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:	<u> </u>			
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:				
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Those to Keep Wrapped in Your Prayers:

Shut-ins

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

Military

Nova Deckman's Brother:
Billy Harris
Mike & Glenda Petersen's Son:
Nate Petersen
Deb Elam's Son & Daughter-inlaw: Jon & Lynn Kinney
Cathy Shipley's Son:
Chris Buckles

College Students

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

Areas to Serve

Today March 20th		Next Week Ma	Next Week March 27th	
Greeters	Glenda Petersen Carol Koletzke	Greeters	Stephanie Slyter Carol Pantoja	
Parking Lot	Chris Adams	Parking Lot	John Leighton	
Call to Worship	Ron Holcomb Justin Leinen	Call to Worship	Troy Kinney Jack Loftus	
Opening Prayer Song Leader	Thad Kinney	Opening Prayer Song Leader	David Montague	
Table Talk	Troy Kinney	Table Talk	Jake Sola	
Table Prayers	Bob Helton Garth Hilton	Table Prayers	Jonah Leinen Thad Kinney	
Table Servers	Nathan Leinen Jack Loftus	Table Servers	Christian Adams Austin Hunter	
Closing Prayer Announcements	Parker Seilstad Matt Ogle	Closing Prayer Announcements	Bob Helton Justin Leinen	

Ministries

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

MARCH 20TH, 2022





Our Journey Through 2022

Sundays

Bible Class All Ages Worship Life Groups All Church Fellowship Lunch

9am 10am TBA

1st and 3rd Mondays Men's Bible Study at Building Women's Bible Study at Building

Wednesday

2nd Sundays Bible Class All ages

TBA

TBA

7pm

What Do You Sow?

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God." 1 Peter 1:23

I don't know if you know anything about farming, but the crowd Jesus was addressing in His Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9) must have. The illustration Jesus used is interesting and tells us a lot about our role in bringing lost sinners back to the Father. A farmer cannot make the crops grow, can he? He cannot control the weather or the condition of the soil. His job is to diligently plant seeds. His working of the soil is dependent on many factors beyond his control. He cannot make the ground fertile. He can only steadfastly tend to it.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we have the privilege of sowing the seeds of the Gospel. It is interesting that in the Parable of the Sower, there is actually little focus on the sower. There is not much focus on the seeds either. Most of the focus is on the ground...the soil where the seeds fall. What does this teach us about our role in spreading the Gospel? The success or failure of the harvest is not dependent on the sower, but on the soil. This is good news for us flawed, timid, and sometimes downright goofy sowers, isn't it?

Our part in growing God's Kingdom is to sow. The rest is up to God. Just like a farmer, we must diligently tend the ground and plant the seeds that God has entrusted to us. We cannot make it rain. We are not responsible for the seeds taking root and springing forth in faith. We must only sow, sow, sow. Only God can reach a person's heart. Only He can open the eyes of the blind and give new life. He is the forgiver of sins and the giver of faith, not us. We are merely dedicated farmers so eager to see new growth that we sow seeds wherever we go.

Our techniques, talents, education and eloquence are not what are important. Our willingness to sow is what matters. That is our part, our privilege, our calling. Are you sitting or sowing? You have in your hands the seeds of life.

Congregational Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 1:7

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self control.

Family News and Updates

Spring Food Drive

The spring food drive for the Mountain States Children's Home will start now and go through Sunday, April 3rd, 2022. A list of needed items will be posted on our announcement wall.

Mission Trip Support

Ethan Leinen is planning on attending a mission trip to Equador, if you can donate or additional info please see Justin Leinen.

Church Sign

We are looking for a few witty people to sign up to change the sign during this year. This task takes about 30 minutes from start to finish. If you can take a month please sign up at the welcome desk.

Registration is Open

Nebraska youth camp's registration is now open online for campers and all those interested in serving on staff. You can register at nebraskayouthcamp.com Early bird discount ends May 15th and scholarships are available.

Ladies Brunch

Ladies please save the date for Tuesday, April 12th when the ladies will start back with their Ladies Brunch in the Home of Pat Dwyer.

Leinen Life Group

The Leinen life group will be meeting following services next week Sunday, March 27th here at the building for lunch. Please see Andrea or Bill Leinen for additional information.

Family News

Please remember these prayer requests brought forward last Sunday: Delores health and for Duane Bolte who is still in hospital; Sandy Sladky has had a cough for several weeks and will be seeing doctor; Rick Ogle, who is recovering from knee surgery.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

24th Deb Elam
25th Sandra Dollen
29th Keith Smith
31st Emily Leinen
24th Rick & Deb Ogle
April
2nd Jordan Ford

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

Safety for the Ukraine Church Delores Bolte Duane in hospital Sandy Sladky persistent cough Rick Ogle Knee surg recovery Madi Sola Dylan Odam recovery Jake Sola Sister gallbadder David Holcomb grandmother health David Montague Loss of Father Alexis Adams Surgery recovery Austin Hunter Dad back pain Carol Pantoja Still recovering from hosp Marge Rickertsen Recovery facility/covid Paulette Leighton Nursing Care Mason Ogle Strength/Health Brian Deckman Cancer/Dialysis Jake Sola G-pa Jim Cancer Father/Cancer Radiation Rvan S. 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 Eldership Shut-ins Prayers Requests & Announcements