

Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshipping with us today!
 If you, or others you know, have a need that we may help you with, please let us know. No matter what the situation, there is hope in Christ Jesus and it is our goal to Share him here.

Visitor Information

Please take a minute to fill out the information below & return to greeter.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____

Children: _____

How may we serve you? (please circle)

1st time visitor New to Area

Returning visitor Would like a visit

Place membership Want to know more

Prayers: _____

Those to Keep Wrapped in Your Prayers:

Shut-ins

Eunice Peoples, Marge Rickertsen,
 Amanda Larsen, Ted Franklin, Delores Bolte, Viola Sorenson

College Students

Jacob Duncan, Juwan, Taylor Kinney, Thad Kinney,
 Caleb Leinen, Elizabeth Ponce, Emma Seilstad, Collin Smith, Rachel Smith

Military

Bob and Terry's Son: Bobby Duncan
 Nova Deckman's Brother: Billy Harris
 Mike and Glenda Petersen's Son: Nate Petersen
 Deb Kinney's Son & Daughter-in-law: Jon & Lynn Kinney
 Cathy May's Son: Chris Buckles
 Austin Hunter's Sister: Makenzie

Areas to Serve

Today December 6th

Greeters Rick Ogle
 Deb Ogle
 Parking Lot Jack Loftus
 Call to Worship Ron Holcomb
 Opening Prayer John Leighton
 Song Leader David Seilstad
 Table Talk Justin Leinen
 Table Prayers Garth Hilton
 Roger May
 Closing Prayer David Holcomb
 Announcements Ron Holcomb

Next Week December 13th

Greeters Lori Seilstad
 Caroline Seilstad
 Parking Lot Marv Cameron
 Call to Worship David Seilstad
 Opening Prayer Jake Sola
 Song Leader David Montague
 Table Talk David Seilstad
 Table Prayers Jack Loftus
 Bob Duncan
 Closing Prayer Nathan Leinen
 Announcements Parker Seilstad

Ministries

Media Parker Seilstad	Worship Services
Education Bill Leinen	Jonah Leinen
Building Maintenance	Secretary Nova Deckman
Keith Smith	
Rick Ogle	Women's Ministries
Men's Bible Study	Andrea Leinen
Mitch Dollen	Nursery Cathy Buckles
Benevolence Jack Loftus	Teens Dylan & Jordan Ford

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

We are a Bible centered, unified family of believers called to an ever-deepening relationship with Christ. We will pursue Christ through study, prayer, and fellowship. We recognize that we are sent to the larger community surrounding us to plant the seed of the Gospel and to demonstrate God's love and Christ's life.

DECEMBER 6TH, 2020



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His mission. Our focus.

	Sundays		1st and 3rd Mondays	
Bible Class All Ages	9am	Men's Bible Study at Building	7pm	
Worship	10am	Women's Bible Study at Building	7pm	
Life Groups	1st /3rd Sunday			
All Church Fellowship Lunch	2nd Sunday			
		Wednesday		
		Bible Class All ages	7pm	

The Only Way to the Father

“You know the way to where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” [John 14:4-6](#)

The disciples were understandably worried after Jesus told them of His impending betrayal and departure at the Last Supper (John 13). So, He moved to calm their fears by telling them that His returning to the Father would be for their benefit, that He would be preparing a place for them (14:1-3). And, as today’s passage reveals, after telling the disciples this comforting truth, Jesus told them that they knew the way to where He was going (v. 4).

Given that the disciples have shown some confusion about what is about to happen to the Lord (13:37), Jesus’ comments might strike us as odd. In fact, they strike Thomas as odd, for he objects that the disciples do not know where He is going (14:5). But our Lord’s point is not that the disciples have complete knowledge of all that is about to transpire in the arrest, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. No, His point is that they know the way to where Jesus is going because they know Him. As the author of Hebrews makes clear, Jesus goes back to the Father on high as our forerunner; He returns to heaven ahead of us in order to bring us there ([Heb. 6:20](#)). But the only way to get to heaven, the only way to be reconciled to God, is through Jesus. So, while the disciples do not yet fully know where Jesus is going, they know the way to get there because in knowing and belonging to Jesus they will be taken to the Father as well.

