



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

Today's Events

No Area Wide

Elders/Deacons Meeting: After Worship

Upcoming Events

- Jan 11 - Meal: Taco Wednesday! Tacos, Tortilla chips, & Cake
Jan 13-15 - Winterfest
Jan 22 - H.O.P.E. Group
Feb 5 - Youth Area Wide (We are hosting)

Birthdays:

10th Audrey Darrow

Record for 1-1-23

Morning Worship..... 130
Contribution ..... \$8,570.50
Budget ..... \$6,642.00

Order of Worship

Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader ..... Glenn Walker
Pilgrim's Praise ..... Erik Granberg
..... I Love You, Lord
..... Highest Place
..... Jesus, Name Above All Names
Prayer..... Chris Taylor
..... As the Deer
..... Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
Communion Talk..... Terry Sherrill
..... You Are the Song That I Sing
..... Unto Thee, O Lord
..... Sing, Amen!
Sermon: To Be-Is A Choice ..... Erik Granberg
..... Hard Fighting Soldier
Shepherd's Prayer ..... Pat Meek
Nursery ..... Reeta Williams
Sound Booth/Slides ..... Dee Plummer

Sermon Scripture: Joshua 24:15

Sermon Thought:

The sermon looked at the choice we have in following God. He will not force us. We must decide for ourselves to be all in.

Sermon Questions:

- 1. What kind of decisions do you find difficult to make?
2. If you have made the decision to be all in for following God, does it become easier? Explain.
3. What advice do you think fellow followers of God need to know about following him?

## New Prayer Concerns:

**Kathy Dittmeyer** – undergoing chemotherapy  
**Lotte Lang** – Jovita's great granddaughter; recovering from RSV

## Next Week's (1/15/23) Servants:

### Song Leader

**Welcome:** Bruce Swart

**Pilgrim's Praise:** Erik Granberg

**Prayer:** Robb Mills

### Communion

**Talk:** Brian Wright

### Shepherd's

**Prayer:** John Wright

### Sound Booth/

**Slides:** Terry Sherrill

**Nursery:** Patrece Allen

**Fill Communion:** Carol Baxter  
**For January**

### Wash Baptismal Garments

**for January:** Carol Jantz

## God Will Prove Himself

I like to think that I trust God. That I would step boldly into the unknown if he asked me to. That my name would be included with people like Moses, David, Esther, Jeremiah, Peter, and Timothy who did big things for God. I like to think that. I'd even be happy if I was included with people like Thaddeus, Fortunatus, Lydia and Tychicus (little known people in the Bible). They didn't do big things, but they made it into the good book.

Then I read verses like Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding," and Matthew 6:34, "Do not worry about tomorrow...each day has enough trouble of its own." They remind me that I like the familiar. I like comfort. I like consistency. The unknown gives me anxious, sleepless nights and big decisions feel like standing on the edge of a huge drop with nothing but some threads that someone says, "Trust me...it will hold."

Do I trust God or not?

Yes, I trust God. At least...in some things I know I do. Maybe a better response is that I'm learning to trust God. The more we do a certain activity the more familiar and comfortable we become with it. I think back to the first job interviews I had as a young man and how nervous I was. They were terrible. But the last time I had one, numerous years and interviews later, it wasn't so bad. I enjoyed it. In fact, I'd even say it was exciting!

I've followed God my whole life. He has also given me everything I need. He has proven himself time and time again. And there are times when trust comes easy, but I'd be lying if I said it was easy all the time. Following God is an adventure and adventures include the unknown. Follow God into the unknown. Consider the words of Psalm 20:7, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." Trust God, give him a chance to prove himself.

**Erik Granberg**

## Ladies' Breakfast

Please come join us for the women's quarterly breakfast and meeting at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome!

## 2022 Giving Statements

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