

**DEADLINE FOR THE MOUNTAIN MEN GROUP IS TODAY:** Jody Kuper will be leading the Mountain Men group with the Tony Evans' study called "Kingdom Man." The study will start on **Wednesday, January 17, at 6:15 p.m.** in the Chapel. This 6-week study empowers men to exercise the God-given dominion they were created for by giving them a Kingdom understanding, vision, and perspective on their identity and responsibilities along with practical steps on how to become a man who rules his world well. The cost of materials will be **\$20.00**, and the signup deadline is **TODAY, Sunday, January 14**. Sign up at the Small Groups Table near the Welcome Center!

**JENN FALK'S BANDANA AND FANCY EARRING PARTY:** Jenn Falk finished chemo treatment for her breast cancer and will start radiation in February. We want to celebrate her in "Jenn Fashion!" Come to Jenn's Bandana and Fancy Earring Party on **Sunday, January 21, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Wear your favorite bandana and fancy earrings! It will be a potluck, so please bring a dish to pass. Crack chicken sandwiches and beverages will be provided! We can't wait to see you there!

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP GUEST SPEAKER:** Rich Ohm from the Fall Out Shelter in Watertown will be a guest speaker during the middle and high school youth groups on **Wednesday, January 24**. Rich will lead his self-defense talk and demonstration for the middle school youth from **3:30 – 5:00 p.m.** He will then talk with the high school youth about his mission and outreach work at **6:00 p.m.** **ALL** Costa Rica Mission Trip attendees **must** attend the high school session! Adults are also welcome to attend!

**NEW BEGINNINGS CELEBRATION SERVICE:** Central Church will hold a New Beginnings Celebration Service on **Sunday, January 28**. We will celebrate Central Church's transition into the Global Methodist Church as well as celebrating the New Year. Presiding Elder, Roger Spahr, will be the guest speaker. This will be a meaningful service with several worship songs, a time for prayer, and a question-and-answer session. **There will be just ONE service at 10:00 a.m. which will take place in the Sanctuary!** Coffee and cookies will be served in the Fellowship Hall beginning at **9:30 a.m.** Coffee will also be served before the service at the Coffee Bar. There will be **NO** Sunday School or Bible studies this day! Come celebrate this New Beginning for Central, all that Central is known for, and learn more about the Global Methodist Church.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There will be **NO** Sunday School on **Sunday, January 28**, due to the special service at **10:00 a.m.** in the **Sanctuary!**

**JERSEY SUNDAY:** Central Church will incorporate Jersey Sunday with the Youth Soup-er Bowl Soup Fundraiser this year! We invite everyone to wear their favorite sports jersey or clothing, if you have any, to church on **Sunday, February 4!** Please do not feel obligated and do not go purchase anything for this! If you do not have any sports team clothing, that is OK! We are just looking for a fun way to celebrate the youth fundraiser!

**SOUP-ER BOWL SOUP DINNER FUNDRAISER:** The youth of Central Church will be holding a Soup-er Bowl soup dinner on **Sunday, February 4**. Different kinds of soup, bread, and desserts will be served beginning at **10:30 a.m.** for a free-will donation. **You may also get a container of soup to-go for a donation.** Money raised will go towards the Costa Rica youth mission trip in June! We are hosting this event one week before the actual NFL SuperBowl in hopes of having a great turnout! Come support the youth!

**SOUP-OFF CONTEST:** In conjunction with the Soup-er Bowl soup dinner on **Sunday, February 4**, a soup-off contest will be held! We invite **ANYONE** from the congregation to bring a crock-pot of your best or favorite soup for everyone to sample. Samplers will vote for their favorite soup by placing a donation in a bucket. The soup that raises the most money will receive a prize!!! This additional money raised will also go towards the youth mission trip. **Those who wish to participate in the soup-off are asked to let Deb Bowsher or Levi Waddell know and have their soup to the church by 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 4.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL OFFERING:** The Sunday School kids are working on a new offering project for the months of January and February! All Sunday School offering will go to the **Kids Helping Kids program** of Central Church. Kids Helping Kids helps families in need in our community who may be struggling with health, loss, and other things. Please feel free to help with this project by marking a gift on your offering envelopes and marking them **Sunday School Offering!** Thank you for your kindness!

