

## 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
<b>Children's Ministry</b>	Michelle Noack
<b>Youth Director</b>	_____
<b>Worship</b>	Wil George
<b>Organists</b>	Pam Kobbe
<b>Secretary</b>	Rosa Koerselman
<b>Custodian</b>	Ron Noack

# Faith Community Church

## November 2023 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 fall harvest is in full swing and will be completed soon. I am amazed at the reports of the bountiful harvest despite the perceived drought we had this year. It continues to assure me that God can do great things when we have the confidence and faith to plant seeds. The same is true for the soon harvest of the church. We are to plant seeds of faith so that God can water them and cause the great growth of His Kingdom.

Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, states, "6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." (2 Timothy 1:6-7)

On July 1, 2023, we became the Faith Community Church of Sheldon. Now is the time to gather the embers together and to fan into flame the gift of God that was given to us. Let us arise and march into the calling of our Lord Jesus Christ to make disciples. Let us follow Jesus and allow him to teach us to love and serve others. May we leave behind our "serve us" attitudes and come into agreement on how we can be in "service" to the kingdom.

With each passing day and hour, we are that much closer to when Jesus will return. When he does return, I want him to find me with my lamp full of oil, and I want him to see that I am using the talents he gave me to be in service to others. If his return does not happen in my lifetime then I want to hear the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Faith Community Church is ready to move forward. Let us take up the mantle of Christ, and serve those in O'Brien, Osceola, and Sioux Counties. Let us make Jesus' joy complete, by loving with the sacrificial love He had for us. JOY is: Jesus, Others, Yourself. When we get this out of order, we tend to "serve self" or "serve us" rather than to be in service. I don't want to sound cliché by saying we are Christ's hands and feet in the world. In reality the church, the bride of Christ, is Jesus' representative in the world. We must read and understand the truth in the Word. Jesus is the Truth. This is my continual prayer,

"Dear Jesus, help me to draw near to you every day. Help me to not compromise your Word, or try to make the Bible justify my circumstance, rather help me use your word to change my circumstance so I am justified by your will. May I be at your service with a grateful heart. Amen."

Together we are the body of Christ. Let us strive to move forward together into our shared ministry.

Pastor Kevin Gingerich

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Otto Lawson, Derick Roos, Karrine Dykstra, Gloria Morris, Bonnie Baartman, Patsy Zoet  
 Jim( Skip) Schipper  
 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 (Faither 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

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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, Bob Sterler, John Van Olst, Eleanor Poppema

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # or Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Where can I Serve?

Dear Congregation:

We need your help with the various ministries that take place at Faith Community Church. To help in doing this, please print the name/names where you and members of your family would be willing to answer God's call. We would like to have great participation from everyone, but if you truly do not want to serve, please contact the office so we can note this on our lists. Thank you all for your help.

Ministries	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Liturgist		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Song Leader		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Praise Team	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Greeter		
Sound		
Projection		
Acolyte (3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)		
Piano/Organ		
Communion		
Coffee Bar Clean up		
Sunday School Teacher		
VBS (Decorate, Lead a group, Ect.)		
Summer Lunch		
Funeral Lunches		
Soup & Pie Supper		
Pancake Supper		
Kids Club Tue & Thur		
IMPACT Wed PM		

## Church Committee Descriptions

These are the different committees that the Church has, a description of what each committee does, and how often they meet.

### \_\_\_ Church Administrative Council Member at Large (8 meetings a year & Attend Charge Conference)

The Council meets about 8 times a year. They dream dreams, vision, plan, and pray about how we can “Glorify God by Making Disciples for Jesus Christ”. They encourage and oversee all other committees in the church.

### \_\_\_ Education Committee (10 meetings a year)

They meet about ten times a year to plan & promote ways people can develop their faith through Sunday School, Bible Studies, After School Programs, VBS, and other small groups.

### \_\_\_ Mission Committee (8 meetings a year)

This committee plans, promotes and develops ways of showing God’s Love and care to all people. This committee needs to have a strong faith as they take risk in serving others. Events they sponsor collecting items for Love INC, and preparing kits for the ingathering.

### \_\_\_ Memorial Committee (3 meetings a year)

This committee decides how to use the memorial money that has been given to the church in memory of our loved ones.

### \_\_\_ Youth Commission (12 meetings a year)

This committee works with the youth director in planning, developing and implementing events to help our youth grow in their faith. They are also the committee who are asked to help encourage, and support the youth director.

