

Sunday Morning Worship Services

8:30 AM Traditional & 11:00 AM Modern

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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Technology	Wil George
Custodian	Ron Noack

Faith Community Church

April Newsletter



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:

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!!! April brings with it signs of new life. We are given our new life through the precious blood of Jesus. In John 11:25—26 Jesus says, "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?"

The event that sets Christianity apart from all other religions is that we celebrate a savior who lived, who died, who rose again (was seen by many witnesses), and then ascended into heaven and continues to live, forever. Jews are still awaiting the coming of Messiah (they missed him when he first appeared). Mormons who believe Jesus was a great prophet and teacher buried Joseph Smith, and he remains in the grave. The same is true with the Islam religion, Mohamed is still dead. Hindus point to the beautiful life of some of their founders, but they too are gone. Buddhists have some good teachings, but they have no living God to point people to. As a Christian, we celebrate a risen savior, who continues to come to us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I hope that many of you will be curious as to how you can deepen your walk with Jesus and become a true disciple of his. On Sunday, May 5, we will be offering a short class titled "Follow Me" that will help us to learn how to follow Jesus more closely. Jesus said, "take up your cross and follow me." Thank you to Susan Klein who will lead us as we learn how to lead others into a relationship with Christ. The first step is to discover your spiritual gifts, and then lead from your strengths.

As we celebrate the resurrection Sunday, we celebrate each week the fact that in Christ we are guaranteed life everlasting when we repent and believe in Him. Join us each week at Faith Community as we proclaim the Word!

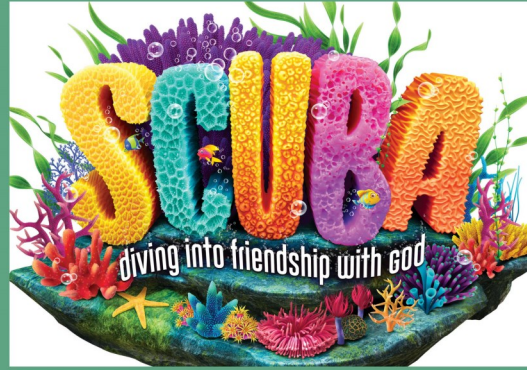
Pastor Kevin Gingerich

On Sunday, April 14, we will be celebrating the first confirmation class of Faith Community Church of Sheldon. We hope you will come and worship with us!

Adopt a VBS craft!

The education committee has put together craft kits with instructions for the congregation to take a craft home and return the finished project. These are simple projects that will be very helpful in the VBS decorating process when that begins.

June 23-27, 2024



Scan the QR code to register your child/ren or to register yourself as a volunteer!



Pancake Supper

We are so grateful for all those that came and ate pancakes and sausage on Monday, March 18. We served about 215 people, and all the funds raised will go to pay half the cost of Church camp

Love INC is looking for some more willing bakers to make two dozen snacks for kids. The person would volunteer 2 times in a ten-week period. Snacks are to be delivered on Thursday. If you are interested or want more details, please contact Jenna at Love INC 712-324-9707 or Jenna@sheldon-loveinc.org.

Scholarships: Irene Voss and Brewster Brewster scholarship applications are available now at the church office. They are due back to the church by April 30, 2024! 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 Faith Community Church or be a graduate of Sheldon High School. You can apply for the Voss scholarship for four years. To be eligible for the Brewster Brewster scholarship you need to be a member of the Faith Community Church and can apply for this for two years.

Jr. High IMPACT Retreat

The retreat was wonderful! The kids were great, had lots of good discussion about Jesus and what being a follower of God looks like, played lots of fun games, and ate lots of healthy foods. In the morning they were all very helpful with moving, carrying, and organizing closets and rooms within the church.

Hope Haven Annual Benefit Auction

Friday, April 5, This will take place at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull, IA, beginning at 5:00 PM. All proceeds will go to Hope Haven to support individuals with disabilities.

It is never too early to start thinking about VBS... Please continue packing peanuts, colorful bendy straws, wire mesh ribbon, colorful tissue paper, pipe cleaners, colorful spray paint, cardboard, plastic table cloths (green and blue in color), party streamers (green and blue in color), empty 2L bottles, and the lids from empty pill bottles. There is a red bucket in the entry way to for any collected items. Thank You!

An opportunity to serve others in our community right here at the Church!

