

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

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 February 12th

Greeters Glenda Petersen
Carol Koletzke
Parking Lot Jack Loftus
Call to Worship Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer Jonah Leinen
Song Leader Dylan Ford
Table Talk Thad Kinney
Table Prayers Dick Sladky
John Leighton
Table Servers Christian Adams
Ryan Schulenberg
Closing Prayer Bob Helton
Announcements Rick Ogle

Next Week February 19th

Greeters Stephanie Slyter
Carol Koletzke
Parking Lot Rick Ogle
Call to Worship Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer Justin Leinen
Song Leader Troy Kinney
Table Talk Garth Hilton
Table Prayers Nathan Leinen
Marv Cameron
Table Servers Bobby Berg
Brent Robbins
Closing Prayer Matt Ogle
Announcements Parker Seilstad

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.

FEBRUARY 12TH, 2023

Developing A
Christ Like
Love

Empowering Spiritual DNA 2023

Sundays

Bible Class All Ages
Worship
Life Groups
All Church
Fellowship Lunch

9am
10am
TBA

2nd Sunday

Thursdays

Men's Bible Study at Building
at the Madison & Bennett Hy-Vee

7am

Wednesday

Bible Class All ages

7pm

Developing a Christ Like Love

A Christian wants to be as much like Jesus as he or she can be. Part of being like Jesus is loving like Jesus loved. God has a goal of conforming us to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29). Jesus was always obedient to the Father (John 8:29), He was pure in every way (Hebrews 4:15), and He loved people selflessly (Matthew 9:36; 14:14). He commanded His disciples to love each other the same way He had loved them (John 13:34). But that presents a problem. Jesus demonstrated His love by dying for us, saying, "There is no greater love than this" (John 15:13). Since most of us will never be called upon to die for someone, what does it mean to love like Jesus?

John 3:16 tells us what it means to love like Jesus loves: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son." Godly love gives sacrificially. Loving like Jesus means we hold everything we own with loose hands. We are willing to part with money, time, and possessions in order to serve other people. We recognize that all we have is on loan to us from our Father in heaven and we are responsible for what we do with it (Matthew 25:14-30). We give people what they need when it is within our power to do so. When we see a brother or sister in need, and we have resources that could help, we are to share what we have with them (James 2:15; 1 John 3:16-17).

Jesus was indiscriminating in the way He loved. He warned us that it is easy to love those who are like us (Luke 6:32-33). But Jesus loved even His enemies and expects His followers to do the same (Luke 6:35). He healed, fed, and ministered to many who would later cry, "Crucify Him!" (Matthew 27:20-22). He washed the feet of Judas Iscariot, knowing that within hours Judas would betray Him (John 13:4-5). He made a point of ministering to the hated Samaritans (John 4), even making a Samaritan the hero of a parable (Luke 10:25-37). Rich and poor, young and old, religious and pagan—people flocked to hear Jesus because He loved them (Mark 10:1; Matthew 9:35-36; Luke 18:18).

To love like Jesus means we cannot be selective in how we treat people. James strongly condemns favoritism based on financial or social status: "But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors" (James 2:9). We are to treat every human being with dignity and respect, remembering that this person is a special creation, designed in the image of God (1 John 2:9-10; 4:20-21). We must work to rid our hearts of racial prejudice, socio-economic snobbery, and religious superiority. None of that belongs in the life of someone who wants to love like Jesus loves.

Congregational Scripture Reading

1 John 3:16

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Family News & Updates

Youth Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser

Thank you for all the support the youth received at last night's Valentine dinner.

Men's Breakfast

All men please join us Saturday, March 4th at 8 am here in the fellowship hall for a early morning breakfast and a time of fellowship.

Youth Rally Sign ups

If you are able to help out with housing or any additional support for the youth rally here at our building March 24-26th please see Dylan Ford.

Women Walking with God

Registration for the 2023 Women Walking with God is open at womenwalkingwithgod.org Conference dates are April 14-15th. Please see Andrea for additional details about hotel and travel plans.

Food Drive

It is time once again for us to start collecting food for the Mountains State Children's Home. A list of the food and supplies needing to be collected is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Family Updates

Please pray for requests that were brought forward last Sunday: Jake Sola's grandfather fell and broke his hip; Carol Pantoja's health; Evalina Holcomb's health.

Please Pray for

Carol Pantoja	Hospital ICU
Evalina Holcomb	Health
Jake Sola	Gpa broken hip/cancer
Chris Adams	coworker Lori in ICU
David Holcomb	new job opportunities
Garth Hilton	Job openings
Austin Hunter	Grandpa surg recovery
Jake & Madi	Lindsey adoption
Brian Deckman	Pain radiation
Andrea Leinen	Knee surgery recovery
Glenda Petersen	Daughter biopsy results
Carol Koletzke	Maggie in hospital
Mason Ogle	Strength & health
Ryan S	Father cancer/radiation
Delores Bolte	Health
Jason Leinen	Protection & health
Ukraine church	Protection
College Students	Military
Shut-ins	Eldership

Prayers Requests & Announcements

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

22nd	Kaden Ogle
22nd	Noni Deckman
27th	Maple Leinen
28th	Justin Leinen
29th	Caleb Leinen
29th	Vivian Fulmer
March	
4th	Caronna Kinney
4th	Lisa Dollen

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