

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
Elaine Torneton

College Students

Luke Martin
Evelyn Fulmer
Mason Ogle
Kaden Ogle

Areas to Serve

Today: April 20th

Greeters Rick Ogle
 Deb Ogle
Nursery Rumi Schulenberg
Parking Lot Conner Adams
Call to Worship Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer Bob Helton
Song Leader Parker Seilstad
Table Talk Dick Sladky
Table Prayers Justin Leinen
 David Montague

Table Servers Christian Adams
 Austin Hunter
Closing Prayer Jack Loftus
Announcements Nathan Leinen

Next Week: April 27th

Greeters Jen Sola
 Jeff Sola
Nursery Lori Seilstad
Parking Lot Rick Ogle
Call to Worship Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer Brian Deckman
Song Leader Dylan Ford
Table Talk Jonah Leinen
Table Prayers Jake Sola
 David Montague

Table Servers Bobby Berg
 Jack Loftus
Closing Prayer Dick Sladky
Announcements Roman Perez

Elders & Minister

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Bill Leinen/Elder 402-670-4343
Brian Deckman 918-809-0681
 /Minister

Deacons

Jonah Leinen 712-314-2198
Rick Ogle 402-515-7785
David Montague 402-613-1827
Dylan Ford 531-301-4252

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 Teens Dylan Ford

 Brian Deckman Worship Services David Montague

Education Bill Leinen Woman's Ministries

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 27TH, 2025

“The Rest of the Story”
Doubting Thomas
John 20:24-28

STRIVE
2025 Working Together For What Is Ahead. *Philippians 3:13*

Sundays		Wednesday	
Bible Class All Ages	9am	Bible Class All ages	7pm
Worship	10am		
Mondays		Thursdays	
Woman's Bible Study	2nd & 4th/7pm	Men's Bible Study at the Madison	7am
Revelation Study	1st & 3rd/6:30pm	& Bennett Hy-Vee	

The Rest of the Story Doubting Thomas

Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!
John 20:27

THOMAS HAS been the victim of a lot of bad press. Okay, so his reputation isn't as bad as that of Judas, the guy who betrayed Jesus. He might not even rank with Peter, who denied the Lord three times on the eve of his crucifixion. But Thomas is usually classed among the "bad boys" of the disciples, the twelve men closest to Jesus during his three years of ministry.

Thomas owes his bad-boy reputation to an incident following Jesus' resurrection. Jesus had appeared to the disciples behind closed doors. But Thomas wasn't with them. When they told Thomas the news of Jesus' resurrection, he responded, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side" (John 20:25). When Jesus later appeared to Thomas, the Lord took him up on his offer. He said, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" (verse 27).

Many people come down hard on Thomas because of his doubt. But they forget that none of the other disciples believed until they, too, had seen evidence of the Resurrection. Everyone else had already seen Jesus' hands and side. What's more, Jesus didn't say to Thomas, "You should never have doubted." Instead, he showed his disciple the evidence and then said, "Stop doubting." And finally, when Thomas did see the evidence, he uttered one of the great confessions of faith in history, call-ing Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" (verse 28).

For some reason, we let ourselves think of doubt as only a bad thing. “*Real Christians don’t doubt,*” we say. That’s a myth. Doubt isn’t the opposite of faith; it’s the forefather of faith. Doubt doesn’t cancel faith; it should give way to faith. In fact, as in Thomas’s case, doubt can be the impetus that leads us to the truth.

The Thomas myth—that real Christians don’t doubt—doesn’t come from the Bible. The lessons to be learned from Thomas’s experience are that doubt is natural, that you can be honest about your doubts, and that honest doubt should give way to faith when Jesus reveals the truth to you. Jesus doesn’t want you to hide your doubts from him. He loves you, and he understands your questions.

Congregational Scripture Reading
John 14:6

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Family News & Updates

Mission Trip

The teen mission trip to Mountain States Children's Home will be June 7th-14th. If you would like to attend or sponsor please see Justin Leinen for details.

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!

Southwest Sip & Savor Spring Event

Please join the women of the Southwest church of Christ May 17th from 10 am to 12 pm for fellowship, study and brunch. Please RSVP by May 9th by calling (402) 333-6536 or by using the QR code on the flyer in the foyer.

Last Sunday's Prayers

Let us lift up last Sunday's prayer requests: Sue Cameron's hip replacement recovery, David Montague travel home; Cathy Shipley back pain; Austin Hunter's sister and baby; Lisa Dolan, Stephanie Slyter and Dylan as they continue to recover.

Upcoming Events

May 2 & 3	Pella Tulip Festival
May 17th	SW Sip & Savor Spring Event
May 17th	Brody Hilton Grad Party
May 18th	Spring Cleaning Day

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April Birthdays & Anniversaries

30th May	Rachel Smith
3rd	Juan Flores
5th	Mikayla Brant
5th	Ryan & Rumi S.
6th	David Montague
11th	Jonah & Amada Leinen
12th	Caroline Seilstad
12th	Mason Ogle

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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

Sue Cameron	Hip surgery recovery
Lisa Dollen	continued recovery
Dylan Ford	Surgery recovery
Anne Leinen	Grandmother passed
Autin Hunters	Sister and newborn
Leon Dwyer	Neuro appts & migraines
Stephanie Slyter	Car Accident Hospital
Cathy Shipley	Back and knee pain
Rumi S	Sister's Cancer
David Holcomb	Housing situation
Justin Leinen	Back pain
Mason Ogle	Continued recovery
Jake Sola	Brother in law cancer
Evalina Holcomb	Health
Jack Loftus	Diane Loftus health
Adams Family	McKenzie home stability
Brian Deckman	Chemo & dialysis
Ryan S	Father cancer/radiation
Delores Bolte	Health
Jason Leinen	Protection & health
Ukraine church	Protection

College Students	Military
Eldership	Shut-ins

Prayers Requests & Announcements

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