Love INC. is looking for help to offer a meal for its attendees. They are looking for a group of 3 or 4 people who would prepare, serve, and clean up a meal for approximately 25 people (mostly children, but some adult volunteers will eat with the kids as well). Love INC is asking multiple people in hopes to fill the calendar for 2024. They are looking for individuals to sign up for one month (that could be 3 or 4 times). The serving itself would take place from approximately 6:20-6:45 at our church on Thursday evenings. The church should have the pots/pans/etc. that the group will need. You would be able to get into the kitchen as early as 5:20 to prepare. Love INC staff also come at that time in case you have questions. Love INC can allow a budget of \$40 per week (but if your group wants to pay for those meals, that is always a blessing). They can give you a gift card to Faraway or Hy-Vee to get the supplies that you need. We will provide milk and tableware. When your month comes up, they can let you know what they have on hand in our meat freezer to use if you would like. You can contact Rosa at the Church office or Jenna at Love INC. 712-324-9707 or jenna@sheldon-loveinc.org if you would like to help this ministry!

Palm Sunday

We had a great service with the children leading us in bells and songs. Thank you to parents for letting your child shine for Jesus. Thank you to the teachers for being here every week to lead them, especially on special days like this! It was so cool to see our children waving the Palm Branches reminding us of the triumphal entry of Jesus.

Garage Sale

Save the date for the church garage sale. Thursday, April 25 & Friday, 26 from 8:00 PM-5:00 PM and Saturday, 27 from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Children's Mission 2024

Thank you to all of you who helped us to bless and thank our teachers in Sheldon. We collected so much that there was quite a bounty to share with them all. This was disbursed between 8 different school buildings in all. We had each class write and color thank you notes, and we signed thank you poster boards. We had a teacher representative from each school here to collect the goodies and thank you notes on March 17th.

Save the Date

May 11

Choose

Conference

Women's Event



9:30am - 12:30pm

Faith Community Church of Sheldon
506 8th St. Sheldon, IA 51201

\$30.00 a ticket. Tickets available at the Faith Community Church and Touch of Hope.

Confirmation 2024

On Sunday, April 14, we will be confirming the class of 2024. Confirmation is the time in our youth's lives that they claim their baptism for themselves, and take on full responsibility for their spiritual life. They also have the option to become members of the church. Please keep these eleven individuals in prayer as they complete their classroom experience, community service, memory work, and then decide for themselves to confirm their baptism vows: Keegan Adkins, Jack Brink, Tyler Hurlburt, Kamron Kleinhesselink, Carter Koerselman, Elijah Noack, Caleb Schwartz, Jadelyn Simpson, Kendalyn Sterler, Sovann Thang, and Parker Whitcanack.

This is their class creed. Pastor Kevin is once again very proud of this class.

2023-24 Class Creed

We believe in God the Father, who created everything, (except sin) which includes the heavens and the earth, and all the animals and plants that are present on our planet. God is eternal, and created us in His image, for the purpose of making disciples and spreading the Word of His love. He is eternal, before time began and will live forever. God is faithful, just, righteous, loving, merciful, jealous, holy, pure, and loves everyone. He is the only one true God. Even though stuff can be hard or challenging, we keep going because He is with us. God sent his son, Jesus, to us to forgive our sins.

We believe Jesus is the Son of God, he was a part of the creation of all things. Jesus is Messiah, and he died for our sins. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary. He was tortured and died under the hands of Pontious Pilot for our debts and pays them off when we accept God into our hearts and ask forgiveness. Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and descended to hell; on the third day he rose again and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

We believe the Holy Spirit is real. He is the third part of the trinity of God. The Holy Spirit enters into our hearts when we open our hearts (not literally, actually physically opening our hearts but spiritually opening them) so He can live inside of us and gives us joy to live in God's image. The Holy Spirit is the omnipresent part of God, who helps those who accept Christ's righteousness. He speaks in moments of praise from our hearts.

We believe the church is the people of God working together to give glory to God. We are a model of Christ's workings and at the same time students of the good Word. The church is a "portal" into accepting an invitation to be in Christ's family. The church is not some place to hang out or a building for whatever purpose. The church is the body of Christ, where we can go to worship every day when we want. The church is also a place where we can confess, believe, and be baptized. The church plays a huge chunk of what God wants us to be seen as. The church is not a building, it is a group of believers in Jesus.

Amen

Jr High IMPACT End of Year Retreat

The Jr. High who have been attending this year are invited to attend a special retreat at Mill Creek Park in Paullina on May 3-4. We rented a cabin and have tents. Weather permitting we will hike, fish, and maybe even hunt some snipes. Let Kaleigh or Maria Schwartz know at youth group by April 24th if you would like to attend.

Dinner Together!