### \_\_\_ Faith Community Women (12 meetings a year)

This committee works with the women in the church to hold events that help with different projects and missions within the church. EX. Soup & Pie, Bake sales.

### Sheldon Christian School will be hosting a Veterans Day program!

**Date:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Place:** Sheldon Christian School Gym

Aaron Van Beek of Sioux Center will be our speaker. Aaron is the founder, president, and CEO of Midwest Honor Flight. The Preschool - 8th grade students are looking forward to honoring our veterans during the program, and afterward refreshments will be served for our guests. All veterans, family members, and community are welcome to attend. We would love you to be our guest!



# November Birthdays



Nov. 3 **Mallorie VanMeeteren**  
**Isaac Wenthe**

Nov. 4 **Dean Hansen**

Nov. 5 **Stephanie Ball**  
**Cody Mayer**

Nov. 6 **Sherri Morgan**

Nov. 9 **Eleanor Poppema**

Nov. 10 **Susan Klein**

Nov. 11 **Stella Molettiere**  
**Tami Van Meeteren**

Nov. 12 **Chuck Ball**  
**Paul Honermann**

Nov. 16 **Rick Kobbe**  
**Marla Lindley**

Nov. 18 **Cyrach Wright**  
**Zekiel Junius**

Nov. 19 **Stephanie Landhuis**  
**Pete Hamill**

Nov. 20 **Keith Bilsland**

Nov. 21 **Jann Braaksma**  
**Aubrie Koerselman**

Nov. 23 **Amber McClintic**  
**Sarah Updike**

Nov. 25 **Dillion Postma**  
**Kenzie McCuddin**

Nov. 28 **Darryl Klein**

Nov. 29 **Lisa Welch**  
**Rachael Becker**  
**Hayes Sterler**

## College Connections 2nd Sunday of each Month 5:00-9:00 PM

November 12th- Pasta Bar and cheesecake	Board Games
December 10- Taverns and cake	Christmas games/Crafts
January 14th- Soup and pies	Scavenger Hunt

## Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year again that we start thinking about collecting items for children that are in need. There will be a table in the entry way with boxes, a what to pack sheet, boy or girl sticker to place on the top of the box, and a color page to add to the box. We will be collecting filled boxes until November 12th. Please place packed boxes around the Christmas tree. Missions will cover the cost to ship.

Pastor Kevin will be on vacation  
November 17th-25th!

### Reminders for the month of November;

No Kids Club- 2nd, 7th, 9th,  
21st, and 23rd

No IMPACT- 22nd

Office closed- 23rd & 24th  
for Thanksgiving



The handbell choir is looking for a few more people that would want to ring bells with them. If you are interested, please contact the office and Rosa will get you linked up with the right person.

Dear Church Family,

I am so thankful for the scholarship that you were able to give me. It is a huge blessing and is helpful to fund my college career at Iowa State. -Braden Schwartz

### Sunday School Christmas Program

This years Christmas program is set for December 17th and will look a little different this year. It will be held at the morning service beginning at 10:00 AM followed by a soup lunch youth fundraiser.



## Areas of Service November

### Liturgist:

5. Judy N  
12. Matt R  
19. Barb M  
26. Ashley H

### Song Leader:

5. Ardis  
12. Ardis  
19. Bill  
26. Bill

### 8:30 Am Acolyte:

5. Benjamin/William  
12. Eli B  
19. Kyler/Kenzie  
26. Benjamin/William

### 11:00 AM Acolyte:

5. Jane/Tallulah  
12. Jaxson R/Hayden H  
19. Kendalyn/Sierra  
26. Carter K/Elijah F

### 8:30 AM Greeters:

5. Julie B  
12. Jerry & Bev K  
19. Steve F  
26. Chris & Liz S

### 11:00 AM Greeters:

5. Jason & Amanda N  
12. Henry & Carolyn D  
19. George & Melissa D  
26. Dave & Michelle G

### Coffee Bar Clean up:

5. Henry & Carolyn D  
12. Barb M  
19. George & Melissa D  
26. Dave & Michelle G

### Communion

Nov. 5 Sue G & Rosa K

### 8:30 AM Sound:

5. Stew C  
12. Mike M  
19. Tony H  
26. Tony H

### 8:30 AM Projection:

5. Niki C  
12. Kyler M  
19. Deb H  
26. Deb H

### 11:00 AM Sound:

5. Bill B  
12. Bill B  
19. Bill B  
26. Bill B

### 11:00 AM Projection:

5. Sherri M  
12. Sherri M  
19. Sherri M  
26. Sherri M

## Archer Community Church Lord's Acre Day Celebration Saturday November 4th

Worship service: 10:00 AM

Bazaar, Silent Auction, kids fish pond, and

Lunch (Free will) : 11:00-1:00 PM

Parade: 1:00 PM

Auction: Immediately following parade

Everyone Welcome!

