

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 December 17th

Greeters Troy Kinney
Caronna Kinney
Parking Lot Rick Ogle
Call to Worship Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer Roman Perez
Song Leader Parker Seilstad
Table Talk Thad Kinney
Table Prayers Nathan Leinen
Jack Loftus
Table Servers Christian Adams
Keith Smith
Closing Prayer Bob Helton
Announcements David Montague

Next Week December 24th

Greeters Lori Seilstad
Caroline Seilstad
Parking Lot Conner Adams
Call to Worship Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer Joe Davis
Song Leader Dylan Ford
Table Talk Roman Perez
Table Prayers Mitch Dollen
Garth Hilton
Table Servers Chris Adams
Nathan Leinen
Closing Prayer Thad Kinney
Announcements Matt Ogle

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.

DECEMBER 17TH, 2023



Sundays

Bible Class All Ages 9am
Worship 10am
All Church Potlucks 2nd Sunday

Mondays

Woman's Bible Study 2nd & 4th/7pm

Wednesday

Bible Class All ages 7pm

Thursdays

Men's Bible Study at the Madison & Bennett Hy-Vee 7am

Love with Extravagance

Here are 3 important spiritual lessons we can learn from the story of Mary anointing Jesus' feet:

1. God is worthy of our worship. All of us worship someone or something in our lives, according to how we decide to spend our time and energy. Whatever we devote our attention to the most from day to day is essentially what we're worshipping. This story of Mary's act of worship shows us that there is no one and nothing more deserving of our worship than God. We need to get rid of any idols in our lives – whoever or whatever we're giving more attention to than we're giving God – and make God our top priority in our schedules and decisions.

2. God doesn't hold anything back from us. God loves us completely and unconditionally. This story of Jesus' anointing foreshadows how Jesus gave his all on the Cross for us. He made the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy eternal relationships with God. As John 3:16 says: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." There are no limits to what God is willing to do for us, because of his great love for us. God not only has love for us, but God actually is love at his core, as 1 John 4:16 declares: "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

3. We shouldn't hold back anything back from God. In our relationships with God, we shouldn't hold back our love from God. God is worthy of all our love and he doesn't hold back his love from us. So, like Mary in this story, we should give our wholehearted devotion to God. Jesus reveals in Matthew 22:37 that the greatest commandment of all is to, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Love is more than an emotion; it's an action. We often have opportunities to show our love for God through our work, and Colossians 3:23-24 encourages us: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Congregational Scripture Reading
I John 4:15
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Family News & Updates

Showing Christ by Serving Others

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples...” John 13:35. Our leadership has asked for each one of us to fill out a new areas to serve paperwork. Once it is completed please return to Nova or Brian Deckman today!

Bring in the New Year

Join us to bring in the New Year together with fun, food and games. Bring snacks and your favorite games at 7pm in the fellowship hall Sunday evening December 31st.

Encouragement

This time is hard for lots of our members. Please, if you are able, send a note of encouragement or a card to lift spirits. Those in need of encouragement are shut ins and Jason Leinen. If you need an address please see Nova Deckman for a shut in list or Andrea Leinen for Jason's address.

Congratulations

Congrats to LoriSeilstad who graduated from York University with her Masters in Education this last week.

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following brought forward last Sunday: Stephanie Slyter's daughter Kerri who is pregnant and was hospitalized, and also for herself who is experiencing joint pain, David Holcomb asked prayers of prayers for Evalina Holcomb who is home and doing better and also for a staff member who is having surgery, please also remember Sandy Sladky's extended family who has had a loss.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

23rd	Trudy Lowe
30th	Bob & Debra Helton
31st	Ron & Evalina Holcomb

January

1st	Brandon O'Dell
1st	Pat Dwyer
4th	Elaine Torneton

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Please Pray for

Marge Rickertson	friends health/stroke
Austin Hunter	Father's health
David Montague	Stint placement surg
Keith Smith	brother in law lost both parents
Amber Felt	foot surgery/guardian
Jake Sola	brother in law cancer
Carol Pantoja	friend Shirley cancer
Mitch Dollen	Surg recovery bronchiti
Evalina Holcomb	Health
Marv & Sue	Doris Blood cancer
Aubry & Blaine	Father fractured back
Jack Loftus	Son Randy cancer
Adams Family	McKenzie hm stability
Brian Deckman	Chemo & 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

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