

## 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>Organists</b>	Pam Kobbe
<b>Secretary</b>	Rosa Koerselman
<b>Custodian</b>	Ron Noack

# Faith Community Church

## January 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:

Blessed New Year! At the beginning of 2024 I want to proclaim, "I found Jesus!" He was hiding in all the busyness of the Christmas season. We were singing Silent Night at the children's program, and there he was, shining his light of peace.

We are told that years ago, there was no room for him in the Inns of the Guest Houses, he was pushed aside, because no one wanted a pregnant woman who had yet to have a wedding to be in their homes. It was crowded. I imagine people were busy complaining about taxes, government, and the current census taking place. They were not looking for the one who would have the government on his shoulders, who would be called wonderful counselor, prince of peace. They had given up on the Christ, and the thought of a Messiah was not on their minds at all.

Is this America today? Were we so busy with the parties, the preparations, complaining about the high cost of living, and who the next president may be that we missed the Christ? He is going to return when the world least expects it. As we enter into 2024 there are many prophets that are sounding alarms that the days of Noah are here. I believe them. The times of the great troubles are all around us, and many are ignoring them or considering the thought of the return of Jesus to be an escape theory to avoid the troubles of the world. So many are ignoring the signs. Prepare Him room in your heart today.

In the midst of the bills that will be coming in from the gifts purchased for Christmas, and the tax season that is ahead, and the arguments at home and at work, may we each take the time to center ourselves on our Savior. He truly is the Prince of peace, the mighty God, our Everlasting Father. Jesus is the Savior of the world. Make 2024 a year to focus once again on Jesus and his love and his call for us to serve him. Jesus calls us to always, "Love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind. And to Love our neighbor as ourself." That is the way to live into the new year and throughout 2024. May Christ find us doing his will this year!

Pastor Kevin Gingerich

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Otto Lawson, Derick Roos, Karrine Dykstra, Gloria Morris, Bonnie Baartman, Patsy Zoet Duane Wahlsrtom, Patsy Zoet, Sarah Updike, Kathy Landhuis**

**Kelly De Boef** (daughter of Rick & Pam Kobbe)

**Stephanie Fowler** (daughter of Steve & Bernadette Fowler)

**Donna Whitfield** (mother of Michelle Noack)

**Eli Sims** (grandson of Rich Haack)

**Jo Anne Fowler** (mother of Steve Fowler)

**Sheila Lienau** (sister of Karin Vanden Berg) **Duane Gingerich** (father of Pastor Kevin and Sue)

**Sue Radke-** (Mother of Matt & Jody Radke)

**Julie Majerus** (sister of Jon S)

**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

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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, 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

## Christmas Program 2023

The “Inn Crowd & Stable Few” Children’s Christmas Program was loud, chaotic, and is now completed. We hope that you were able to get to the bottom of what it really is all about. This world we live in really has drawn our attention from the true meaning of this important event, to things that rob us of what the joy Jesus coming really brings. We shop, decorate, bake, wrap and unwarp gifts, but do we slow down enough to truly remember all that this wonderful time of the year really means and why we do all of it in the first place? We hope that through this children’s program you can see it a little differently this year. I want to thank all who attended. Thank you, parents, for sharing your children with us for us to tell the story. I also want to thank Tricia Meendering and Wil George for putting this together and leading our children. Thank you to our education committee. Thank you to Meg George, Bill Boscaljon & Sherri Morgan for sound & tech, as well to all our teachers who include Rachael Becker, Michelle Simpson, Breann Getting, Heath & Rosa Koerselman, Crystallyn Sterler, Sally Boscaljon, Paul & Krista Honermann, Ellie Meendering, Judy Nieuwenhuis, Becky Tatsumi, Erin Anderson, and Mike Molettiere. I appreciate all the time and love you put into this program and into our children. Jesus really is the reason for the season.

~ Children’s Ministry Coordinator, Michelle Noack

**We invite you to join the Confirmation kids on January 31st to serve a meal at the Banquet in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We are in need of 30 people to make the serving successful.**

**MISSION**

**“BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE. HONOR ONE ANOTHER ABOVE YOURSELVES. ROMANS 12:10**

**Serving is from 5:15-8:00 PM  
We plan to leave from the Church at 3:30 PM  
Sign up sheet will be on the friendship center**



**Thank You!**

The youth want to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported us this year! Our Christmas soup and grilled cheese fundraiser was a success. We were able to raise over \$1,100 toward our mission trips.

Our next event will be Belle Notte on Sunday, February 4th. Then we will be taking some of the senior high to the Ignite Youth Leadership Conference in Des Moines March 8-9.

Planning is beginning on a youth mission trip for the 8th through 12th grades on July 28 - August 1. We are waiting to announce the details.

Youth Council

**I would like to thank everyone for the kindness and blessings that have been given to my family and I this holiday season. It is a joy to serve the Lord in this Church family with all of you! Heath & Rosa Koerselman**

**Our condolences to the following people:**

Amber McClintic on the loss of her mother, Irma Jacobsma.

Mike and Tami Van Meeteren on the loss of Tami's brother, Jon Rosenboom.

Kevin and Staci Kleinhesselink and family on the loss of Kevin's mother, Pat Kleinhesselink.



