

## 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
<b>Children's Ministry</b>	Michelle Noack
<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

# FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

## August 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:

Prior to making disciples for Jesus Christ, we must first know who Jesus is. Part of our information comes from the scripture where Jesus tells us who he says he is. Often times I get caught up in the question Jesus asked his disciples, who does the world say I am? And then asks and who do you say I am.

"Moses said to God, 'Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'" About 2000 years later, Jesus is recorded as saying "I am..." in response to the questions about his ministry. During the months of July and August we will be looking at the "I am" statements to learn more about who Jesus said he was.

As recorded in the Gospel of John, Jesus did claim to be the light, the life, the living water, the bread of life, the way and truth and life, and so much more. All of that to assure us the Jesus is the Son of the living God. His Father in heaven becomes our Father when we are adopted into the family through our belief in Jesus and our profession of our faith.

With this knowledge, when we are asked, "Who do you say Jesus is?" we can boldly and confidently respond like Peter, "He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God." On this rock the church is formed. Faith Community Church of Sheldon has the mission to make disciples for Jesus Christ. We open our hearts and doors to all people with love and acceptance. Together we are Christ in and for the world.

Come! Celebrate! Worship!

Pastor Kevin Gingerich

True Life Worship 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evenings

We do not livestream this service. It is meant for deeper spiritual growth and understanding. Each week Jacob and I alternate who will bring the message. We worship, pray and learn together. All are invited!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Otto Lawson, Derick Roos, Karrine Dykstra, Bob Sterler, Gloria Morris, Ron Ling, Bonnie Baartman, Fred Grein

Jo Anne Fowler (mother of Steve Fowler)

Stephanie Fowler (Daughter of Steve & Bernadette Fowler)

Donna Whitfield (Mother of Michelle Noack)

Eli Sims (grandson of Rich Haack)

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:** Mike Welch, Dr. Ryan Becker, Dr. Josephine Dunn Junuis, Jeffrey Heithus, Reese Van Meeteren

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

Please keep our Missionaries in prayer

**Otto & Robin Lawson-** 1015 W. Sam Houston #101 Pharr , TX 78577

e-mail- ottotlawson@gmail.com

**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

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

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

**These are the new emails that the church staff will be transitioning to. Please get used to using these emails instead of the sumc emails.**

Church website has changed  
[www.sheldonfaith.org](http://www.sheldonfaith.org)

Secretary/Main Rosa  
Email: [sheldonfaithmain@gmail.com](mailto:sheldonfaithmain@gmail.com)  
Children Director: Michelle  
Email: [sheldonfaithchildren@gmail.com](mailto:sheldonfaithchildren@gmail.com)  
Youth Director: Jacob  
Email: [sheldonfaithyouth@gmail.com](mailto:sheldonfaithyouth@gmail.com)  
Technology Director: Jacob  
Email: [sheldonfaithtech@gmail.com](mailto:sheldonfaithtech@gmail.com)  
Pastor Kevin:  
Email: [lionlamb61@yahoo.com](mailto:lionlamb61@yahoo.com)

## IMPACT

It has been a wonderful summer for Impact. As mentioned last month, the month of June was fairly consistent and there were a good number of youth there each week. That trend continued in the month of July! We were having about 20-25 attend each Sunday evening that we met. The biggest event that happened in the month of July though, was the retreat trip to Wyoming. We are praying and hoping that the youth will take what they learned and felt in Wyoming and bring that to the community of Sheldon. Personally, I believe this particular group of youth can and will do incredible things for the Lord as the school year begins.

Speaking of the school year, that is happening THIS MONTH! It is hard to believe that the Summer is almost over, but we will be celebrating the Summer and all that God has done on August 19th, as we have a back-to-school bash at Rachael Becker's home. We have this every year, but I think this year will be the best one yet! This event is for all the youth who will be in Impact, in the Fall. Other than that, there are still some plans that need to be made in terms of which Wednesday night Impact comes back. All in all, the Summer was powerful and filled with the Spirit, and we are excited to see how that flows into the new school year. Thank you for your prayers and support for the youth. They are felt and appreciated!

