

# CORNERSTONE NEWS

The vision of Cornerstone Community Church is to be full of Christ's love and see souls saved through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Cornerstone Community Church Newsletter

June 2022



## You are Complete in Him

In the movie, *Show Me the Money*, Jerry Maguire, having been separated from his wife for some time, returns home and proclaims, “I love you. You complete me.”

This touching, albeit sappy, exchange begs the question, “Who or what completes you?” I might rephrase the question in one of the following ways, “What do you find most fulfilling? What brings you peace? What is your source of joy?”

In the context of faith, we immediately know the answer. As God’s children, we know joy and peace and purpose are all found in Christ, and Christ alone. Yet since the beginning of time, mankind has a proven track record of losing focus on the supremacy of God, and watering down the Gospel by diluting it with self-righteousness.

Adam and Eve demonstrated this when they covered themselves with fig leaves, yet showed how impotent self-righteousness is when they hid from God anyway. Repeatedly the prophets exposed how self-righteousness continued into Judaism through the hypocrisy of Israel. And, unsurprisingly, it continued into the Christian church as well.

Everywhere the gospel traveled throughout the Roman world it was followed by Judaizers, Christ-followers who regarded the Levitical laws as binding on all believers. Later, in the 11th century, the Roman Catholic church added indulgences as a means of spiritual merit for the people. Even today the church often adds pietistic behavior to the gospel. In all its forms, syncretism, where we mix what is perfect on its own (i.e. Christ) with something else (i.e. works) to add to its value, results in false religion.

Despite false religion’s inability to provide comfort, assurance, or salvation, it continues to be a powerful force, used by Satan to not only discourage the church, but to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10), those who would otherwise be saved. Jesus spoke of this in the parable of the tares or weeds. (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43). Paul points out this reality in Romans 2 when he says, “Not all Israel is Israel. Not every Jew is a true Jew,” and warned the young pastor Timothy of those who would “have a form of godliness but [be] denying its power” (2 Timothy 3:5).

**Ultimately, there are those who practice false religion and those who live by faith. Which are you? Are you resting in the power of the cross or are you looking elsewhere for comfort, for security, or for assurance?**

A convert of Paul’s, named Epaphras, had shared the gospel in Colosse and possibly started the church there (Colossians 1:6-7). Later he traveled to Rome to visit Paul, informing him about the Colossians’ “love in the Spirit” (1:8), and about how the gospel was being challenged by false teachers, who variously claimed that Christ was good, but needed to be combined with rationalism, or special knowledge, or certain rituals. The ultimate message of the false teachers was that Christ was not enough.

Paul wrote Colossians to show the lie of self-righteous behavior and to remind them, and us, that the essence of the Gospel is “**Christ plus nothing saves.**” Martin Luther had to rediscovered this in 1517, when his study led him to proclaim that salvation is free, and that one does not have to do anything, indeed that one *cannot* do anything, to obtain it.

How is this all connected to Jerry Maguire, you might ask? Let us consider how his wife, Dorothy, responds to his declaration of love and profession of need: “Shut up. Just, shut up. You had me at hello. You had me at hello.”

And so too does God reply when we repent of sin and return to Him. He doesn’t want to hear long speeches. He doesn’t need proof of your love. He accepts your broken, and imperfect self, and makes you complete. What does it mean to be complete in Christ? It means you are completely forgiven, completely accepted. You are free from sin. You are reconciled and your place in God’s Kingdom is established and firm. **Since Christ is sufficient, all who turn to Him by faith alone are made complete.**

*Pastor Chris*

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9:00—2:00

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link below



God was  
pleased...  
through Christ  
reconcile to  
himself all  
things.

Col 1:19

## In This Issue

- Birthdays & Anniversaries
- Events
- How to stay connected

## June Birthdays

Blake Owen	9th
Harry Bowen	13th
Scott Landro	13th
Georgia Sherman	17th
Tyler Donovan	18th
Wendy Bergman	23rd
Lucan Channel	25th



Love, your  
Cornerstone Family!

## Wedding Anniversaries

Clary & Rosalie Jensen—June 8th—married 59 years  
Bryan & Kim Donovan—June 11—married 17 years  
Kevin & Kari Kyllingmark—June 29—married 43 years

Happy Anniversary! From your Cornerstone Family

# June 19 at 9:30 am



# BREAKFAST

Sign up at the Welcome Center to bring a dish today!

