

Sunday Morning Worship Services

8:30 am & 11:00 am 9:30 am Fellowship/Coffee

Church Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:30 am— 3:30 pm

Friday 8:30 am—12:30 pm

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Church Staff

Pastor	Kevin Gingerich
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Secretary	Cindy Gries
Custodian	Warren Wallinga

Sheldon United Methodist

March 2020 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.



Our Mission: "To Glorify God By Making Disciples For Jesus"

Pastor's Corner

As we transition from the season of Epiphany into the season of Lent we are called to do some self-examination. I feel it is important to always be looking inward to where we find Christ inside, and outward to where we feel Christ is leading us. It is that constant window in our vision where we place Jesus, so that he is the center of all we do. This season of Lent we will be following the Seedbed study by J. D. Walt titled "Listen to Him (Forty Steps on the Road to Resurrection)". One Sunday School class and our Wednesday morning Bible study will be using the book as a resource for our weekly gatherings. (If you would like to purchase a copy for \$11 please contact Cindy in the office. We have a few for sale.)

Throughout Lent we will be invited to listen more closely to Jesus and to respond to the calling his disciples heard. From the mount of transfiguration (where Jesus meets with Moses and Elijah, and Jesus is transformed into a glowing entity) to the valley of death and to the tomb, we will follow Jesus. God told the disciples (Peter, James, and John) to "Listen to Him." May each of us hear from Jesus, and listen to his words, especially during Lent. He continues to call us and challenge us to live our lives set apart.

Come and worship!

Pastor Kevin Gingerich

Prayer Requests

Phyllis Smith Karrine Dykstra Bob Sterler Arlene Sterler
 Lois Gruis Staci Kleinhesselink Wilma Meinecke Barb Merley
 Clarence Meinecke Steve Holles. Jeanette Reekers
 Mary Rusche Gloria Morris Cindy Callenius Ron Bahrenfuss
 Maria Schwartz Janet Wahl Ruth Bonsall (Mother of Janet Wahl)

Carl Trost & (Uncle of Michelle Noack)

Dennis Shatto(Brother in law to Karin Vanden Berg)

Marilyn (Ennema) Rees (Mother to Mark & Matt Ennema)

Donna Whitfield (mother of Michelle Noack)

Dennis Leth (Uncle of Renee Sterler)

Colleen Holtrop (Sister of Karin VandenBerg)

Noble Frank (son of Deanna Rowe)

Brenda Heithus(daughter of Henry & Carolyn Dykstra)

Please keep our service men and women in your prayers

AIR FORCE: Luke Kobbe, Steven Bylsma, Trevor Mayer, Kevin Meinecke, Justin Wolthuizen

ARMY: Daniel Mulder, Jeremy Poss, Jesse Meendering, Brett Koerselman

MARINES:

NATIONAL GUARD: Eric Koerselman, Josh Weber, Mike Welch, Travis Postma, Paul Sanders, Dillon Postma, Dr. Ryan Becker, Dr. Josephine Dunn Junuis

NAVY: Dave Sarnoski, Greg Weiman, Drew Lidster, Derek Wallinga

Please keep our Missionaries in your prayers

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**Please pray for and visit members in the Nursing Homes,
 Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living Facilities**

Fieldcrest Assisted Living: Ray Rohfs, Mollie Parry, Marilyn King, Joyce Adkins

Sanford Senior Care: Irene Ingalls, Ida Andringa, Wilma Meinecke

Christian Retirement Home: Lucy Hoppe, Gerald Kroon, Myrna Seamands, Howard & Darlene Tiemens, Mildred Robinson, Clarence Meinecke, Eleanor Poppema

