



CENTERPOINT
CHURCH

MAY NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATIONS



We were blessed to celebrate Bradyn Van Ommeren, Jocelyn Van Ommeren, Kaden Van Ravenswaay, as they professed their faith in Jesus. Carol Zhang professed her faith and was baptized. Baby Bergyn Roze Hoogeveen, daughter of Kaitlin and Ryan Hoogeveen, was also baptized.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to all our high school and college seniors finishing strong! We are so proud of you. We trust the Lord will lead you in your next steps. Remember, you belong at Centerpoint!

BOARD UPDATE

On May 5, the board met for its regularly scheduled meeting. We continue to review the principles of Policy Governance and this month we reviewed principle 10, Information and Reports. Here is the link for this month's education segment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCml4dGbw18>

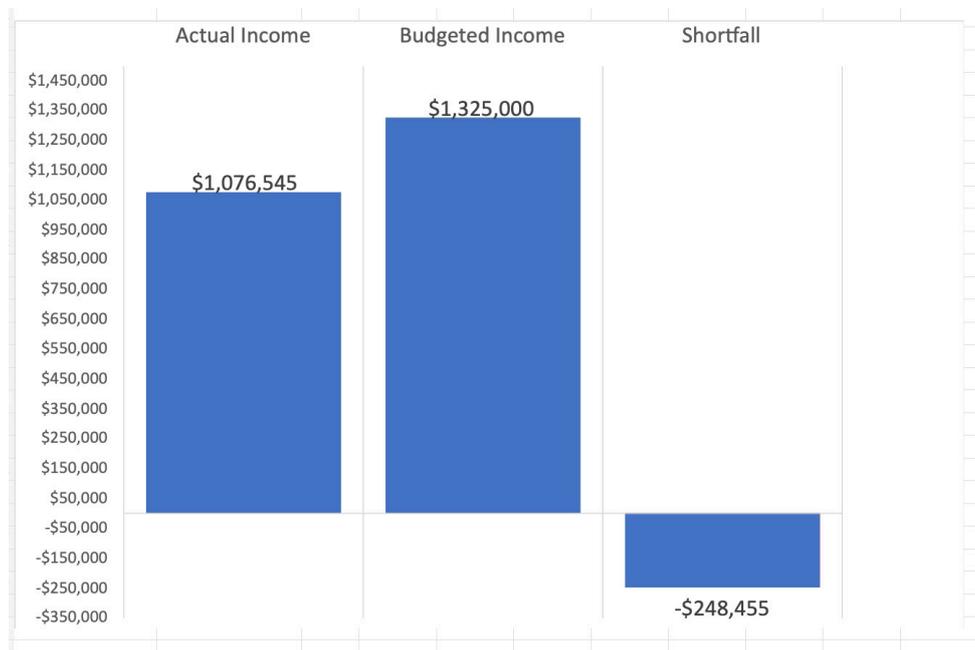
Each month the board spends some time reviewing one of the five Ends that we have as a church. As a reminder, the five ends include: Worship; Discipleship; Missional Engagement; Multiplication; and Healthy Culture. This month we reviewed the End of Discipleship which reads: "Centerpoint people will be encouraged to work within our spheres of influence to live and love like Jesus, becoming disciples who create other disciples, investing whatever it takes short of sin."

May 4 was the final day of voting to affirm the single slate of elders for the elder board. Jill Zwart and Jack Woelber were affirmed. Their three year term will begin in July.

As a reminder, June 1 will be our annual celebration event. This will be a Connect event where both campuses will meet in Sioux Center, and we will ordain and install our new elder(s) as well as celebrate the life of Centerpoint over the past year. A meal will be provided following this service. Volunteer opportunities will be published for this event in the coming weeks.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are currently **19%** behind in giving.



YOU'RE INVITED!



Centerpoint's Annual Celebration is on June 1, 2025. This is a Connect Event where both campuses come to Sioux Center and together, review and celebrate the year we've had as a church community. During this service, we will review budgets, hear testimonies of how God has used Centerpoint Church to make a difference, and share in the ordination and installation of the new

and continuing Board members, Jill Zwart and Jack Woelber. Lunch will be provided. Gluten free options will be available upon request. And hey, we're looking for help. If you'd like to lend a hand, sign up to volunteer online at <http://shorturl.at/LM9b4> today!

S.A.L.T. (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly)

Our Centerpoint senior members' ministry (SALT) has harmonized education and inspiration in our two gatherings this spring. In April we invited our church staff members to join us for an afternoon with the goal of becoming better acquainted with each other. After committee member Jan Henryson shared a moving devotional testimony of God's faithful direction in her life, staff members came individually to our meeting area to tell us about their background, their calling to ministry, and the service that they render within our congregational life.

That afternoon we found ourselves wishing that the whole church could be present to hear the variety of often surprising ways that the Holy Spirit gifted these friends for ministry, guiding them along a diversity of pathways to their present roles in service at Centerpoint. Their testimonies were humorous, heartfelt, spiritual, touching--and even musical. We had tears of emotion and of laughter as we came to know each person's spiritual narrative. And--oh yes--we did have fun making ice cream sundaes that afternoon, too!

Our scheduled SALT travel excursion began with filling up the church bus on a beautiful May morning. Piloted by our trusty driver, Jack Woelber, we headed south toward Sioux City. Our first destination, the Railroad Museum, had long been on our proposed agenda for a SALT trip, but was necessarily delayed many months because of the flooding along the adjoining river. The staff and volunteers just recently celebrated a grand re-opening of this unique historical attraction.

