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>	
	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 March 12th		Next Week March 19th	
Greeters	Lori Seilstad Caroline Seilstad	Greeters	Glenda Petersen Carol Koletzke
Parking Lot	Jack Loftus	Parking Lot	Mary Cameron
Call to Worship	Bill Leinen	Call to Worship	Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer	Jake Sola	Opening Prayer	Thad Kinney
Song Leader	David Montague	Song Leader	Parker Seilstad
Table Talk	Parker Seilstad	Table Talk	Jonah Leinen
Table Prayers	Matt Ogle	Table Prayers	Bob Helton
	Joe Davis		Roman Perez
Table Servers	Nathan Leinen	Table Servers	Ryan Schulenberg
	Jeremy Nuzum		Jack Loftus
Closing Prayer	Justin Leinen	Closing Prayer	Parker Seilstad
Announcements	David Holcomb	Announcements	Matt Ogle

Elders

Troy Kinney

Bill Leinen

Finance

402-510-5267 712-325-8234

Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

Minister

Ministries

Benevolence Jack Loftus Media Parker Seilstad

Outreach & Missions Facilities & Safety Keith Smith

Justin Leinen

Rick Ogle

Troy Kinney

Nova Deckman Secretary

Children Jonah Leinen Dylan Ford

Discipleship Bill Leinen

Worship Services

Teens

Brian Deckman

David Montague

Bill Leinen Education

Woman's Ministries Andrea Leinen

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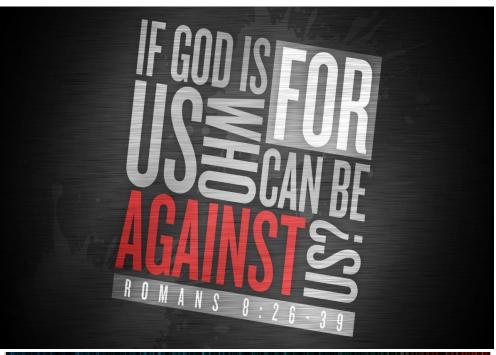
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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 11TH, 2023



Empowering Spiritual DNA

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

Wednesday

Bible Class All ages

7am

7pm

If God is For Us Who Can Be Against Us?

Then Asa cried out to the Lord his God, "O Lord, no one but you can help the powerless against the mighty! Help us, O Lord our God, for we trust in you alone. It is in your name that we have come against this vast horde. O Lord, you are our God; do not let mere men prevail against you!" So the Lord defeated the Ethiopians in the presence of Asa and the army of Judah, and the enemy fled. -2 Chronicles 14:11-12 (NLT)

King Asa was one of Judah's good kings even though his father, King Abijah was not. Abijah's reign lasted only three years and then his son, Asa, took over as king. He began to remove all the pagan altars and shrines and cut down the Asherah poles in the land. There was a period of peace for ten years but then, trouble came to his doorstep. The Ethiopians came against King Asa and Judah with a million-man army. Their army was twice the size of Judah's army, which in the natural, would ensure defeat. But King Asa made the best military move that anyone could make: he cried out to the Lord! He pleaded his case to God and put his trust and the future of the survival of the people of Judah in His hands. The Bible tells us that the Lord defeated the Ethiopians. It wasn't even that the Lord strengthened Asa and the army of Judah so that they would be able to rise up against this vast horde of soldiers. It was the Lord Himself and His army that did it (2 Chronicles 14:13). The job that was left for Judah's army was to carry off the vast amount of plunder that was the result of the miraculous victory.

This story should encourage every single person whose God is the Lord. When the Lord is with you, the facts and the odds don't matter. The Ethiopians outnumbered Judah's army by a ridiculously large amount. There was no possible way for them to survive that kind of onslaught by themselves. But they weren't by themselves. God was with them, and He was with them because Asa cried out to God for help and deliverance. God answered and they were saved and then blessed by the plunder. Think of anything that you are facing that doesn't look too good. Think of any situation or circumstance where the odds are totally against you. Whatever you are facing or whatever you will ever face will be as nothing if you call out to God and put all your trust in Him. The odds then go immediately from heavily against you to overwhelmingly in your favor. There is no one, no number of people, no situation and no circumstance that is greater than God. If you have incredible odds against you in any situation, they immediately turn in your favor when the Lord is with you. And here is more great news: He has promised to never leave us or forsake us! He will not only work in your favor, but the result will be that He will also provide blessings to go along with the victory. Our lesson from this story is that when the odds are against us, they will turn in our favor with blessings on the side when we run to God for help!

Congregational Scripture Reading Romans 14:19

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

Family News & Updates

Potluck Luncheon

Visitors, family and friends please join us following services today for an all church potluck. Please come and enjoy this time of fellowship.

Lindsey Sola Adoption Party

Please join Jake and Madi Sola in celebrating the adoption of Lindsey, March 17th at 5pm here at the building. Light refreshments will be provided.

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.

Monthly Ladies Brunch

Ladies, please mark your calendar for Monday, April 3rd at 10:30am in the home of Pat Dwyer, 11075 Red Ridge, Council Bluffs. Bring a dish to share and please RSVP at 402-699-0015.

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 & travel plans.

Mountain States Children's Home Food Drive

We are collecting food for the Mountains State Children's Home. A table is set up in the outer fover for donation drop off and a detailed list of the items needing to be collected

Family Undates

Please pray for requests that were brought forward last Sunday: prayers for McKenzie's permanent home stability with the Adams family; Sandy Sladky; Bobby Berg's wife recovering from surgery; Carol Pantoja; Evalina Holcomb's health; Deb Hilton sciatica nerve pain; Austin Hunter spiritual walk and his friend Robin.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jason Leinen 17th Rick & Deb Ogle 24th 24th Deb Elam 25th Sandra Dollen 29th Keith Smith **Emily Leinen** 31st

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Earmark a donation by adding a note under your donation amount.

Please Pray for

Carol Pantoja Home and recovery McKenzie home stability Adams family **Bobby Berg** Wife recovery from surg Mitch Dollen Head injury/recovery Garth Hilton Praise job situation Mitch Dollen recent fall recovery Cousin/mental health James Best Sola families Loss of father and Gpa Evalina Holcomb Health new job opportunities David Holcomb Grandpa surg recovery **Austin Hunter** Jake & Madi Lindsev adoption Brian Deckman Pain radiation Andrea Leinen Knee surgery recovery Daughter biopsy results Glenda Petersen Carol Koletzke Maggie in hospital Mason Ogle Strength & health Rvan S Father cancer/radiation Delores Bolte Health Jason Leinen Protection & health Protection Ukraine church College Students Military Eldership Shut-ins

Prayers Requests &

Announcements		