

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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SHELDON UNITED METHODIST

MARCH 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:

We are told in the Gospels that Jesus was led into the wilderness by the power of Holy Spirit where he fasted for forty days. When the time of fast was complete, Jesus was tempted by Satan. The first temptation was one of food, personal pleasure, or nourishment. Jesus replied, "one does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Our nourishment should come from God and from the scriptures. Another temptation Jesus faced was to jump off the pinnacle of the temple, Satan reminded Jesus of God's word that he would send angels to bear him up so he would not get hurt (Psalm 91). Satan knew the scriptures, he quoted them too. Jumping and being saved would impress people and Jesus would become popular quickly. Jesus did not yield to the temptation to put God to the test. A third temptation Jesus faced was one of power. He could have power over all that he saw, for the earth was given to Satan for a time, and all he would need to do is bow down and worship Satan. Jesus reminds him that he would worship only his Father in heaven. Satan left him.

We face the same temptations of personal pleasure, popularity, and power. The personal pleasure is sometimes over eating, or over drinking, or doing things that make "me" feel good. Popularity — we all want to have people like us, and so we sometimes will go along with the crowd to impress them, even if it means putting God to the test. Power — many want to be in control and have a sense of power. We find ourselves worshipping culture in order to succeed. Jesus reminds us that that is not the most important goal in life.

Jesus actually turned the common thinking upside down. He calls us to serve, rather than to be served. He calls us to share, rather than to keep things to ourselves. Jesus humbled himself to invite us to a relationship with our heavenly Father.

During this season of Lent, I invite you to consider the temptations you face, and to immerse yourself in scripture. Invite Jesus to send the Holy Spirit into your life to help bring about the changes He has in store for you. Seek His will, and you will be satisfied.

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, Rita Sterler, Patsy Zoet, Ron Noack, Roy Roelfs, Marlys Den Hartog, Sandy Johnson

Jo Anne Fowler (mother of Steve Fowler) **Connie Matoffe** (Sister of Pam Buysman)

Stephanie Fowler (Daughter of Steve & Bernadette Fowler)

Kay Ver Steeg (sister to Michelle Groen & Melissa Davis)

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



Let's connect! Sign up for our adult Dinner Together happening April 14th. Doors open at 5:30PM dinner at 6:00 PM. The first meal we'll share is a Mexican buffet in our Fellowship Hall where we will all be matched with our small table group and get to know each other a little better. Each group will then plan 2 to 3 more dinners together whenever, however and wherever works for their group. It's food and fellowship and a great chance for each of us to get to know others in our congregation. Do you like Tres Leche cake??? If you don't know, you better sign up now and come find out. Please sign up by March 26 so we can be sure to prepare enough great food for everyone. Childcare can be provided upon request also at the church. Look for the clipboard on the Fellowship Center marked Dinner Together!

IMPACT

The fire is coming back! February was a blessed month for the Impact Youth Group, and part of that was the fact that we were able to meet almost every Wednesday and the other reason for that is because Bella Notte was a wonderful success. Starting at the end of January and going through the entire month of February, the youth have been going through a series entitled: "Holy Vs. Wicked Attitude". We have been going over the letters that Jesus would send to the churches in the book of Revelation, and trying to see how we can change our hearts and attitudes to match that of Christ Jesus. It has been one of my favorite series, and I believe that kids would agree with that too. Over the last couple of weeks, I have been able to see the Holy Spirit really work in the lives of the Sr. High youth, and I truly believe that revival is coming here to Sheldon as well! Looking at the numbers, we have been consistent with around fifteen youth for Jr. High, and around 20-30 for Sr. High. Numbers have been down a little bit, but there have been many reasons for that. Bella Notte was also in the month of February, and it turned out to be a great success like the years prior. We had a western theme, and the youth council did a great job helping decorate and making sure everything ran smoothly. I want to thank everyone who came and everyone who gave financially, prayerfully, and with their attendance. Coming up next month in March, we will be taking twenty youth to the Ignite Bible Conference in Des Moines on March 10-12. This is always an impactful and fun event for the youth, and I think this year will be one of the strongest and best years we have had at the conference yet. Here's to an amazing Lent season and month of March.

Souper Bowl Sunday soup collection was a success. Thank you to everyone who donated soup. Because of your generosity we will be able to continue to serve those in need.

