As the growth of spring transitions into full-blown summer, I am always amazed at the beautiful creation that surrounds me. One need only step out the door of the home to see God’s masterpiece of the earth – the gentle breeze, the smell of lilacs and other flowers, the birds chirping and squirrels running around. Life and beauty is all around us, if we take the time to look at it. While physical creation was important to God, he needed someone to inhabit his earth.

God’s greatest masterpiece is humanity. We are his most prized possession. Nothing he has ever created in the earth can compare to even one of us. When we look at the world collectively, that may be hard to comprehend, but when we spend one on one time with Him, worshipping, praying and listening, we can get a glimmer of how important we are.

God is in the details. Not only is he concerned about bringing beautiful sunrises and sunsets to us as a daily gift, he wants us to slow down and appreciate the abundance of beauty that surrounds us. He also wants us to slow down and nourish the relationship we have with Him and the people he has put in our lives. We often overlook the sunrise, the gift of a good friend, the preciousness of spending time with Him and pouring out everything on our hearts to Him so he can heal and bring blessings. Those are the small details we often feel we don’t have time for, but they are what sustains us. God wants to help us in every way possible so our hope is that you slow down, spend time with God, loved ones and His creation. Enjoy his gifts!!

COVID-19 has shaken up the world as we know it, but God is in control. Focus on his beauty and abundance all around us, pray for health and healing for our world and for all our essential workers, especially health care workers. Most importantly, keep calm and trust God. He will see us through this in His own way and in His own time.

Peace,
Lysa
Thank You Stanley Steemer

Our friends at Stanley Steemer did a complete cleaning and disinfecting of the main mission and the Women & Children’s Home for Free! What an awesome and generous gift! The children at the Women & Children’s Home made them cards in thanks for keeping their home safe during this time of COVID. Thanks Stanley Steemer!

A Lovely Lent Tradition

When I think of Lent, I am always reminded of the generous Hill City Community! For 5 years this wonderful community has challenged each other to “give” something to Cornerstone for each of the 40 days of Lent, rather than “giving up” things for Lent. They place the items in black bags and the bags are then delivered to the Women & Children’s Home. The staff goes through these bags, keeps everything useful to the ladies and children, and the rest is sold through the Cornerstone Thrift Store. This year they delivered 100+ bags! It’s a wonderful circle that benefits not only the Women & Children’s Home but all the guests of Cornerstone. We cherish and thank our friends from Hill City for continuing this lovely tradition!
A Generous Community

One of the things the people of the Midwest are known for is their generosity. This was made apparent by the donations that have come into the thrift store over the past weeks. Vehicle after vehicle have pulled up with so many treasures! The sale of these items supports the Women & Children’s Home and many other expenses of Cornerstone. Having people donate and shop at the thrift store is such a blessing! We would like to thank everyone in the community for generously thinking of Cornerstone as they do their Spring cleaning!
Maddie Slettedahl, Carsyn Kostaneski & Piper Christensen made Easter baskets for all the children at the Women & Children’s Home. So thoughtful of them!