

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
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-in-law:  
Jon & Lynn Kinney  
Cathy May's Son:  
Chris Buckles

### College Students

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

## Areas to Serve

### Today May 22nd

Greeters      Stephanie Slyter  
                  Carol Pantoja  
Parking Lot      Rick Ogle  
Call to Worship      Bill Leinen  
Opening Prayer      Justin Leinen  
Song Leader      Thad Kinney  
Table Talk      Mitch Dollen  
Table Prayers      Dylan Ford  
                  Matt Ogle  
Table Servers      Connor Adams  
                  Brent Robbins  
Closing Prayer      Jack Loftus  
Announcements      Jake Sola

### Next Week May 29th

Greeters      Amanda Leinen  
                  Iva Franklin  
Parking Lot      Marv Cameron  
Call to Worship      Troy Kinney  
Opening Prayer      Matt Ogle  
Song Leader      Troy Kinney  
Table Talk      Mitch Dollen  
Table Prayers      Garth Hilton  
                  Bob Helton  
Table Servers      Ryan Schulenberg  
                  Austin Hunter  
Closing Prayer      Jake Sola  
Announcements      Nathan Leinen

## Ministries

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

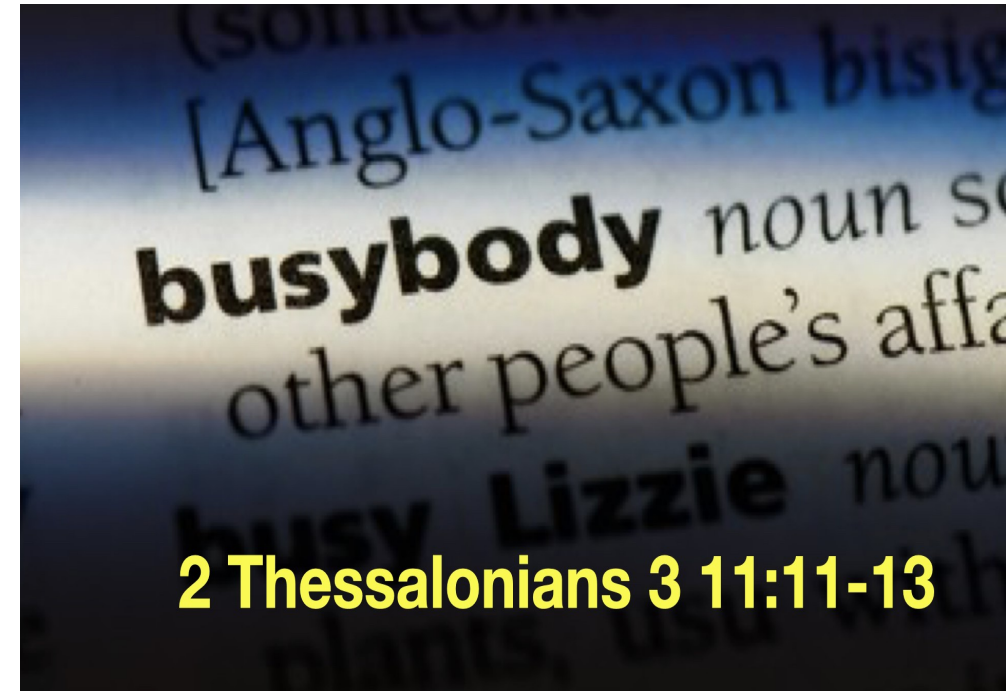
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## CHURCH OF CHRIST

*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.*

**MAY 22ND, 2022**



**2 Thessalonians 3 11:11-13**



## Our Journey Through 2022

|                      |      |                                 |     |
|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Sundays</b>       |      | <b>1st and 3rd Mondays</b>      |     |
| 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           |      | <b>Wednesday</b>                |     |
| Fellowship Lunch     | TBA  | Bible Class All ages            | 7pm |

## Not to Busy to Pray

We don't always pray as much as we ought to. In fact, we could pray a lot more. When a crisis hits, what is our first inclination? It's to say, "God, take this problem away."