# men's ministry

## Men's Bible Study

6:30 pm

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month

## Men's Breakfast

8:00 am

2nd Saturday of the Month

## Men's Cave Night

6:30 pm

3rd Thursday of the Month

For more information contact  
Tim Blomquist or Pastor Chris



# Womens ministry

## Women's Bible Study

6:30 pm—1st & 3rd

Tuesday of the month

For more information contact  
Lu Dotinga or Carrie Leingang

## REGISTRATION

2022 ONLINE REGISTRATION:  
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# BIBLE CAMP

## June 28 - July 3

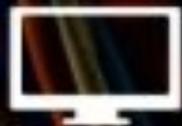
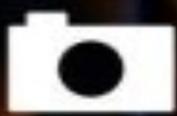
## 2022

## Register Online Today

# Missions Prayer Lunchhour

No Missions Prayer for the month of June

# CCC



# MEDIA MINISTRY

Team Members Needed  
See Nicki or any of our Media  
members today!



Cornerstone has a YouTube Channel now for streaming our Worship services and other Special posts from Pastor Chris.



(Click on the icon to be taken to our Channel)

Or go to: [www.YouTube.com/CornerstoneFerndale](http://www.YouTube.com/CornerstoneFerndale)

If you haven't already, please subscribe to our Channel.

For questions or more information,  
please contact the Church office to get connected.

## Cornerstone Giving Options Mail In

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**FACEBOOK:** If you have Facebook and would like to be in our private group let Pastor Chris or Nicki Olinger know and we will get you set up!

***“Our purpose is to win souls for Christ by the preaching of the Word and personal witnessing, and to strengthen the believers through Worship and Christian fellowship.”***

### Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our  
Services and Events

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# June 2022

## Cornerstone Community Church

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit us on our Website at <a href="http://www.cornerstoneferndale.org">www.cornerstoneferndale.org</a></p> <p>“The vision of Cornerstone Community Church is to be full of Christ's love and see souls saved through the power of the Holy Spirit.”</p>			1 6:00 pm Praise Team Practice	2 7pm – AA Meeting	3 6:00 pm Hanson's Group	4
<p><b>5 Communion Sunday</b></p> <p>10:30 am – Worship Service 11:45 am – Communion Service</p>	6	7 6:30 pm Bible Study	8 6:00 pm Praise Team Practice	9 7pm – AA Meeting	10	11 8:00 am Men's Breakfast CLB Biennial Convention June 11-14
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>10:30 am – Worship Service</p>	13	14 5:30 pm Trustee Board Meeting 6:15 pm Elder Board Meeting	15 6:00 pm Praise Team Practice	16 6:30 pm Men's Cave Night 7pm – AA Meeting	17 6:00 pm Hanson's Group	18
<p><b>19 Father's Day</b></p> <p>9:30 am – Father's Day Breakfast Sign up at the Welcome Center!</p> <p>10:30 am - Worship Service</p>	20	21 6:30 pm Bible Study	22 6:00 pm Praise Team Practice	23 7pm – AA Meeting	24	25
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10:30 am - Worship Service</p>	27	28 6:15 pm Church Council	29 6:00 pm Praise Team Practice	30 7pm – AA Meeting	<p><b>Bible Camp June 28-July3</b></p>	

June 11-14, 2022 marks the biennial convention of the CLB, a time when the Church gathers to enjoy our unity in the gospel, to cast vision, to conduct business, to fellowship, to celebrate our heritage, to rejoice in our sure hope in Jesus Christ, and to respond to our Great Commissioner who calls us to make disciples.

We will gather around the theme of “Disciple-Making Church”. And as we gather, we will be reflecting on four initiatives that serve to advance our calling to make disciples: Call, Partner, Unleash, and Multiply.

**Call.** We are a people and Church called to follow Christ, shaped, and sent under the Word. We are called to love, serve, reconcile, and connect our neighbors with Jesus, his community, and his mission.

**Partner.** We are a people and Church that endeavors to foster the interdependence of individuals, congregations, regions, and synod in disciple-making to serve the Great Commission of our Lord.

**Unleash.** We are a people and Church engaged in the calling, empowering, and supporting of young men and women to lead in making disciples and in forming disciple making communities.

**Multiply.** We are a people and a Church passionate about mobilizing our people and congregations to disciple neighbors, near and among the nations, so that new churches are planted, and established congregations are revitalized.

As LBIM looks to the future, we are full of anticipation of how God will continue to work in and through the global CLB to bring the message of Christ to the nations, through which faith comes.

We ask you to pray for us as we not only sustain the support of our current field missionaries, but seek to recruit, equip, and send four new missionary units in the next five years, two to Africa and two to Asia.

We ask you to pray for us as we seek to develop and expand our holistic ministry platforms in both our African and Asian fields, to foster increased disciple-making opportunities.

