

HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER NEWSLETTER

June 26, 2025



Kurt Martell lived-out generosity throughout Reunion. He delighted the kids with balloon animals. He gave us a rousing talent show performance that had us singing a few Christmas carols between groans at Kermey's dad jokes. What was especially generous was how he shared his clown ministry tools and tips through a silent auction, raising money for our 3 charities. It touched everyone's heart during our closing worship when Kermey reminded us that each of us are an offering, to the hymn CCS 618 **"We Lift Our Voices"**.

Becky Turner presented Kurt with this beautiful wood artwork, thanking **"Hermey and his helper, Kurt"**, for all his years of service to the Northstar District and Headwaters Mission



Center camps, reunions and congregations.

Thank you and God bless you, Kurt!



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CHOOSE HOPE!



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HEADWATERS MISSION CENTER+ EVENTS IN 2025

- All are warmly invited to the **Northwoods Evening Devotions** Zoom meetings weekly on Wednesday nights at 7 pm. See page 11 for Zoom connection info for this.
 - **SPECTACULAR 2025**—July 12—19, 2025 at Graceland University in Lamoni, IA. Theme: **Hope in Action** **Registration Link:** <https://spectacular.camp/register/> - registration cut-off is June 29, 2025 at 11:59 pm central.
 - **SONS OF YAHWEH and SHINE, JESUS, SHINE!** Male-identifying AND Female-identifying Retreats—both July 25—27, 2025 in Duluth.
 - **July 27 5—6:30 pm: 5-week Book Study begins** *“Sustaining While Disrupting: The Challenge of Congregational Innovation”* See flyer on page 7
 - **Junior and Junior High Camp** August 6—10, 2025 at “The Castle” near Brainerd. Ages: finished 4th grade through finished 8th grade.
 - **NEW! Mission Weekend in Milwaukee with Karin Peter and Joelle Wight —August 23 & 24**—All Seventy, plus all mission-minded people are invited!
 - **International Day of Peace**—Stassi Cramm, president-designate of Community of Christ, will present ***The Role of Nonviolence in Living Christ’s Mission*** through the Peace Perspectives online series on Saturday, September 27.
 - **October 1, 2025—Due date to have congregational business meetings** to elect delegates for Headwaters Fall Conference
 - **NEXT Fall Conference**, November 1-2, 2025 in Madison, WI
- The Sunday worship from Fall Conference will be available over Zoom, as will the business meeting on Saturday. The business meeting will take place in the afternoon.*
- **8th Annual Northwoods Christmas Party**—December 6—7, 2025—Theme to be unveiled this summer in a special announcement!



Congregational Leaders' Retreat—March 6—8, 2026

Franciscan Spirituality Center, La Crosse, WI

Guest Ministry from Apostle-Designate, Carrie Welch



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COMMUNITY OF CHRIST PRESENTS



CAMP SPECTACULAR

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JULY 12TH - 19TH
REGISTER BY JUNE 29TH
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REGISTER AT WWW.HEADWATERSMC.ORG [Register1](#)
AND SPECTACULAR.CAMP/REGISTER [Register2](#)

- **Ages**
 - All teens who have completed grades 9-12
- **Location**
 - Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa
- **Can I bring a friend?**
 - YES!
- **Price**
 - \$150
- **Not sure about camp?**
 - Watch [THIS](#) video!

[Psych Video](#)

*For more details or questions
please contact*

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Male Identifying Retreat



Exploring
our identity
as children
of God

AND

Highlighting
our
relationship
with Him

Guest Ministry Rob Borkowski

Hosted by the Northwoods Congregation
On-Grounds Tent Camping - Limited Indoor
Accommodations Available - Loaner Tents
Available - Fishing on Lake Superior or
Alternate Activities - For more Info Contact
Steve Elder (218) 393-1611
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July 25-27, 2025

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE!

FEMALE IDENTIFYING RETREAT

2025

WORSHIP

Hosted by the
Northwoods Congregation

PRAISE

Guest Ministry - Barb Borkowski

FRIENDSHIP

RENEWAL

Held at a Historic Duluth Mansion

Duluth, MN

Enjoy Duluth's
Naturally Beautiful Surroundings

Double Accommodations Only

Limited Availability

Register
Today!