# January Birthdays

- January 1** Jody Radke  
Paula Hamill
- January 6** Blake Koedam  
Cory Hoogland
- January 7** Lucy Hoppe
- January 8** Jan Mulder  
John Wahl  
Heath Koerselman
- January 9** Bill Boscaljon
- January 11** Brayden Pomerence
- January 13** Greg Bassett  
Jennifer Erkes  
Marilyn Koerselman
- January 15** Bonnie Baartman  
Janus Martin  
Kendalynn Sterler  
Humphrey Muciiri  
Paul Simpson

- January 16** Doris Friedland  
Chad Klein  
Mitch Giese
- January 17** Scott Ross  
Sawyer Wieseler
- January 18** Sally Boscaljon
- January 19** Breann Getting  
Zander Junius
- January 22** Steve Fowler  
Chad Schwartz
- January 24** Deb Haning
- January 27** Matt Rusche
- January 28** Ardis Grein



Madison Van Meeteren's  
Summer Trip: Central Asia

WHY I'M GOING OVERSEAS WITH SALT

Central Asia has very limited access to the gospel, with only 4% of the population claiming to be Christians. The most popular religion within this area is Islam. While my team and I are here, we will be paired with long-term missionaries who partner with the Salt Network to share the gospel in the cities year-round. I am humbly asking if you would consider supporting me on my overseas trip. I am in need of both prayer and financial support. I am looking to raise \$5,800 to cover the entirety of my 8-week trip. I personally am committed to putting \$500 towards my trip and Cornerstone Church has committed to match that. I am hoping to raise the other \$4,800 through the support of my friends and family who love me and the Kingdom work I will be a part of. If you would like to support me financially, you can give whatever amount you feel called.

Please consider giving to this trip that will have an eternal impact on my life, and the lives of so many others!

If you would like to contribute, you may give to Faith Community and designate in the memo line to Madison Van Meeteren mission fund and they will send it to Cornerstone for me, or go to my personal fundraising link, here... <https://fcsmnstry.io/c71/YCyHDZFPLT>

In order to reach my support raising deadline, please send your gift by March 1st. As a point of clarity, your contribution is being given toward the global ministry of Cornerstone Church. If for any reason I am not able to go, your contribution will remain in the global ministry fund of Cornerstone Church to be used for other global purposes. After giving online, you will receive an email to keep as a receipt for your tax-deductible gift.

**God Bless You!**

You have all blessed Sue and me and the staff with so many prayers and such great support this year. We pray God's blessings be with each of you into 2024.

Sue and I want to especially thank those who blessed us financially during Christmas. We will be sure to pass those blessings on to others. We feel your love and support.

Thank You!

Pastor Kevin and Sue Gingerich

**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, February 18th. We hope you will mark your calendar to join us as we move forward in our mission and ministry.

**Areas of Service January**

**Liturgist:**

- 7. Steve F
- 14. Ardis G
- 21. Barb M
- 28. Ashley H

**Song Leader:**

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

**8:30 AM Sound:**

- 7. Stewart C
- 14. Mike Mc
- 21. Tony H
- 28. Tony H

**8:30 Am Acolyte:**

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

**11:00 AM Acolyte:**

- 7. Tallulah N & Lydia O
- 14. Dax N & Wyatt G
- 21. Hayes S & Hayden H
- 28. Aubrie K & Stella M

**8:30 AM Projection:**

- 7. Niki C
- 14. Kyler MC
- 21. Deb H
- 28. Deb H

**8:30 AM Greeters:**

- 7. Gerald K & Amber Mc
- 14. Jerry & Bev K
- 21. Fred & Ardis G
- 28. Janus M & Nancy B

**11:00 AM Greeters:**

- 7. Peter & Karin VB
- 14. Heath & Rosa K
- 21. Henry & Carolyn D
- 28. Jason & Amanda N

**Coffee Bar Clean up:**

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

**11:00 AM Sound:**

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

**11:00 AM Projection:**

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

**Communion**  
7. Henry & Carolyn D





## Christmas Food Boxes

We collected enough to make five Christmas boxes which included a ham, stuffing, gravy, a bag of potatoes, cans of corn, cans of green beans, French fried onions, cream of mushroom soup, other soups, toilet paper, butter, a gallon of milk, a bag of cheese, and a little treat for the kids. All five of the families were very thankful for the delivery. Thank you to all who donated, we couldn't have blessed these families without your help!

**ATTENTION:** In the new year 2024, the church is going to be implementing a new Church Management software program called Planning Center. This will integrate all the different systems that we are using now. We are working hard to get this up and going. Hopefully the transition will go smoothly. We may be asking people for email addresses. Those in VANCO (online giving) may be asked to resubmit their information. There will be more information as we roll out this program. Please be patient as we change over. Thanks.

## Bake Sale

Thank you to all that brought in baked goodies for the bake sale! We are pleased to have collected about \$1,240.00. Those donations will be used for different mission projects at the Church and /or around the area.

## Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Underwear

The last day to drop off hats, gloves, and new underwear will be Tuesday January 2nd. They will then be distributed to the local schools.

Ron and I would like to thank you all for your gifts, your love and support throughout the year. We are so humbled and blessed to have this position here working in the church, serving the Lord, and this congregation. We look forward to another year of accomplishing great things for the Lord. Thank you for partnering with us to get these things accomplished.  
~ The Noacks



# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:00 AM Staff Meeting <b>NO</b> 3:30-5:00 PM 3rd/4th Kids Club	3 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 9:30 AM Rhoda Circle <b>NO</b> 3:30-5:00 PM 5th/6th Kids Club <b>NO</b> 6 PM Love INC.	5	6
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