Cobble Creek Phyllis Smith

Other Homes: Ken Mulder

March Birthdays

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| 1. Kaleigh Broesder | 13. Matthew Schwartz | 25. Ashton Ennema |
| 2. Cason Johannes | 14. Jason Noteboom | 26. Oscar Benson |
| 2. Isaac Mayer | 14. Judy Winkel | 26. Doris Borth |
| 2. Bob Callenius | 15. Janet Wahl | 27. King Hickman |
| 3. Lisa Molettiere | 16. Mark Becker | 27. Todd Wilson |
| 4. Carla Hoffmann | 16. Lydia Oldenkamp | 27. Alexander Albrecht |
| 4. Mike Van Meeteren | 17. Jesse Jansma | 28. Gage Bassett |
| 6. Mike Kleinhesselink | 17. Cody Bucher | 28. Abigail Lammers |
| 6. Cyndi Sandholm | 18. Judy Niuwenhuis | 29. Josh Pickner |
| 6. Mary Rusche | 18. Wandy De Jong | 30. Tracy Gorter |
| 7. Bob Merley | 18. Adam Thiner | 31. Tyler Merley |
| 7. Holly Thiner | 19. Hannah Hickman | 31. Benjamin Frahm |
| 8. Wil George | 19. Parker Ball | 31. Crystallyn Sterler |
| 8. Cari Klein | 20. Peter Vanden Berg | 31. Marvin Lindley |
| 8. Myrna Wagner | 20. Charles Honermann | |
| 9. Scott Koedam | 21. Jace Hansen | |
| 9. Heath Anderson | 21. Sadie Gyles | |
| 10. Jacob Sandholm | 21. Katelyn Bylsma | |
| 10. Linda Ping | 22. Randy Merrill | |
| 11. Gloria Morris | 23. Zachery Broesder | |
| 11. Cameron Van Meeteren | 23. Jerry Kreykes | |
| 11. Thelma Van Nyhuis | 23. Dan Liechti | |
| 13. Samuel Lode | 25. Clarence Meinecke | |

March 2020

Liturgist **8:30 am**
1 Verilyn Schilling
8 Ardis Grein
15 Judy Winkel
22 Chuck Missman
29 Matt Rusche

Coffee Clean Up 11:00
Jo Holles
Jim & Judy Nieuwenhuis
Sandy Roelfs
Christina Goetzke
Melissa Davis

Ushers Every Sunday **Ardis Grein-Head**
Art Vander Pol
Duane Wahlstrom
Greg Getting
Laura Getting.
Don Merley

Ron Noack-Head
Fred Hilbrands
Jim Johnson
Mitch Giese
Henry Dykstra
Brad Huisman

Nursery

1 Sami Noteboom
8
15 Cael Noteboom
22 Jenni Vander Sluis
29

North Door Greeters

1 Willis Schilling
8 Steve Fowler
15 Royd Chambers
22 Adam Roelfs
29 Chuck Missman

Darrell DeJong
King Hickman
Bonnie Hilbrands
Adam Thiner
Sandy Buffington Lloyd

South Door Greeters

1 Barb Merley
8 Merle Reekers
15 Barb Chambers
22 Melanie Roelfs
29 Susan Missman

Wandy DeJong
Kecia Hickman
Sarah Updike
Holly Thiner
Kristin Noack

Acolytes Every Sunday Payton Van Meeteren Abigail Otto/Ellie Meendering

Communion Server Joann Malsed & Mary Seehusen

Our Missionaries Larry & Jane Kies

Serving At: Africa University Farm at Mutare, Zimbabwe

Larry Kies is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as technical advisor to the Africa University Farm at Mutare, Zimbabwe in southern Africa. Africa University is a United Methodist Church-related institution that is being nurtured and funded by church members from all over the world. It is a consequence of the growth of United Methodism on the African continent and has its foundations in the history and legacy of the church. Africa University opened in March 1992 as the first private, international university in Zimbabwe.

Larry's duties involve working with the farm manager to develop an agricultural program that makes the university farm more efficient in its roles of teaching and research. In addition, he is involved in student agricultural practicals, and teaches classes in crop production and farm management.