July 25-27, 2025

Explore the idea of Christ being the light of the world and our calling to reflect His light!

Contact Retreat Directors for more information:

Wendy Greer: pwvgreer@yahoo.com (218) 280-5197

Fay Elder: stevefayelder@msn.com (218) 393-1637

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You are invited to our discussion of the book

Sustaining While Disrupting



"Aptly titled, this book provides a realistic perspective on the challenges of, to use a metaphor, changing the tires on your car while you are driving on the freeway. Powe and Weems provide a handy, thoughtful, practical, and inspirational book focused on leading churches through today's disruptive environment, rather than playing it safe by continuing a steady decline into obsolescence.

"Sustaining While Disrupting achieves the rare feat of being timely and timeless. The practical tips will be welcomed by those who love the church but see it struggling to be fruitful today.

"Focused on leading churches through today's disruptive environment"

Book Study – "Sustaining While Disrupting"

Starting: Sunday, July (5 Session)

Sunday's 05:00 – 06:30pm Central Time (US and Canada)

Sustaining While Disrupting: The Challenge of Congregational Innovation	
Week 1 July 27, 2025	Introduction: The Changed Context for Churches Today Chapter 1: Sustaining and Innovating: A Biblical Model
Week 2 August 3, 2025	Chapter 2: The Pastoral Leadership Dilemma Chapter 3: The Opportunities and Limitations of Sustaining Leadership
Week 3 August 10, 2025	Chapter 4: The Leader as Sustainer Chapter 5: The Leader as Innovator
Week 4 August 17, 2025	Chapter 6: Skills for Sustaining and Disrupting Chapter 7: Tools for Discerning Your Next Faithful Steps
Week 5 August 24, 2025	Chapter 8: A New Model for Leading Change Chapter 9: Innovating in Practice

Let Murray Barentine know if you are interested in joining this exploration of the book "Sustaining While Disrupting". Email at murrayb@barentine.com or call at 608-235-9298.



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YOUTH CAMP 2025

the **LORD**
is my **SHEPHERD**

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August 6 - 10, 2025

Arrive 4:00 pm Wednesday — Depart 12:30 am Sunday

All Youth Ages 8 - 13

\$50 for entire camp — Free for adult partners

Register now at headwatersmc.org

**Join the fun and fellowship at
Parker Scout Reservation in "The Castle"**

21930 Paradise Dr N, Nisswa, MN 56468

For more information contact Levi Muhlenkamp 320.360.3877



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Summer Break – June-August

Participants can register for free on our website www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions

You can also watch past CIMM Sessions on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@cofcseminaryatgu/videos>.

CIMM Ministry & Priesthood Classes

Summer 2025

INTRODUCTION TO Scripture

MINISTRY OF THE High Priest

MINISTRY OF THE Evangelist

- Introduction to Scripture – Dave Schaal
- Children & Youth Worker Core Training (2-weeks – rolling class dates)

June 30 – August 24

- Ministry of the High Priest – Jenn Killpack
- Ministry of the Evangelist – Kris Judd
- Children and Youth Worker Core Training (cont.)

Each class \$25 with Temple School & non-degree CEU credit

For more information and registration visit:
www.graceland.edu/cimm

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Offering Sanctuary

Community of Christ has been asked by many congregations in the United States how they can respond to immigration issues—offering church buildings or facilities as sanctuaries, and/or how to generally participate in the sanctuary movement.

Congregations and members seeking guidance about how they can respond to immigration issues should start by reviewing the information and recommended actions in the 2013 Statement on Immigration, available in the Official Statements on Our Ministry Tools. ([Immigration-Statement-English.pdf](#))

Earlier this week, Karen Hill emailed 3 guides provided by the Office of General Counsel of Community of Christ:

- 1. Offering Sanctuary—Informational Guidance for U.S. Community of Christ Leaders**
- 2. Sanctuary in the U.S. —General Legal Overview**
- 3. Immigration Enforcement Actions—Action Plan for Congregations**, which includes very specific guidance in these 2 sections:
 - ⇒ BE PREPARED
 - ⇒ WHAT TO DO IF ICE OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHOW UP AT CHURCH

If you would like to have these documents emailed to you, please email ltrinkle@headwatersmc.org.