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"





### Coats for Kids

The Sheldon Ministerial Association will be offering Coats for Kids. Distribution will be held on Monday, November 6 from 4:30-6:00 pm in connection with the food bank distribution night at Living Water Church.

### Impact to the Corn Maze

Both the Jr. High and Sr. High Impact groups had wonderful weather to travel through the Pumpkins on Garfield corn maze. A total of 38 youth and adults enjoyed the experience together.

The youth are continuing to meet each Wednesday evening. 4:00-5:30 Jr. High averaging 18 youth and 8:00-9:30 Sr. High averaging 19 youth each week. Pastor Kevin brings the lesson to Jr. High and Rachel Becker brings a great lesson to our Sr. High. Thank you all adults who help!

### Faith Community Annual Meeting--October 22

At the first Faith Community Church of Sheldon Annual meeting:

We approved the 2024 working budget of \$379,357.60.

We elected the following as our Administrative Board:

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Judy Nieuwenhuis	Matt Rusche	Barb Merley (secretary)
Mike McCudden	Jari Brink (Chair)	Laura Getting
Scott Ross	Wil George	Tony Haning
Fred Grein (education rep.)	Susan Klein (women rep.)	Bill Boscaljon (Youth Council rep.)

We received our statistical report. Total membership as of October 22 = 428.

We had 9 baptisms, 7 deaths, and 2 weddings.

Average worship attendance 8:30 = 81; 11:00 = 113 total = 194

Summer Lunch: 49 volunteers served 113 daily, for a total meals served of 6,354 in 2023.

We participated in missions: Operation Christmas Child, EMS Sunday School Baskets, Unity Meal, Neighborhood Clean-up, Kaden's Kloset and Kaden's Emergency Food Pantry, Super Bowl Soup Collection, College Connection Meal and Games.

We continue to have vibrant children's and youth ministries.

We adopted the following four goals:

1. Strengthen our youth program and hire a youth director.
2. Have a ministry team develop a regularly schedule FCCoS night.
3. Find projects locally that we can all work side by side on.
4. Begin an adult class offered some time other than Sunday morning.

Faith Community Church will continue to meet to vision and plan together to increase the influence of our ministry. We will rise from our slumber and begin to be the place where we will invite others to come and be with us! Every member needs to invite others to come along and be a part. When a project is announced, we are all responsible to communicate with friends and family to see that we are aware of ministry together! Leaders, rise and take the lead!

# November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30-11:00 AM Mom to Mom 2:30-4:00 PM Confirmation 5:00 PM Bells 4:00-5:30 PM Jr High IMPACT 8:00-9:30 PM SR High IMPACT	2 NO 3:30-5:00 PM 5th/6th Kids Club 6 PM Love INC.	3	4
5 <b>All Saints Day/Communion</b> 8:30 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern 1:00-3:00 PM Soup & Pie Prep	6 6:30-8:00 PM Decorate for Soup & Pie	7 9:00 AM Staff Meeting No 3:30-5:00 PM 3rd/4th Kids Club 4:30-7:00 PM Soup & Pie Super	8 2:30-4:00 PM Confirmation 5:00 PM Bells 4:00-5:30 PM Jr High IMPACT 8:00-9:30 PM SR High IMPACT	9 NO 3:30-5:00 PM 5th/6th Kids Club 6 PM Love INC.	10	11
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19 8:30 AM Traditional (Bells) 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern	20 6:30 Youth Council	21 9:00 AM Staff Meeting NO 3:30-5:00 PM 5th/6th Kids Club	22 No after school activities!	23 Downstairs reserved 8 AM-9 PM NO 3:30-5:00 PM 5th/6th Kids Club NO 6 PM Love INC. Office Closed	24 	25 Church Reserved 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
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