#### 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.

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Date:			
Name:	<u> </u>		
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

#### Areas to Serve

Today January 28th		Next Week Feb 4th	
Greeters	Troy Kinney Caronna Kinney	Greeters	Jeremy Nuzum Brian Deckman
Nursery		Nursery	Nova Deckman
Parking Lot	Jack Loftus	Parking Lot	Bobby Berg
Call to Worship	Bill Leinen	Call to Worship	Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer	Cody Jackson	Opening Prayer	Dick Sladky
Song Leader	Troy Kinney	Song Leader	Thad Kinney
Table Talk	Mitch Dollen	Table Talk	Jake Sola
Table Prayers	Roman Perez	Table Prayers	Bob Helton
	Dick Sladky		Justin Leinen
Table Servers	Chris Adams	Table Servers	Conner Adams
	Austin Hunter		Dylan Ford
Closing Prayer	Matt Ogle	Closing Prayer	David Montague
Announcements	David Montague	Announcements	Dick Sladky

#### **Elders & Minister**

Brian Deckman

Children

Finance

Troy Kinney/Elder 402-510-5267 Bill Leinen/Elder 712-325-8234 918-809-0681 /Minister

Jonah Leinen Rick Ogle David Montague 402-613-1827

712-314-2198 402-515-7785

Dylan Ford

#### **Ministries**

Benevolence Jack Loftus Media Parker Seilstad

**Facilities & Safety** Keith Smith

Rick Ogle

Outreach & Missions

Deacons

Justin Leinen

Jonah Leinen

**Troy Kinney** 

Nova Deckman Secretary

Discipleship Bill Leinen

Dylan Ford Teens

Brian Deckman **Worship Services** 

**David Montague** 

Bill Leinen Education

Woman's Ministries Andrea Leinen

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All Church Potlucks 2nd Sunday **Mondays** Woman's Bible Study 2nd & 4th/7pm

**Sundays** 

Bible Class All Ages

Worship

9am 10am

Wednesday Bible Class All ages

7pm

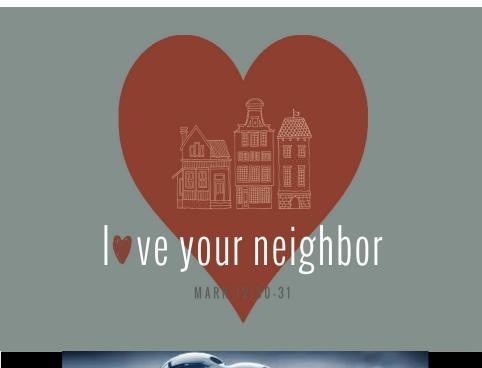
**Thursdays** Men's Bible Study at the Madison 7am & Bennett Hy-Vee

# McPherson Ave.

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 28TH. 2024



### Love Your Neighbor

We learn many rules growing up: Brush your teeth. Look both ways before crossing the street. Always tell the truth. Which of these is most important?

Jesus was asked a similar question: Of the many commands and regulations in the law of God, which one tops the list? Jesus did not hesitate: "Love God above all"—and he quickly added the second: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

And what kind of *love* does this refer to? In connection with God's love for us, this is unconditional love—totally gracious, generous, and with no strings attached.

Notice especially that Jesus says, "Love your neighbor as yourself." This means that if we are to love our neighbors unconditionally and generously, we will need to love *ourselves* that way too! God doesn't make junk. We are created in God's image; we are his masterpieces. It's not just okay to love myself: God expects me to celebrate the person he created me to be!

The Golden Rule Jesus gave us—"Do to others what you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12)—is another way of saying this command to love our neighbor as ourselves. Loving others well depends at least partly on our capacity to love ourselves.

Thank you, God, for creating us and pouring your love into us. Guard us against selfishness and pride. Help us to love others generously and un--con-ditionally, in Jesus. Amen.

## **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

#### **Life Groups**

The Leinen Life group will be meeting today following services in the fellowship hall. Pizza is provided.

#### 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.

#### **Superbowl Party**

Bring your favorite football watching snacks as we enjoy the Superbowl together in the fellowship hall February 11th.

#### **Guest Speaker**

We will welcome Murray Stewart on the weekend of February 18th to bring us a message and will also be teaching in the Sunday morning fellowship class.

#### Year in Review

The 2023 year in review is available on the welcome center in the fover. Pick one up to see all the amazing things ways we have been to able to serve and reach our community.

#### **Missing Items**

We are looking for the small round mirrors used as center pieces. If you borrowed them or know when they are can you please speak to Andrea Leinen.

#### **Prayer Requests**

Please remember the following brought forward last Sunday: Parker Seilstad girlfriend Taylor's campus Minister's cancer treatment and also for us to show our light to our love abounds people.

#### **January Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Marge Ricketson 31st **February** 

10th Sarai Schulenberg

Joel & Cindy Scheffler 14th

16th Ann Newton 17th Jack Loftus

21st David Jackson

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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 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 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 Ryan S Father cancer/radiation Delores Bolte Health Jason Leinen Protection & health Ukraine church Protection College Students Military Shut-ins Eldership Prayers Requests &

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