We ask you to pray for us as we seek to grow our interdependence with our international sister synods in disciple-making partnerships.

Thank you for your prayers as we continue to take steps of faith in this process, trusting in our Lord to lead and direct.



# Daily Prayer Notes

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June 2022

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## 1<sup>st</sup> CHAD *Isa 30*

**David** and **Sonja Narvesen** ask prayer for their neighbors as they plant their fields. Planting season brings good opportunities to talk about Jesus’ parables and other passages in the Bible. Pray for the seed of God’s Word to take root. Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday to **Boeden!**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> JAPAN *Isa 31*

**Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer that God will bless the Sunday Chapel Times at House of Hope at 10:30 am and 3:00 pm. Pray that God will open minds and hearts to understand the gospel.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> N.AMERICA *Isa 32*

Pray for **Matt** and **Christina Smith** and family as they are packing and getting ready to leave Fergus Falls this month. Pray for their shipment as it makes its way to Chad. Pray for **McClellan** as he takes driver education classes.

## 4<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Isa 33*

Tomorrow is a night of music at Hsinchu Victory LB Church. May those who attend come to understand and receive the Peace and Hope that is found in Jesus. Pray for guest singer, **Grace Huang**, as she sings.

## 5<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Isa 34*

The Chadian church is presently searching for two new families as

missionary candidates. Pray for couples of good character and humility to contribute to the spirit of community in Aderé and serve as good team players with our own LBIM missionaries.

## 6<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Isa 35*

Pray for **Fran**, a teenager who has recently joined **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson’s** weekly English Bible discussion group. She is very engaged as Sandy leads a discussion based on a Bible story each week. Pray for her salvation.

## 7<sup>th</sup> N.AMERICA *Isa 36*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** and children as they are on home assignment. The pandemic has been hard on all of us, but it has been particularly hard on missionaries. Pray for quality time for rest and spending time with their families.

## 8<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Isa 37*

**Paul** and **Teresa Szobody** ask prayer for wisdom as they work with Chadian missionaries in training, that they can wisely discern how best to mentor these couples with spiritual and cultural insight.

## 9<sup>th</sup> N.AMERICA *Isa 38-39*

Pray for **Paul** and **Alexa Fraser**, ministry interns at Japanese Ministries in Seattle. Pray for their Japanese language studies and their ministry to Japanese students. May God bless their witness to these

students as He prepares them for future ministry in Japan. Pray also for LBIM discussions with the Japanese church leadership on future missionary partnership.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Isa 40*

Tomorrow is graduation at China Lutheran Seminary. June 18 is graduation at the Hakka Mission Seminary. Pray for the graduates as they go out to serve the Lord in their new callings.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Isa 41*

June 11-14 is the CLB biennial convention in Fergus Falls, MN (see back). Pray for a spirit of unity, discernment and courage to press forward as God's missionary people in these challenging times. Pray for Joel as he leads a workshop on 120 years of LBIM ministry in East Asia.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Isa 42*

Pray for the salvation of **Mr. Shing**. **Ethan Christofferson** is meeting with him weekly to study the Bible. Recently, two other Christian men have joined their study and have a burden to help bring the Word closer to Mr. Shing.

#### 13<sup>th</sup> FRANCE *Isa 43*

Pray for **Dan** and **Claire Rose** and children as they are prayerfully awaiting a favorable response to their request for visas to travel to Chad. Pray for a safe and smooth journey on June 15<sup>th</sup>, when they are scheduled to fly from Paris. Pray that God will protect their hearts and minds during this time of transition.

#### 14<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Isa 44*

Today, Lord willing, **Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** travel with their family to Chad. Pray for safe

travels, and for a healthy transition back into life and ministry in Chad.

#### 15<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Isa 45*

June and July are months of hunger in Chad, as many run out of food. June also brings the rainy season, a key time for planting new crops. Pray for a good growing season, since last year's crops were poor. Happy 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday **Eva Narvesen!**

#### 16<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Isa 46*

**Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** have a friendly relationship with their neighbors, the **T's**, who haven't shown much interest in the gospel to this point. Pray that God's Spirit will work in their hearts, that they might become open to His Word.

#### 17<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Isa 47*

**Joel** and **Liz** are traveling in California to share with supporters about the work of God in East Asia over the past 25 years. Pray for safe travels and many fruitful opportunities to share insights about God's global mission.

#### 18<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Isa 48*

**Sandy Christofferson's** friend, **Grandma Guo**, is starting to pray. Pray that she will see God working in her life and desire to know Him more. Pray for wisdom for **Sandy** as she continues to tell Mrs. Guo Bible stories. Happy Birthday **Sandy**.

