



**CORNERSTONE
CHURCH**



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CHURCH PROFILE

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PURPOSE

Cornerstone's purpose is to "Love Like Jesus".

GOALS

Cornerstone's mission is to have 70% of church attendees worship, demonstrate spiritual growth, serve, or reach others as a disciple by 2024.

VISION

Cornerstone's vision is to be a church so unified by the love of Jesus that the community asks, *how is it possible for people to love like that?*

STRATEGY

- Create authentic relationships with people at Cornerstone.
- Communicate, connect and involve people with the Session's Strategic Plan.
- Equip and release people into our Keystone Ministries when they are ready.
- Bathe everything in prayer.



CORE VALUES

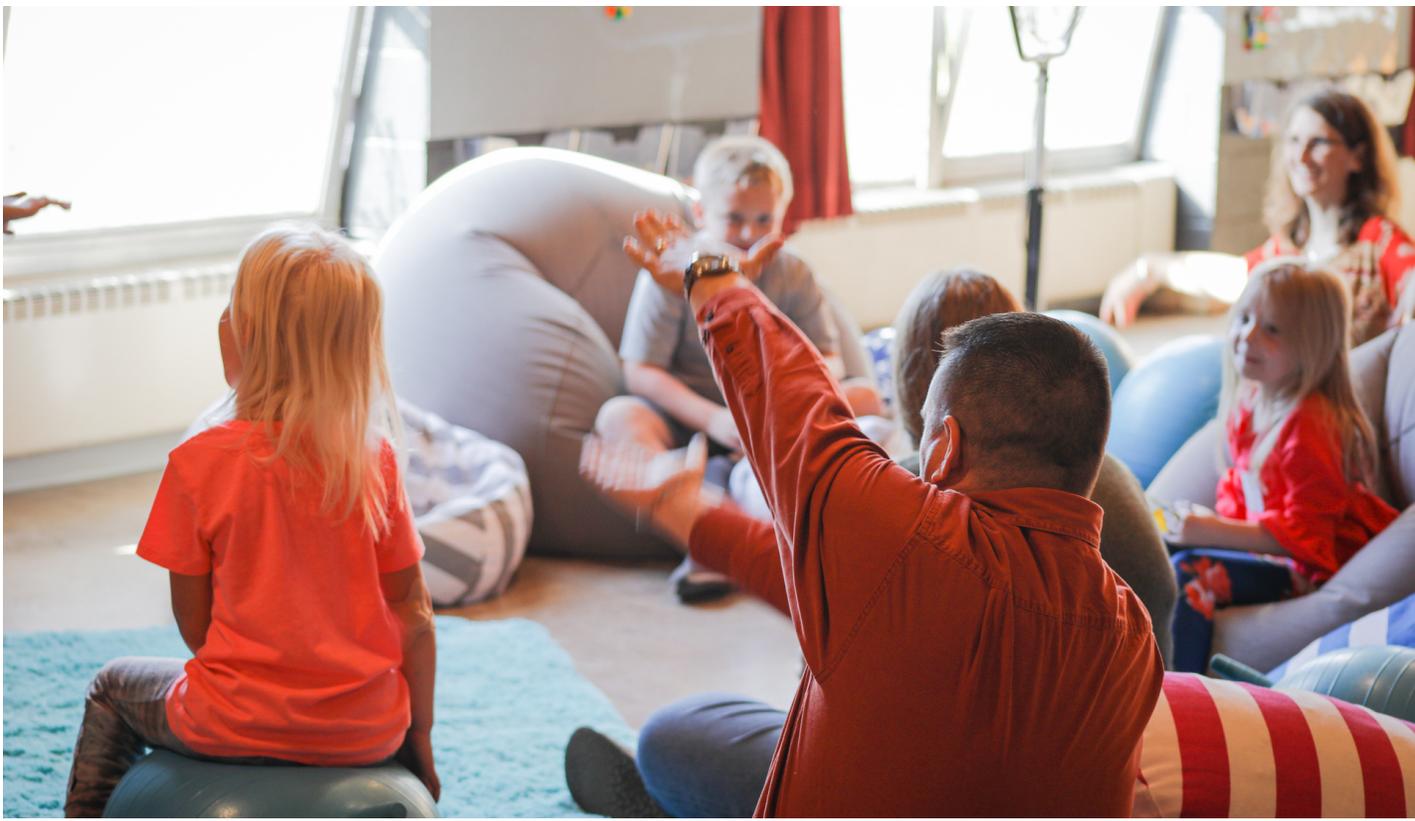
- Share the love of Jesus Christ.
- Exercise the power of prayer.
- Maintain unity.
- Bring hope, joy, and Biblical truth to our community.
- Stay true to God's Word through obedience.
- Worship the One True God.
- Edify the body of believers.
- Serve the three-part person (body, mind, and spirit) as Jesus served his disciples.
- Be authentic and humble Christians.
- Welcome the Holy Spirit into all we say, think, and do.





