

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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Secretary	Rosa Koerselman
Custodian	Ron Noack

SHELDON UNITED METHODIST

FEBRUARY 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:

During this month of love, February, we remember God's love for us. We can NOT do anything to EARN a position in heaven. By accepting Jesus into our hearts, and allowing his love to transform and change our lives, we can have a permanent home in heaven. Love is not life without consequences or judgment, it is a life with God. One day there will be a time of judgement and those who truly believe in Jesus and accept him into their heart will live with God. That is the only way to truly be in God's presence forever.

Love: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Many of us stop there and claim that the love of God will be experienced by all people. We forget that the love of God includes judgment with the words that follow two verses later, "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." (John 3:18) Paul tells us in the letter to the Romans, with confidence, that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Condemnation goes along with love. Discipline for those who refuse to believe in Jesus as the Christ and accept him into their hearts, so that he can transform their lives from a life of sin to a life lived for God through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Paul wrote to the Corinthian Church, "Now these three remain: Faith, Hope, and Love. But the greatest of these is Love." (1 Corinthians 13:13) The writer of Hebrews tells us our Hope is in Jesus, and to fix our thoughts on him. (Hebrews 3:1, 6) and, "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer (author) and perfecter of faith." (Hebrews 12:2) Jesus is our hope and the one who can deliver us if we place our faith in him. Faith: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1) If our hope is in Jesus and his promises, even though we do not see him, we can have the confidence that he will fulfill his promises to us. Why? Because Jesus is the Son of God, God in the flesh, and God never breaks a promise.

Remember to give thanks to God! God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good. Come and worship!

Pastor Kevin Gingerich

PRAYER REQUESTS

Otto Lawson, Derick Roos, Wilma Meinecke, Arlene Sterler, Karrine Dykstra, Bob Sterler, Gloria Morris, Carla Hoffman, Emilee Broesder, Duane Wahlstrum, Rita Sterler, Patsy Zoet, Ron Noack

Jo Anne Fowler (mother of Steve Fowler) **Connie Matoffe** (Sister of Pam Buysman)
Sheila Lienau- (Sister of Karin Vanden Berg)

Stephanie Fowler (Daughter of Steve & Bernadette Fowler)

Kay Ver Steeg (sister to Michelle Groen & Melissa Davis) **Ken De Groot** (Jeanette Reekers son-in-law)

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

Nick J (friend of Nancy Burley)- Fighting leukemia

Zac Hulst- son of Brad and Martha Huisman

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, Travis Postma, 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

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: Ken Mulder, Jervis Sterler, Sherry Vander Pol, Bob & Arlene Sterler, John Van Olst

BELLA NOTTE

FEBRUARY 5, 2023
6 PM

INDIVIDUAL
TICKETS
\$15

Child Tickets
\$3

FULL-TABLE
TICKETS
\$105

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

*CONTACT THE SHELDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO BUY YOUR TICKETS! COME SUPPORT THE IMPACT YOUTH GROUP DURING THIS FUN AND ENTERTAINING EVENING!

WHAT WILL CHANGE ON JULY 1?

There has been much anxiety and confusion as to what will happen on July 1, 2023 when we will officially become the Faith Community Church of Sheldon. The answer is, our name and the logo. With the name change we will have to take down all logos of cross and flame, and any title of "United Methodist." Thus, we will have to take the "United Methodist Hymnal" from the building, and remove some of our signage. We plan on replacing the hymnals and signage. As the time approaches to purchase new hymnals you will be invited to have input. We will be adopting new by-laws and writing a statement of belief that you will have an opportunity to invest in as well.

We will still have two worship services in which to express our thankfulness to God and to worship Him. We will still sing hymns at our early service and modern songs of praise at our later service. We will still have Sunday School, we will still have Vacation Bible School and Youth Groups, we will still do mission work locally and support missionaries beyond Sheldon and we will still offer a summer lunch program to all who desire to join us when school is out for the summer. Our mission will still be to "To Glorify God by Making Disciples for Jesus Christ." Our vision will remain to open the church to all people to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and to encourage and empower people to grow in their knowledge of Jesus so they can go into the community through the power of the Holy Spirit to be Christ's presence in the world.

That has not changed. We still will hold to the same values that we held over the past 150 years as we build toward where we feel God is calling us. Those have not changed.

Soup-er bowl Sunday soup collection!

Tackling hunger! We will be collecting cans of soup now until February 12.

Cans of soup will be distributed to area food pantries.

Collection barrel is located in the friendship center!

Sunday School: Thank you to everyone who has brought in stuff for our EMS, Fire, and Police already. We are still collecting until February 26th. So, you may continue bringing items in please. List of things to we are needing to collect: Bucket in the friendship area!

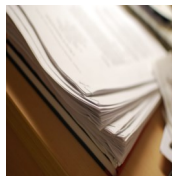
Encounter 64

will be happening on February 17-19.

Go here for information or to register!

<https://nwiaencounter.org/>

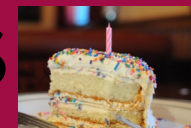
Please check and clean out your church mailboxes! I will be cleaning them out in the next few weeks. Thank You!!!!