A sobering section of this museum focuses on the use of trains during the holocaust in Europe during World War II. The phrase "Lest We Forget" came to mind as we were graphically reminded of that horrific chapter in human history. Later we viewed several train cars up close and heard the history of the development of train travel. Our guide shared that the railroad tracks laid in and around Sioux City had a significant place in our nation's westward expansion.

We also witnessed a fascinating display of several rooms of model trains. It was just such fun to watch them all in action! We had brought food along for our noon lunch and were privileged to eat together in an authentic train dining car. The staff at the museum was very helpful in making our visit a memorable experience.

In the afternoon we visited the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center at Stone Park. This, too, was a good learning experience, as we were reminded of the wisdom of God's creative hand in nature's many wonders. Our bus then headed homeward, all of us continuing to enjoy the fellowship of one another and recounting the multiple varied exhibits we had seen on our trip to Sioux City.



THAT'S A WRAP!

The 2024-2025 Kids & Student ministry season has come to a close! Thanks to everyone who served & gave to make this year possible!



KIDZONE

Kidzone wrapped up another successful year on Thursday, May 1st! We celebrated with a party that included cookies and ice cream, a puzzle scavenger hunt where they received clues to solve three different challenges ending with the challenge of making their own bubble blowing wand, and a bouncy house obstacle course in the gym. It was a fun time for both children and adults!

Kidzone is an outreach ministry designed to serve families in our community. We provide a safe, Christ-centered place for children to come after school where they can learn about Jesus' love and have a lot of fun! Kidzone students start their afternoons with a snack and are invited into relationship with Jesus through direct teaching during daily devotional time and by the way we treat each other. At Kidzone, we get to participate in several different STEM activities planned for them throughout the afternoon. We end our afternoons in the gym with free time.

This year marks a big milestone for Kidzone. Centerpoint Church has offered this program to families in our community for 20 years. We have operated in collaboration with Sioux Center Community Schools and Dordt University for the past seven years. We are proud that Kidzone provides opportunities to build relationships across many generations and is a collaborative effort among these local organizations. Serving our community together has brought value to our program, to Dordt University and to the local schools. We are so grateful to all who have made it possible for Kidzone to continue to be a blessing to the families in our community.



This year Kidzone had 97 children registered with an average daily attendance of 65 children. We hosted 32 Dordt students majoring in education during our 1st semester and 28 during our 2nd semester. Six students from Northwestern College and five students from Dordt's social work program joined us as volunteers throughout the year, as well as, five returning and one new volunteer from Centerpoint's congregation, and one Kidzone parent from the community.

We live out Christ-like love through our leadership by caring for and practicing patience, forgiveness, and respectfulness to all adults and children at Kidzone. Each role and relationship is important and has impact! Kidzone is possible because of people choosing to invest in our children.

I feel incredibly blessed to be a part of the Kidzone team! I am grateful for the continued support for Kidzone by families sending their children, people choosing to serve and collaboration to make Kidzone a success.

Thank you!
Amy Zebroski
Director of Kidzone



HAVE A FUN & SAFE SUMMER! KIDZONE REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 5TH.



JOIN OUR TEAM - VOLUNTEER!

We are looking for Nursery Volunteers! If you are willing, available, and interested - even once a month or once every two months would be a big help. No huge, long-term commitment required. We run a background check and you're good to go. Email Sally Te Stroete at sally@wearecenterpoint.com. We appreciate your heart for Centerpoint Kids!

CENTERPOINT STUDENTS

Centerpoint Students celebrated the end of the ministry year in multiple ways - mostly food, ice cream, and fun!

In Hawarden, a student named Kyler smoked meat for the group. We celebrated our evening with delicious pulled pork sandwiches! Following the meal, we played minute-to-win-it games, and ended the night hearing spit-out-water worthy dad-jokes from Casey and Jim!

Our Sioux Center middle school group ran around their campus figuring out riddles and clues to a scavenger hunt. "I am a letter, but I do not make waves. (C – Centerpoint Pin)" The race was tight, but both girl groups came out in first place! To end, we enjoyed ice cream from Culver's!

Our Sioux Center high school group ended their large group year serving the NWIA Baby Shower with set-up, sorting, and packing. They celebrated their hard work with Culver's ice cream as well. A week later, they celebrated in their small groups, eating good food, playing fun games, and enjoying the great weather!

I have appreciated such a great group of students and leaders this year! There was laughter, intentional conversations, and community building; and I have loved every moment. Thank you for sharing your students with me!

Our end of year celebrations include a Senior Night honoring our high school seniors and their parents. This year our Sioux Center high school seniors are: Aislin Maassen, Maci Schmalbeck, Margo Schuiteman, Kyle TeStroete, Micah Vande Vegte, Casen Jahn, Russell Dolieslager, Karter Hooyer, Sophia Woodward and Tegan Doleman. Our West Sioux high school seniors are: Austin Van Engenhoven, Addison Westergard, Hannah VerMulm, Brittani Finzen, Isaac McMahan, Serenity McMahan, Kelan Utech, Bailey Jeschke, Ella Popken, and Gregory Cook.

Congratulations to you all and prayers as you start a new chapter!

Ytsje Vandermeer
Director of Student Ministries



LOOKING AHEAD



We're rolling out a new series for the summer. In the book of Hebrews chapter 11, the author lists individuals from Old Testament history. These figures were known by name throughout generations. They were famous and listed as such. Today, people known for greatness are included in a thing called the Hall of Fame. This series is kind of like that, but with people from the Bible being celebrated for their trust in God. We call it the Hall of Faith.

This series starts May 25th. The study guides will be in two parts and available for pick up at the Welcome Center.

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