



A day full of impact for men with hours of
encouragement, laughter, and growth!

NIGHT *to Shine*

SPONSORED BY THE **TIM TEBOW**
FOUNDATION™



JOIN THE WORLDWIDE MOVEMENT

**FRIDAY
FEB 7TH | 7-9PM
JOY RANCH**

Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. We are blessed to be a part of this growing worldwide movement through the local church where thousands of people with special needs will be celebrated, given the royal treatment, and reminded of God's love for them!

**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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will need around 100 volunteers to make the food drive run smoothly. To register as a volunteer text "FOOD" to 605-777-7230.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH

ALONG WITH: **FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA**
www.feedingsouthdakota.org
605.335.0364



MOBILE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

MONDAY
JANUARY 27
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 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.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER HERE:

<https://register.feedingsouthdakota.org/>



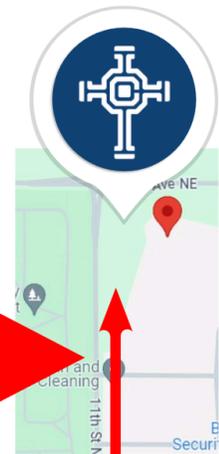
You may send someone to pick up food for you by printing and completing the State's Proxy Form and sending it along with them. This individual will need to show a valid I.D. to confirm they are the person authorized by the form. Find the form at feedingsouthdakota.org/mobile.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH

1350 11th St. NE
Watertown, SD

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MUST ENTER FROM THE SOUTH ON 11TH STREET!



NO OTHER GODS

Exodus 20:1-5a reads, "And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am Yahweh, your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of slaves. "There shall be for you no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself a divine image with any form that is in the heavens above or that is in the earth below or that is in the water below the earth. You will not bow down to them, and you will not serve them, because I am Yahweh your God, a jealous God.."

When reading this scripture, we see the clear command to worship/serve Yahweh alone. The very fact that God tells us not to worship other gods suggests that there are other "gods"- but what or who are they? And how does one worship or serve? In the Biblical context, these other "gods" had names, such as Baal, Marduk, Dagon, Ashtoreth, etc. and these spiritual beings were masquerading as gods.

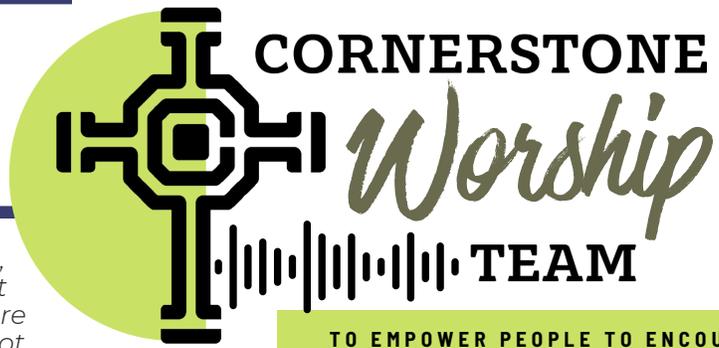
In Exodus 32, the Israelites molded a golden statue/image into the shape of a calf and declared it to be the God they worshipped. The faith life study commentary states, "People in the ancient Near East apparently believed the deity somehow resided in—or associated its presence with—the physical object." The bottom line is that people were worshipping the spiritual being associated with the object; and they were giving their resources and their lives to serve them. So, what are we worshipping? If we're not creating statues of golden calves today, what are we idolizing? Is it a classic car, money, a career, ourselves, power, or pleasure of some sort? Some things to consider.

We're singing a new song called, "You Are Our God" by Josh Baldwin. This song of declaration proclaims that the true and living creator God is the only one that we worship. He alone is our salvation, strength, defense and deliverer. The lyrics read:

*"You are our God, You are our God
Our strength, Our defense
Our salvation, Our deliverance"*

We're putting our faith in the God Most High, Yahweh, not in any other spiritual powers or beings. We're not trusting in a person, a system, or an object of comfort to satisfy our longings. This song is an anthem that expresses our faith in the true God. As this new year begins, I encourage everyone to renew their faith in King Jesus as we submit fully to Him. As Joshua clearly states, let us choose to serve Him.

"..choose for yourselves today whom you want to serve, whether it is the gods that your ancestors served beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve Yahweh." Joshua 24:15



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

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.cornerstonewat.com/music-creative-arts/



Also, check out our Sunday Setlist for a current list of the Modern worship songs we're singing:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3dhrYEEazi4HA0iGAPBJfQ?si=31c393f8d26e4395>

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLOWYTTcc6D-OYSmlfq8t3AmQw7_HGT8-I&si=BsZM08cbjs5L1ypQ