Nuts	Mints
Chapstick	Gum
Lotion	Granola bars
Trail mix	Activity Books
Tissues	Car air fresheners
Cough drops	Water bottles
Advil	Crystal light singles
Multi vitamins	Fast food gift cards
Sports drink	Flavored water
	Candy



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Feb 2- Steve Vogelaar

Faith Richards

Feb 4- Evan Brouwer

Feb 10- Levi Goetzke

Feb 11- Marcia Wassenaar

Feb. 13- Kevin Johnson

Ainsley Steeg

Huxley Ross

Feb. 14- Kevin Welch

Adelyn Reemtsma

Feb. 15- Dave Groen

Deb Heibult

Russ Duncanson

Wyatt Giese

Feb 16.- Pastor Kevin

Matthew Bylsma

Feb. 19- Darrell Burns

Peter Hamill

Kevin Kleinhesselink

Feb. 20- Jessica Bylsma

Dax Noteboom

Evelyn Becker

Feb. 21- Ronald Ling

Kayla Ross

Feb 22- Marry Dunn

Jeff Karlson

Brynn Koerselman

Beth Hamill

Barry Schroeter

Feb. 23- Bonnie Boone

LaVonne Van Der Sluis

Jo Johnson

Hanna Getting

Feb. 24- Hayden Adkins

Feb. 25- Jamie Awe

Feb. 26- Donna Hurd

Marcella Ling

Sue Rensink

Feb. 27- Brett Klein

Dustin Sterler

Blayze Stallman

2023 Camp registration is open now!!!!



www.okoboji.org

UMM are still paying half the cost of one camp per child!

Snack supply needs to be refreshed:

We have been having such awesome attendance at Kids Club and Sunday school that our snack are running low. Things we could use are pretzels, fruit snacks, animal crackers, nilla wafers, plain rice crispy treats, and potato chips.

Our sympathy to Karin Vanden Berg on the loss of her brother in law Jim Ver Meer.



After all these storms, it's a good time to look forward to summer camp! New adventures await your kids at camp this year. If you have attended Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camps in the past, you have already received their camp brochure for this summer.



If you are looking for an alternative camp, we have brochures and catalogs from Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps. I have spent several months investigating camps in Iowa and have found this one to most closely match our hopes. I welcome a conversation with any parents about this camp and why I chose to offer it to our church members. The summer camp programs are held at Lake Ingham, only about an hour and a half from Sheldon. Please catch me at church on a Sunday, give me a call at 712-230-0193, or send me an email at slk@nethtc.net if you want to talk about this camp. Brochures on the friendship center!

Susan Klein

Ingham

- Trailblazers # 1 (4-6th) June 18-23
- Pathfinders #1 (2-5th) June 18-20
- Camp-in-a-day# 1 (K-2nd)June 21
- Camp-in-a-day # 2 (K-2nd) June 22
- Trailblazers #2 (4-6th) June 25-30
- Pathfinders #2 (2-5th) June 25-27
- Trailblazers #3 (4-6th) July 9-14
- Pathfinders #3 (2-5th) July 9-11
- Camp-in-a-day# 3 (K-2nd) July 12
- Camp-in-a-day # 4 (K-2nd) July 13
- Trailblazers #4 (4-6th) July 16-21
- Pathfinders #4 (2-5th) July 16-18
- Camp-in-a-day #5 (K-2nd) July 19
- Camp-in-a-day #6 (K-2nd) July 20
- Junior High Camp (6-9th) July 23-28

Okoboji

- Confirmation/Jr. High (6-9th)..... June 11-16
- Family Camp # 1 June 18-23
- Speaker-Rev. Dr. Steve Turnbull
- Family Camp #2 June 25-30
- Speaker-Rev. Scott Rains
- Family Camp #3 July 2-7
- Speaker-Rev. Amy Selby
- Confirmation/Jr. High (6-9th)..... July 9-14
- Senior High Encounter (9-12th)..... July 16-21
- Family Camp #4 July 23-28
- Speaker-Craig j Swen" Swenson
- Family Camp #5..... July 30-Aug. 4
- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jerry Watts

Areas of Service for February

Liturgists:

- Feb. 5– Ardis G
- Feb. 12– Judy N
- Feb. 19-Bill B
- Feb. 26– Barb M

Song Leader:

- Feb. 5– Ardis G
- Feb. 12– Ardis G
- Feb. 19-Bill B
- Feb. 26– Bill B

8:30 AM Greeters:

- Feb. 5– Julie Brink
- Feb. 12– Chris & Liz S
- Feb. 19– Jerry & Bev K
- Feb. 26- Steve F

11:00 AM Greeters:

- Feb. 5– Dave & Michelle G
- Feb. 12– Peter & Karin V
- Feb. 19– George & Melissa D
- Feb. 26– Jason & Amanda N

Communion:

- Feb. 5th– Peter & Karin V

Coffee Bar Clean up:

- Feb. 5– Heath & Rosa K
- Feb. 12– Peter & Karin V
- Feb. 19– Melissa D
- Feb. 26- Tony & Deb H

