

## Sunday Morning Worship Services

8:30 am & 11:00 am

9:30 am Fellowship/Coffee

## Church Office Hours

Monday 8:30 am—2:30 pm

Tuesday to Friday 8:30 am— 3:30 pm

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## Church Staff :

<b>Pastor</b>	Kevin Gingerich
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<b>Youth Director</b>	Jacob Sandholm
<b>Worship</b>	Wil George
<b>Organists</b>	Pam Kobbe
<b>Secretary</b>	Rosa Koerselman
<b>Custodian</b>	Ron Noack

# SHELDON UNITED METHODIST

## April 2023 News Letter



**Our Vision:** "To open our hearts and doors to all people with love and acceptance; inviting them into a relationship with Christ, and each other; encouraging and empowering them as followers of Christ to love as He loved us; and sending them by the power of the Holy Spirit to live the word of God in our homes, community and world."

### Our Mission:

*"To Glorify God By Making Disciples For Jesus Christ"*

### Pastor's Corner:

Happy Easter! What do I mean when I say Happy Easter? I mean happy resurrection day! I believe in what is recorded in the gospels. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26 NIV) That remains the question. Do you believe? Do you believe in Jesus? Do you believe the gospel writings contain the teachings of Jesus. Do you truly believe that Jesus is the son of God, and that he was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35) and born of a virgin named Mary (Luke 1:34). Do you believe he is "the way and the truth and the life" and no one comes to the Father except through Him? (John 14:6). Do you believe that he suffered and died? Do you believe that he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven? (Acts 1:9)

Do you believe the gospel accounts, or are they filled with nice stories, and mixed with fiction that can be reasoned away? If you take away any of the gospels, or from the entire Bible, you must be open to taking away all of the gospels. Either they are true, and give life meaning, or they are filled with disposable truth that you can pick and choose from.

Jesus said, "Just as the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." Jesus was raised on the Cross almost 2000 years ago. And even today, those who look to him and believe in him have eternal life. Paul reminds us that, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

As the Jewish people gather to remember Passover, we will be remembering Jesus' last few days alive on earth. Our glorious day is the 1st day of the week when it was discovered that Jesus' body was not in the tomb. He has risen!

He has risen indeed!

Come! Celebrate! Worship!

Pastor Kevin Gingerich

Sunrise Service is at 6:30 a.m. led by the Impact Youth

8:30 and 11:00 Traditional and Modern services

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Otto Lawson, Derick Roos, Wilma Meinecke, Arlene Sterler, Karrine Dykstra, Bob Sterler, Gloria Morris, Carla Hoffman, Rita Sterler, Patsy Zoet, Marlys Den Hartog, Sandy Johnson, Duane Wahlstrom

Jo Anne Fowler (mother of Steve Fowler) Nick J (friend of Nancy Burley)- Fighting leukemia

Stephanie Fowler ( Daughter of Steve & Bernadette Fowler) Donna Whitfield (Mother of Michelle Noack)

Kay Ver Steeg (sister to Michelle Groen & Melissa Davis)

Richard "Dick" Burns- Brother in law of Marcia Wassenaar

### Please keep our service men and women in your prayers

**AIR FORCE:** Luke Kobbe, Steven Bylsma, Kevin Meinecke, Justin Wolthuizen

**ARMY:** Daniel Mulder, Jeremy Poss, Jesse Meendering

**MARINES:**

**NATIONAL GUARD:** Mike Welch, Dr. Ryan Becker, Dr. Josephine Dunn Junuis, Jeffrey Heithus

**NAVY:** Dave Sarnoski, Greg Weiman, Drew Lidster

### Please keep our Missionaries in prayer

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AMSHA- Mary Muchiri

Nicole Sims- nsims@umcmmission.org

### Please pray for and visit our members in the Nursing Homes & Assisted Living Facilities

**Fieldcrest Assisted Living:** Ray Rohlfs, Mollie Parry, Marilyn King, Jeanette Reekers, Thelma Van Nyhuis, Marie Pomerence, Julia Merley, Duane & Georgia Wahlstrom

