

CALENDAR

April 21-22 - Men's Retreat @
Nebraska Youth Camp

April 23 - Last day to bring donations
for Mountain States Children's Home

SERVICES

Class on Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class: **Wes Seals** - Auditorium/Sanctuary
Women's Class: **Beth Crawford**- Fellowship Hall
High School Class: **James Tidei** - Class Room #5
K-6th Grade: **Mary Munsell** - Class Room #1
Pre-K Class: **Linda Seals** - Class Room #2
Infant Class: **Sarabeth Tidei** - Class Room #7

Worship Service on Sunday at 10:30am

Class on Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.

Adult Class: **Calvin Arnold** - Fellowship Hall
High School Class: **Dan Hirschfeld** - Room #5
Kids Class: **Linda Seals/Mary Munsell** - Room #2



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WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us today.

Serving Today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Hirschfeld

SONG LEADER

Skippy Nomran

1st PRAYER

Pete Tidei

2nd PRAYER

Gary Wiles

LORD'S SUPPER

David Hogins

READING

Riley Jones

CLOSING PRAYER

Scott Helgeson

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Today's Reading

1 Samuel 17:43-47

43 So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. **44** The Philistine also said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the wild animals."

45 But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a saber, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of armies, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. **46** This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I will strike you and remove your head from you. Then I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, **47** and that this entire assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword or by spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will hand you over to us!"

Today's Preacher

Calvin Arnold

CHURCH FAMILY

Let's increase fellowship and sense of community by joining Realm on your phone! Realm is our online directory, and it is easy to use and allows you to receive church-wide texts and stay in touch with other members. In addition, we're trying something new! Sign up to receive a link to the church bulletin each Saturday evening. If you would like to use this service or need assistance in getting set up, email info@kearneychurchofchrist.org or contact Dan Hirschfeld or Libby Munsell.

Mountain States - Keep donations coming for Mountain States Children's Home! The last day for items to be at the church is April 23. This is an important collection of food and other necessities for the support of the children's home. The list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board. If it is helpful, take a shopping list with you. Gift cards to Sam's Club or Walmart are also appreciated. Items can be placed in the blue tote by the drinking fountain.

Registration is available for Nebraska Youth Camp! Find a printable form at nebraskayouthcamp.com.

Girls' Camp - June 4-7	Intermediate 1 - July 2-8
Beginner 1 - June 12-14	Intermediate 2 - July 9-15
Beginner 2 - June 15-17	Senior 1 - July 16-22
Junior 1 - June 18-24	Senior 2 - July 23-29
Junior 2 - June 25-July 1	Guys' Camp - July 30-August 2

The Nebraska Youth Camp Men's Retreat is April 21-22 from 7am-7pm. Detailed information can be found on the bulletin board.

PRAYER LIST

The Seals family is seeking medical treatment for Jeannie.

The frequency of hospice care has been increased for **Kay Wentz**.

Orlin Wentz is dealing with confusion and depression.

Cheri Clark's dad is in the hospital for kidney function and buildup of fluids.

Keep these people in your prayers.

Card Corner

Elaine Harms	Brenda Kinsman
Orlin Wentz	Laurie Helgeson
Sonny Sidlo	Lenore Bristol

Stamped & addressed cards for those listed here and on our prayer list are available in the south corner of the foyer.

DEVOTIONAL

Jesus shows that children can teach the rest of us how to adopt a "beginner's mind." Richard Rohr writes: Jesus calls us to exactly what Zen masters call their students. I once stayed in a Zen monastery in Japan. The master was calling monks who had been there for years to have what they named "beginner's mind." Similarly, one of Jesus' favorite examples is a child. Every time the disciples are tempted to get into their heads, into their religious smugness, or to settle the dust before they've learned its lessons, Jesus brings a child in front of them. [1] In Matthew 18:3, and I'm paraphrasing, Jesus says, "I'm telling you once and for all, if you do not go back to square one and start over like a child, you will never be able to see the new reality." In other places, similar advice follows on the disciples' rather heady discussion around divorce. It is at that point Jesus brings out a child (Mark 10:15). Another time the disciples are discussing the possibility of celibacy. Their conversation is only on the theoretical level, and Jesus brings a little child out (Matthew 19:14). Notice when Jesus counsels the beginner's mind. Every time he welcomes little children, it's when the disciples are discussing topics that to this day lend themselves to heady, ideological discussions. One group can come down as right and the other group can come down as wrong. Basically, Jesus says it's a waste of time. He's telling them, "You're not seeking truth; you're seeking to be in control." [2] Jesus says the only people who can recognize and be ready for what he's talking about are the ones who come with the mind and heart of a child. It's the same reality as the beginner's mind. The older we get, the more we've been betrayed and hurt and disappointed, the more barriers we put up to the beginner's mind. We move further away from the immediate delight and curiosity of small children. We must never presume that we see, and we must always be ready to see anew. But it's so hard to go back, to be vulnerable, and to say to our soul that "I don't know anything." Try to say that: "I don't know anything." We used to call it tabula rasa in Latin. Maybe we could think of ourselves as an erased blackboard, ready to be written on. By and large, what blocks spiritual teaching is the assumption that we already know, or that we don't need to know. We have to pray for the grace of beginner's mind. We need to say with the blind man, "I want to see" (Mark 10:51). Spirituality is about seeing. It's not about earning or achieving. It's about relationship rather than results or requirements. Once we see, the rest follows. We don't need to push the river, because we're in it. The life is lived within us, and we learn how to say yes to that life.

Serving 04/19

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