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 y	ou? (please circle)
1st time visitor	New to Area
Returning visitor	Would like a visi
Place membership	Want to know more
Prayers:	

Those to Keep Wrapped in Your Prayers:

<u>Shut-ins</u> Delores Bolte Amanda Larson Elaine Torneton

College Students Luke Martin Evelyn Fulmer Mason Ogle Kaden Ogle

Areas to Serve

Today: April 1	3th	Next Week: A	pril 20th	
Greeters Nursery Parking Lot Call to Worship Opening Prayer Song Leader Table Talk Table Prayers Table Servers Closing Prayer Announcements	Rachel Deckman Brian Deckman Jordan Ford Jonah Leinen Dylan Ford Roman Perez Justin Leinen Jack Loftus Rick Ogle Chris Adams David Montague Troy Kinney Parker Seilstad	Greeters Nursery Parking Lot Call to Worship Opening Prayer Song Leader Table Talk Table Prayers Table Servers Closing Prayer Announcements	Jordan Ford Carol Koletzke Terri Montague Ryan Schulenberg Troy Kinney Marv Cameron David Montague Jake Sola Jonah Leinen Roman Perez Roger Elam Troy Kinney Charles Carter Justin Leinen	
Elders &	. Minister	De	acons	
Troy Kinney/Elde Bill Leinen/Elder Brian Deckman /Minist	402-670-4343 918-809-0681	Jonah Leinen Rick Ogle David Montague Dylan Ford	712-314-2198 402-515-7785 402-613-1827 531-301-4252	
Ministries				
Benevolence	Jack Loftus	Media	Parker Seilstad	
Facilities & Safe	ty Keith Smith Rick Ogle	Outreach & Missic	ons Justin Leinen	
Children	Jonah Leinen	Secretary	Nova Deckman	
Discipleship	Bill Leinen		Dylan Ford	
	Brian Deckman	Worship Services	David Montague	
Education	Bill Leinen	Woman's Ministri		
Finance	Troy Kinney		Andrea Leinen	

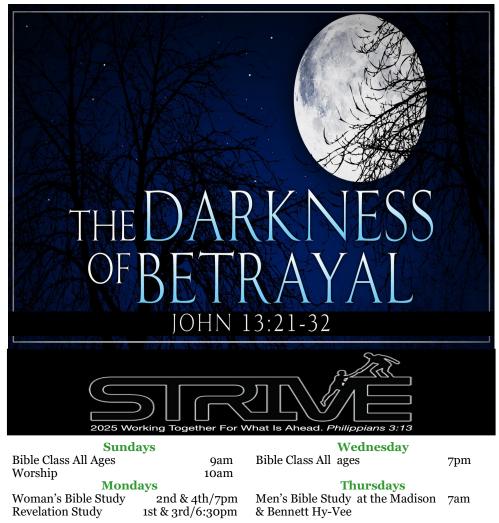
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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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.

APRIL 13TH, 2025



The Darkness of Betrayal

There's a person whose name is shrouded in infamy in nearly every tongue on earth. He didn't betray a country, nor an army, nor even a town. He did something far worse. He betrayed his own friend. Dante, in his vision of hell, surveys those whose deeds are the vilest and who occupy the most despised places in this realm. At the very bottom of hell, next to Satan himself, painfully fixed not in a sea of fire but of ice is Judas Iscariot, despised even by his fellow occupants. It might be shocking to realize that Judas was hand picked by Jesus to be a disciple. The twelve who accompanied Jesus didn't simply stumble upon Jesus and get lucky. Jesus went off by himself and prayed fervently all night before selecting the circle of followers who would study with him, witness his great works, and eventually be responsible for carrying on his ministry. Judas was one of those selected by Christ. Jesus obviously trusted Judas, for Judas was the treasurer of that tiny band of disciples. He bought the supplies and paid the bills. However, John states that Judas was a thief and had been embezzling money from the church treasury. Still, it's shocking that after all he'd witnessed, after all he'd heard, after all he knew about the Master, he would betray him. There are three brief observations we can make about Judas which relate to us on this Good Friday. First of all, betraval is always shocking. Anytime betraval takes place it's shocking. Few things are more hurtful or shocking then when someone we trust betrays us. It's always shocking to be betrayed by a friend, a spouse or anyone close. It's one thing to be betrayed by someone we trust. But what about when we betray others who trust us? How much worse is it when we betray Jesus?

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Second, it's overwhelming when we recognize that we've betrayed Jesus.

Third and finally, there's hope for us Judas' in this world. If somewhere in your life there's a betrayal, there's still hope. Judas didn't understand that. He went and hanged himself. How tragic! If the grace of Jesus Christ means anything, it means that we who are betrayers can come to the cross, and have that terrible weight of our crime taken from us. All of us have betrayed Jesus in many ways. But there's hope for all us Judas' in this world. And that hope is that there is forgiveness available to us through Christ.

Congregational Scripture Reading John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Family News & Updates

Mountain States Children's Home Food Drive

The food and household items to be collected for the Mountain States Children's Home will need to be brought to the building this evening see the flyer on the table in the outer foyer for items needed to be collected.

Easter Sunday

There will be no bible classes on Easter Sunday April 20th. The Montague Life group will be providing a easter breakfast to the congregation at 9 am in the fellowship hall.

Nebraska Youth Camp

Nebraska Youth Camp camper registration and camp counselor applications are now open online at nebraskayouthcamp.org Be sure to register early to receive your early bird discount!

Last Sunday's Prayers

6th

7th

10th

17th

17th

24th

30th

Let us lift up last Sunday's prayer requests: Sue Cameron's hip replacement on April 17th; David Montague on mission trip in Africa; Bill Leinen an Dick Sladkey sick at home; Cathy Shipley back pain; Austin Hunter's sister and baby; Lisa Dolan, Stephanie Slyter and Dylan as they continue to recover.

> **Upcoming Events** Muscadine Ladies Day April 12 Woman Walking with April God Conference trip 11-12 Easter Sunday April 20 Breakfast Use our **April Birthdays &** church QR Anniversaries code for a quick and Isaac Jackson easy option **Bobby Berg** to give Thad Kinney for weekly Dvlan Ford contribu-Jadelvnn Deckman tions. Earmark a donation by add-Brian Deckman ing a note under your donation **Rachel Smith** amount.

Please Pray for

Anne Leinen Grandmother passed Sister and newborn Autin Hunters Leon Dwyer Neuro appts & migraines Stephanie Slyter Car Accident Hospital Jack Loftis Back pain Cathy Shipley Back and knee pain Rumi S Sister's Cancer Anne Leinen Aneurism recovery David Holcomb Housing situation Justin Leinen Back pain Continued recovery Mason Ogle Jake Sola Brother in law cancer Evalina Holcomb Health Jack Loftus Diane Loftus health Adams Family McKenzie home stability Brian Deckman Chemo & dialysis Father cancer/radiation Rvan S Delores Bolte Health Jason Leinen Protection & health Ukraine church Protection College Students Military Eldership Shut-ins

> Prayers Requests & Announcements