#### 19<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Isa 49*

**Jeremy** and **Sallee Stanton** ask for prayer regarding the diesel fuel shortage to be effectively handled in Chad. The shortage has begun to encourage even more corruption. Pray also for electric power in Ndjamena to stabilize; it is now available about 30% of the time.

#### 20<sup>th</sup> UKRAINE *Isa 50*

Pray that God will soon bring a just and peaceful end to the war in Ukraine. Pray for those who have lost loved ones or been separated from their families. Pray for protection for aid workers, and for the ministry of churches there, to bring hope in Christ through every available means.

#### 21<sup>st</sup> JAPAN *Isa 51*

Pray for the monthly 'Words of Hope' Bible time at House of Hope today. Pray for new attenders to come, and for **Pastor Zeniya** and **Pastor Haruya** as they take turns leading the meeting. This month's leader is **Pastor Zeniya**.

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> N. AMERICA *Isa 52*

**Paul** and **Teresa Szobody** ask prayer for spiritual guidance and safety as they travel for healthcare appointments and for ministry in churches. Pray for stamina and times of refreshment.

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> CHAD *Isa 53*

Pray for **Sallee** and **Jeremy Stanton** at the Welcome Center as they welcome many families back into Chad along with those newly arriving. May they provide for them in ways that bless their arrival. Happy Birthday today to **Sallee**.

#### 24<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Isa 54*

**Mike** and **Dolores Kittelson** ask prayer for a night of music at Guan-xin Victory LB Church. This a special event with a Hakka singer, **A-Kim**. May his musical message be used of God to open the hearts of those who attend.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Isa 55*

**Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer for concerts at House of

Hope this weekend by singer songwriter **Shizu Takeshita**. Pray for good weather, good attendance, and open and receptive hearts.

#### 26<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Isa 56*

**Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** praise God for the completion of the Bible Story Project in May. Fifty Bible stories have been learned and recorded in four tribal languages, including Bagirmi. Pray now that God's Word will spread and bring many to salvation.

#### 27<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Isa 57*

Victory Hakka Fellowship has a new person attending. **Mike** and **Dolores Kittelson** ask prayer for **Teresa's** mother who is making friends in the group and growing in God's Word each week, leading her to trust Jesus and be baptized.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Isa 58*

**Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** will be sharing at Warm Beach Bible Camp this week. Pray for safe travels, meaningful presentations, and good interactions with family, friends, and supporters.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Isa 59*

Pray for **Daniel Wen**, **Nancy Wu** and their children, as they wait for a house to be finished in Bokoro, and as they prepare for launching into new ministry among the Bilala people.

#### 30<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Isa 60*

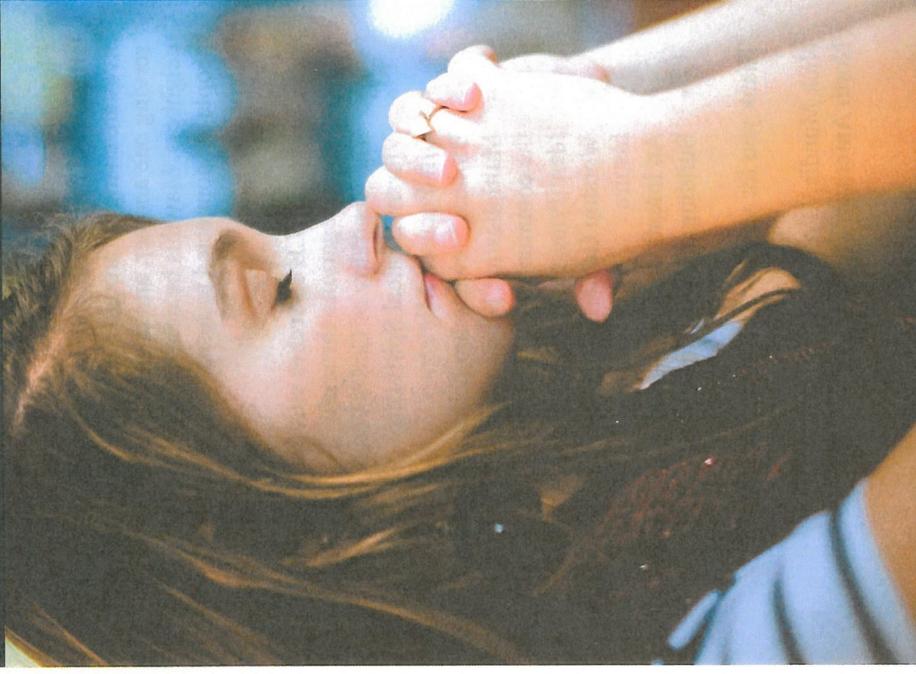
Pray for the three college students that **Ethan Christofferson** is discipling via Zoom. Pray that they would be hungry to grow spiritually and that they would be able to find a good church in the university town where they live.

