

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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Faith Community Church

February 2024 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:

The death of a loved one can really help bring priorities into a better focus. The little things have less significance, and the big picture really matters. I wonder if the same happened for the disciples as they went through the death, and ultimately the resurrection of Jesus. The little things, like the dispute about who will sit at the left and right of Jesus when he comes into his kingdom no longer matter, and now the big picture really matters "where is Jesus going and how do we follow him?"

Jesus did what he could to prepare the disciples and show them how to follow the way of the cross. And they wrote down the story so we too could discover what really matters. It is a counter-cultural lifestyle. It is putting others ahead of self and placing the most important thing on our relationship with the Father through the Son (Jesus). Now what matters most is our faith. By grace we are saved through faith not by our works. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through him. Jesus in our hearts is what really matters.

His disciples believed this and received the Holy Spirit as a guarantee. For those of us who truly believe, we receive the Holy Spirit guarantee too. Our treasure in heaven allows us to focus on what God wants for our lives, rather than the little things, like the poem The Dash says, "the cars, the house, the cash, what matters most is how we live and how we spend our dash."

February is "Heart Healthy Month". We need to examine our spiritual hearts as well as care for our physical ones. This February is also the beginning of our Lenten journey. Let us examine the way of the cross, and come into a closer relationship with the God and Father of our Lord Jesus.

Come and worship with us.

Pastor Kevin Gingerich

PS. I watched the worship service on line on January 28. It was a good experience. I came to church in person on February 4, and I could "feel" the presence of Christ and his healing while we worshipped. Please come and worship in person when you can, it brings so much more comfort.

June 23-27, 2024



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



It is never too early to start thinking about VBS...

Please start saving paper towel tubes, toilet paper tubes, wrapping paper tubes, pool noodles, packing peanuts, colorful bendy straws, wire mesh ribbon, colorful tissue paper, pipe cleaners, colorful spray paint, cardboard egg cartons, 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!

The Sheldon Ministerial Association will be hosting a Service of Christian Unity on Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 pm at Crossroads Pavilion. All are encouraged to attend!

We are so thankful for the almost 40 people that came and enjoyed a night of BINGO and snacks. Mark your calendars for our next event on April 21st at 6:00 PM. We will be playing board games and enjoying different kinds of snack mixes. Invite your friends for this fun event.

Scott Stallmann Family Benefit – Pancake and Sausage Supper –

Monday, February 26 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheldon. Freewill offering. Scott has faced NUT carcinoma, a rare and aggressive cancer, for five years. Please keep Scott and his family in your prayers and join us to help and support Scott and his family as they deal with continuing health issues as a result of treatment. The freewill offering will go to help cover medical and travel expenses.

Our Lenten sermon series will be “The Way of The Cross...”

Ash Wednesday (February 14):

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21; Joel 2:1-2, 12-17;

Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18

Sermon: “Prepare Your Heart”

February 18 Noisy Offering, 1st Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: “The Call”

February 25 2nd Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Mark 8:31-31; Romans 4:1-8, 16-17

Sermon: “Take Up Your Cross”

March 3 Communion/3rd Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Mark 14:12-26

Sermon: “Receiving Christ”

March 10 4th Sunday of Lent

Scripture: John 2:13-25

Sermon: “Cleanse Your Temple”

March 17 Noisy offering/5th Sunday of Lent

Scripture: John 3:1-17; John 12:20-36

Sermon: “Jesus Lifted High”

March 24 Palm Sunday/6th Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

Sermon: “The Cheering Crowd”

March 31 Easter Sunday

Scripture: Mark 16:1-20

Sermon: “From the Grave”



Encounter is a Christ centered experience in the form of a retreat that takes place 2 times a year in northwest Iowa. It was formerly called Yatec, and is similar to Cursillo. The retreat is open to anyone post high school and older. Candidate registration is open now for February 16th-18th at Centerpoint Church, 160 10th St SE, Sioux Center, IA. Online candidate registration can be found at www.nwiaencounter.org the Encounter office 712-722-4900.

