

Praise & Worship

Aneta Community Church
Interim Pastor John Gallagher
10 a.m. - Sunday school
11 a.m. - Worship
Telephone Ministry call 799-0975

Bethany Free Church - Binford
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Worship - 9 a.m.

Binford Gospel Tabernacle
Pastor Brian Skaar
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship
Online Worship Facebook: "Brian Skaar"

Cornerstone Community Church
Pastor Robbie Brown
9:15 a.m. - Sunday school (September-May)
9:30 a.m. - Prayer & Fellowship (June-August)
10:15 a.m. - Worship (Also streamed on YouTube)
1st & 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m. - Ladies Healing Hearts Bible Study
Tuesdays at 7 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.; meal at 5:30 p.m. - Cornerstone Kids (October-March)
Men's Ministry Bible Study - Fridays, 7-9 p.m. Every 2 weeks

Dazey Assembly of God Church
Pastor Foster Beckstrand
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship

Mabel Lutheran Church
Pastor Russ Christiansen
9 a.m. Sunday Service
on Facebook LIVE: "Russ Christiansen"

Prairie Faith, Glenfield
Sermons on Facebook: "Prairie Faith, Glenfield"
701-785-2219
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Men's Prayer Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
Women's Prayer Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Quad Catholic Parishes
Sacred Heart (Aneta) - St. George (Cooperstown)
St. Agatha (Hope) - St. Lawrence (Jessie)
Fr. Brian Bachmeier
701-797-2624
April 12, 19, 26
Saturdays
5 p.m. Hope
Sundays
8:30 a.m. Cooperstown
10:30 a.m. Jesse
3:30 p.m. Aneta

Saron Evangelical Church
Kenneth Curtis
9:45 a.m. - Sunday school
11:00 a.m. - Worship

Finley Lutheran Parish
Finley Lutheran, Ostervold,
Sheyenne Valley, Trinity - Sharon
Parish office open Wednesdays
701-524-2369
1st & 3rd Sunday - Ostervold 9

a.m. Finley L 10:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sunday - Sheyenne V
9 a.m. Trinity L 10:30 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran Sunday School,
9:50 a.m. for 1st grade and
older on 2nd & 4th Sundays

Sundahl and Ottawa Lutheran Churches, Aneta
9 a.m. service at Ottawa
10:15 coffee fellowship at both churches
11 a.m. service at Sundahl

Tri-County Ministries (Faith Lutheran of Hannaford, First Presbyterian of Cooperstown, Trinity Lutheran of Binford, Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Kloten, Lutheran Church of McVilleville, Grace Lutheran of Grace City)

First Presbyterian of Cooperstown
Sundays: 9 a.m. worship at Assisted Living

Faith Lutheran ELCA Hannaford
Sundays: 10:30 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran of Binford
Sundays: 8:30 a.m. worship

Grace Lutheran Church ELCA of Grace City
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. - worship

Lutheran Church of McVilleville ELCA
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. - worship

Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA Kloten
March 29: 8:30 a.m. - Worship

Trinity Lutheran Church, Cooperstown
Pastor Gary Lundberg
9:30 a.m. - Worship

Trinity Lutheran Parishes, Hannaford
Rev. Jerry Rosin, 701-797-7247

Union Lutheran Church, rural Hannaford
Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov services - Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec services - Sunday mornings at 11 a.m.

Services on Facebook: "Trinity Lutheran Parish Hannaford"

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hope
Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov services - Sunday mornings at 11 a.m.

Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec services - Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

Services on Facebook: "Trinity Lutheran Parish Hannaford"

Zion Lutheran Brethren Church, Cooperstown
Pastor Josh Graber
10 a.m. - Worship
11:15 a.m. - Growth Groups
701-797-3137
Services available online at www.zionlb.com

THE WORD



Pastor Robbie Brown
Cornerstone Community Church
Cooperstown

Humpty Dumpty was a character in an English nursery rhyme, depicted as an egg shaped man. He was a happy fellow sitting on a wall. But he was constantly troubled by the fact that he might fall and crack his thin, white skin. He wished to be hard, all the way through and it troubled his heart because he would wobble when he walked or ran. You see, his father, Old Humpty Dumpty, had been a reckless man who came to a very bad end. He took advice from nobody and so he fell off the wall and ended up in pieces. Indeed, a famous poem was written about him:

