

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



CENTERPOINT
CHURCH

BOARD UPDATE

On September 8, the board met for its regularly scheduled meeting. We opened with a devotion and split into groups for prayer. We continue to review the principles of Policy Governance, and this month, we reviewed principle 2; Decisions Made by Consensus.

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

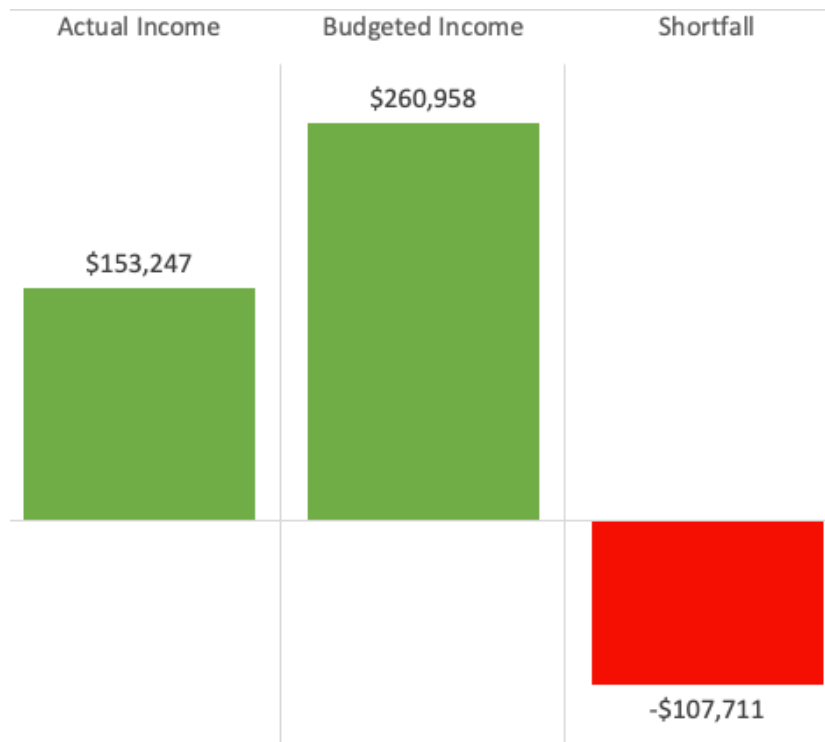
Each month the board spends time reviewing one of the five ends that we have as a church. As a reminder, the five ends include: Worship, Discipleship, Missional Engagement, Multiplication, and Healthy Culture. This month we reviewed the end of Worship which reads: *Centerpoint will heavily invest in awakening people in our region to the purpose for which they were created: to worship God and enjoy Him forever.*

Time was spent discussing the worship experience of Centerpoint at both campuses. In general, the worship experience at both campuses seems very positive and impactful.

As was mentioned last month, one of the board's goals is hearing and discerning the voice of the Spirit through the congregation and Covenant Partners. The goal of the process is to get insight from a broader congregation to set the long-term vision and direction of Centerpoint. Last month we mentioned our conversation led us to think about other creative ways we can use to that end. It was decided at this meeting that we will be doing a survey during our September 21 service to gain that insight. This is a survey conducted by churches all over the US, and we will use the insight gained from it to inform the board and staff of areas of our strengths and opportunities. More information will be shared in the near future.

We want to thank everyone who attended the Fall Kickoff for Centerpoint on September 7th. It was a beautiful day to have a connect event with wonderful worship, followed by lunch. The fellowship and camaraderie was delightful. We especially want to thank all the volunteers that supported this event in any way. We appreciate everything you did to make this event a success!

FINANCIAL UPDATE



We are currently
41% behind in giving.

CELEBRATIONS



We were blessed to celebrate the baptism of Connor Verlyn Raak, son of Clint & Amanda Raak.

S.A.L.T. IN REVIEW & PREVIEW

We are excited! The leadership of our Centerpoint Senior Adults Living Triumphantly (S.A.L.T.) is looking forward to a new season with fresh ideas for great get togethers. Some gatherings will be educational, and others will be focused on spiritual growth. Holiday events are planned. We will enjoy fellowship, food, and lots of fun in the coming months, and we would love to have you join us.

This invitation is being very intentionally extended to a wider circle of friends. First of all, we surely want to invite our neighbors from our Hawarden campus to join us. Your participation would be a wonderful addition! Secondly, our leadership team has elected to be more specific about the age of our attendees. Are you 55 or older? We would love to have you join us whenever you are able. We believe that this clarification will enable additional persons to know they will be welcomed at S.A.L.T. events. We look forward to the added energy these folks will bring to our gathering.

