

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, Thad Kinney, 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 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

Next Week December 20th

Greeters	Stephanie Slyter Carol Pantoja
Parking Lot	Rick Ogle
Call to Worship	Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer	Justin Leinen
Song Leader	Parker Seilstad
Table Talk	David Montague
Table Prayers	Bob Helton Dylan Ford
Closing Prayer	Thad Kinney
Announcements	Roger May

Ministries

Media	Parker Seilstad	Worship Services	
Education	Bill Leinen	Secretary	Jonah Leinen Nova Deckman
Building Maintenance	Keith Smith Rick Ogle	Women's Ministries	
Men's Bible Study	Mitch Dollen	Nursery	Andrea Leinen 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 13TH, 2020



VISION 20/20

His mission. Our focus.

Sunday Morning Worship 10 am
Amid pandemic class times are
suspended until after the new year.

Beautiful Thoughts, Kind Words

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Philippians 4:8

Consider what is a common failure in many of our lives, but that we seldom recognize. It is the problem of a pessimistic outlook, of negative imagination. How often do you find your whole attitude is set in a wrong direction by your imagining what could or would or might happen in a situation, so that when you actually come to it you are so frustrated and flustered by what you have been thinking that you are unable to handle the problem. I know this is the subject on which many books on the power of positive thinking are written. There is a place for positive thinking, but only after you have first discovered a positive life, the life of Christ.

I remember a story about a man who had a flat tire on the way home, and found he had no jack in his car. He set out to borrow one in the wee small hours of the night, and he began to worry about the reaction he might get when he requested his neighbor for a jack and had to waken him and get him out of bed in the middle of the night. He began to think about how that neighbor would feel, how angry and resentful he would be, and how he wouldn't want to get up and give him the jack, that he probably couldn't find it in the garage anyway and he'd have to dig around and maybe get a flashlight and go to an awful lot of trouble. The longer he thought about it the madder he got. Finally, he arrived at the neighbor's house, went up and thundered on the door and when the man showed up, he said, Well, you can keep your lousy jack if that's the way you feel about it.

That unfortunately illustrates a problem that too frequently occurs in our lives. It's because we give no heed to the apostle's exhortation, whatever is true. That's the first reality. Things as they are, not as they might be or could be. Whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise. Think about these things. This is a deliberate choice of the will to refuse to think about the negative, but to think about the

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.**

Continued...

positive in any situation, or about any person. Then the God of peace will be with you. If you set your mind to that, the God who dwells within will express himself in terms of peace rather than strife and confusion.

Christianity was meant for life. I am impressed by the fact that when our Lord Jesus came, he didn't talk to people about religion. He talked to them about life. About their work in the kitchen or shop, about how they lived and thought and acted, about what they said to their children, to each other, and how they got along with their neighbors. He didn't come and talk to them about theological problems, about existential relations and interpersonal demands and epistemological confusion. He came to talk to them about the way they were living, and to show them what life is. He showed them that the secret is a person who dwells within, whose life may be manifested in terms of our personalities, and that everything is designed to drive us back to that.

Family News and Updates

Bible Classes

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

College Graduation

Congratulations to Taylor Kinney, who graduated from York College last weekend, with a bachelor of Psychology.

Clear Scans

Prayer of Thanksgiving, as Mason Ogle had clear scans this past week. His next scan will be in three months.

Encouragement

If you would like to encourage Jason Leinen by writing him a note or letter, see Andrea for his address.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

16th Brooke Dollen
30th Evalina Holcomb
30th Bob & Debra Helton

January

1st Pat Dwyer
4th Elaine Torneten
12th Madison Sola
13th Jude Deckman

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

Nova Deckman Sister Kelly Covid
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 Duane'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