*"Humpty-Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty-Dumpty had a great fall,
All the king's horses, and all the king's men
Could not put Humpty-Dumpty together again"*

In 1 Samuel 5, the Philistines had just stolen the ark of the covenant from Israel. But they too are very reckless and very proud. You see, they thought Israel's God was contained in this box and so, having defeated Israel in battle, they now believe they have defeated Israel's God. *They believed that God was just one more deity of many.* And so, they placed the ark of the covenant on the shelf of their temple where their god Dagon was housed. But every morning when they entered the temple they found their idol Dagon on the floor face down. And so, they put him back up again. But this kept happening, only the next

time Dagon's head and hands had been cut off. *You see, like Old Humpty Dumpty, their deity kept falling and keep getting damaged until it could never be fixed again.* And later on, the people were afflicted with terrible sores and tumours. Only then did the Philistines realise that Israel's God was behind all of this. He could not be contained in a box after all. He was an all-powerful, ever-present God who could never be restricted by any nation or any human being. All other 'gods' are false idols. He is the only true and living God and no building nor structure can ever contain Him. And so, the Philistines only found relief from their troubles when they returned the ark of the covenant back to Israel.

And I think there is a major lesson here for many people today who call themselves Christians.

We use God for our own purposes. We think we can contain Him, control Him and use Him, pulling Him out of His box when it suits us so He can be subservient to our purposes and plans. When a loved one dies, we need Him at the funeral. When a baby is born, some go before Him to have the child sprinkled. When we get married, we need Him there to listen to our vows. If we bother going to church at all we are happy to have Him in our company for an hour, so we can tip the hat to Him and show Him we are good religious people. We may even remember Him at Christmas - amidst the tree, tinsel and turkey - and for a day or two every March or April when we think about a large stone being rolled away. *But other than that, we are in control of our lives, we can live as we please and so we do not need God. We are happy to put Him back in His box.* The Bible and praying are only added extras for the fanatics and especially devout types.

But this is idolatry. The great theologian of the fourth and fifth centuries, Augustine of Hippo defined that word in this way: *"Idolatry as worshiping that which ought to be used or using that which ought to be worshiped."*


Is this so often the case with many of us? We use God rather than worship Him, while worshipping the gifts He gives us rather than use them for His glory. Not until disaster comes into our lives, when like Old Humpty Dumpty we have fallen off the wall of our own ego and pride, do we ever seem to call on God, begging Him to put us back together again.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING Finley & Cooperstown, ND

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL MEETING of Town & Country Coop of Finley & Cooperstown, ND will be held **Wednesday, April 29th, 2026** at the **Finley American Legion**.

Supper at 6:00pm - Business Meeting to follow .

- . Annual Audit report.
- . Any other business to properly come before the meeting will be transacted.



By order of the Board of Directors
Mike Eslinger, Secretary

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Showtime Sat & Sun 7PM

Cooper Theatre

DINNER & A MOVIE

Friday, May 1

Thelma

Rated : PG-13 1 Hr. 39 Mins.
Dinner at 5:30pm / Movie at 7:00pm

BBQ, Chips, Cookie, Pop or Water & Movie \$10 | Additional Sandwich \$2

Starring: June Squibb, Fred Hechinger, Parker Posey, Richard Roundtree, Clark Gregg, Bunny Levine

When 93-year-old Thelma Post gets duped by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson, she sets out on a treacherous quest across the city to reclaim what was taken from her. Sheriff Amberly will be there to speak to everyone after the movie and to answer any questions

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WAKE UP Wednesday

Scan the QR code to register for two free drinks from Nana's Cafe and Coffee Shop.

Winner will be drawn at random each week. Winner must agree to have photo taken and posted on social media.




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(701) 797-2672

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- Finley Motors** 540-4162
- Miller's Fresh Foods** 797-2161
- Stri-King Lanes & Cafe** 769-2114
- New Century Press/Griggs County Courier** 797-3331

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