**IF:GATHERING 2024 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** The nationwide IF:GATHERING 2024 will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. This amazing event will be held at Central Church via live stream on **Friday, February 23, and Saturday, February 24**, for **ALL** ladies ages 14 and older! Cost is just **\$25 in advance or \$35 at the door!** Payments can be mailed or dropped off at Central Church, 201 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Milbank, SD 57252. Registration can be done on the church website at [www.milbankcentral.com](http://www.milbankcentral.com) by going under the **ONLINE REGISTRATIONS** tab and scrolling down to the IF:GATHERING 2024. Registration deadline is **Monday, February 19**. Please see the insert for all the details! Invite a friend and sign up **TODAY!**

**SPREAD THE WORD:** Central Church has so many things happening and taking place, that we would appreciate help in spreading the word about all Central has to offer! We have printed postcards with the church's contact and worship service information as well as all events happening within the church from now until summer. **If anyone would be willing to take a stack and place them in their work place or local business, please see Ginny and she will get you a stack!** Please help spread the word of all that's happening at Central!

CENTRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 14, 2024

Today: 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Outside Sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall  
9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Sunday School (ages 2 – high school) – Downstairs  
9:45 – 10:45 a.m. “Crash Course on Evangelism” Mission Trip Bible Study – Youth Room  
11:00 a.m. Blended Worship Service  
2:30 p.m. Care Center Vespers  
6:30 p.m. Men’s Evening Bible Study – Heritage Room

Monday: NO The Gathering  
5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting – Heritage Room

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting – Heritage Room  
4:30 p.m. Life Quest – Kitchen/Fellowship Hall  
4:45 p.m. Thrive – Downstairs  
6:30 p.m. Central Book Club – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: 6:45 a.m. Men’s Morning Bible Study – Heritage Room  
3:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group – Fellowship Hall/Youth Room  
5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal – Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group – Youth Room  
6:00 p.m. JAM Activities (preschool – grade 5) – Downstairs  
6:15 p.m. Got(d) Questions with Pastor Thom – Sanctuary  
6:15 p.m. Spirit Sisters Group – Heritage Room  
6:15 p.m. Mountain Men Group – Chapel  
7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting – Heritage Room

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. “The Chosen” Study – Youth Room

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WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

**Radio:**  
KMSD 1510  
Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

**Television:**  
ITC Cable Channel 95  
Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Traditional)  
Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Blended)  
and Video on Demand  
Midcontinent Cable Channel 3  
Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (Traditional)  
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (Blended)

**Phone:** 605-432-4766  
**Website:** [www.milbankcentral.com](http://www.milbankcentral.com)  
**Social Media:**  
Facebook – Central Church  
Instagram – centralchurch201



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**MEMORIAL BOOK:** The memorial book is open to the glory of God and in loving memory of Evelyn Dailie and William Pauli.

**FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE:** The **February** Fellowship & Service sign-up sheet is posted at the Welcome Center. Sign up now to get your desired slots. If it is your month, you will be receiving a letter. Thank you.

**THIS WEEK’S YOUNG ADULTS SPOTLIGHT:** Each week, we highlight young adults as they transition into their post high school education and careers. We can remember them with prayer, a note of encouragement, or even fresh cookies.  
Cassidy Schwagel: 20 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SE, Watertown, SD 57201  
Christian Peery: 1111 S. Edgerton, Apt. #309, Mitchell, SD 57301

**BIRTHDAYS:** Celebrating upcoming birthdays (January 18 - 24) are:  
Thursday, January 18 – Jeanne Gonzenbach and Judy Radtke  
Friday, January 19 – Riley Vander Wal  
Saturday, January 20 – Olivia Mueller and Kailur Waddell  
Sunday, January 21 – Lennox Spors  
Monday, January 22 – Maiah Brown  
Tuesday, January 23 – Trudi Niedert, Teresa Stoddard, Autumn Fox, Eva Schmieg, Donnie Eilers, Caleb Stanton, and Nancy Parriott  
Wednesday, January 24 – Kathy Cummins, Jan Dietman, Laura Mueller, and Jade Graf

**CENTRAL BOOK CLUB:** The Central Book Club is now reading, “Promise Me This” by Cathy Gohlke. They will meet to discuss this book at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16**, in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone can join to receive the next book, “The Letter Keeper” by Charles Martin. For more information, contact Jen Aden in the Church Office at 432-4766.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL:** Everyone is invited to the Wednesday Night Meal on **Wednesday, January 17, at 5:15 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Meatballs with mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, buns, and pudding cups will be served for a **FREE-WILL donation**. Come feed your body and soul! Invite a friend!

**SPIRIT SISTERS GROUP:** Spirit Sisters will start their “As For Me” Bible study on **Wednesday, January 17, at 6:15 p.m.** in the Heritage Room. The cost is \$20. This study will now run until **Wednesday, March 13**.