

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
Amanda Larson
Eunice Peoples
Marge Rickertsen

Military

Nova Deckman's Brother:
Billy Harris
Mike & Glenda Petersen's Son:
Nate Petersen
Deb Elam's Son & Daughter-in-law:
Jon & Lynn Kinney

College Students

Jacob Duncan
Ethan Leinen
Luke Martin
Madi Martin
Mason Ogle
Rachel Smith

Areas to Serve

Today December 25th

Greeters Stephanie Slyter
Carol Pantoja
Parking Lot John Leighton
Call to Worship Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer Justin Leinen
Song Leader Thad Kinney
Table Talk Jake Sola
Table Prayers Mitch Dollen
Marv Cameron
Table Servers Bobby Berg
Austin Hunter
Closing Prayer Bob Helton
Announcements Mitch Dollen

Next Week January 1st

Greeters Jake Sola
Madison Sola
Parking Lot Marv Cameron
Call to Worship Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer Bob Helton
Song Leader David Montague
Table Talk Mitch Dollen
Table Prayers Jack Loftus
Justin Leinen
Table Servers Christian Adams
Chris Adams
Closing Prayer Nathan Leinen
Announcements Matt Ogle

Elders

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

Minister

Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

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	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.

DECEMBER 25TH, 2022



Our Journey Through 2022

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		Wednesday	
	2nd Sunday	Bible Class All ages	7pm

The Greatest Gift

**Be very careful, then, how you live—
not as unwise but as wise,
making the most of every opportunity,
because the days are evil. (Eph. 5:15-16, NIV)**

Do you think life is a gift or do you take your life granted? Even if think in theory that life is a gift, there are times when we get so busy and task-oriented that we almost forget that life is a gift from God. A very precious gift from God. When we don't appreciate breathing, we take life granted. And that leads us into life that is not all it is meant to be. What to do then?

The only way to fulfilling life is through thanksgiving and praise. When we recognise life as a gift from God, we start appreciating every breath we take. And when we do that, we are fully living. Our life is not then any more glamorous or easier than before but life becomes full of meaning and purpose. And that is another gift from God. Suddenly we start recognising heavenly gifts around us. Life becomes more and more precious. And we love it more as we continue to grow in God's love and grace.

Do not take it granted

Taking God's good gifts for granted leads to misery. As soon as we forget to give thanks and praise God for his gifts, we take them granted. When we don't remember we are not entitled to luxuries and niceties in life, we blame God for our hardships. That's why it is important to seize every day and remember that life is a gift from God. Counting blessings is an effective way to keep us from taking life and other gifts of God granted. And that enables us to truly enjoy every breath we take.

Congregational Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:16

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Family News & Updates

Brother 2 Brother

We will begin a new men's accountability ministry called Brother 2 Brother. Our men will be paired up with each other with the responsibility of getting to know each other better and providing social and spiritual support to one another. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry let Brian know

Game Night

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31st at 6:30pm we will be having a game night at the building. Bring a game and a snack to share to join in the fun and fellowship.

Jesus with a side of Joe

Join Brian Thursday mornings at 7am at the Hy-Vee at Bennett and Madison. Come and enjoy a side of hot coffee with scriptures and prayer before we start our day. Our first meeting will be January 5th.

Life Group

The Kinney life group will be meeting at David and Terri Montague's house on January 14th at 6 pm for potluck and games. Bring your favorite dish and game.

Read the Bible in a Year

Yearly bible reading and prayer journals are on the welcome center for those who would like to read through the bible in 2023.

Family Updates

Please take some time this week to be in prayer for those prayer requests that were brought forward last Sunday: Iva Franklin's son in law Kevin is recovering from hip surgery, and Austin Hunter's friend's sister passed.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

30th Evalina Holcomb
30th Bob & Debra Helton
31st Ron & Evalina Holcomb
January
1st Brandon O'Dell
1st Pat Dwyer
4th Elaine Torneton
12th Madison Sola

Use our church QR code for a quick and easy option to give for weekly contributions. Earmark a donation by adding a note under your donation amount.



Please Pray for

Iva Franklin	Son-n-law Kevin
Austin Hunter	friend's sister passed
Glenda Petersen	Daughter biopsy results
Carol Koletzke	Maggie in hospital
Bobby Berg	Foot surg & recovery
Bobby Berg	Wife heart surg recovery
Jake Sola	G-pa Jim Cancer
Austin Hunter	Loss of Aunt
Carol Pantoja	Health & Dialysis
Elaine Torneton	Recovery heart surg
John Leighton	Paulette's health
Evalina Holcomb	Health
Mason Ogle	Strength & health
Brian Deckman	Cancer & dialysis
Ryan S	Father cancer/radiation
Delores Bolte	Health
Jason Leinen	Protection & health
Ukraine church	Protection

Prayers Requests & Announcements
