



We strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 10**-Wednesday Meal- Baked Potatoes, Salad, Dessert
- Jan. 14**-Elders/Deacons Meeting, 8:00 A.M.
- Jan. 17**-Wednesday Meal- Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Dessert
- Jan. 20**-Forgotten Ministries/ Mercy House, 4-8
- Jan. 24**-Wednesday Meal-Pizza, Salad, Dessert
- Jan. 31**-Wednesday Meal- Spaghetti, Bread, Salad, Dessert
- Feb. 7**-Wednesday Meal- Chicken, Potatoes, Vegetables, Dessert
- Feb. 11**-Elders/Deacons Meeting, 8:00 A.M.
- Feb. 14**-Wednesday Meal- Baked Potatoes, Salad, Dessert
- Feb. 17**-Forgotten Ministries/ Mercy House, 4-8
- Feb. 21**-Wednesday Meal-Sub Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert
- Feb. 28**-Blood Drive, 5-8
- Feb. 28**-Wednesday Meal- Pizza, Salad, Dessert
- Mar. 7**-Wednesday Meal- Chicken, Potatoes, Vegetables, Dessert
- Mar. 11**-Daylight Savings Time Begins, Turn your clocks Forward 1 hour
- Mar. 11**-Elders/Deacons Meeting, 8:00 A.M.
- Mar. 14**-Wednesday Meal- Baked Potatoes, Fixins, Salad, Dessert
- Mar. 17**-Forgotten Ministries, 4-8
- Mar. 21**-Wednesday Meal- Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert
- Mar. 28**-Wednesday Meal- Pizza, Salad, Dessert

Song Leader	Chase Coldwater
#549.....	There Is Sunshine In My Soul
#778.....	Be With Me Lord
Welcome/Scripture	Psalm 119:105-112
Opening Prayer	Steve Long
#286.....	Wonderful Story Of Love
#382.....	Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?
#71.....	As The Deer
Communion Talk	Brian Wright
Brian Wright	Shawn Tuohy
Bill Spencer	Kevin Hurt
#446.....	Hear, O Israel
.....	Dismiss Children
#122.....	The Love Of God
Sermon	Erik Granberg
#449.....	Thy Word
Welcome/Announcements	Gordon Jantz
Shepherd's Prayer	Dan Kent
Sound Booth	Dudley Darrow
Slides	Terry Sherrill
Children's Church	Lisa Granberg

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 119:105-112

Sermon Thought: Today's sermon began our series on Questions from the Congregation. We started by taking a look at how we need to approach the scriptures in order to find the answers to our questions. Done correctly the scriptures are a light unto our paths. Used incorrectly and we will be blinded by our own desires or the desires of others.

Sermon Questions:

1. Think of the times that you most often open the scriptures (during church, for personal devotional time, to look for answers, curiosity, etc.). What might that reveal about yourself?
2. What do you find difficult about reading or understanding the scriptures?
3. What stood out to you from today's topic?

Prayer List

Gene Schroeder Family-he passed away. Funeral services were Friday.

Carolyn Reith-is back at Golden Oaks Nursing Home.

Lana Ballard Family-she passed away. Funeral services were Tuesday.

Cindy Powers-is recovering from neck surgery.

Record

Bible Class.....
Morning Worship.....
Life Groups.....
Contributions.....
Budget.....
2017 YTD Cont.....
2017 YTD Bdgt.....

Birthdays

January:

9th...Kaye Schroeder
10th...Audrey Darrow
11th...Guin Williams

Youth & Family Minister Search

We are looking to hire a youth and family minister. If you know of anyone interested, please direct them to our Youth & Family Page of our Website.

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Congratulations to Danny Powers. He was honored as the Secondary Teacher of the year for 2018 at Seiling Public Schools.

Deny Self

"Who Am I?"

Discipleship is an interesting and moving concept in life. It is so very important for our lives, and yet we probably don't spend much time seeking to understand what it means to us individually. I want to change that for my life this year, and so I plan to do some in-depth reflection on how we can make it a more active part of our lives. With the Spirit guiding us, we want to make the essence of discipleship come to life on our spiritual journey. It is a powerful part of who we are, and above all, it connects us to the living God!

Being a disciple means to be a follower or student of a teacher, leader, or philosopher. What is important here is that we choose wisely whose teachings we want to follow and learn from. We are blessed as Christians to have the Son of God as our teacher or leader. Jesus calls us to be his disciples and to follow him. The first step in becoming a disciple of Jesus is to **deny self** - to lose ourselves in his glorious being. That is what he teaches us in Matt. 16:24. I believe we can fully trust Jesus to lead us in the pathway of righteousness, since he, himself, was willing to deny himself. As Paul writes, *"Have this mind among you which is yours in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men"* (Phil. 2:5-7). When we embrace discipleship the way Jesus did, we have to stop and ask **"Who Am I?"** You see, when we **deny self**, we become like him as we follow in his steps and learn from his teaching. He shows us the way to live a righteous life before our heavenly Father, and guides us on remaining faithful to the end of our physical life. So **Who Am I?** We are the Lord's discipleship as we give our lives to him and serve him in our daily lives. -Gordon Jantz

Adult Bible Classes

Because of last month's move, two adult classes are beginning **this morning**. Gordon is teaching Revelation in the family room and Erik is teaching the fellowship class on the Questions from the Congregation.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class

The new ladies Bible class study will be "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" by Linda Smith. It is a lesson study with DVD presentations. Here are some questions it will discuss: What was Jesus really like? How did He interact with people? How did He see their lives.....and give new life?

What did it mean to follow Jesus...to feel His presence? The class will start Tuesday, January 16th at 10:00 in the education building.

Placed Membership

We want to welcome Chris & Wendy Taylor and their children Isaac & Eleanor. They placed membership with us last Sunday. Be sure to give them a warm welcome hug.

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