CAMP

As hard as it is to believe, March 1 is not very far away and that is the early bird registration deadline for Ingham Lake Bible Camp. After researching camps for our kids this summer, we are a little behind getting the registration process going. If you would like your kids to attend a church camp this summer and you would like to have them attend Ingham Lake Bible Camp, please grab a registration form from the Friendship Center soon. Our church will pay for ½ of each camper registering from our church whether you choose Ingham Lake Bible Camp or Lake Okoboji UM Camp or any other church camp. The process for Lake Okoboji UM Camp is the same as it has been before, you register your children online and pay your half and the church will be billed for the other half. Ingham Lake Bible Camp will work similarly, you will register your kids and pay their deposit amount either \$50.00 for a short week or \$100 for a full week. There will be a place on the registration form to let them know our church will pay for 50%. They will bill our church for those fees. Please be sure to specify our church name, either Sheldon United Methodist Church this year or Faith Community Church of Sheldon. The camp is aware of both names. Please do not only specify Sheldon church because the Lutheran Church in Sheldon also sends campers and it will be confusing. Also, if your child has ever attended Ingham Lake Bible Camp before, please call Sara, the camp registrar at 712-337-3306 so she can give you the login you need to access the record your child already has going there instead of making another. Ingham Lake Bible Camp is less than half an hour further than Lake Okoboji camp. The campers at Ingham Lake start on a Sunday evening instead of Monday making it a little easier for parents to take their children to camp. However, if your child needs a ride to camp, please let me know. The youngest campers at Ingham, K-1, attend an all day program instead of overnight. If we have several campers attending that program, we will take the church van for both drop off and pick up. Please call me, text me, email me or find me at church if you have any questions. Susan Klein 712-230-0193 su-sanklein90@gmail.com

Holy Land in Your Future?

Marvin Lindley is hoping to travel to the Holy Land with Alpha Christian Tours Inc. February 9-20 of 2024. He invites you to join he and Marla Sas on this tour. If you have never been to the Holy Land then you are missing a trip of a lifetime. The cost is around \$5,000 and includes the airfare, and the hotel and most meals. You can contact Marvin for more information.

True Life Worship!

Our church needs a revival! I had a wonderful spiritual reawakening on my weekend retreat February 9-12. As a result of my participation in this “Walk To Emmaus” and the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Jacob and I are planning to add a Sunday evening worship service to our schedule. We will invite you to gather with us at 6:00 p.m. for a time of worship, prayer and reading of God’s word. This service is open to ALL.

This is not the same as the morning service. We will have more room for dialogue and participation. We are naming the service True Life Worship which goes along with the prompting for the True Life sermon series in Lent.

Come and join us on Sunday evenings!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



March 1. Kaleigh Broesder

March 2. Cason Johannes

Isaac Mayer

Bob CalleniusM

March 3. Lisa Molettieri

March 4. Carla Hoffmann

Mike Van Meeteren

March 5. Jesse Teeedy

March 6. Mike Kleinhesselink

Cyndi Sandholm

Mary Rusche

March 7. Holly DeGrote

March 8. Wil George

Cari Klein

Myrna Wagner

March 9. Scott Koedam

Heath Anderson

Annie Getting

Elijah Fischer

March 10. Jacob Sandholm

Linda Ping

Cameron Van Meeteren

March 11. Gloria Morris

Thelma Van Nyhuis

Mach 13. Samuel Lode

Dan Liechti

March 14. Jason Noteboom

Judy Winkle

March 15. Janet Wahl

March 16. Mark Becker

Lydia Oldenkamp

March 17. Jesse Jansma

March 18. Judy Nieuwenhuis

Wandy De Jong

Adam Thiner

Marilyn Sandholm

March 19. Parker Ball

March 20. Peter Vanden Berg

Charles Honermann

March 21. Jace Hansen

Sadie Gyles

Katelyn Bylsma

March 22. Randy Merrill

Kenzie Hoogland

March 23. Zachery Broesder

Jerry Kreykes

March 24. Rosa Koerselman

March 25. Clarence Meinecke

Ashton Ennema

March 26. Oscar Benson

March 27. Kink Hickman

Todd Wilson

March 28. Gage Bassett

March 30. Tracy Gorter

March 31. Tyler Merley

Benjamin Frahm

Carter Koerselman

Crystallyn Sterler

Marvin Lindley

The Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs need more volunteers in the Sheldon area. If you are 55 years and older, we need you to help others in your community. Foster Grandparents help children who need assistance in schools, daycares or Head Start Centers. Senior Companions visit adults that need assistance and companionship. Please call the FGP/SCP office at 712-476-2628 for more information. Your experience, wisdom and talent are needed and will be valued.



Our sympathy to Kenneth D. Mulder's family on his passing.

KID'S CLUB Dates to

note: It has been so much fun this year. We are leaning and growing so much in our knowledge of who God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are. We are learning about all these different aspects of God and how he teaches us to live. There will be no Kid's club March 25th & 27th due to the public school having their Parent/teacher conferences that week. We will also not have Kid's club during Holy week, April 4th & 6th. Our final day for Kid's club will wrap up on April 25th for the 3rd/4th graders & April 27th for the 5th/6th graders.



First Responders donations: We have extended collections for this until March 12th. We still could use anything that you think would help make their job a little more enjoyable or easier. We appreciate all your donations to help us bless those in our community who are there to help others when tragedies strikes.

Would you like to run the sound or the projection for the 8:30 or 11:00 am service?????

We are in need of a few people to step in and help out with these areas. I am told it looks scarier then it actually is and its pretty simple after being shown.

Snacks: WOW! Thank you so much for all of your generous donations to restock our snacks for the children and the different ministries that it supports. I believe that we have enough now to last us through this springs class times.



Upcoming dates to note: Mark your calendar for April 2nd, this is Palm Sunday! We will be having Sunday school this morning. The children will be waving palm branches and singing at both services. They will do this towards the end of 8:30 am service and again towards the start of the 11:00 am service. We will also be have the youth doing the omelet breakfast that morning so once your child has finished their omelet they can head to the gym for Sunday School

Children will NOT have Sunday school on Easter morning April 9th.

