

**“THE CHOSEN” SMALL GROUP STUDY:** Season One of the TV series, “The Chosen,” will be a stand-alone Bible study that begins **Thursday, January 11, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at Central. Ginny Tostenson will facilitate this study. It will also include a light potluck style meal. There has been lots of buzz about *The Chosen*. This study will view the episodes but will more importantly dive into the Bible to address inconsistencies that are portrayed as well as use the Bible as the primary basis for each episode in telling the story of Jesus. You will come to realize that you are called, cherished, and carried; have been made new and established; are now his witness; and more. The study will continue through each season! The cost of the study guide and materials is **\$13.00**. The sign-up deadline is **Monday, January 8!** See the Small Groups Table near the Welcome Center!

**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.

**MOUNTAIN MEN GROUP:** Jody Kuper will be leading the Mountain Men group with the Tony Evans’ study called “Kingdom Man.” We will be pushing the start date of this study back by one week. 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 has been extended to **Wednesday, January 10**. Sign up **TODAY** at the Small Groups Table near the Welcome Center!

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS FEE:** Central Church is asking that participants of any of the small group bible studies pay for the study books and materials for each study. HOWEVER, we do **NOT** want the fee to prohibit anyone from participating! At each study, a donation basket will be set out. If you cannot afford the materials fee, please feel free to give whatever amount you can! We want you to take part no matter what! **Sign up TODAY!**

**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 crazy 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. There will be a meaningful time of worship as well as a question-and-answer session. There will be just **ONE** service at **10:00 a.m.** which will take place in the **Fellowship Hall!** Coffee and cookies will be served beginning at **9:30 a.m.** Come celebrate this New Beginning for Central, all that Central is known for, and learn more about the Global Methodist Church.

**QUIET BAGS:** Central Church is blessed to have quiet bags available for the young children during worship services each Sunday morning. We are in need of a volunteer to keep these bags updated, filled, and ready to go each Sunday! It will take just an hour of your time each week! If you feel called, please contact Ginny Tostenson, 949-0832.

**ACH (Automatic Giving):** No longer will you need to remember to bring your checkbook or that seemingly nonexistent thing called “CASH” to church. ACH (automatic debit) giving is available at Central Church as an alternative to writing a check to the church each week or month. You can elect to have a withdrawal done on the 1st or the 15th of each month. The sign-up forms can be found at the Welcome Center. For more information, please contact Kenne Dailie or Brittney Pauli.

**MAIL BASKETS:** As a reminder, there are mail baskets located under the TV at the Welcome Center. These are used regularly, so please make sure to check for any mail you may receive. Thank you!

CENTRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 7, 2024

Today: Volunteer Appreciation Sunday  
Holy Communion  
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  
6:30 p.m. Men’s Evening Bible Study – Heritage Room

Monday: 8:15 a.m. The Gathering – Fellowship Hall  
4:30 p.m. Fellowship & Service Committee Meeting – Fellowship Hall

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

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

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Seasoned Citizens of Central Gathering – Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meeting – Heritage Room  
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  
**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 Alice Marie Winquist and Kenneth Martin Knaus.

**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.  
Hallie Schulte: 24 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW #4, Watertown, SD 57201  
Toby Schneck: 48002 153<sup>rd</sup> St., Milbank, SD 57252

**BIRTHDAYS:** Celebrating upcoming birthdays (January 11 - 17) are:  
Thursday, January 11 – Jan Zuver and Don Hofman  
Friday, January 12 – Whitney Falk and Keegin Carlin  
Saturday, January 13 – Molly Rick  
Sunday, January 14 – Nancy Anderson, Hilary Grabow, and Lindsey Keller  
Monday, January 15 – Aaron Knaus, Will Cummins, and Tanen Schmieg  
Tuesday, January 16 – Faye Runge  
Wednesday, January 17 – Jennifer Brown

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Celebrating an anniversary are:  
Tuesday, January 16 – Jim and Jan Dietman

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL:** Everyone is invited to the Wednesday Night Meal on **Wednesday, January 10, at 5:15 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Cheeseburger soup, turkey noodle soup, French bread, veggies, and bars will be served for a **FREE-WILL donation**. Come feed your body and soul! Invite a friend!

**SPIRIT SISTERS GROUP SIGN UP DEADLINE TOMORROW:** The Spirit Sisters women’s group will start their “As for Me” Bible study on **Wednesday, January 10, at 6:15 p.m.** They will meet in the Heritage Room. “As For Me” is a 7-week study by Adrienne Camp on the book of Psalms. It will be facilitated by Hether Voeltz. The cost of materials is **\$20.00**. The **LAST CHANCE** to sign up is **TOMORROW, Monday, January 8!** Please sign up on the clipboard at the Small Groups Table near the Welcome Center.

**SEASONED CITIZENS OF CENTRAL GATHERING:** The Seasoned Citizens of Central will hold their monthly meeting on **Thursday, January 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Duane Winquist will share reflections from his life based on Psalm 23. Come enjoy his talk as well as coffee, lunch, fellowship, and music. Please call the Church Office, 432-4766, if you would like a ride.