Blessings,

Jacob Sandholm

## Summer Lunch

We have been having great attendance and help So far this year.

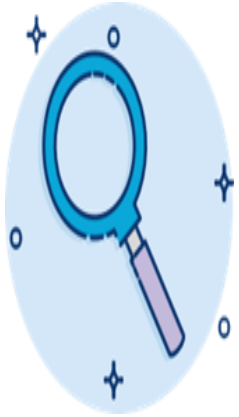
On our highest day we served 171 meals!

With the end of summer coming near, many are still taking their vacations and Michelle could use some people to help fill in, we need an average of 6 people per day.

Please contact the office or Micelle if you can help.

## Sunday School

Our kids and the kingdom need your assistance to lead Sunday school this fall. Rally Day (1st day) is September 10th. Contact Michelle to secure your place!



## Boscaljon's to Brussels

We had the unique opportunity to serve churches in the Brussels area in July. Many people there are resistant to "church," so missionaries look for ways to build relationships which hopefully lead to sharing Jesus' love! They call it putting out "fishing lines." A team of 19 people from different states went to support local ministry programs. We experienced worship at a French church and an Iranian church!

Sally taught beginning English to French-speaking adults, and our younger daughter Ruth supported VBS with Muslim children. Bill helped renovate a building that will soon be a church; he previously worked there in January and will go again in December. These are some of the methods used by local churches to connect with others.

We are thankful and blessed that the Lord gave us this opportunity to shine Jesus' light!



## August Birthday's

1. Mary Muchiri
3. Derick Roos  
Erin Anderson
5. Ashley Brower  
Lily Kamstra
6. Rich Haack  
Jon Somers
7. Patsy Zoet  
Jadelyn Simpson
8. Mike Molettiere
9. Marlys Den Hartog  
Mike Brower
10. Jaxson Ross
12. Andrew Klaassen
13. Rachel Kleinhesselink
15. Rex Ross
17. Mollie Parry  
Kelsey McCuddin  
Brea Marie Anderson

19. Walt Pruiksma
21. Ron Noack
23. Tricia Meendering  
Cooper Jansma
24. Darla Wright
25. Tracy Jansma  
Ethan Molettiere
26. Marilyn King
27. Chuck Missman
28. Presley Missman
29. Phyllis Peterson  
Courtney Klein
30. Jill Koedam  
Blake Radke

If you would like a free UMC hymnal or bible please take it from the cart that is in the library. **NOT** the ones in the sanctuary those are the new ones!



## Farmers Table

Plant faithfully for you will harvest Bountifully!

The table outside of the office doors is for those that have an abundance of garden goodies that they would like to share with others. If you have extra that you won't use, bring it and place it on the table for the next person who might love that fresh garden food.

Sheldon Mobile Food Bank  
at Living Water Community Church  
4:30-6:00 pm  
August 7  
September 11  
(week late because of Labor Day)

Sheldon Area Unity Meal and  
groceries to go.  
at Living Water Community Church  
5:30 to 6:30 pm  
August 21  
September 18

## 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

## RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 10

As we return to school and a fall schedule we will celebrate with a Sunday School rally.

Preschool and 3rd graders will receive Bibles. We will have a shared pot-luck following second service to fellowship with one another.



### Check your email!

You will need to check that the church emails are not going to into your spam folder with the change of email addresses some are going to spam. If yours are go to the spam folder go to the email right click choose not spam and it will go to the inbox going forward.