DISTINCTIVES

- Guided by the Bible and the Holy Spirit.
- Non-conformity to the world.
- Traditional and Contemporary worship services.
- Programming for all ages.
- Wednesday and Sunday services available.
- Food ministries including a cook trailer, food pantries, and home deliveries.
- Online worship services and studies available.
- Centralized location.
- Meaningful social media presence.
- Iconic stained glass window.
- Children's ministry is a top priority.
- Quick response to crisis.



KEYSTONE MINISTRIES

- Worship and Prayer services.
- Discipleship:
 - Men's and Women's ministries.
 - Small groups.
 - Bible studies.
 - Flourishing Disciples.
 - Develop Me (young adults).
- Youth and Children:
 - Vacation Bible School.
 - Sunday School.
 - Trunk or Treat.
 - Youth Group.
- Food Outreach:
 - Community Meals.
 - Cook trailer.

WE ARE A PART OF A GROWING MOVEMENT

With much prayer and consideration, we became a part of the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. A rapidly growing Presbyterian denomination serving the local church, ECO reclaims a sense of covenant biblical community, flourishing to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We affirm the Essential Tenets of ECO. ECO's Beliefs can be found here - [Essential Tenets](#).



HEARTS AND VISION FOR THE COMMUNITY FROM OUR BEGINNING

Organizing a Presbyterian Church in the railroad boom town was no easy task. In the words of a bishop from another denomination concerning the town, "Minot in 1887 was the refuge of the very scum of society and that his clergy were able to find only three or four decent families of their faith in the whole town." It was in this atmosphere that First Presbyterian Church was organized and the first church building to be erected of any denomination. From the beginning, the Presbyterians were leading the mission to the community!

The now Cornerstone Presbyterian Church continues to lead efforts to minister to the hurting community with its twice weekly meal serving. The church answered the call after a devastating historic 2011 flood displaced over 25% of the population serving meals to over 32,000 meals from our cook trailer and then helping the city heal and recover by serving meals at 8 block parties throughout the flooded areas and working with others to provide spiritual and emotional recovery. Whether it be a disaster, or a pressing city need, the Presbyterian Church has answered God's call and been a light to the community in difficult times.

Resiliency of the Church

A very strong part of Cornerstone's DNA is resiliency and the ability to recover from difficult circumstances and conditions. A previously historic flood in 1969, an even greater historic flood in 2011, a denominational change, and both surviving and thriving during Covid are evidence of that resiliency. The resiliency comes from our eternal hope that God has us here and will walk alongside us leading us through whatever comes our way.

Family Atmosphere

It seems like the one-word people use most to describe our church is "family." We are a place where people feel comfortable and safe, a place where we can feel free to be ourselves and be valued.



WHAT COVENANT PARTNERS ARE SAYING...



GABE RAUSCHENBERGER

"We have made life-long family by going to Cornerstone. The people are welcoming and friendly. You feel the presence of God here!"



KIM MCCARTY

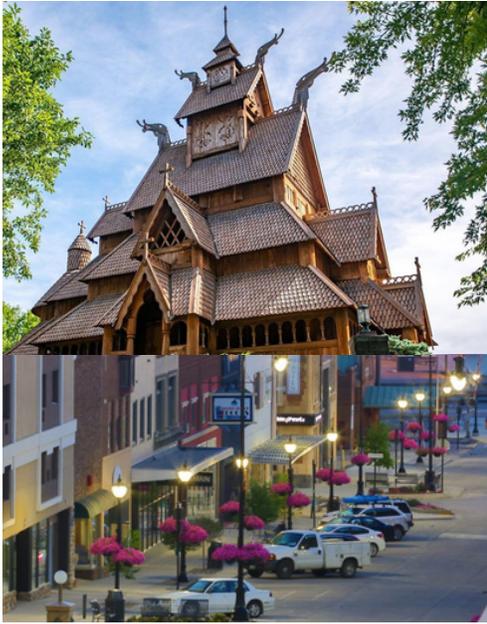
"From the first time I walked in they were so welcoming and truly wanted to get to know you. They want you to hear the message of how much God loves you and how important it is to be a disciple when you walk out the front doors. My daily and knowledge has become stronger because of the genuine relationships I have been able to make by attending week after week."



AJ WALLER

"Over the years no matter what circumstances have befallen me in my travels, Cornerstone has always been there in the background welcoming me with open arms, handshakes, fist bumps, elbow bumps and hugs. No matter what troubles or tribulations I've experienced they have always been there to pick me back up and dust me off."

MINOT PROFILE



Minot was founded in 1887 when the Great Northern Railroad set up camp for the winter. It grew quickly and continued its growth when Minot State University was founded in 1913 and the Minot Air Force Base was constructed in the 1950's. Minot is home to the North Dakota State Fair, the Roosevelt Park Zoo, Dakota Territory Air Museum, and the Norsk Hostfest.

Our community has four distinct seasons. We are known for both long, cold winters, and long, warm summer days. Temperatures can range from -40°F to 105°F.

Several parks, a revitalized downtown scene, a future discovery center, a semi-professional hockey team, and an abundance of golf courses also make Minot a wonderful community in which to work and play!

Find out more about our community at [North Dakota Tourism](#).