Faith Community Cooking Connection

Saturday March 23 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Potluck Meal and Share

Bring along your favorite dish and recipe to share. It will be a great way to share family friendly recipes before the business of summer activities! We will be creating and decorating cookbook binders. Kids are welcome and encouraged to join to help create a fun and memorable cookbook. Come join us for food and fellowship at this fun cooking event! Sign up is encouraged but not required.

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 on Thursday evenings. The church should have the pots/pans/etc. that the group will need. And 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.

They want the meal to be REALLY SIMPLE. Here are some ideas that you could pick from, or you can come up with your own ideas!

- Hot dogs and macaroni & cheese
- Frozen pizza
- Noodles with sauce or butter and fruit (banana)
- Tacos
- Chicken nuggets & French fries
- Hot dog on a bun and veggies.
- Corn dogs and oranges
- Subs/Sandwiches (turkey or ham and bread) and yogurt/applesauce
- Chicken on the bun (I would not do creamed) and apples.

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!

Spring is in the air which means stores are having great sales on their winter coats! Kids coats of all sizes would be a great purchase and donation to the Sheldon Ministerial Association's Coats for Kids event. This event distributes warm winter coats to children in our community. Donations can be dropped off at the Church or at Love INC—611 Park Row in Sheldon!

The 2024 KIWA 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.

The Unity Meal for January was canceled so we are now going to be doing it in July. We will remind you of the date as it gets closer. Thank you to those who signed up for your willingness to serve others.

Sunday School Mission Project

The collection buckets are out in the entry way and in the Zacchaeus room for the Sunday School children to start bringing their snack donations for the teachers in our community. We will end collection the first week of March.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

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 Rohlf, Mollie Parry, Marilyn King, Jeanette Reekers, Thelma Van Nyhuis, Julia Merley, 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 February

8:30 AM Greeters:

4. Barb M & Julie B
11. Chris & Liz S
18. Greg & Laura G
25. Fred & Ardis G

11:00 AM Greeters:

4. Tony & Deb H
11. Sandy BL
18. Heath & Rosa K
25. Henry & Carolyn D

8:30 AM Sound:

4. Stew C
11. Mike M
18. Tony H
25. Tony H

8:30 AM Projection:

4. Niki C
11. Kyler M
18. Deb H
25. Deb H

8:30 Am Acolyte:

4. Jack B & Tyler H
11. Benjamin & William F
18. Eli B & Bo H
25. Kyler & Kenzie Mc

11:00 AM Acolyte:

4. Caleb S & Mathias G
11. Zander J & Jaxson Ross
18. Lydia G & Jadelyn S
25. Huxley R/ Carter K

11:00 AM Sound:

4. Bill B
11. Bill B
18. Bill B
25. Bill B

11:00 AM Projection:

4. Sherri M
11. Sherri M
18. Sherri M
25. Sherri M

Song Leader:

4. Ardis G
11. Ardis G
18. Bill B
25. Bill B

Liturgist:

4. Judy N
11. Matt R
18. Bill B
25. Steve F

Communion

February 11. Fred & Ardis

Coffee Bar Clean up:

4. Peter & Karin V
11. Heath & Rosa K
18. Henry & Carolyn D
25. Barb M

Many have asked for a way to help Grant and Kelly out or to just send a card. Here is their address:
Grant & Kelly De Boef P.O. Box
791 Montezuma, IA 50171

Visioning Together

Last October we began to sit and listen to one another as we put a vision together for our future. We want to continue the discussion following a light meal on Sunday, March 3. We hope you will mark your calendar to join us as we move forward in our mission and ministry.



Thank you to those who came and served at the Banquet in Sioux Falls on Wednesday. It was such a humbling experience for everyone. We showed the love of Jesus through serving a free meal to those in need. Look for details of another opportunity to serve others in the coming while.

Soup-er Bowl Canned Soup Drive!
 Soup-er bowl canned soup drive has begun. Please place canned soups in the barrel located in the entry way from now until February 11, Super Bowl Sunday. We will restock Kaden's Closet food box then any abundance will be distributed to the local food pantries.