This point is confirmed in [John 14:6](#), which features one of the most important teachings regarding our salvation in all of Scripture. Jesus proclaims Himself as the way, the truth, and the life—the only way to the Father. Here we read perhaps the boldest declaration of the exclusivity of Christ ever spoken. There are no alternatives for redemption other than Jesus; only He can reconcile us to the Father. John Calvin comments that “if any man turn aside from Christ, he will do nothing but go astray; if any man do not rest on him, he will feed elsewhere on nothing but wind and vanity; if any man, not satisfied with him alone, wishes to go farther, he will find death instead of life.”

We must never compromise on this point. To reject Jesus’ teaching and authority here is to reject His other teachings about Himself and His work. Dr. R.C. Sproul writes in his commentary *John*: “Our friends, our community, and even many churches tell us that we must deny the uniqueness of Christ. But to do that, we must deny the church’s confession of faith, and more importantly, we must deny Jesus’ own confession about Himself.”

Congregational Scripture Reading

Romans 6:23

**For the wages of sin is death,
But the gift of God is eternal life
In Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Ministry Updates

Bible Classes

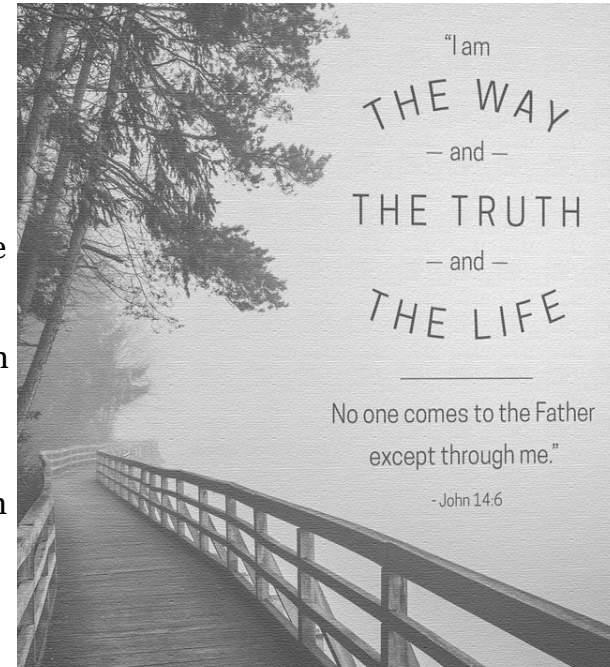
Until further notice we will not be having Sunday Morning bible class or Wednesday evening services.

Share My Smile

Thank you to all who were able to donate gifts to the foster children of Share My Smile. Twenty foster children were served. Thank you again for your generosity.

Sunday Afternoon Class

A class taught by Garth Hilton will be offered Sunday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm. “How Should We Live” is video series and book on the rise and decline of Western culture from a Christian perspective. Contact Garth to get signed up. A minimum of 10 will be needed for class to be offered.



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

8th Micah Leinen
10th Kevin Van Patten
11th Glenda & Mike Petersen
16th Brooke Dollen
30th Evalina Holcomb
30th Bob & Debra Helton
January 1st Pat Dwyer

Elders

Ron Holcomb 712-352-1324
Troy Kinney 402-510-5267
Bill Leinen 712-325-8234
David Seilstad 712-323-4061

Minister

Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

Please Pray for

Will Pennington Passing of mom Betty
Cathy May Recovery from Surg
Lauren Deckman Loss of Grandmother
David Nalley Health
Terry Duncan David new liver
Roger May liver cancer
Delores Bolte Dewayne’s health
Brian Deckman Cancer/Dialysis
Ted Franklin Overall health
Evalina H. Health
Jason Leinen Protection and Health
Delores Bolte Knee

Those diagnosis of CV-19
College Students Military
Shut-ins Eldership

Prayers Requests & Announcements