11:00 AM Acolyte:

- Feb. 5– Hayes S/ Jack B
- Feb. 12– Aubrie K/ Jadelyn S
- Feb. 19- Wyatt G/ Mathias G
- Feb. 26– Jane H/ Tallulah N

SO YOU KNOW — AN UPDATE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Committee Members

Dennis Gorter (Chair), Barb Merley (recording secretary), Mike McCuddin, Matt Rusche, Tony Haning, Mitch Geise, Susan Klein, Wil George, Marvin Lindley, Fred Grein, Linda Heiliger, Krista Honormann, Rachael Becker, Jari Brink, Judy Nieuwenhuis, Staff Representatives Kevin Gingerich, Jacob Sandholm, Michelle Noack

Administrative Board Report for January 17 Meeting

At the Administrative Board January meeting we received the end of year financial report. We ended the year with the income surpassing the expenses. The AD Board would like to THANK YOU for your generosity in 2022. God has blessed this Church greatly in both financial support and in service to our mission “To Glorify God By Making Disciples For Jesus Christ”. With that said we need to look forward to 2023. The AD Board has budgeted \$400,133.00 for salaries and other operating expense. The estimated disaffiliation final payment to the Iowa Annual Conference will be \$250,00.00. Another \$10,000.00 is expected to be needed to pay for things as the purchase of new hymnals/songbooks, removing the flame and cross from the front of the church building, renaming the church sign by the street and highway. God has supplied this Church with all of it’s needs in the past and we believe He will continue to do so.

The AD board begin the task of reviewing the sample by-laws we received from National Center for Life and Liberty (NCLL). They are the legal team that was approved at the December meeting. We went through the first two articles. Article 1 deals with our “Name and Purpose”. Article 2 deals with our “Statement of Faith”.

It was reported by the IT group that we are now streaming live on our web site. This change was made because Facebook was kicking out our posts.

A new Ministry was approved. Barb Merley volunteered to head up a group to prepare meals for those families that desire a meal at the time of a funeral. This group will prepare a list of entrees the family can choose from. The family would be responsible for paying for the ingredients and this group would prepare the meal. This does not replace the workgroups we now have.

Submitted by Fred Grein

Merry Christmas! Wait, I meant to say Happy Valentine’s Day! All the snow that we have been having keeps making me think that we are still in December. As the month of January ends, we have only had a couple of Impact nights in the last two months due to all the snowstorms that have been happening. However, in the nights that we have had youth group, we have been going through a new series called: “Holy Vs. Wicked Attitude”. This series will go through the letters that Jesus sent to the seven churches in the book of Revelation and discuss all the ways that the attitudes of the churches hurt their relationship with Christ, and how we can change our attitudes to better glorify God on a regular basis. Being a high schooler is hard, but we must remember the grace that God provides. Now, as we look into next month, one of the biggest events of the year is taking place, and that is Bella Notte!

Bella Notte is an annual event where people can come and enjoy a delicious Italian style dinner that includes spaghetti and meatballs, and Chicken Alfredo. During this evening, people will enjoy this food served by the youth as well as entertainment, all put on by the Impact Youth Group. Something that is really exciting this year, is that we will be having a western theme during the night for all to enjoy! So, get ready to see cowboy hats, boots, and belt buckles, because it is going to be a hootin’ good time! Tickets are available until February 1st, and are \$15 for each individual ticket, \$105 for a whole table, and \$3 for a child’s ticket. Other than Bella Notte, we will be having a special all in one Impact night with the Jr. High and Sr. High following the Ash Wednesday service on February 22 at 8 Pm. Speaking of the service, we want to invite ALL THE YOUTH to our Ash Wednesday service at 7 Pm like we do every year. It is the perfect night to come together and feel closer to God. Thank you all for reading this, and I am hoping we have a more consistent schedule in the month of February.

Blessings,

Jacob Sandholm

CONFIRMATION 2023

This year has been flying by. We have six students in confirmation. They will be confirming their faith as part of our Worship Services on Sunday March 26. Please keep these students in your prayers as they complete their course work: Zeikiel Junius, Kyler McCuddin, Josiah Mollettiere, Landen Mouw, Payton Van Meeteren, and Aubree Wenthe.

Our class is in their final weeks of preparation. Because of the changes in the hours at school we have moved our confirmation class to 6:45-8:00 p.m. for the remaining two months.

Our study has been based out of the study, “The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith.” Along with the study each student has completed 30 hours of community service to the church and community. They will have memorized many of the basics of our faith, as well as shown the ability to live in a faith community.

It will be a joy to welcome them as members.

A JOB WELL DONE!

What a fun day and evening we had as we prepared for and served the Unity Meal at Living Water Church in Sheldon. Thank you to the five wonderful cooks who prepared enough food for 200 (goulash, corn, and fruit cocktail). Thank you to the four who helped cut and plate desserts. And the eighteen who came to serve and clean up. Together we fed 90 people and sent home another 50 meals. It was fun to work with you, and I am thrilled that we have a church family who works together to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the community!



February 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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