Lent & prayer breakfast

Every Tuesday beginning February 28th-April 4th.

7:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall all are welcome.

Please sign up on the sheet at the friendship center or call the office so we know how many to prepare food for.

Areas of Service for March

Liturgists:

March 5– Matt Rusche
 March 12– Steve Fowler
 March 19-Ashley Hoogland
 March 26– Judy Nieuwenhuis

Song Leader:

March 5– Ardis Grein
 March 12– Ardis Grein
 March 19-Bill Boscaljon
 March 26– Bill Boscaljon

8:30 AM Greeters:

March 5– Chris & Liz Subart
 March 12– Steve Fowler
 March 19-Julie Brink
 March 26– Jerry & Bev Kreykes

11:00 AM Greeters:

March 5– Dave & Michelle G
 March 12– Henry & Carolyn D
 March 19– Heath & Rosa K

Communion:

March 5– Verilyn Schilling & Pat Merrill

Coffee Bar Clean up:

March 5– Michelle G
 March 12– Henry & Caroline D
 March 19-Heath & Rosa K
 March 26– Peter & Karin VB

8:30 AM Acolyte:

March 5– Jack Brink
 March 12– Eli Becker
 March 19- Benjamin/ William F
 March 26– Kyler/Kenzie M

11:00 AM Acolyte:

March 5– Carson L/ Levi M
 March 12– Kendalyn S/ Sierra G
 March 19– Keegan A/ Elijah N
 March 26– Aubrie K/ Jadelyn S

Work Groups

In the past the United Methodist Women have been a part of “Work Groups” that serve funeral meals and other family events for members. With our reorganization as a church into the Faith Community Church of Sheldon, we will be asking all members to be a part of the work groups, not just women. So we will be placing your names into the “Work Group Booklet” if you are a current member of the church. These groups will have a chair who will call members when they are called upon to serve. Because of the large number of members, you may only be called once a year or less to help with meals.

Thank you for your support of the church family!

Love INC invites you to their 20th annual banquet featuring author and professional speaker, V.J. Smith! Friday, March 17 at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP by calling (712) 324.9707.

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March 17, 18, 19 2023

First Reformed Church, Rock Rapids, Iowa
 for applications and more info visit
www.tristatetec.org/sign-up

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MONDAY MARCH 20, 2023

4:30-7:00 PM



FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds go to help send kids to summer camp

Adult Sunday School:

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN AT ODDS WITH GOD? Have you resisted, defied, or tried to bargain your way out of what you thought God wanted? YOU are not Alone. Scripture documents similar stories.

In this 4 weeks study, March 12th-April 2nd "WHY EASTER MATTERS" Andy Stanley looks at some of the people whose lives intersected with Jesus in the weeks leading to his crucifixion. Each of them had an agenda that put them at odds with God and Jesus. As you'll see, there's a little bit of them in all of us.

CONFIRMATION 2023

This year has been flying by. We have six students in confirmation. They will have an opportunity to confirm 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 into the full membership of our fellowship in April!

LENT SCHEDULE:

Our theme for Lent 2023 is True Life. We will be examining ways that Jesus invites us to participate in the "way, the truth, and the life". From temptation to victory we will be looking at the true life Jesus offers. He is the only way to God the Father. Salvation is exclusive to those who believe in Jesus and receive him into their hearts. Jesus then baptizes with Holy Spirit and we are guaranteed a life with him forever. Without him, we will be separated from God forever.

Sunday February 26: Matthew 4:1-11, James 4:1-10 "True Life—Resist"

Tuesday February 28 — Prayer Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

Sunday March 5: John 3:1-17. 2 Corinthians 5:16-18 "True Life—Reborn", communion

Tuesday March 7 — Prayer Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

Sunday March 12: John 4:5-42, Psalm 139:1-6 "True Life—Known"

Tuesday March 14 — Prayer Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

Sunday March 19 : John 9:1-12, 35-41 Jeremiah 29:11-14 "True Life — Seeing"

Tuesday March 21 — Prayer Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

Sunday March 26: John 11:21-27, Mark 9:14-29 "True Life — Believing", Confirmation

Tuesday March 28 — Prayer Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

Sunday April 2: Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 118:25-29 "True Life — Hosanna", Palm Sunday

Youth Omelet Breakfast , procession of palms

Tuesday April 4 — Prayer Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

Thursday April 6 — Maundy Thursday Seder Meal 6:30 p.m.



Friday April 7 — Good Friday Service 8:00 p.m.

Sunday April 9 — John 20:1-18 "True Life — Victory" Resurrection Sunday

6:30 a.m. Youth Sunrise Service, 8:30 Traditional, 11:00 Modern



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30-11:00 AM Mom to Mom 5:00 PM Bells 5:00-6:30 JR High IMPACT 5:30 Education 6:45-8:00 PM Confirmation 8:00-9:30 SR High IMPACT	2 3:30-5:00 PM 5th-6th kids club 6:00 PM Love INC.	3	4
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