Our condolences to the following people:
 Nancy Burley on the loss of her son.
 Judy Adkins on the loss of her mother, Ruth Fuller
 Pastor Kevin and Sue on the loss of Pastor's father, Duane Gingerich.
 Craig Lindahl on the loss of his mother, Mary.





Faith Community Church

Annual Pancake supper

Monday, March 18th, 2024
4:30-7:30

Faith Community Church
506 8th ST
Sheldon, IA 51201



February Birthday's

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| February 4 | Evan Brouwer |
| February 10 | Levi Goetzke |
| February 11 | Marcia Wassenaar |
| February 13 | Huxley Ross |
| February 14 | Kevin Welch |
| February 15 | Dave Groen |
| | Russ Duncanson |
| | Wyatt Giese |
| February 16 | Pastor Kevin Gingerich |
| February 19 | Peter Hamill |
| | Kevin Kleinhesselink |
| February 20 | Jessica Bylsma |
| | Dax Noteboom |
| | Evelyn Becker |
| February 21 | Kayla Ross |
| | Ron Lang |
| February 22 | Beth Hamill |
| February 23 | LaVonne Van Der Sluis |
| | Jo Johnson |
| | Hanna Getting |
| February 24 | Hayden Adkins |
| February 25 | Jamie Nieuwenhuis |
| February 26 | Donna Hurd |
| | Sue Rensink |
| | Macella Ling |
| February 27 | Brett Klein |
| | Dustin Sterler |
| | Tyler Simpson |

Garage Sale?
 We are looking for a couple or group to organize, set up, and work a Church-wide garage sale at city wide garage sale time (usually April). Contact the Church office if you are interested.

Dinner Together Take Two
 It is almost time for our 2nd annual Dinner Together Night. We have had four groups meeting for the past year enjoying food and activities and getting to know each other better. On April 5 we invite everyone who has already participated to come back again and join a new group of friends for another year, and we especially invite people new to Dinner Together. Our first event is a large group dinner where each couple or a single person will meet and sit with their new small group while we all play a few fun get to know you games and enjoy a meatball feast. Throughout the following year, each small group will get together on their own schedules at least 2-3 times. Some groups have gone to restaurants, some to homes, some have had supper together, some have met for coffee or even bowling! The activities are up to each small group. The commitment is small, but the rewards are great. Please consider joining us. A sign-up sheet will be available in mid-February.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30-11:00 AM Fellowship hall reserved 3:30-5:00 PM 5th&6th grade Kids Club 5:30 PM Love INC.	2 Downstairs reserved	3
4 8:30 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern 6:00 PM Bella Notte	5	6 9:00 AM Staff 3:30-5:00 PM 3rd&4th grade Kids Club 6:00 PM Faith in Action	7 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 8:00-9:00 PM SR high IMPACT	8 3:30-5:00 PM 5th&6th grade Kids Club 5:30 PM Love INC.	9	10
11 Communion 8:30 AM Traditional (Camp) 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern (Camp) 2:00 PM Community Unity Service	12	13 9:00 AM Staff 3:30-5:00 PM 3rd&4th grade Kids Club	14 5:00 PM Bells No Confirmation 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service No Jr or Sr high IMPACT	15 9:30 AM Quilters 3:30-5:00 PM 5th&6th grade Kids Club 5:30 PM Love INC.	16	17
18 8:30 AM Traditional (Bells) 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern 2:00-4:00 PM Downstairs reserved	19	20 9:00 AM Staff 3:30-5:00 PM 3rd&4th grade Kids Club	21 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 6:30 PM One Board 8:00-9:00 PM SR high MPACT	22 3:30-5:00 PM 5th&6th grade Kids Club 5:30 PM Love INC. Rosa off at noon & gone until March 4th	23	24
25 8:30 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern Noon Youth Council	26	27 9:00 AM Staff 3:30-5:00 PM 3rd&4th grade Kids Club	28 2:30-4:00 PM Confirmation 4:00-5:30 PM JR high IMPACT 5:00 PM Bells 8:00-9:00 PM SR high IMPACT	29 3:30-5:00 PM 5th&6th grade Kids Club 5:30 PM Love INC.		