Sometimes He does. But there are other times when He doesn't. The reality is that problem, that difficulty, keeps us in touch with God. It keeps us dependent on God. And it keeps us praying without ceasing.

The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Rome, "For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers" (Romans 1:9 NKJV).

Then 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 tells us, "Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (NKJV).

Maybe you're saying, "Pray without ceasing? How that is even possible? I have a life. I have to go to work. I have to do a lot of things. I can't just pray all day."

Why not? It doesn't mean you have to be on your knees with your eyes closed. It is not just a prayer before a meal or praying with other believers. It's simply living in prayer, living in communion with God.

When you're cruising down the freeway or stuck in traffic, your vehicle could become a sanctuary. It could be a place to hear God's Word, worship the Lord, and pray (just keep your eyes open).

You can be close to God wherever you go. Why? Because the dwelling place of God is with us. If you belong to Christ, you're the temple (see 1 Corinthians 6:19). So you, too, can pray without ceasing.

## Family News and Updates

### New Adult Class

Today begins a new study in the auditorium class. A study looking into how God opens doors for us to serve. This class will be based on the study of the book *All the Places to Go* by John Orthberg.

## Congregational Scripture Reading

### John 15:12

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

## Family News and Updates

### Fellowship Meal

Our next fellowship meal will be June 12th. Prepare your favorite dish to share with your brothers and sisters and do not forget to reach out and invite someone to attend with you.

### Ladies Brunch

Ladies please mark your calendar for the next ladies brunch Tuesday, June 14th at 10:30 am in the home of Pat Dwyer 11075 Red Fox Ridge Council Bluffs.

### Saturday Work Day

We will be having a workday here at the building Saturday, June 4th beginning at 8 am. Any and everyone come to help in this act of service to spruce up the building.

### La Vista Guest Speaker

The La Vista Church of Christ will be hosting a series of lessons presented by Doy Moyer from Temple Terrace, Florida on May 22nd-25th. Additional information can be found on the announcement wall in foyer.

### Bellevue VBS

From Pit to Palace: The Story of Joseph VBS will be hosted by the Bellevue Church of Christ June 8th-10th from 6:30 to 8pm. Please register in advance by calling the church office at (402) 291-3585.

### Family News

David Holcomb has come forward and asked for prayers for his grandmother's health and a coworker who is having foot surgery. Please let us join in in cover them in prayer.

### May Birthdays & Anniversaries

28th Rachel Flores  
29th Matt & Jaclyn Ogle  
31st Breon Matheson  
31st Charlie Ford  
**June**  
2nd Carol Koletzke  
2nd Isabeau Mathison  
2nd Parker Seilstad

### Elders

Troy Kinney 402-510-5267  
Bill Leinen 712-325-8234

### Minister

Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

## Please Pray for

|                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Suzie             | Son Nathaniel Surgery   |
| David Holcomb     | Grandmother health      |
| David Holcomb     | coworker foot surgery   |
| Kevin VanPatten   | knee pain               |
| Carol Pantoja     | dialysis 4 times weekly |
| Cathy Shipley     | Chris off oxygen/covid  |
| Delores Bolte     | Duane's health          |
| Marge Rickertsen  | recovery facility/covid |
| Paulette Leighton | nursing care            |
| Mason Ogle        | strength/health         |
| Brian Deckman     | cancer/dialysis         |
| Jake Sola         | G-pa Jim cancer         |
| Ryan S.           | father/cancer radiation |
| Viola Sorenson    | overall health          |
| Evalina Holcomb   | overall health          |
| Delores Bolte     | Duane's health          |
| Jason Leinen      | protection and health   |
| Ukraine Church    | protection              |

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| College Students | Military  |
| Shut-ins         | Eldership |

## Prayers Requests & Announcements

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