

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



MEAL & WORSHIP NIGHT

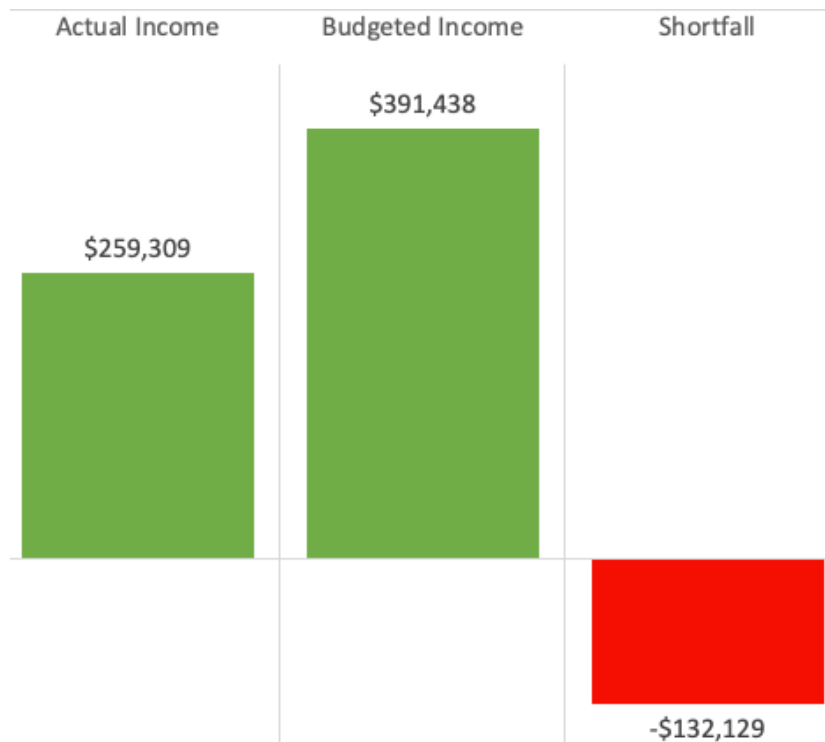
At Centerpoint, one of our values is raising up the next generation of leaders. This summer, we spent time praying and planning how to do that well—and one result was our Meal and Worship Night.

The vision was simple but powerful: create a space where students lead and direct worship and where our kids and youth can gather to worship in the presence of the Lord. Whether they're on stage, running sound, managing lights, or praising and singing along, we're equipping students to lead with their gifts—so wherever God sends them, they're ready to partner with Him.

The meal portion of the evening was designed to foster community. Jesus often invited people to the table, and we wanted to reflect that by gathering students, kids, and volunteers around shared meals. These tables are places to connect, converse, and grow in relationship. Because when we truly know one another, we begin to understand that we belong—and Jesus reminds us that we all belong.



FINANCIAL UPDATE



We are currently
34% behind in giving.

CELEBRATIONS



We were blessed to celebrate the baptism of Senna Parker Bolkema, daughter of Kyle & Shelby Bolkema.

SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF AWANA

Our Wednesday night discipleship program for Kindergarten through 5th grade is off to a fantastic start! We've had a wonderful time learning and growing together in God's Word.



A special highlight this fall was on September 24th, when our 2nd graders received their very own Bibles. What a joy it was to place God's Word in their hands and watch their excitement as they began exploring it!

Each age group is diving into meaningful lessons during our large group time:



Kindergarten-1st Grade (left) is learning about the Armor of God; discovering how God equips us to stand strong in our faith.

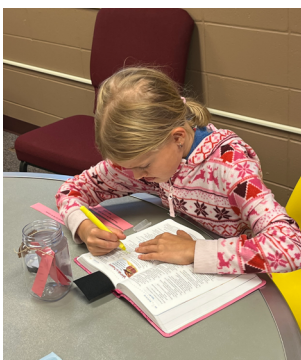
2nd-3rd Grade (right) is being taught how to navigate and understand their Bibles; helping them grow confident in reading Scripture



4th-5th Grade (right) is walking through a kid-friendly version of Discover Centerpoint; learning what it means to follow Jesus and be part of our church family.