**Sanford Senior Care:** Wilma Meinecke

**Christian Retirement Home:** Lucy Hoppe, Gerald Kroon, Myrna Seamands, Howard & Darlene Tiemens, Mildred Robinson, Clarence Meinecke, Eleanor Poppema, Nancy Burley, Janus Martin, Linda Heiliger

**Other Homes:** Jervis Sterler, Sherry Vander Pol, Bob & Arlene Sterler, John Van Olst



Let's connect! Sign up for our adult Dinner Together happening April 14th. Doors open at 5:30PM dinner at 6:00 PM. The first meal we'll share is a Mexican buffet in our Fellowship Hall where we will all be matched with our small table group and get to know each other a little better. Each group will then plan 2 to 3 more dinners together whenever, however and wherever works for their group. It's food and fellowship and a great chance for each of us to get to know others in our congregation. Do you like Tres Leche cake??? If you don't know, you better sign up now and come find out. Please sign up by March 26 so we can be sure to prepare enough great food for everyone. Childcare can be provided upon request also at the church. Look for the clipboard on the Fellowship Center marked Dinner Together!

### Holy Land in Your Future?

Marvin Lindley is hoping to travel to the Holy Land with Alpha Christian Tours Inc. February 9-20 of 2024. He invites you to join he and Marla Sas on this tour. If you have never been to the Holy Land then you are missing a trip of a lifetime. The cost is around \$5,000 and includes the airfare, and the hotel and most meals. You can contact Marvin for more information.



### Seder Service & Experience

Thursday April 6th at 6:30 PM

Please sign up by  
March 30th

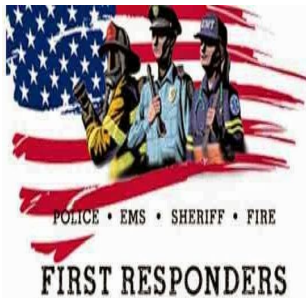




Kid's Club: We are wrapping up our time with Kid's Club this month. Our final days will be on April 25<sup>th</sup> for our 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> graders, and on April 27<sup>th</sup> for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders. It has been a fun year and we can't wait to see all the kid's again next fall. Hopefully we won't have quite as many snow days next year.

### Saddle up for our HOEDOWN!

On Monday, the 3rd of April at 6:30, the 6th-8th grade students at Sheldon Christian will be putting on a music fundraiser program involving several folk songs and activities. The students have been working hard creating a bucket drum song, learning to play the ukulele, and singing some fun western numbers. The instrumentalists will also be performing a few selections. Mark your calendars for an evening of music and lots of fun! (Hosted by Mr. Schuer & Mrs. Wiekamp)



First responders donations: Thank you so much for helping us make some goodie baskets to help bless our first responders. The Sunday school children will be presenting the baskets and thank you notes and boards to a few representatives on April 16<sup>th</sup> during the large group time of our Sunday school hour. We appreciate all of your contributions!

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Sunday April 2: Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 118:25-29 "True Life — Hosanna", Palm Sunday

Youth Omelet Breakfast , procession of palms

Tuesday April 4 — Prayer Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

Thursday April 6 — Maundy Thursday Seder 6:30 p.m.

Friday April 7 — Good Friday Service 8:00 p.m.

Sunday April 9 — Resurrection Sunday

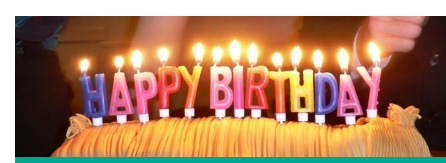
6:30 a.m. Youth Sunrise Service

8:30 Traditional, 11:00 Modern

John 20:1-18 "True Life — Victory"