# North American

MISSION

# PrayerLink

Church of the Lutheran Brethren



**29 Bethel LC – Fergus Falls & Battle Lake, MN**  
Pastors: David Foss, Rich Iverson, and Ed Monson

**30 Salem LBC – Grand Rapids, MN**  
Pastor: Ty Rostvedt

**17 Ebenezer LBC – Rolette, ND**  
Congregational Contact: Lonnie Anderson

**18 Living Faith Church – Watford City, ND**  
Pastor: Roger B. Olson

**19 LB Fellowship Church – Williston, ND**  
Pastor: Ron Erickson

**20 Berea LBC – Alexandria, MN**  
Pastor: John Olson

**21 Hope LBC – Barnesville, MN**  
Pastor: Kevin Skaret

**22 Oak Hill Church – Bloomington, MN**  
Pastor: Ben Bigaouette

**23 Faith LBC – Blue Earth, MN**  
Pastor: Brent Walker

**24 Inspiration LBC – Breckenridge, MN**  
Pastor: Timothy Collins

**25 Elim LBC – Clearbrook, MN**  
Pastor: Adam Krog

**26 Community of Joy LBC – Eagan, MN**  
Pastor: Danny Bronson

**27 Bethel Ridge LBC – Faribault, MN**  
Congregational Contact: Dan Lazicki

**28 Good Shepherd LBC – Fergus Falls, MN**  
Pastor: Dale Hexum



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**June 2022**

The June North American Prayer Link will continue to invite you to pray for our congregations and their pastors (ordained and licensed).

Please pray that each congregation would be effective in the proclamation of the Gospel so that lives are changed through God's Word, people serving one another, and connecting with our neighbors. May this be done in our churches so that people are connected to Jesus, His Community and His Mission.

**Pray that our CLB churches will be Disciple-Making Congregations through:**

- The Centrality of God's Word
- Vibrant Biblical Spirituality
- Gift-Focused Ministry
- Biblical Stewardship (Life and Finances)
- Multiplication Mindset and Activity into the community
- Identifying and Empowering Leadership
- Worship Gatherings that Connect and Inspire
- An Intentional Disciple-Making "system"
- Building a Loving Relational Culture

Thank you for your faithful prayers,

Nick Mundis, Director  
North American Mission

**1 Bethel LBC – Antler, ND**

Currently served by local interim pastor

**2 Grace LBC – Bismarck, ND**

Pastors: Ryan Nordlund and Keith Wolderich

**3 Grace LBC – Bottineau, ND**

Pastor: Craig Jennings

**4 Zion LC – Cooperstown, ND**

Pastor: Josh Graber

**5 Living Word Fellowship – Dickinson, ND**

Pastors: Scott Skones

**6 Liberty LBC – Fargo, ND**

Pastor: Elroy Vesta

**7 Bethel LBC – Grand Forks, ND**

Pastor: Jeff Stephan

**8 Victory LBC – Jamestown, ND**

Pastor: Shawn Bowman

**9 Zion LBC – Maddock, ND**

Pastor: Lu Mathison

**10 Ebenezer LBC – Mayville, ND**

Pastor: Zach Matthys has accepted the call and will be full-time after his seminary graduation.

**11 BC22 – Day of Equipping**

The CLB biennial convention begins today and there are three options for participants to consider.

- Greg Finke – Joining Jesus in His Mission: The focus will be on everyday disciple-making
- Jonathan McKee – Youth Worker Training regarding teens and technology
- CLB Women's Ministries Convention

**12 BC22 – Day of Community**

The day starts with a worship service in Battle Lake with Bethel Church, followed by a picnic and prayer walk event around the City of Battle Lake, wrapping up with a Kubb Tournament, boat rides, and ice cream treats.

**13 BC22 – Day of Ownership**

Along with convention business, the CLB presidential election will be held on this day. There will also be worship services, committee meetings, and workshop opportunities.

**14 BC22 – Day of Resolve**

The closing day of the convention will include final business items and will wrap up around noon with a communion service.

**15 Living Word LC – Minot, ND**

Pastor: Jeff Hoverson

**16 Our Redeemer's LBC – Minot, ND**

Pastors: Pete Pederson and Jordan Spina