

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 :

Pastor	Kevin Gingerich
Children's Ministry	Michelle Noack
Youth Director	Jacob Sandholm
Worship	Wil George
Organists	Pam Kobbe
Secretary	Rosa Koerselman
Custodian	Ron Noack

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

July 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:

"My country 'tis of Thee, sweet land of liberty." As we gather to sing "America" in the upcoming month, we celebrate our freedom. We remember the liberties we have. We are all created equal in the image of God. Our fore-fathers made sure we had the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, as they declared our independence and created the constitution of our Republic of the United States of America.

The rights we have are given to us by our creator. We gather to worship Him, not to worship His creation. He loved us so much that He sent His Son to the earth to show us the way to be in a perfect relationship with our heavenly Father. The great "I Am" in the Old Testament (Exodus 3:14 "God said, I am who I am...tell the Israelites that I AM has sent me to you.") is the same as in the Gospel of John, Jesus claims to be "I am". Jesus claims, "I am the way and the truth and the life." "I am the bread of life." "I am the living water." and several other "I am" statements.

May we celebrate our freedom in Christ through the Holy Spirit. Use your freedom to share the good news with family and friends as you gather for vacations and celebrations. Jesus is God in the flesh, and Jesus will come again.

John, in his letters, reminds us that God is love. The true essence of God is love. We are to love God with all we are. To love Him is to know who He is, and what His desires are for us. His Word has never changed, nor will it change. When we truly love God, we change from the inside out. We become followers of Jesus, and we recognize the Father through the power of Holy Spirit.

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, Sandy Johnson

Jo Anne Fowler (mother of Steve Fowler)

Stephanie Fowler (Daughter of Steve & Bernadette Fowler)

Amy Trojahn-(friend of Sarah Updike)

Donna Whitfield (Mother of Michelle Noack)

Eli Sims (grandson of Rich Haack)- in hospital for Crohn'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: 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

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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, Duane & Georgia Wahlstrom

Christian Retirement Home: Lucy Hoppe, Gerald Kroon, Myrna Seamands, Howard & Darlene Tiemens, Mildred Robinson, Clarence Meinecke, Nancy Burley, Janus Martin, Linda Heiliger

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

Trustee Update

The new signs are up. The flame has been removed and the cross treated and put into place. Insurance has been updated.

We will be replacing one of the air condition units for the basement that is broken at a cost of just over \$9,600 taken from our emergency endowment account.



We want to send out our condolences to the family of Arlene Sterler on her passing.

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

Secretary/Main Rosa

Email: sheldonfaithmain@gmail.com

Children Director: Michelle

Email: sheldonfaithchildren@gmail.com

Youth Director: Jacob

Email: sheldonfaithyouth@gmail.com

Technology Director: Jacob

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Pastor Kevin:

Email: lionlamb61@yahoo.com



We now have a YouTube channel. Find us at "Faith community church of Sheldon."

Love INC of Greater O'Brien County will be offering a new slate of classes on Thursday evenings, July 13 through September 21, from 6:30-7:30. Class offerings will include **Employable, Boundaries, Defining and Identifying Destructive Relationships, and Bible Study**. Classes are open to the public! Please call (712) 324.9707 to register!

Summer Lunch

We have been having a large turnout for our program this year. We have been averaging around 120 meals a day. Our largest day so far was close to 150 meals served! I appreciate the help that I have received so far. We do have some people that have committed to 1 or 2 days a week but have vacations or appointments they need to make it to. This leaves me with a gap in help. If you can be a filler inner, please contact Michelle Noack. It is so much fun, I promise. 😊

June Administrative Council Recap

The Administrative Council of Faith Community Church met on Wednesday June 21. They officially adopted their board of directors, which is the current one board. They also have adopted a budget of \$194,472 for the remainder of 2023 (July 1—December 31). Signage has been changed.

It was reported that we have sent the final payments to the Iowa Annual Conference and to the Wespeth Board of Pensions.

The council approved contracts with the current staff of Pastor Kevin Gingerich, Rosa Koerselman (secretary), Michelle Noack (children ministry/summer lunch) Jacob Sandholm (youth/technology), and Ron Noack (custodian).