If a congregation has additional questions, Denise White, our Field Support Minister, has additional resources that can be provided. dwhite@cofchrist.org 740-312-0047, voice and text



Share Your Story

Interviews and Home Visits

You might remember that Becky Turner wants you to **SHARE YOUR STORY**, and many of you have already—thank you!

What is the most common response received thus far in the interviews to question 4,

Q: What do you think is important for the Community of Christ to do now?

A: Many people, especially those that are home-bound, **would love to have people from church visit periodically.** This need has come up in many of the interviews.

Visiting is already occurring, but this feedback reminds everyone, that there is the need for more connection. Whether a priesthood member or not, we can experience the **Blessings of Community** when we spend time visiting.

Karen and Liz have asked the Cluster Leaders, as they reach out to pastors each month, to encourage each congregation to maintain 2 lists to support visiting:

- 1. Those that would like periodic home visits**
- 2. Those that would be able to join with another member and go visiting.**

Maintaining the lists can help promote more active visiting. Just a reminder that it is best practice that a pair (or more) of people do the home visit together.

If any individual or congregation is in need of a traveling communion kit, we have one available—contact khill@headwatersmc.org.

By the way, there are still more opportunities to SHARE YOUR STORY with Becky. Just contact her at 651-206-3410 or email her at b42jturner@gmail.com to arrange a time.

Here are the questions for the interview:

- 1. Tell me about your religious upbringing.***
- 2. What was your first interaction with this church?***
- 3. Can you share 1 or 2 special testimonies of God's influence or blessings on your life?***
- 4. What do you think is important for the Community of Christ to do now?***
- 5. How do you think we can share the gospel with others?***
- 6. Who was/is the most influential person from this church in your life/why?***
- 7. What is the most important thing you want others to know about you?***



ONLINE CONGREGATIONAL INFO:

You are warmly invited to join the following congregations for worship.

Apple Valley—Hybrid worship

Sundays—Fellowship begins at 10:00 a.m. with worship at 10:30.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81325903089?pwd=L290OEM2VGtVdFVTa2E5RUphY3JGQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 2590 3089 Password: AVWorship1

Madison—Hybrid Worship

Zoom worship and Gathering: Sundays 9:30 a.m. for summer; returning to 10:30 am starting Sept 8, 2024

You can join them online using this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82865581378?pwd=MHZoN21EamVKRi9ETTZTUXFzajZEQT09>

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 828 6558 1378 Passcode: 666111

Milwaukee/Wauwatosa—Hybrid Worship

Zoom worship and Gathering: Sundays 10 a.m. Social Time: 9:30 a.m.

You can join them online using this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81200672184?pwd=TVFJQTM2TVowZ2ZtYVJhUWZZVm40QT09>

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 812 0067 2184 Passcode: 737761

Northwoods—Wednesday evening devotions

You are invited to participate in the weekly Northwoods **Wednesday evening devotions**. We gather via Zoom each Wednesday at 7 p.m. CST for approximately an hour. Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87983150140?pwd=YTNhbIcvTThmQW10bXkvQTFZQldTUT09>

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US Meeting ID: 879 8315 0140 Passcode: 057329

Red Wing—Hybrid Worship

All are welcome to join the Red Wing Coalition at 10:00 AM each Sunday morning for Fellowship Chats followed by our prayer list and worship service at 10:25. Please call or text 651-206-3410 if you have any questions about the link, or for more information. Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85704678238?pwd=Y24zOUFzeEVWeU1zaU1UUXJwU1Vidz09>

Dial in: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 857 0467 8238 ; Passcode: 594835

St. Paul—Hybrid Worship

You are warmly invited to join the St. Paul congregation for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Join Zoom

Meeting—<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83761982678>

Meeting ID: 837 6198 2678 Dial in: +1 312 626 6799