Do you like meatballs? Don't answer that too quickly...have you tried different kinds of meatballs? Dinner Together is having a meatball feast on April 5 at 6:00pm, and there will be three different kinds of meatballs to try. If you don't find one you really like, that's okay, there will be three different kinds of cobblers, too. You won't go home hungry! This is our second year of Dinner Together. At this large group event, you will be matched up with your small group partners sitting together and getting to know each other just a little. You may be surprised at what you learn about each other. Throughout the next year, your small groups will organize your own times to meet two or three or more times. Sign up is required since we need to get enough food prepared for everyone coming. If you need childcare, please mark that on the sign-up sheet, and we will have someone there for your little ones, too, providing pizza for their supper.

Kids Club

March 19 & 21 were the last days of Kid's Club for the year. We had large groups again this year. We had so much fun, and we learned so much! Each day we would have snacks, do our pledges, sing praise songs, have a lesson about God and Jesus, and play some games or do an activity. The 3rd/4th grade group started the year with around 30 kids, and by the end of the year tapered off to about 20 (the difference usually staying behind at school to get a little extra help). 5th/6th grade had a smaller number (and usually does) but was one of the largest most consistent groups in recent years, which was 10 kids. We pray the kids grew in their knowledge and faith and that they will continue to.

The 2024 radio and TV sponsorship sheet is out on the friendship center. It is \$75 to sponsor a Sunday. This ministry is an outreach to people who listen to our Sunday service on the radio.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Otto Lawson, Derick Roos, Gloria Morris, Bonnie Baartman, Duane Wahlstrom, Patsy Zoet

Kelly De Boef (daughter of Rick & Pam Kobbe) **Sue Radke** (mother of Matt & Jody Radke)

Stephanie Fowler (daughter of Steve & Bernadette Fowler)

Donna Whitfield (mother of Michelle Noack) **Jo Anne Fowler** (mother of Steve Fowler)

Bill & Sandy Hegna (sister and brother in law of Karin Vanden Berg)

Eli Sims (grandson of Rich Haack) **Sheila Lienau** (sister of Karin Vanden Berg)

Kimberly Powell (daughter of Karin and Peter Vanden Berg)

Please keep our service men and women in your prayers

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

ARMY: Daniel Mulder, Jeremy Post, Jesse Meendering

MARINES:

NATIONAL GUARD: Dr. Ryan Becker, Dr. Josephine Dunn Junuis,

Jeffrey Heithus, Reese Van Meeteren

NAVY: Dave Sarnoski, Greg Weiman, Drew Lidster

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Please pray for and visit our members in the nursing homes & assisted living facilities

Fieldcrest Assisted Living: Ray Rohlf, Mollie Parry, Marilyn King, Jeanette Reekers, Thelma Van Nyhuis, Duane Wahlstrom, Leona Sauer

Christian Retirement Home: Lucy Hoppe, Gerald Kroon, Mildred Robinson, Clarence Meinecke, Nancy Burley, Janus Martin, Linda Heiliger

Other Homes: Jervis Sterler, Sherry Vander Pol, John Van Olst, Eleanor Poppema

Areas of Service April

8:30 AM Greeters:

7. Peter & Karin VB
14. Heath & Rosa K
21. Henry & Carolyn D
28. Tony & Deb H

11:00 AM Greeters:

7. Janus M & Nancy B
14. Barb M & Julie B
21. Chris & Liz S
28. Greg & Laura G

8:30 Am Acolyte:

7. Benjamin & William F
14. Eli B & Bo H
21. Kyler & Kenzie Mc
28. Jack B & Tyler H

11:00 AM Acolyte:

7. Tallulah N & Lydia O
14. Dax N & Wyatt G
21. Hayes S & Hayden H
28. Elijah N & Levi M

8:30 AM Sound:

7. Stew C
14. Mike Mc
21. Tony H
28. Tony H

11:00 AM Sound:

7. Sherri M
14. Sherri M
21. Sherri M
28. Sherri M

Liturgist:

7. Ardis G
14. Barb M
21. Judy N
28. Matt R

Song Leader:

7. Ardis G
14. Ardis G
21. Bill B
28. Bill B

8:30 AM Projection:

7. Niki C
14. Kyler Mc
21. Deb H
28. Deb H

11:00 AM Projection:

7. Bill B
14. Bill B
21. Bill B
28. Bill B

Coffee Bar Clean up:

7. Peter & Karin VB
14. Henry & Carolyn D
21. Heath & Rosa K
28. Barb M

Communion

April 7– Sue G & Rosa K

All Church Clean Up

Thank you to all those who came and helped with the all church clean up. We got a lot of closets organized, different areas cleaned, and stuff ready for the garage sale.

Meet the new youth director!