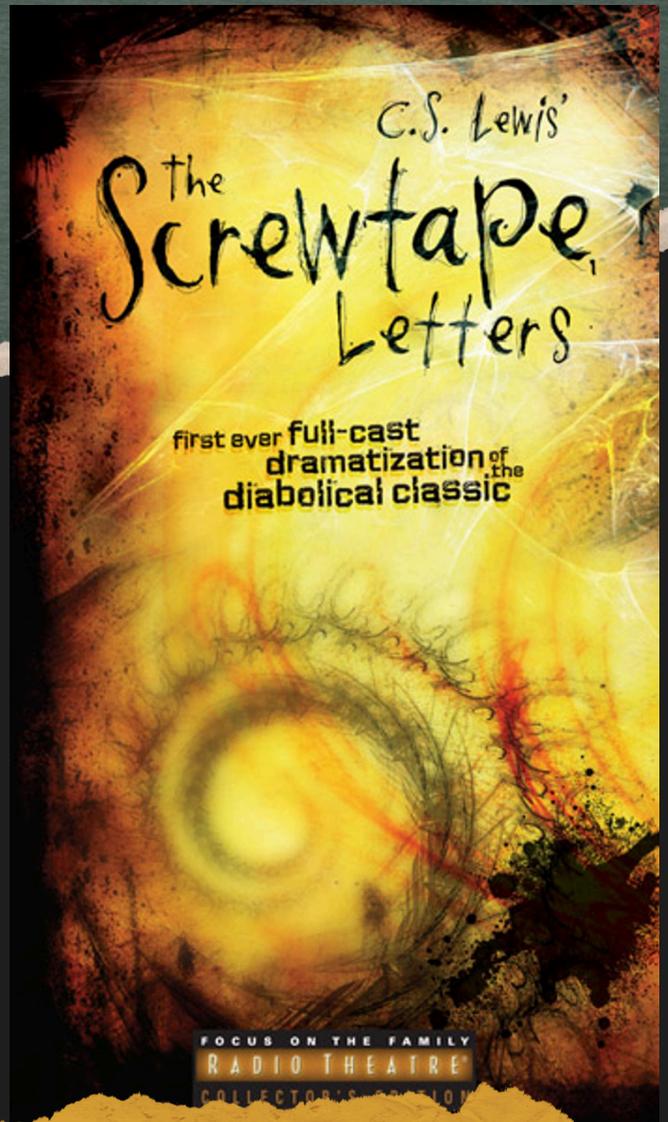


ALL Church EVENT

Wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis's masterpiece is one of the most engaging accounts of temptation--and triumph over it--ever written.

Focus on the Family's Radio Theatre production of this timeless masterpiece is an award winning, immersive experience with internationally acclaimed actors. More than an audio book it is a movie that plays on the biggest screen of all...

your imagination.



SESSION 1: OFFERED JAN 26 & JAN 28 - 6-7:30PM

SESSION 2 OFFERED FEB 2 & 4 - 6-7:30 PM

SESSION 3 OFFERED FEB 9 & 11 - 6-7:30 PM

Each session is offered twice in room 102. Attendance is only required for one of each session..

Since these are AUDIO dramas, we encourage you to bring your quiet crafts, activities, doodling etc. This radio drama is family-friendly; however, we do not recommend it for children under the age of 10. If you have any questions contact Pamela Carlson at 605-886-2242 ext. 234

FOOD PANTRY

MONDAY'S
9AM-12PM

JANUARY
FOCUS



**CANNED
FRUIT
PEACHES
PEARS
PINEAPPLE
APPLESAUCE
MANDARIN
ORANGES**

Thank You!

The Food Pantry at Cornerstone continues to be busy. We are averaging 68 families a week. We are so blessed to be able to help those in need. I want to thank everyone who has responded to our "Item of the Month" and donated to the Food Pantry. I also want to thank everyone for all the other donations of food as well as many monetary donations.

We are looking forward to continuing to bless our community in 2025.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who help us each week in many different ways. You are appreciated!
-Marry Henning-

Cornerstone Church's weekly community food pantry in Watertown, SD is helping to feed hundreds of families in our community each month. We meet both their practical needs and more importantly, engage them with the GOSPEL. This ministry is a tangible way to show how Jesus Changes Everything.

MINISTRY TEAM:

Steve Anderson, *Senior Pastor*; Luke Smith, *Men's Ministry & Hospitality Pastor*;
Carla Johnson, *Assistant Discipleship Pastor & Women's Ministry Pastor*
Brandon Trupe, *Worship Pastor*; Lucas Severson, *Director of Technology and Creative Arts*
Mark Tracy, *Pastor of Outreach and Missions*
Jesse Hurkes, *Youth Pastor*; Emily Trupe, *Youth Ministry Assistant*;
Nicol Theron, *Office Manager/Creative Arts/Women's Ministry Assistant*;
Lexie Vetch, *Business Manager*;
Abby Keyes, *Financial Manager*;
Pamela Carlson, *Cornerstone Freedom in Christ Ministry Coordinator & Youth Ministry Assistant*
Lehla Pietz, *First Service Director of Music*;
Jill Hauger, *Kids Ministry Director*; Anna Ruschmeier, *Kids Hospitality*
Jen Koistinen, Mandy Hilmo, Molly Lindgren *Kids Ministry Assistants*;
Lindsay Conrad, *Nursery Coordinator*;
Shannon Berg, *Custodian*; Lonnie Vetch, *Maintenance*;

2024 FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Annual Budget: \$1,682,404.00
\$32,354.00 needed per week to meet budget • Weekly average received for budget expenses - \$27,462.77
General Fund Year-to-Date Income: \$1,373,138.42
Building Fund Balance: \$62,588.08
Attendance (in-person average): 1st - 144 • 2nd- 335 • 2nd- 324 ; Online- 107 TOTAL = 910
Average Weekly Food Pantry Families: 61

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

