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

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How may we serve you? (please circle)			
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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

Jacob Duncan Ethan Leinen Luke Martin Evelyn Fulmer Mason Ogle

College Students

Areas to Serve

Today January 7th **Next Week January 14th** Greeters Amanda Leinen Greeters Lori Seilstad Iva Franklin Caroline Seilstad Rick Ogle Mary Cameron Parking Lot Parking Lot Call to Worship Troy Kinney Call to Worship Bill Leinen Opening Prayer Justin Leinen Opening Prayer Mitch Dollen Song Leader Song Leader Thad Kinney David Montague Table Talk Bob Helton Table Talk Justin Leinen Table Prayers Jonah Leinen Table Prayers Nathan Leinen Thad Kinney Matt Ogle Table Servers Conner Adams Table Servers **Brent Robbins** Bobby Berg Jeremy Nuzum Roman Perez Closing Prayer Dick Śladky Closing Prayer Announcements Parker Seilstad Announcements Jake Sola

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Facilities & Safety Outreach & Missions Keith Smith

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David Montague

Rick Ogle

Nova Deckman Secretary

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Discipleship Bill Leinen

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Brian Deckman

Bill Leinen Education

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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.

JANUARY 7TH. 2024





Sundays

Bible Class All Ages Worship All Church Potlucks **Mondays**

10am 2nd Sunday

9am

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

Wednesday Bible Class All ages

Thursdays Men's Bible Study at the Madison 7am

& Bennett Hy-Vee

7pm

What is Love?

Though in English we only have one word for love, ancient Greek had four distinct words. In the Bible, there are four types of love mentioned: eros, storge, philia, and agape. Each of these references a specific kind of love between different people.

C.S. Lewis explored each of these in his book *The Four Loves*. where he explains each type in depth.

Eros: The Greek word eros is the basis for the English word erotic, which refers to romantic love. Eros is the type of love a husband and wife would feel for each other. It is not meant to refer to feelings of lust but instead the long-term love and understanding that two people in love would feel for one another.

Storge: More of a familial form of love, storge could be described as the love between close relatives, like parents and children or brothers and sisters. It is the type of love we see when a mother smiles at her baby or when parents cheer on their child's first steps.

We see this kind of love echoed in the bonds between all close family members, including pets. C.S. Lewis dubbed this type of love as "affection" for the familiar things and people in our homes and everyday lives.

Philia: This type of love is similar to storge, but philia is the love we feel for our closest friends, those non-familial relationships that are most important to us. You have likely heard the nickname for Philadelphia, "the city of brotherly love."

C.S. Lewis argues that this might be the most forgotten and undercelebrated love, but it plays an important part in our lives. Philia could even be expanded to include the love church members have for one another or for other churches.

Agape: The greatest of all forms of love, agape love could be described as the unconditional love God feels for us. It is a love with no conditions or strings attached. This is the type of love referenced in John 3:16, where God loved the world so much that He sent His son to die for us.

Congregational Scripture Reading Romans 5:5

God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the holy spirit, who has been given to us.

Family News & Updates

5th Sunday Singing

Today is our 5th Sunday Singing that was rescheduled from last week. Join us in the auditorium during class time we will practice and learn new songs.

Life Groups

Ogle Life Group will be meeting January 12th at the home of Bill & Andrea Leinen. Contact Rick Ogle for additional details. The Montague Life Group will be meeting following services January 21st in the fellowship room. Be sure to bring food to share a meal together.

January Luncheon

Next Sunday we will be having a fellowship meal together following our Sunday Morning services. Be sure to plan on bringing a dish and staying to share a meal together.

Youth Rally Planning Session

Today at 2pm at the building anyone interested in the planning of the spring youth rally are asked to meet. We will be going over possible themes, decorating ideas and suggestions of possible speakers. Hope to see you there.

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Jeremy Nuzum on the passing of his mother Karen. Visitation will be Tuesday evening from 5-7 at the Hennessey Funeral Home in Missouri Valley, IA. The funeral will be Wednesday at 10 am the following day.

Planning Session/February Luncheon

Our 2024 planning session and February luncheon will be Feb 4th. Following the meal we will make plans for our activities and outreach events for our community.

Praver Requests

Please remember the following brought forward last Sunday: Evalina Holcomb's health; Jake Sola's brother in law starting Chemo.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Madison Sola 12th Jude Deckman 13th 19th Cooper Ford Ashton Nalley 26th 26th Deb Ogle 26th Eric Newton Marge Ricketson 31st

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Please Pray for

Elaine Torneton Thankfulness friends/ family Marge Rickertson friends health/stroke Austin Hunter Family friend cancer David Montague Stint placement surg brother in law lost both Keith Smith parents foot surgery/guardian Amber Felt Jake Sola brother in law cancer friend Shirley cancer Carol Pantoja Mitch Dollen Surg recovery bronchitis Evalina Holcomb Health Doris Blood cancer Mary & Sue Aubry & Blaine Father fractured back Jack Loftus Son Randy cancer McKenzie hm stability Adams Family Brian Deckman Chemo & dialysis Mason Ogle Strength & health Father cancer/radiation Ryan S Delores Bolte Health Jason Leinen Protection & health Ukraine church Protection College Students Military Shut-ins Eldership Prayers Requests &

Announcements