The council approved the purchase of “Worship & Rejoice” hymnal to replace the current United Methodist Hymnals. The hymnals have been ordered and will arrive in early July.

A letter has been sent to current members and those who wish to join the Faith Community Church of Sheldon as full members will return the forms. Everyone who does not return their form will automatically become an affiliate member of the Faith Community church of Sheldon. Anyone may transfer at an time following their reception into the Faith Community Church.

Our new insurance will cost just under \$11,594 per year.

We are looking into a new membership program for the church member and financial tracking.

You may request a copy of the official minutes for June. They should be at the church by July 1.

Kaden’s Closet food pantry is in need of some specific items to be donated: Cold cereals, pancake mix, hamburger helper, chicken helper, tuna helper, and can fruit. A bucket to place donated items will be in the friendship center. Thank you.



JULY BIRTHDAY’S



1. Wayne Storm
3. Tayla Kleinwolverink
Jervis Sterler
4. Logan Bassett
5. Sharon Duncanson
Tallulah Noack
7. Linda Heiliger
Tricia Koerselman
Olivia Subart
Colby Hoogland
8. Janet Grooters
Parker Nissen
Charlee Vander Sluis
9. Chad Wassenaar
Payton Van Meeteren
10. Ryan Lode
Mary Jane Hamill
Aiden Oldenkamp
11. Braden Schwartz
Aiden Oldenkamp
12. Rita Sterler
13. Tyler Whitcanack
Dustin Roelfs
Sherri Boogerd
14. Joshua Hoffmann
16. Kaleb Ackerman
Carson Lloyd

18. Julie Becker
Roy Johannes
Donilea Steeg
19. Rebecca Tatsumi
Melissa Wenthe
Braxton Beaver
20. Sharon Bahrenfuss
Kellen Anderson
21. Meg George
Owen Brower
22. Daryl Boogerd
Alex Dykstra
Steve Malsed
23. Pam Bassett
Erin Smith
Evie Anderson
24. Sherry Vander Pol
Ellie Meendering
25. Greg Lode
Jaci Hoogland
26. Sandra Jederberg
27. Jay Sandholm
Kenneth Struyk
Ike Thiner
29. Sandy Buffington-Lloyd
31. Ron Rensink

Distribution of Endowment Funds earnings

At the August Administrative Board meeting the distribution of the earnings from the undesignated, capital and mission endowment funds will be discussed and decided on. If anyone has a request for any of these funds they should make a written request explaining the scope of the need and the amount. The request must be turned into the church office by July 28.



Thank you to all who baked, donated and purchased goodies from the Faith Community Women bake sale Sunday June 18th.

Sheldon Mobile Food Bank
at Living Water Community
Church
4:30-6:00 pm
June 5
July 3
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
June 19
July 17
August 21
September 18

Join us on July 23 after the 8:30 service for the Impact youth retreat send-off! The youth who are going on the retreat to Wyoming will be coming to the traditional service that Sunday and leaving directly after the service. Be sure to come at 9:30 Am to encourage and bless them as they leave! We always appreciate the support from the church and the kids' families!

Areas of Service July

8:30 Am Acolyte:

2. Eli B
9. Benjamin/William F
16. Kyler/Kenzie M
23. Jack B
30. Eli B

8:30 AM Greeter

2. Julie Brink
9. Jerry & Bev Kreykes
16. Chris & Liz Subart
23. Steve Fowler
30. Jerry & Bev Kreykes

11:00 AM Acolyte:

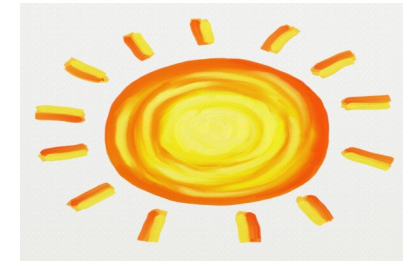
2. Jane H/ Tallulah N
9. Keegan A/Levi M
16. Kendalyn S/ Sierra G
23. Jaxson R/ Hayden H
30. Aubrie K/Jadelyn

11:00 AM Greeters:

2. Tony & Deb Haning
9. Jason & Amanda Noteboom
16. Peter & Karin VB
23. George & Melissa Davis
30. Dave & Michelle Groen

