

## CALENDAR

**May 27** - Nebraska Youth Camp Work Weekend from 8am-Dinner

**June 11** - Church Potluck in Fellowship Hall after Worship Service

**June 17** - Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall @ 8am

## SERVICES

***Class on Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.***

Adult Class: **Dan Hirschfeld** - 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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May 2023

**WELCOME!**

Thank you for joining us today.

### Serving Today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Jerry Munsell**

SONG LEADER

**Ken Whaley**

1st PRAYER

**Joseph Morrow**

2nd PRAYER

**Ben Hirschfeld**

LORD'S SUPPER

**David Spencer**

READING

**Andrew Hartman**

CLOSING PRAYER

**Gary Merritt**

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### Today's Topic

***Lessons We Can Learn from the Story of Naaman***

### Today's Reading

***Psalm 24:3-6***

- 3** Who may ascend onto the hill of the Lord?  
And who may stand in His holy place?
- 4** One who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
Who has not lifted up his soul to deceit  
And has not sworn deceitfully.
- 5** He will receive a blessing from the Lord  
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6** This is the generation of those who seek Him,  
Who seek Your face—even Jacob.

### Today's Preacher

***Titus Robison***

## CHURCH FAMILY

Just a reminder - Kearney Church of Christ will cover the cost of sending your children to Nebraska Youth Camp during the summer! If you sign up online, be sure to choose pay by mail and give Jerry Munsell the name of each child that you register for camp. Sign up at [nebraskayouthcamp.com](http://nebraskayouthcamp.com) by going to Sessions > Registration.

We have begun the routine of sending a church-wide, one-way text with a link to Sunday's bulletin on Saturday evenings. Paper bulletins will still be available on Sunday mornings. If receiving a bulletin text on Saturdays is a problem for you, please let Libby Munsell or Dan Hirschfeld know, and we will make sure to take you off the list.

## PRAYER LIST

**Gary Wiles** will have surgery on his left wrist and elbow soon.

**Kim Whaley's** surgery went well. They had more to repair than they first thought. She'll have to go to a rehab center for 6 weeks.

*Keep these people in your prayers.*

### Card Corner

**Elaine Harms**      **Brenda Kinsman**  
**Orlin and Kay Wentz**      **Laurie Helgeson**  
**Sonny Sidlo**      **Lenore Bristol**  
**Jeannie Seals**

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

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### ANY NEWS OR UPDATES?

Please send items for the bulletin to: [info@kearneychurchofchrist.org](mailto:info@kearneychurchofchrist.org)

## DEVOTIONAL

If we want to really get to the bottom of that phrase, "speaking the truth in love," we should probably get nerdy. So get out your Scofield Reference Bible and your Strong's Concordance, and let's do some good old-fashioned Bible study.

The question on the table is, "What exactly does Paul mean by 'the truth' when he mentions 'speaking the truth in love' in Ephesians 4?"

As your Bible study teacher, I have to say, "Let's first look at the context." If you're reading the New International Version, you can tell by the header that the context for Ephesians 4 is "Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ." It is a sad irony that people use "speaking the truth" from this passage as a means to exclude. Paul begins the chapter this way:

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:1-6

If you notice, the phrase "in love" shows up here as well. So it makes sense that if you are "speaking the truth" to people in love, you are also "bearing with one another" in love. Those go hand in hand, but people who like to use the truth as a weapon conveniently tend to leave that part out.

So, whatever "speaking the truth in love" means, it can't be separated from these traits:

being humble  
being gentle  
being patient  
bearing with one another  
making every effort to keep unity through the bond of peace

According to Paul, telling the truth cannot be separated from all these other things. So if we're not exhibiting all of these traits alongside our "truth telling," our words are invalid. If we are not walking in truth, what comes out of our mouths isn't authentic and isn't true in the biblical sense.

Given that Paul talks more often, more explicitly, and more emphatically about unity in his writings than about standing up for the truth, if we're picking and choosing which verses to prioritize in our systems of belief, I will go with "bearing with one another in love" over "speaking the truth in love." Bearing with one another is just as much a part of love as speaking the truth. In fact, I would argue that bearing with one another is a prerequisite for speaking the truth.

Jared Byas, "Love Matters More"

### Serving 05/24

SONG LEADER  
**Ken Whaley**

1st PRAYER  
**Bobbie Seals**

READING  
**Gary Wiles**

### Serving 05/28

PREACHER  
**Calvin Arnold**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Jerry Munsell**

SONG LEADER  
**Ed Spencer**

1st PRAYER  
**Wes Seals**

2nd PRAYER  
**Bobbie Seals**

LORD'S SUPPER  
**David Spencer**

READING

**Mark Schierling**  
CLOSING PRAYER  
**Dan Hirschfeld**