### Holy Week



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1 David Underwood

April 2 Caleb Schwartz

April 4 Eleanor Grover

April 7 Makenna Kleinhesselink

Maliah Kleinhesselink

Randy Merley

April 8 Heidi Brown

Eric Maassen

April 9 Kris Sterler

April 10 Jaden Kleinhesselink

April 12 Karissa Getting

April 13 Becky Vander Plaats

April 14 Verilyn Schilling

Mathias Getting

April 15 Bill Sterler

April 16 Julie Grubisich

April 18 Fred Hilbrands

April 19 Dylan Ennema

Colby Kleinhesselink

Lucy Reed

April 19 Barry Staples

Susan Stellinga

Raegan Nieuwenhuis

Willis Schilling

April 20 Terri Malenke

April 21 Brent Hurd

Myrna Seamands

Mike McCuddin

April 22 Faith Monen

April 25 Jay Andringa

William Wagner

Brooke Oldenkamp

April 26 Mindi Liechti

Vanessa Staples

April 27 Jim Koerselman

Ryan Becker

Austin Fischer

April 28 Jari Brink

Josie Smith

April 30 Logene Anderson

Kristopher Tatsumi

## Church Logo Contest

Design a Faith Community Church Logo. Have your finished design to the Church office by noon on Wednesday April 12th. Ad Council will select the winning design and the winner will be announced on Sunday April 16th.

**Scholarships:** Irene Voss and Brewster scholarship applications are available now at the church office and are due back to the church April 20, 2023! To be eligible for the Voss scholarship you have to be attending a Methodist college in Iowa, majoring in education, and either be a member of the Sheldon United Methodist Church or be graduating from Sheldon High School. You can apply for the Voss scholarship for four years. To be eligible for the Brewster scholarship you need to be a member of the Sheldon United Methodist Church and can apply for this for two years.



Our Deepest Sympathy to Tony and Deb Haning on the loss of Tony's father John.



## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

On Sunday March 26th, these five youth confirmed their baptism vows and became members of our church family; Zekiel Junius, Kyler McCuddin, Josiah Molettiere, Payton Van Meeteren, and Aubree Wenthe. We welcome them to the family!

Kiwanis Good Friday Prayer Breakfast — April 7, 2023 — 6:30 A.M.

The Prairie Queen and Sheldon Noon Kiwanis Clubs invite you to their annual prayer breakfast. This year the event will be held at the Sheldon Middle School Commons. The guest speaker is Dr. John Hartog, president of North West Iowa Community College. Come enjoy a meal and community gathering. Cost is \$10. You may get tickets from any Kiwanis member.



**We are in need of volunteer's from the church to help with Love INC. It would be giving an occasional ride, and/or helping move furniture. Please contact the church office if you could help out with any of these services. There is help from Love INC. if gas is an issue so please don't let that stop you. Only women take women and men take men unless it's a couple taking an individual! You will always know about who and where you are taking people and for what.**

Osceola County Ministerial Association presents the 37th annual Good Friday Passion Play. Friday April 7th. There will be three performances 5:00, 7:00, & 9:00 p.m. at the Sibley Ocheyedan High School auditorium. Tickets available by calling (712) 754-2945 or by emailing [ocmapassion-play@gmail.com](mailto:ocmapassion-play@gmail.com).

## Areas of Service for April

### Liturgists:

2. Ardis G  
9. Barb M  
16. Matt R  
23. Bill B  
30. Steve F

### Communion:

April 2. Liz Subart & Ardis Grein

### Coffee Bar Clean up:

2. Melissa D  
9. Barb M  
16. Michelle G  
23. Henry & Caroline D  
30. Tony & Deb H

### 8:30 AM Greeters:

2. Steve F  
9. Julie B  
16. Chris & Liz S  
23. Jerry & Bev K  
30. Steve F

### Song Leader:

2. Ardis G  
9. Ardis G  
16. Bill B  
23. Bill B  
30. Bill B

### 8:30 AM Acolyte:

2. Jack Brink  
9. Eli Becker  
16. Frahm's  
23. McCuddin's  
30. Jack Brink

### 11:00 AM Greeters:

2. George & Melissa D  
9. Tony & Deb H  
16. Dave & Michelle G  
23. Henry & Caroline D  
30. Jason & Amanda N

### 11:00 AM Acolyte:

2. Jaxson R/ Hayden H  
9. Jane H/ Tallulah N  
16. Carter K/ Elijah F  
23. Kendalyn S/ Sierra G  
30. Benjamin G/ Caleb S

## True Life Worship!

“A time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” (John 4:23-24 NIV)

We welcome one and all to gather on Sunday evenings to worship and pray! Jacob and I will bring an inspired message, and we will sing and pray together. We believe the time is now to gather and to worship freely. We want to go deeper in the Spirit.

Dress is casual. Our faith is not casual!