Coffee Bar Clean up:

2. Henry & Caroline D
9. Tony & Deb H
16. Peter & Karin VB
23. Melissa D
30. Michelle G



Communion

2. Verilyn Schilling
&
Pat Merrill

It feels like we are in the heat of the Summer, literally, and the focus for Impact is on the trip to Wyoming! June was definitely more of a quiet month than the youth and church might be used to. However, there were still some fun and impactful moments that happened in the month of June. First, on June 4th, Impact held a Jr. High Lock-In from 7 Pm-7 Am. There were sixteen kids that came, and it was a fun night where we focused on the theme, "Standing on the Truth". There were a lot of games played, Scripture read, and fellowship. It went over well and is being discussed for next year already! After that, the youth met three times for Summer Impact on Sunday nights. The lessons that they received were about staying devoted to Christ in the Summer and finding ways to be careful on social media and to use it for His glory. On June 25, the youth were able to go through an escape room for their time in youth group. There was an average of about twenty kids in Impact during the month of June and we are hoping to stay consistent for the next month leading up to the trip in Wyoming. Thank you for your prayers and remembering our youth throughout this Summer.



Helping Hands for Wyoming:

Like last year, the Impact youth group will be fundraising through “Helping Hands for Wyoming”. This fundraiser helped get the youth involved in our community and helped show people that they were willing to work for their money, in order to go to Houston. This year, we are doing the same exact thing, except for Wyoming! On June 25, there will be auction papers out in the friendship center, which is where you from the church or community members can bid on a variety of help from the youth. Some examples this year are babysitting, baking, and outside labor. We believe that there will be something for everyone who is bidding and everyone who needs help. The bidding will be open through Sunday, July 9 and will be open all week-long during church office hours and especially on Sunday mornings. We hope and pray that this fundraiser will help you get some stuff done around the house and help you relieve some stress. The youth are ready, excited, and willing to help. Thank you in advance and being willing to donate some money to this retreat, where we are aiming to help the youth grow closer in relationship with God.

Thank you

I want to give a big thank you to a few people who went above and beyond to make VBS amazing this year. They helped to decorate, run technology, set up and feed the masses. Thank you to Wil & Meg George, Bill and Sally Boscaljon, Paul and Krista Honermann, Heath and Rosa Koerselman, The Neiuwenhuis, The Hoogland's, Henry and Carolyn Dykstra, Tricia Meendering, Kristy Noack, Beth Hamill, & Vanessa Feller. Your hard work and efforts made this year wonderful. I truly appreciate all the hard work, and time dedicated to making all of this happen and be amazing. I am blessed to have you all working for the glory of God, you made my job effortless this year. I am beyond thankful. -Michelle Noack

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

VBS 2023 is a wrap! We had a “Stellar” time learning about how we can “Shine Jesus’ Light.” We had 79 children registered. Our average attendance per night was 65 children. We had 49 volunteers helping throughout the week to make the children’s time with us “Out of This World”! Thank you to all the parents that entrusted your children’s precious time with us this summer. We pray that this investment of time will have an everlasting impact. We would like to thank our “Stellar” volunteers for helping with this year’s VBS. -Michelle Noack and the Education committee.

JULY 30 — ALL CHURCH FAMILY POOL PARTY — 5-7 p.m.!!!



Faith Community Church has reserved the Sheldon City pool for an ALL church party for Sunday July 30. We will gather at the pool when it is closed at 5:00 p.m. and have a time of swimming, refreshment (cool treat) and worship. Invite a friend! All are free! If you don’t swim, come and enjoy the fellowship.

Lost & Found

Please check the box under the coat rack in the friendship center for any items you may be missing. There are several water bottles, sweaters, and a few toys in the box that are looking to go back home with their owners.

Please Update Your Will

As we approach a new era in the Sheldon community, we want you to be aware of the name change for the current congregation. If you have included the “Sheldon United Methodist Church” in your will, please take time to update the will to “Faith Community Church of Sheldon” if you wish the money/property to be transferred to the current congregation. If you desire it to go to another Untied Methodist Church you will want to change the name. As of July 1 there will not be a “Sheldon United Methodist Church”.

Thank you.

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