Reflecting on his ministry, Mr. Kies shares, **“I am in mission with the African people as we manage a commercial-scale farm that demonstrates appropriate farming methods. Students, even those not studying agriculture, are exposed to sustainable practices, as many work part-time on the farm to help pay their school fees. In teaching, I hope to reinforce in students a Christian outlook toward farming and business, since many of them will be the African leaders of the future. By so doing, I hope to obey Jesus’ command, implicit in Matthew 25, to feed the hungry.”**

Mr. Kies was raised near Jesup, Iowa, where his parents gave him his love of farming and sense of global mission. After graduating from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, he began a 15-year career in Botswana. He first served as a Peace Corps Volunteer teaching agriculture, then managed the farm and taught at Maun Secondary School. Larry returned to the US to earn a Master of Science degree in vegetable crops at the University of California, Davis. While at Davis he was active in the Davis United Methodist Church, playing guitar and singing in the folk choir, leading the singing for youth Sunday school, and helping teach adult Sunday school. In 1994, he returned to Africa to manage a beef, dairy, cotton, and maize farm. Prior to moving to Africa University he managed the farm at Nyadire Mission in Zimbabwe. He began his work at Africa University in 2002.

Larry is married to Jane, who is also a United Methodist missionary assigned to Africa University. They have four children: Ben, Andrew Pule, Carly, and Michael.

Lenten Soup Lunches begin on Wednesday, March 4th @ 11:30 at Living Water. Plan on attending Lunch in Lent this year provided through the Ministerial Association. Lunches are served from 11:30-12:30pm with a devotion provided at 12:15 pm. The meal is \$5.00 per person. This year Living Water Community Church will be hosting the lunches. Come and enjoy a bowl of soup and some devotions for your soul.

Our Deepest Sympathies: to Amy & Chris Otto and their family on the passing of Amy's father Marvin Hawes of Luverne, Mn. on January 29, 2020. May you all find comfort and peace in the promise of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Deepest Sympathies to Darryl & Susan Klein and their family on the loss of Darryl's mother Marilyn Klein on February 5, 2020. May you all find comfort and peace in the promise of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Deepest Sympathy to John & Brooke Oldenkamp and their family on the passing of John's grandma Cornelia Oldenkamp on February 10, 2020. May you find comfort and peace in the promise of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.

UMM Pancake

Supper: Will be held Monday, March 16th from 4:30pm-7:00 pm. Please watch your church mailboxes for your work schedule. If you are not scheduled and want to help, please let Steve Holles know. This is a fundraiser to help send our children to camp, please be willing to help work.

Turn your clocks ahead on March 8th.



Noisy Offering:

The Mission Committee has designated the March 8, 2020 "Noisy Offering" to go to the support of the Cherish Center located in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Cherish Center, once known as Shepherd's Fold Ministries, was established as a non-profit corporation in the fall of 1999. Governed by a Board of Directors from many different church denominations, the vision was cast to build a maternity home for unwed teenage girls and make an impact on families in our community. Since its beginning in 1999, Cherish Center has created many programs with the intent of helping not only unwed, pregnant young women, but also the community as well as parents. Programs include counseling for singles, couples and children, parenting classes both for moms and dads, mentoring for young moms and programs to help grieving moms of infant loss. Since opening its doors in 2006, Cherish House has been privileged to house and serve almost 65 young women and their developing babies. Cherish Center has grown rapidly over the past 21 years and has worked to accomplish the mission of Transforming Lives, Strengthening Families and Enhancing our Community. They look forward to more years of service! Will you help?

February was an amazing month for us in Synago. We had a great turn out at Bella Notte with a lot of help too. We actually made over \$700 from ticket sales and donations! So I want to thank everyone for your donations and for your help. With your help, we will definitely be able to help God further His kingdom here on Earth. Another thing that was happening throughout the month of February was the donation contest for Upper Des Moines in Primghar. We will find out which youth group won during the first week of March. We would also like to thank you all for your help in donating for this great cause. Coming up in March, Synago will be taking their energy to Fieldcrest to play games and hang out with the residents there. Both the junior high and senior high are looking forward to it. Last but not least, we will be starting our new Lent series on Ash Wednesday that's titled: "Listen to Him". All in all, Synago continues to grow and we are always looking for more youth to come and join us on Wednesday nights. God bless!

