

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
Evelyn Fulmer
Mason Ogle
Rachel Smith

Areas to Serve

Today October 1st

Greeters Stephanie Slyter
Jadelynn Deckman
Parking Lot John Leighton
Call to Worship Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer Jake Sola
Song Leader David Montague
Table Talk Parker Seilstad
Table Prayers Dick Sladky
Jonah Leinen
Table Servers Conner Adams
Bobby Berg
Closing Prayer David Holcomb
Announcements Mitch Dollen

Next Week October 8th

Greeters Amanda Leinen
Iva Franklin
Parking Lot Bobby Berg
Call to Worship Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer Thad Kinney
Song Leader Parker Seilstad
Table Talk Joe Davis
Table Prayers Bob Helton
John Leighton
Table Servers Brent Robbins
Jeremy Nuzum
Closing Prayer Marv Cameron
Announcements David Montague

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.

OCTOBER 1ST, 2023



Sundays		Thursdays
Bible Class All Ages	9am	Men's Bible Study at the Madison
Worship	10am	& Bennett Hy-Vee
Life Groups	TBA	
All Church		Wednesday
Fellowship Lunch	2nd Sunday	Bible Class All ages
		7pm

How to Live Like Jesus

What comes to mind when you see a cross? Maybe you think of it as the symbol of the church or of Christianity. For many, the cross is a fashion accessory or maybe even a tattoo. The early church, however, did not use a cross as their symbol; they used the fish as their symbol. The early church did not wear crosses; they died on crosses. It was an upsetting, shocking image.

In the first century, people who lived in any area occupied by the Romans knew about crosses, because the Romans had a penchant for crucifying people. Crucifixion was not an efficient way to put a person to death. There were far more effective ways. The Romans used crucifixion as a means of torture. They used it to inflict the maximum amount of pain. They crucified people and put them on public display to serve as a warning to anyone who would dare defy the power of Rome.

That's why Jesus said, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Matthew 16:24 NKJV). It was an alarming way to phrase it. And it meant one thing: death. That sounds pretty unappealing. You imagine yourself living a miserable, sacrificial life—an unhappy life.

But Jesus went on to say, “For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” (verse 25 NKJV). The fact of the matter is that when you’re truly taking up your cross, you’re experiencing life.

The objective is not to learn to love yourself; it is to deny yourself. If you actually want to find yourself, then lose yourself. And how do you lose yourself? You take up your cross and follow Him.

Congregational Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Family News & Updates

Potluck Luncheon

Please make plans to join us Sunday October 8th for a potluck following services. Just bring a dish to share and join us to enjoy fellowship and a meal with each other.

Ladies Day Prep

Please join the ladies as they prepare the building and organize things to be prepared for the ladies day following potluck on Sunday October 8th.

Looking for a Few Good Men

The Ladies day event needs some male volunteers to help serve in several different areas during the event on October 14th. If this is where you can help please see Jordan Ford.

Ladies Monthly Brunch

Ladies please join the women for a brunch on October 2nd at 10:30am in the home of Nova Deckman, 187 Woodbury Cir, Council Bluffs. Bring a dish to share and please RSVP at 918-407-0058.

Fall Food Drive

We are collecting food, household and paper goods for the mountain States Children's Home. A detailed list is on the announcement wall in the foyer. A table is set up in the outer foyer for collections.

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following brought forward last Sunday: Marv and Sue Cameron's Sister Doris who was diagnosed with Stage 4 blood cancer; Kevin Van Patten's sister who is having back surgery; and Austin Hunter's father's health.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

3rd	Rachel & Juan Flores
5th	Mitch Dollen
7th	Cathy Shipley
10th	Amanda Leinen
16th	Collin Smith
17th	Mitch & Lisa Dollen
21st	Terri Montague

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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

Marv & Sue	Doris Blood cancer
Austin Hunter	Father's health
Kevin VanPatten	Sister back pain
Libby & Cody	New baby girl
Bobby Berg	Grandson Ozzy
Sandy Sladky	Friends Pauline, Dorothy Nan & Cheryl
Sandy Sladky	Lost Aunt
Aubry & Blaine	Father fractured back
Evalina Holcomb	Recovery & health
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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