## Areas of Service August

### Liturgist

6. Matt Rusche  
13. Ardis Grein  
20. Ashley Hoogland  
27. Barb Merley

### Song Leader:

6. Ardis Grein  
13. Ardis Grein  
20. Bill Boscaljon  
27. Bill Boscaljon

### Coffee Bar Clean up:

6. Henry & Carolyn D  
13. Barb Merley  
20. Peter & Karin VB  
27. George & Melissa D

### 8:30 Am Acolyte:

6. Kyler/Kenzie M  
13. Jack B  
20. Benjamin/William F  
27. Kyler/Kenzie M

### 11:00 AM Acolyte:

6. Carter K/Elijah F  
13. Jane H/Tallulah N  
20. Benjamin G/Caleb S  
27. Kendalyn S/Sierra G

### Communion

6. Peter & Karin VB

### 8:30 AM Greeters:

6. Julie Brink  
13. Chris & Liz Subart  
20. Steve Fowler  
27. Jerry & Bev Kreykes

### 11:00 AM Greeters:

6. Henry & Carolyn D  
13. Heath & Rosa K  
20. Peter & Karin VB  
27. George & Melissa D



## CONFIRMATION:

At Faith Community we invite youth who are entering 8th grade or above to come and join us in a learning setting as we explore the Christian faith, and what we believe. Does coming to confirmation mean that I will become a member of Faith Community? Only if that is what you decide once we conclude the experience.

We do ask youth to attend each week, complete 30 hours of community service, memorize several important scriptures and the Apostle's Creed.

There will be a parent and youth meeting on Wednesday August 30th at 5:30 p.m. to answer questions and to register for the confirmation experience. Call the church office for more information. 712-324-4894.

## Get to know the Ad council committee

Dennis Gorter– Ad council Chair  
Jari Brink– Finance  
Fred Grein– Finance  
Linda Heiliger– Faith Community women Chair  
Rachael Becker– Youth Council Chair  
Susan Klein- Connection Ministries  
Krista Honnermann– Education Chair, Connection Ministries  
Tony Haning—Staff Relations  
Mitch Giese– Staff Relations  
Judy Nieuwenhuis-Missions  
Marvin Lindley– Missions  
Barb Merley– Secretary  
Mike McCuddin– Trustees  
Matt Rusche– Trustees  
Michelle Noack– Childrens Ministry  
Wil George– Worship  
Jacob Sandholm– Youth, Tech  
Pastor Kevin– Lead Pastor  
Kris Sterler– Treasurer

**All are welcome to come to council meetings!**

## JULY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

With the announcement that Jacob has taken another ministry position, we held a special Administrative Council meeting. At the meeting we agreed to begin the process of looking for a new paid youth director. The youth council will be meeting on August 14 to continue the discussion of how we go forward. We know that it is important to have a strong youth program and are committed to finding a way to continue to strengthen our youth and their relationship with Jesus.

Also we are looking for ways to strengthen our shared ministries at Faith Community. We talked about offering a spiritual gift assessment for the congregation so we know where we fit in best in our serving. In September we will be having a sermon series on who Faith Community is. On October 1, World Wide Communion Sunday, we will be having a special visioning day along with a “commitment Sunday.” We will discuss this further at our August meeting.

**Heritage Library: Barb Merely, Susan Klein, and Judy Nieuwenhuis will decorate the library as our Heritage Library. When they ask for your help, please don't hesitate to work with them.**

**Our next meeting will be August 16 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Kaden's Closet food pantry is in need of any non perishable can or box foods. The pantry has been getting greatly used so we want to be able to continue to bless those in need. Thank you.**

Our condolences to the family of Sandra Johnson.



### Lost & Found

Please check the lost and found box it is getting full again. It is located in the front entrance near the friendship center.

### Shop with a cop!

Love INC and law enforcement agencies will be hosting Shop With a Cop on Thursday, August 3 from approximately 5:30-8:00. Many volunteers are needed to help kids shop for new school clothes! Please let us know if you are interested in helping by calling (712) 324.9707 or emailing [linda@sheldon-loveinc.org](mailto:linda@sheldon-loveinc.org).

### Love Inc. Summer fundraiser

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023 AT 5 PM

Love INC Summer Fundraiser Meal

First Christian Reformed Church Sheldon



# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 11-12:30 PM Summer Lunch	<b>2</b> 11-12:30 PM Summer Lunch 5:30 PM Education	<b>3</b> 11-12:30 PM Summer Lunch 6:00 PM Love Inc. 7:00 PM Lawson Bible Study	<b>4</b> 11-12:30 PM Summer Lunch	<b>5</b>
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