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1) 8:30 am Traditional 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Modern 2:30 pm Sanford 4:00 pm Disciple Bible Study 6:00pm Synago Youth Leadership</p>	<p>2) 7:15 pm Trustees Mtg.</p>	<p>3) 9:00 am Village Gym 9:00 am Staff Mtg. 9:00 am Vet Counseling 10:00 am Sanford 3:30 pm 3rd & 4th Gr. Kids Club 6:30 pm PEO Chapel</p>	<p>4) 6:30 am Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am Pastor Bible Study 9:30 am Mom to Mom 11:30 am Lunch in Lent 2:30 pm Confirmation 5:00 pm Bells 5:30 pm Jr. Synago 7:00 pm SPRC Mtg. 8:00 pm Sr. Synago</p>	<p>5) 9:00 am Village Gym 3:30 pm 5th & 6th Gr. Kids Club 6:00pm Love INC</p>	<p>6) Confirmation Worship Tour</p>	<p>7) Confirmation Worship Tour</p>
<p>8) 8:30 am Traditional 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Modern 6:00pm Synago Youth Leadership Confirmation Worship Tour</p>	<p>9)</p>	<p>10) 9:00 am Village Gym 9:00 am Staff Mtg. 3:30 pm 3rd & 4th Gr. Kids Club</p>	<p>11) 6:30 am Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am Pastor Bible Study 11:30 am Lunch in Lent 2:30 pm Confirmation 5:00 pm Bells 5:30 pm Jr. Synago 6:00 pm Missions Mtg. 7:00 pm Finance Mtg. 8:00 pm Sr. Synago</p>	<p>12) 9:00 am Village Gym 11:30 am Ministerial Assoc. 3:30 pm 5th & 6th Gr. Kids Club 6:00pm Love INC</p>	<p>13)</p>	<p>14)</p>
<p>15) 7:00 am UMM Breakfast 8:30 am Traditional 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Modern 4:00 pm Disciple Bible 6:00pm Synago Youth Leadership</p>	<p>16) 4:30 pm UMM Pancake Supper 7:30pm Youth Commission Mtg.</p>	<p>17) 9:00 am Village Gym 9:00 am Staff Mtg. 9:00 am Vet Counseling 1:30 pm Daffodil pick up 3:30 pm 3rd & 4th Gr. Kids Club</p>	<p>18) 6:30 am Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am Pastor Bible Study 9:30 am Mom to Mom 11:30 am Lunch in Lent 2:30 pm Confirmation 5:00 pm Bells 5:30 pm Jr. Synago 7:00 pm Ad Council Mtg. 8:00 pm Sr. Synago</p>	<p>19) 9:00 am Village Gym 10:00 am Quilters 3:30 pm 5th & 6th Gr. Kids Club</p>	<p>20)</p>	<p>21)</p>
<p>22) 8:30 am Traditional 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Modern 4:00 pm Disciple Bible Study 6:00pm Synago Youth Leadership 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Pack Mtg.</p>	<p>23)</p>	<p>24) 9:00 am Village Gym 9:00 am Staff Mtg. 3:30 pm 3rd & 4th Gr. Kids Club</p>	<p>25) 6:30 am Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am Pastor Bible Study 11:30 am Lunch in Lent 2:30 pm Confirmation 5:00 pm Bells 5:30 pm Sr. Synago to go to Fieldcrest</p>	<p>26) 9:00 am Village Gym 3:30 pm 5th & 6th Gr. Kids Club 6:00pm Love INC</p>	<p>27)</p>	<p>28)</p>
<p>29) 8:30 am Traditional 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday school 11:00 am Modern(Children to Sing) 4:00 pm Disciple Bible Study 6:00 pm Movie Night 6:00pm Synago Youth Leadership</p>	<p>30)</p>	<p>31) 9:00 am Village Gym 9:00 am Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>Camp Sunday will be Sunday, March 22 at both services.</p> <p>Sunday School Children will sing at the 11:00 am Church Worship Service on Sunday, March 29th.</p>			

