

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

Delores Bolte
Ted Franklin
Sharon Hauptman
Amanda Larson
Eunice Peoples
Marge Rickertsen
Viola Sorenson

Military

Bob & Terry's Son:
Bobby Duncan
Nova Deckman's Brother:
Billy Harris
Mike & Glenda Petersen's Son:
Nate Petersen
Deb Elam's Son & Daughter-in-law:
Jon & Lynn Kinney
Cathy Shipley's Son:
Chris Buckles

College Students

Jacob Duncan
Ethan Leinen
Luke Martin
Madi Ogle
Emma Seilstad
Rachel Smith

Areas to Serve

Today October 10th

Greeters	Lori Seilstad Caroline Seilstad
Parking Lot	John Leighton
Call to Worship	Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer	Dylan Ford
Song Leader	Parker Seilstad
Table Talk	Jonah Leinen
Table Prayers	Rick Ogle Garth Hilton
Table Servers	Brent Robbins Connor Adams
Closing Prayer	Bob Helton
Announcements	Mitch Dollen

Next Week October 17th

Greeters	Glenda Petersen Carol Koletzke
Parking Lot	Jack Loftus
Call to Worship	Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer	Thad Kinney
Song Leader	Dylan Ford
Table Talk	Parker Seilstad
Table Prayers	Jake Sola John Leighton
Table Servers	Christian Adams Ryan Schulenburg
Closing Prayer	Mitch Dollen
Announcements	Nathan Leinen

Ministries

Benevolence	Jack Loftus	Media	Parker Seilstad
Facilities & Safety	Keith Smith Rick Ogle	Outreach & Missions	Justin Leinen
Children	Jonah Leinen	Secretary	Nova Deckman
Discipleship	Bill Leinen Brian Deckman	Teens	Dylan Ford
Education	Bill Leinen	Worship Services	David Montague
Finance	Troy Kinney	Women's Ministries	Andrea Leinen

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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.

OCTOBER 10TH, 2021



*Our Restoring
God*

Growing 2 1 Goal

Stronger . Deeper . Higher

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

Our Restoring God

Many of us put our faith into Jesus but we still see areas in our lives that we want to change- sin we still fall into and patterns of life we know aren't the most glorifying to God. We try to take things into our own hands but we have to begin to realize that we can't be the clay and the potter.

WE are the clay and He is the potter. Clay can't shape itself. We have to remember that just like clay we can't be shaped outside of the potter's hands. A piece of clay doesn't turn into a bowl sitting on the table on it's own- it has to be positioned in between the hands of the master to turn into something beautiful.

Anyone who has ever used a pottery wheel knows that the clay starts off lumpy and disfigured and then it has to be thrown and centered in the middle of the wheel. In the same way, as followers of Jesus we take our lumpy, imperfect lives and plant them to be centered in Christ. The center is where the change begins and then the outside follows.

Making pottery is messy- clay runs onto your arms, your shirts, all the way down to our shoes. Is this not the same for our lives?

We get ourselves into messes- hard situations, words we wish we could take back. The beautiful thing is that God isn't afraid of our mess. He loved us so much to send His only son down into our mess to save us from it.

As we begin to walk with Jesus He begins shaping us- He puts force and pressure on parts of our lives that need to look different. At times this can be uncomfortable as we know God is asking us to say yes to things that are outside of our comfort zone or begin to say no to things that aren't glorifying to Him. He prunes us and takes away the useless and dead parts of our lives so we can begin to be more beautiful and more like Him.

We can find hope that we can't be shaped without God's constant hand on us and abiding in us. He stays with us. As an artist, your eyes are never taken off the work at hand just as Jesus' eyes are always upon us.

He sees us. Once a piece of pottery is finished, it is barely recognizable from the lump of clay that it once was. The same is true of us; because of Jesus we are a new creation- the old has surely gone away and the new has come.

Congregational Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.

Family News and Updates

Fall Food Drive

Today is the last day to return your change can and the last days to bring a shelf stable or paper goods donation for the Mountain States Children's Home. The last day for food donations is next Sunday, October 17th.

Fellowship Meal

Visitors, friends and family please join us following services for a fellowship meal. Come and enjoy a meal and time together.

Monthly Woman's Brunch

This Tuesday October 12th at 10:30 am, is a ladies brunch/potluck in the home of Pat Dwyer. Her address is 11075 Red Fox Ridge, Council Bluffs.

Young Professionals Life Group

October 30th the Deckman/Holcomb life group will be having a 60's theme dinner party 6pm at the church building. If you would like a part in all the groovy fun take time to sign up in bible class or after services in the foyer at the welcome center.

Children's Fall VBS

Glow, our children's VBS will be October 20-22nd. If you would like to volunteer or your child would like to attend please see Lori.

Family News

Please let us be in prayer for Cathy Shipley 's upcoming shoulder surgery and recovery. She has also asked us to cover with prayers her mother who has heart problems and her son who was hospitalized with pneumonia and Covid. Also let us remember Sandra Dollen's father Ron Redman, who is also suffering with heart problems. Last David Holcomb came forward asking us to pray for his friend Michael who has had heart surgery this last week.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

10th	Amanda Leinen
16th	Collin Smith
17th	Mitch & Lisa Dollen
21st	Terri Montague
23rd	Alex Dollen
23rd	Nick Dollen
24th	Malachi Deckman

Elders

Ron Holcomb	712-352-1324
Troy Kinney	402-510-5267
Bill Leinen	712-325-8234

Minister

Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

Please Pray for

Sandra Dollen	Dad Ron Heart problems
Cathy Shipley	Mother health/lungs Son in hospital covid
David H	Michael heart surg
Keith Smith	Recovery heart surgery
Marge Rickertsen	Recovery facility/covid
Paulette Leighton	Nursing Care
Mason Ogle	Strength/Health & chemo
Brian Deckman	Cancer/Dialysis
Carol Pantoja	great nephew called to go to Afghanistan
Jake Sola	G-pa Jim Cancer
Marvin C.	Brother Ed heart
Ryan S.	Father/Cancer Radiation
Carmen Ponce	Breast Cancer
Viola Sorenson	Overall health
Evalina H.	Overall health
Delores Bolte	Duane's health
Ted Franklin	Overall health
Jason Leinen	Protection and Health

College Students	Military
Shut-ins	Eldership

Prayers Requests & Announcements