Kaleigh Pearson grew up in Prairie City, IA. She is a junior at Northwestern College majoring in youth ministry. She has one younger brother, and used to do gymnastics as a kid. She has a passion for teaching youth about the Bible, Jesus, and God.



Highlights From March Board Meeting:

- Youth director has been hired. We took time to introduce ourselves to Kaleigh.
- There continue to be remodels done to the Chapel, which is the Heritage Room, and the Library. Pictures are being hung, and the cabinet from the entry way has been moved to the Heritage Room.
- Matt Rusche reported that we have signed a letter of acceptance of the bid of \$55,295.00 from Fred's, and they have us on their list to install, maybe as soon as April. He also reported that Fred's has been here to fix the boiler again, said that another inner heat exchanger will need to be replaced. The ceiling tiles in the gym were discussed. Mike will have M & D bring the scaffolding and we will replace them at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday April 13. Mike will make sure the clips will be here.
- As required by the bylaws an annual review is being done. Article 1 of Bylaws requires no changes. Article 2 it is suggested we change the vision statement. We will work with what Pastor proposed and come back to the April meeting to firm it up. It was noted that we will change the title of 1. b to Mission Statement and then start a new paragraph with "Naturally..." and call this "c. Mission of Faith Community" and then what was 1. c will become 1. d. We are also recommending changing the wording in Article 2, 2. b. Salvation by inserting the words in sentence two to include "repenting and" so the second sentence will read, "Only by **repenting and** trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty." We also are recommending a change in wording in Article 2 section C 2. Communion e. Who can take Communion iii. By striking required and inserting "expected" so the second sentence would read, "It is **expected** that the child has..." We then agreed that we will work the vision statement and Article 3 at our April meeting.
- We had a very successful clean up day with 12 junior high youth joining around 15 adults to deep clean several closets, and carry out many books and chairs etc... We carried some items to the garage to be placed on the City Wide garage sale in April 25 – 27. We need some people to organize and run the garage sale.
- Staffing plans going forward. It was decided to separate the "Summer Lunch" coordinator from the Children's Ministry Coordinator's job description. Since the Summer Lunch is required soon, we will focus on hiring someone to coordinate. Salary of \$6,000 for the summer, Lunches start on May 28 and end August 16. If no one is found by early May, we will cancel Summer Lunch.
- We do want to hire a Children's Ministry coordinator to handle other duties of the coordinator we had. Until one is found and hired, the education committee will focus on Sunday School and VBS. It was discussed putting it on hold for a year and covering it with volunteers, and possibly asking Rosa to take on the printing of the curriculum, etc... We will use "Handshake" to hire again, if we do not get any applicants from within the church for the positions.
- Treasures Report: We have \$39,273.78 in checking, \$67,967.86 in Ultra Savings, and \$50,000 CD for a total of \$157,241.64 Expenses for February were \$30,150.04 with an income for February of \$23,253.79 for net loss of \$6,896.25 for the month of February. We have \$53,089.78 in our capital expenditure fund, and another \$5,000 came in already in March. These funds will be used for the air conditioning.

Congratulations to Brant and Crystal Rosin on the adoption of their 2 year old son, Jarrett Lee Rosin, on Monday, March 4. Grandparents are George and Melissa Davis.



April Birthdays



April 2 Caleb Schwartz

April 4 Eleanor Grover

April 7 Makenna Kleinhesselink
Maliah Kleinhesselink
Randy Merley
Brad Huisman

April 8 Eric Maassen

April 9 Kris Sterler

April 12 Karissa Getting
Yvonne Rodriguez

April 13 Becky Vander Plaats

April 14 Verilyn Schilling
Mathias Getting

April 16 Julie Grubisich

April 18 Fred Hilbrands

April 19 Dylan Ennema
Willis Schilling

April 20 Terri Malenke

April 21 Brent Hurd
Mike McCuddin

April 22 Faith Monen

April 25 Jay Andringa
Brooke Oldenkamp

April 26 Mindy Liechti

April 27 Ryan Becker
Austin Fischer

April 28 Jari Brink

April 30 Logene Anderson
Kristopher Tatsumi

Omelet Breakfast

The IMPACT youth group is so thankful for all of those that came out to the omelet breakfast Sunday, March 24. The youth enjoy engaging with others and shining Jesus' light through themselves. They collected \$859 that money will go towards their upcoming mission trip.



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9:30-11:00 AM Mom to Mom 2:30-4:00 PM Confirmation 4:00-5:30 PM Jr High IMPACT 5:00 PM Bells 5:30 PM Education 8:00-9:30 PM Sr High IMPACT	4 9:00-noon Rhoda Circle	5 6:00 PM Dinner together	6
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