Membership Classes

Each year I like to invite people to join our fellowship a couple of times a year. Due to the uncertainty that is a part of the United Methodist Church right now, I have decided to postpone any classes until the time in which we have had the discussions and have made a decision for a way forward as a local congregation. With that being said, we still invite everyone to continue to attend and participate in our ministries and know that later this year we hope to offer another New Member Class.

Our Study for Lent

Listen To Him (A forty day Lenten guide)

About the Book

It happened on perhaps the best day of his life so far—the day before the day Jesus would make the journey to the worst day of his life. Jesus and three of his disciples gathered on a high mountain where Jesus was transfigured right before their eyes. The voice of God spoke three thunderously piercing words into the minds and hearts of those disciples. They were as follows: LISTEN TO HIM.

Those words now come to us, the present-day disciples of Jesus. The forty days of Lent open up a journey from the top of Transfiguration Mountain to the bottom of the Valley of the Cross. These forty days provide forty steps, if you will, to lean in and listen deeply to Jesus. As we do so we find the way of the cross is the road to resurrection. Listening to Jesus—it's our highest calling to the lowest place where we discover our lives transformed and our worst days breaking forth into our best life.

Confirmation Worship Tour

Pastor Kevin is taking the confirmation class to Des Moines for the annual worship tour Friday March 6 through Sunday March 8. This trip introduces the youth to different forms of worship as well as to see the traditions we come from. We explore the Jewish faith, and their worship in synagogues, to the Roman Catholic tradition, and then several protestant churches. We include an African Baptist worship for a variety. Please keep the confirmands and pastor in your prayers for that weekend.

All Church Family Movie Night

Sunday March 29 at 6:02 sharp we will be showing the movie "Let There Be Light". This movie released in 2017 won the best picture at the Christian International Film Festival. World famous atheist Dr. Sol Harkens delights in debating and defeating Christians, but is emotionally empty. Isolated from his ex-wife Katy, whom he divorced following the death of their first son, he becomes a lousy part-time dad to their two younger boys. He has a car crash that leaves him clinically dead for four minutes, and he received the message, "Let there be light." The movie talks about his experience finding the meaning of that message. We invite you to come and bring along a snack, a comfy chair and nestle down in the gym for a wonderful movie, surrounded by some great company. We will have the pop-corn popped! All is free!

April 2020

Liturgist

8:30 am
5 Verilyn Schilling
12 Ashley Hoogland
19 Barb Merley
26 Royd Chambers

Coffee Clean Up 11:00

Judy Winkel
Jo Holles
Michelle Noack
Peter & Karin Vanden Berg

Ushers Every Sunday

Ardis Grein-Head
Trevor Gottula-Lead
Darrell Burns
Stewart Cooper
Steve Malsed

Ron Noack-Head
Tyler Lloyd-Lead
Bob Meendering
Chad Schwartz
Jeff Grant

Nursery

5 Jenni Vander Sluis
12 Cael Noteboom
19 Sami Noteboom
26

North Door Greeters

5 Dave Popkes
12 Derick Roos
19 Dan Liechti
26 Randy Merrill

Sally Boscaljon
Jacob Sandholm
Hayden Adkins
Walt Pruiksmas

South Door Greeters

5 Barb Popkes
12 Marla Roos
19 Mindy Liechti
26 Pat Merrill

Mary Gilbert
Sarah Sandholm
Tysa Adkins
Laurie Pruiksmas

Acolytes Every Sunday

Kyler McCuddin Eli Thiner

Communion Servers

Georgia Wahlstrom & Marlys Den Hartog

