The Heartbeat of The Mission

Our God Reigns!

It is amazing how quickly things can turn around. Six weeks ago, COVID-19 was barely a thought to us and just a virus in China. Now it is a household word affecting every person on the planet in some way. It astounds me how quickly this has spread, yet it also reminds me of how small our world truly is. More importantly, it reminds me of how big our God is. This is no surprise to Him, and as we all grapple with our new reality, He gently desires us to turn to Him with all our fears, anxieties and apprehensions about the future. None of us know how this will all play out, but we do know who God is, and that He loves us and is ultimately in control. Please know that we are praying for all of you as we believe that you are part of the Cornerstone family. Several of us are praying Psalm 91 daily for our community and are committed to growing stronger in our faith through these trying times.

We are also committed to the continued care of the homeless in our area. We have had to make changes to the operations of our mission to provide for the safest care of our guests and staff. Some of you have donated food and financial assistance to help us continue to do this and we are so grateful. We are also grateful for those who have sewed masks for our staff and guests to help us control the spread of the virus. Trying times often bring out the best in people, and we have certainly seen that.

We have much to be grateful for: wonderful medical staff who are sacrificing so much to give us the best medical care, factories and plants going into overdrive to provide needed goods, suppliers and truckers ensuring deliveries are made on time, stores and pharmacies open to provide essential life-saving food and medicine. The list could go on and on – so a hearty THANK YOU to all of you. I also want to highlight Memorial Day – and give thanks to our military members and their families who sacrifice so much to keep us free.

Feed into your faith, and not into your fears. Our God Reigns and He will never leave us or forsake us!

Peace, Lysa
Easter – A Happy Time for the Children of Cornerstone

Easter was different this year. I know you all felt it too. Families did not physically gather. People did not attend church but rather watched it remotely. It was a quiet day. A day to reflect on those we hold dear and how we missed them, maybe even took them for granted in the past. I guarantee there are a lot of things we won’t take for granted for quite a while.

We tried to keep Easter as normal as possible for the children of Cornerstone and of course that involved Easter Baskets! Kim Panton applied for a Thrivent $250 Community Impact Visa card which she donated for Easter basket supplies. Peggy Pientok donated her large Beanie Baby collection, and Judy Rickard donated a ton of candy. The donations from these three ladies resulted in awesome Easter baskets this year! The kids were thrilled and we hope it eased some of the uncertainty that surrounded Easter this year for the parents and staff. We want to thank everyone who contributed to these baskets and we look forward to a “normal Easter” in 2021. We sure won’t take it for granted, will we!

Banquet Memories...

Hani Shafai received the Cornerstone Spirit Award at the Cornerstone Celebrates Banquet. Hani does so much for Cornerstone!

Ron Johnsen congratulates Sandy Gryder & her daughter Samantha Nicks at the Cornerstone Celebrates Banquet, after they shared their heartfelt story how homelessness can affect anybody.

Marilyn Myers set up the Banquet Boutique. She is so talented!
Equip Ministries, a college ministry at SDSU and USD, has helped out Cornerstone every spring for the last several years. This year they helped clean out and organize the freezers in the kitchen and helped clean up and organize an area of the Thrift Store. We certainly appreciated the help from this group of 20+ college students and we hope to see them next year!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church generously donated $4,000 to the Cornerstone Thrift Store for the purchase of a large steel storage unit. This will be used for much needed storage of items that will make their way to the sales floor of the store – which in turn will help boost profits of the store. Profits from the store support the Women & Children’s Home and some other expenses of Cornerstone. Bobbi Drewes, Audrey Paepke & Jacque Sly are pictured giving the check to Lysa and Kim. Thanks to everyone at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the wonderful gift!
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**Cornerstone Rescue Mission's Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast**

**Place:** Terra Sancta Retreat Center  
2101 City Springs Road • Rapid City

**When:** May 10th • 7:30 a.m.

Come join us for a Breakfast Buffet and celebration of all the wonderful Volunteers who support Cornerstone!

Please RSVP to Deb by May 4th at 718-8712 or dberg@cornerstonemission.org

Hope to see you there!

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**Needs List:**

**Thank You!!**

**MEN’S MISSION**  
**30 Main St.**

**KITCHEN**

- Fruits and vegetables, eggs, milk, coffee, sugar, oatmeal, pancake mix
- Cream of mushroom or chicken soup
- all kinds of meat.

**MISSION:**

- Foot powder, towels, twin-sized blankets, twin-sized sheets, cold weather outerwear, reading glasses, bottled water for sack lunches, personal hygiene items for men & women, backpacks.

**CORNERSTONE THRIFT STORE**  
**401 – 11th Street**

- Beds, furniture and appliances, kitchen items, home décor.

**WOMEN & CHILDREN’S HOME**

**301 Fox Run Drive**

- Coffee, eggs, milk, cereal, sandwich bread, butter, sugar, laundry soap, dish soap, baby wash, baby lotion, kleenex, clorox wipes and personal hygiene items.

**VETERANS - 30 Main St.**

- Shoes, boots, thermal underwear, sugar, creamer, antiperspirant, lotion, backpacks, coffee.

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**APARTMENTS**  
**1220 East Blvd.**

- Dish soap and household cleaners.

**ADOPT A FAMILY**

- Gas cards, oil changes, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, household items.

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**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION**

(The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. We are serving more people every day. Your help is appreciated!)