Come and join us on Sunday evenings!

Pastor Kevin



Spring just can't come soon enough. Regardless of all the snow we have gotten, we were still able to have an awesome month of March for Impact and could see the Spirit move through this youth group and beyond. Throughout the month of March, we dove into a series titled: "The Way is Jesus". In this series, we are going over some of the biggest lessons that came from Jesus, and we're doing it in smaller groups too. We have decided to have the ladies and the guys be in separate groups to help make it feel like a smaller atmosphere, in hopes that the youth will share more and understand the Scriptures more. Up to this point, it seems like this concept is working, as the youth are really enjoying this change of pace and getting more of the lessons. While Impact has been going well on Wednesday nights, we also were blessed to go to the Ignite Bible Conference in Des Moines, IA on the weekend of March 10-12. Through the speakers, breakout sessions, and worship, the youth were able to dive deep into their relationship with Christ, and you can see the impact that the conference has had on the kids.

Looking into April, it's one of the most important months of our faith as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! All are invited to come and support the youth group by eating some omelets that will be served by the youth on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15 Am-10:45 Am. Then, come back at 6:30 Am on Easter morning to enjoy a powerful worship service put on entirely by the youth group! Eddie Pomrenke will be preaching, and he has a powerful message ready for people to hear. Finally, planning and preparations are starting to be made for the Impact Retreat Trip on July 23-28 in Wyoming. More details and information will be coming out soon! Thank you for everyone who continues to lift the youth up in your prayers, they are working! I'm excited to see how the Easter season impacts our youth.

Blessings to all,

Jacob Sandholm



### BAPTISM:

Zekiel and Zander Junius were baptized on Wednesday March 15 during a service at the Wasink Center in Sheldon. They chose scriptures and professed their belief in Jesus prior to the emersion baptism. Congratulations and welcome to the church universal!



With all the snow days we thought best to move VBS back a little. The new date for VBS 2023 will be June 11-15. Get the dates added to your calendar and get ready for the best five days of your summer.

### National Day of Prayer

SAVE THE DATE-Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. as we observe the National Day of Prayer.

Bob Vander Plaats will be bringing a message for us on our theme "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much."



The children will be waving palm branches and singing at both services. They will do this towards the end of 8:30 am service and again towards the start of the 11:00 am service. We will also be have the youth doing the omelet breakfast that morning so once your child has finished their omelet they can head to the gym for Sunday School

Children will NOT have Sunday school on Easter morning April 9<sup>th</sup>.



Please be sure to check out the lost and found box on the friendship center it is getting very full.

Would you like to run the sound or the projection for the 8:30 or 11:00 am service??????

We are in need of a few people to step in and help out with these areas. I am told it looks scarier then it actually is and its pretty simple after being shown.

### JOB OPENINGS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR at Sheldon Christian

Shared part time custodian position, shared part time cook; 3 days a week, possible full time 3<sup>rd</sup> grade position and possible full time 6<sup>th</sup> grade position.

# April 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Conquering cancer 4 a cure for O'Brien co. bake sale at Hy-Vee 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
2 Palm Sunday/Communion 8:30 AM Traditional 9:15 AM Omelet Breakfast 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern 6:00 PM True life 8:00 PM Youth Bible Study	3	4 7:00 AM Lenten Prayer 9:00 AM Staff 9:00 AM Village  No kids Club	5 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:30-11:00 AM Mom to Mom 5:00 PM Bells 5:00-6:30 PM JR. IMPACT 5:30 Education 8:00-9:30 PM SR IMPACT	6 Maundy Thursday  6:30PM Seder Experience  No kids Club No Love Inc	7 8:00 PM Good Friday Service	8
9 Easter Sunday 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 7:30 AM Fellowship/Rolls 8:30 AM Traditional 11:00 AM Modern	10	11 9:00 AM Staff 9:00 AM Village 3:30-5:00 PM 3rd/4th grade Kids Club	12 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Bells 5:00-6:30 PM JR. IMPACT 6:30 PM Missions 7:00 PM AD Board 8:00-9:30 PM SR IMPACT	13  3:30-5:00 PM 5th/6th grade Kids Club 6:00 PM Love INC.	14  5:30-8:00PM Connections Meeting	15
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