

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 March 19th

Greeters Glenda Petersen
Carol Koletzke
Parking Lot Marv Cameron
Call to Worship Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer Thad Kinney
Song Leader Parker Seilstad
Table Talk Jonah Leinen
Table Prayers Bob Helton
Roman Perez
Table Servers Ryan Schulenberg
Jack Loftus
Closing Prayer Parker Seilstad
Announcements Matt Ogle

Next Week March 26th

Greeters Stephanie Slyter
Carol Pantoja
Parking Lot John Leighton
Call to Worship Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer Justin Leinen
Song Leader Dylan Ford
Table Talk Jake Sola
Table Prayers Mitch Dollen
Dick Sladkey
Table Servers Bobby Berg
Austin Hunter
Closing Prayer Bob Helton
Announcements Roman Perez

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.

MARCH 19TH, 2023

Facing Our Giants Head On



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

Facing Our Giants Head On

The story of David and Goliath came about because of a battle that was happening between the Philistines (Goliath) and the Israelites (David). The Philistines did not like the Israelites and wanted them to become their slaves. David's three older brothers (Eliab, Abinadab, and Shammah) were a part of King Saul's army. David's father, Jesse, kept him back home and made him a shepherd. One day, Jesse sent David to the battlegrounds with food for his brothers, and asked for him to come home with a report on how everything was going. What ended up happening next is incredible.

When David arrived at the battle site, he sees a giant named Goliath. Goliath was 9'9" tall (1 Samuel 17:4 says he is 6 cubits and a span). Goliath had been walking around and taunting the Israelites for 40 days. This began to make David curious, and he asked around to see who exactly Goliath was. David could sense the fear that the Israelites had concerning Goliath, and he volunteered to fight this giant all by himself.

King Saul was reluctant to allow David, a young man, to fight Goliath. However, he was able to persuade the King to allow him to fight (1 Samuel 17:34-37). Goliath mocked and taunted David, but David stood strong in his faith, and knew that God would help him win this battle. David was equipped with ONLY a simple sling and a few stones. Even though Goliath was covered head to toe with armor, David still managed to find a small opening and hit Goliath on the head! The stone actually sank into Goliath's forehead, and he fell flat on his face! David then grabbed Goliath's sword from his belt, and beheaded him. This young man was the victor! When facing the giants, remember, you can be victorious. One of the most amazing parts of that story is the amount of faith that David had in God. He shows his strong faith by continuously sharing with Goliath that the Lord is on his side. In verse 45 of 1 Samuel 17, David says, "You come to me with sword and spears. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of All." In verse 46 he says, "This day the Lord will give you into my hands". Then, in verse 47, he tells Goliath that the battle is the Lord's. David knew that as long as he had God on his side, he would be able to take on the biggest warrior and still come out a champion.

Maybe your Goliath is a disagreement that you had with your spouse. Perhaps your Goliath is that you were just diagnosed with Cancer. It could even be low self-esteem, heartbreak, stress, or financial woes. In my mind, anything that is tearing us down is a Goliath. Satan is notorious for making us feel like a little shepherd boy, but let's not forget that we can slay Goliath if we just turn our eyes to Jesus.

Congregational Scripture Reading

Romans 14:19

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

Facing Our Giants Head On Cont...

Are you a single parent? Your battle is the Lord's. Did you just lose your job? Your battle is the Lord's. Is your child hanging out with the wrong crowd? Your battle is the Lord's. Are you seeing a theme?? It doesn't matter what Giant you are facing. Your battle is already won for you. Jesus is victorious. He is always and will always be victorious.

Family News & Updates

Youth Rally Sign ups

If you are able to help out with 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 foyer for donation drop off and a detailed list of the items needing to be collected

Congratulations

Please join us in congratulating the Sola family as they have welcomed Lindsey Jane into their family.

Family Updates

Please pray for requests that were brought forward last Sunday: Marv and Sue for prayers for their daughter; Juan and Rachel travels to Mexico this week; Cathy Shipley is now home recovering after hernia surgery; Carol Pantoja is home and recovering.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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

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| Cathy Shipley | Surgery Recovery |
| Juan & Rachel | Traveling to Mexico |
| Marv & Sue | Daughter |
| Carol Pantoja | Home and recovery |
| Bobby Berg | Wife recovery from surg |
| Mitch Dollen | Head injury/recovery |
| James Best | Cousin/mental health |
| Sola families | Loss of father and Gpa |
| Evalina Holcomb | Health |
| Austin Hunter | Grandpa surg recovery |
| Brian Deckman | Pain radiation |
| 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

A series of horizontal lines provided for entering prayer requests and announcements.