Before telling you about the kick-off event for the season, we want to share about a significant organizational event that took place in July. We invited all persons interested in the S.A.L.T. ministry to meet with us after our Sunday worship. Together we reviewed the recent history of this ministry, noting our successes and challenges. In small groups, we discussed how this ministry might be strengthened for the future. Positive suggestions were shared and volunteers for future assistants were enlisted. Participants were optimistic about this ministry and clearly indicated they wanted it to continue and flourish.

You are invited to join us for our first gathering of the new season on October 12th at the Sioux Center campus. This event will be unique in several ways. For the first time, we will be coming together on a Sunday evening. Our gathering will begin with a devotional time and a light supper at 5:30 p.m. After eating, we will welcome a group of leaders from our community who work with children and young people. This experienced panel will be discussing such topics as social media, gender identity, artificial intelligence, and a variety of other challenging topics that are confronting our youth. We will soon be sharing the names of these panel members. This will be an excellent learning opportunity for all of us. We hope you can be present for these timely discussions.

We are also glad that we can share that we are being joined by a new member on our planning committee. Nancy Vermeer is a welcome addition to our volunteer leadership team, joining Jan Henryson, Bev Van Berkel, and Pastor Steve Breen.

MISSIONS UPDATE

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

The call given by Jesus to His disciples right before He ascended couldn't be more clear. Followers of Jesus are tasked with telling those far from Jesus about how we have seen Jesus show up in our own lives and in the lives of those around us.

The calling to do this is specific to three different areas: *local, regional, and global*. At Centerpoint, we take seriously Jesus' call on us to Make Christ Known. One of the ways we do this effectively is by partnering with mission organizations at all three levels. More than 10% of our annual budget is given to support missions locally, regionally, and globally.

Locally, we partner with organizations who are well equipped to reach and impact people groups that we don't yet serve. They are uniquely gifted in caring for kids, serving those with mental health needs, offering Christian education, and serving those involved in adoption. Partnering with organizations who are already experts in areas outside of our main focus helps us to be really effective with the dollars we invest and encourages local ministries to continue their important work.

Regionally, the goal is similar. Who is already doing things important to the mission God has given us? And how can we partner with them? We partner with groups that are translating the Bible, impacting urban youth, offering Christian summer camp experiences, providing worship experiences for the incarcerated, and flying into the Alaskan wilderness. These partners are a great example of doing whatever it takes, short of sin, to make Christ known.

Globally, we partner with organizations who see the world the way we do. We feel called by God to be part of a multiplication movement. Planting churches and multiplying leaders; and some of our partners across the globe (SE Asia, Africa, Central America and the Middle East) are working to plant churches as well.

Our giving is having impact on new churches planted by indigenous people on the other side of the planet. It is so fun to watch how God works through us to see His will done at the ends of the earth.

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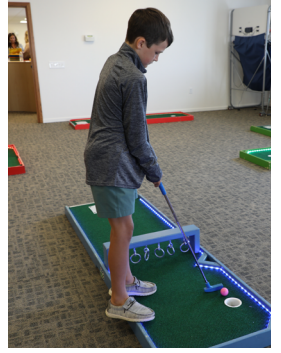
We get to be a part of these things because of your generosity. We would love to be able to give more to our current partners to increase the amount of churches being planted and leaders being trained for the glory of God. We can do this together as we understand we get to be witnesses of God's love, mercy, and grace; locally, regionally, and globally.

Join us in praying for our partners here, in our region, and around the globe!

Check out what some of our global mission partners are doing in Cambodia [here](#).

FALL KICKOFF RECAP !

Thanks for joining us for our Fall Kickoff on September 7th! We are so grateful for the opportunity to connect and have fun together. We want to extend a special thank you to anyone who served in any capacity at this event.



LOOKING AHEAD

MEAL NIGHT

Let us cook dinner for you on **September 24th**! Join us for burgers, hash browns, and ice cream treats from 5:00-6:10 pm at the Sioux Center Campus before Awana and Middle School Students.

DISCOVER CENTERPOINT

Get signed up for our upcoming three week Discover Centerpoint class **starting on September 28** at 10:45 am at both campuses! This class provides a great opportunity to connect and learn more about how we seek to know Christ, grow together, and reach beyond ourselves. Sign up [here](#).



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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