

## 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

**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 September 10th

Greeters      Lori Seilstad  
Caroline Seilstad  
Parking Lot      Marv Cameron  
Call to Worship      Bill Leinen  
Opening Prayer      David Montague  
Song Leader      Dylan Ford  
Table Talk      Justin Leinen  
Table Prayers      Nathan Leinen  
Garth Hilton  
Table Servers      Brent Robbins  
Jeremy Nuzum  
Closing Prayer      Dick Sladky  
Announcements      Jake Sola

### Next Week September 17th

Greeters      Rick Ogle  
Deb Ogle  
Parking Lot      Chris Adams  
Call to Worship      Troy Kinney  
Opening Prayer      Bob Helton  
Song Leader      Troy Kinney  
Table Talk      Dylan Ford  
Table Prayers      Jake Sola  
Rick Ogle  
Table Servers      Christian Adams  
Marv Cameron  
Closing Prayer      Thad Kinney  
Announcements      Jonah Leinen

## 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.*

**SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023**

# SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

## Communicating With The Father

## 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 the Madison  
& Bennett Hy-Vee

7am

### Wednesday

Bible Class All ages

7pm

## Spiritual Disciplines: Communicating with the Father

***Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks  
in all circumstances; for this is God's will  
for you in Christ Jesus.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18***

Prayer is conversation with God, and any relationship is shaped by the quality of communication between those in the relationship. We use the word “prayer” when we’re talking about communicating with spiritual beings, so we often treat it differently than communicating with people. If we let go of the idea that there is one right way to pray, we can grow in our relationship with God.

But you ask, “Shouldn’t we be polite when we communicate with God?” Would it terrify you to be unabashed in your conversations with God? Think about conversations with your closest friend. You tell them dumb jokes. You share your ideas to gauge whether your dreams are as crazy as they sound in your head, while hoping for their warm encouragement. You cry out your rage, hurt, and confusion to them. They’re the first to hear about your date, pregnancy, or a second interview. You communicate without inhibition because your trust is born out of love.

Sometimes we withhold our most human selves from God because we fear offending or annoying Him. We envision God as too serious and holy for jokes, small animals, or parking spots. We don't want to "bother" God with every little thing. Yet Jesus taught His friends to ask God for daily bread (Matthew 6:11). Communication with God shouldn't be a last resort or only for the most special occasions. If prayer is communication, we should pray constantly about everything, giving thanks and freely asking for His help (Philippians 4:6).

# Congregational Scripture Reading

## Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday  
and today and forever.

## Family News & Updates

## All Church Potluck

Visitors, family and friends please join us today following services upstairs in the fellowship hall for our all church potluck.

## New Wednesday Classes

New Wednesday night classes are now being taught in the auditorium where they are studying Psalms 23 with Brian and the women are studying the Right Hand of God taught by Lori Seilstad.

## Bellevue Ladies Day

Ladies the Bellevue Church of Christ will be hosting “Bridging the Gap” a ladies day September 30th from 9 am to 1 pm. RSVP by September 24th to: 402-291-3585. Additional information is available on the announcement wall in the foyer.

## Fall Food Drive

We are collecting food, household and paper goods for the Mountain States Children's Home. A detailed list is available here in the bulletin as an insert or you can also find one on the announcement wall in the foyer. A table will be up in the outer foyer next Sunday for collections.



## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

12th	Carol Pantoja
12th	Nathan & Emily Leinen
18th	Keith & Jeannie Smith
18th	Glenda Petersen
18th	Mike Petersen
18th	Noah Hilton
20th	Jake Sola
20th	Joel Scheffler

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



Please Pray for

Carrie & Dianne	Friend Maria health
Elaine Torneton	Sick with virus
Aubry & Lane	Father fractured back
Marge Rickertson	Granddaughter accident
David Holcomb	Friend Vicki Hip surg
Evalina Holcomb	Recovery & health
Marv & Sue	passing of brother
Jack Loftus	Son Randy cancer
Adams Family	McKenzie hm stability
Jack Loftus	Son Randy's health
Brian Deckman	New chemo treatment
Carol Pantoja	Dialysis
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

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