We are so thankful for the opportunity to invest in the next generation of disciples. Please continue to pray for this ministry—that each child would come to know, love, and serve the Lord with all their heart.



BOARD UPDATE

On October 13th, the board met for its regularly scheduled meeting. We opened with a devotion and split into groups for prayer. We continued with our review of the principles of Policy Governance, and this month, we reviewed principle 3: Speak With One Voice.

[Click here to watch the video.](#)

Each month, the board spends 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.* The board feels that this end is worthy of continued pursuit both now and in the future of Centerpoint Church.

We want to thank everyone who participated in the survey a few weeks ago at the end of the church service. The results were very informative and, in most cases, Centerpoint follows the national norms. This information is valuable to the board as well as the staff as it highlights our strengths and opportunities. The board will continue to evaluate the information and discuss it again next month, and the staff will use the information to inform our teaching and preaching. Thanks again for participating!

Time was spent discussing the roll out of our capital campaign and the positive response we received during our Covenant Partner meetings the previous Sunday. It will be announced to the full congregation on Sunday, October 19th.

Centerpoint is governed by a process called Policy Governance. As part of this process the board states the limits we have in place for our lead pastor in guiding our congregation. We review a third of these limits each year. During this review, our lead pastor reports if we are following those limitations. Pastor Jamie presented the report, and we concluded we are in compliance on the limits reviewed.

SALT RECAP

If you had wandered into Centerpoint's Worship and Fellowship areas on the afternoon of October 12th, you would have heard a remarkable juxtaposition of young voices praising the Lord mingled with older voices sharing thoughtful life perspectives. During the afternoon, Centerpoint Students were preparing to lead their peers and AWANA students in worship on Wednesday night. In that hour, the worship area reverberated with powerful songs that glorify God and make Christ known.

As the rehearsal finished and students left, the space quieted. Soon after, senior adults had arrived to consider the challenges faced by children, young people, or young adults living life in 2025 and beyond. It seemed to almost be a balancing act—an hour of worship music melting into thoughtful meditation — both are so very necessary.

Our first Senior Adults Living Triumphant event of the new season was different from most of our previous events, both in setting and in substance. Fellowship and learning are both key objectives of this ministry, and this meeting encapsulated both of these goals.

We began by sharing a meal together of sandwiches, fruit and yummy home-baked desserts. It was all so good! We also shared a devotional time centering on the struggles of young Jacob as described in Genesis 28.

Our guests for the evening were three well-respected guiding lights from our area: Sioux Center school counselors Iver Mettler and Julie Oldenkamp, and therapist Jeremy Koerselman, who joined us on a panel to guide us through discussions of the opportunities and challenges of growing up in today's world.

These three counselors took on some of the toughest topics surrounding children and young people in 2025: mental health concerns, bullying, sexual identity, anger, violence, academic issues, social media, and more. These discussions were riveting, bold, educational, and humorous. We all gained insight into these difficult issues. The panelists closed by sharing ideas how we, as seniors, can be a positive force for good with young people. We were impressed by the importance of the work that these counselors do each day. **Join us in praying for them as they help and guide the young people in our community.**

LOOKING AHEAD

CONNECT EVENT

Join us for a connect event in Hawarden on **October 22nd** at 6:30pm. We will be painting pumpkins, and enjoying some fun fall-themed snacks!



STUDENTS TAILGATE FUNDRAISER

Please plan to join us for lunch at both campuses following worship on Sunday, **October 19th**. Our Sioux Center and Hawarden High School Students will be serving a tailgate lunch to raise funds for our Rocky Mountain High retreat in the summer of 2026! There will be a free will donation, and all proceeds go directly to supporting our students.



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