

Faith Community Church

September Newsletter



Our Vision: “To make disciples of all people, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; inviting all to repent and receive forgiveness of sin through the blood of Jesus; and teaching people to obey all God commanded through the Holy Scriptures.”

Our Mission: “To love God and serve others.”

Sunday Morning Worship Services

8:30 AM Traditional & 11:00 AM Modern

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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Pastor	Kevin Gingerich
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Youth & Children’s Ministry	Jon Eveland
Custodian	Danielle Fischer
Worship	Wil George
Technology	Sarah Eveland
Organist	Pam Kobbe & Janus Martin

Pastor’s Corner:

Back to school! Back to a routine! Yet this fall is anything but normal. We will be focusing on Family Discipleship Wednesdays. We will be having a mid week education opportunity for Kindergarten through Adults each week, called “Faith Kids - Family Discipleship Night”. I have been dreaming of this kind of ministry for the past 12 years, and now we are able to offer the start! I am excited to see a dream and vision come into fruition. I’m very thankful for Jon and his support in providing leadership and “wheels” to this vision.

I hope that you will join in the activities, and realize that being a part of a church is more than attending on Sunday morning. Please continue to bring your children to Sunday School each week, as well as to mid-week “Faith Kids - Family Discipleship Night” on Wednesdays. Remember, we are here to provide a learning environment for our children, youth and our adults. We never complete our learning to walk like Jesus! We are all in need of community and opportunity to dig deeper. Come and join us!

The church is never about the pastor. It is always about our relationship with Jesus and one another. So please find ways to grow in Christ and to love him with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. Then, and only then, can we truly love our neighbor as ourselves. We must learn to yield our lives, change our sinful ways, and fall in love with Jesus more deeply.

See you in worship each week, and taking Church into the world!

Pastor Kevin Gingerich

September Scripture of the month: Deuteronomy 16:15

“15 For seven days celebrate the festival to the Lord your God at the place the Lord will choose. For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.”

August 31 Worship with us at TOGETEHER 2025! 10:00 a.m. Rise Grounds!!!

A reminder that we will not have services at Faith Community on August 31. We will join the rest of the community at the Rise Grounds. Please bring lawn chairs and come worship together!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Derick Roos**
- **Gene Den Hartog**
- **Russ Duncanson**
- **Darvin Rusche**
- **Nancy Burley** (and daughters)
- **Stormy Morris Dage** (Adam)
- **Lucy Hoppe**
- **Jen Roos** (sister of the Noacks)
- **Kathleen Goedken** (daughter of Lucy H)
- **Mary Ann Boom** (mother of Blanca)
- **Jo Anne Fowler** (mother of Steve Fowler)
- **Donna Whitfield** (mother of Michelle Noack)
- **Sue Radke** (mother of Matt & Jody Radke)
- **Tom Marcotte** (brother-in-law of Pam Buysman)
- **Ray Anderson**
- **Bill and Peggy Noack**
- **Rick Kobbe**

Jeremiah 17:14: "Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise."

Please pray for and visit our members in nursing homes & assisted living facilities

Fieldcrest Assisted Living: Ray Rohlfs, Mollie Parry, Jeanette Reekers, Thelma Van Nyhuis, Leona Sauer, Shirley Muecke, Marlys Den Hartog

Christian Retirement Home: Lucy Hoppe, Gerald Kroon, Mildred Robinson, , Janus Martin, Linda Heiliger, Marilyn King

Other Homes: Jervis Sterler, John Van Olst, Eleanor Poppema, Oscar Benson, Nancy Burley, Duane Wahlstrom

Our Service Men and Women

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, Cael Noteboom
Jeffrey Heithus, Reese Van Meeteren

NAVY: Dave Sarnoski, Greg Weiman, Drew Lidster

Ways to Get Involved

Communion Set Up- Order the Farmers loaf with the 2 loaves in the one bag from Hyvee and make sure we have grape juice, or purchase that as well. Rosa will have the cups already in the trays. Fill them with juice and put the trays in the silver fridge. After second service dump out left over juice and wash dishes.

Coffee Bar Clean Up- Put any bars, cookies, or goodies away, dump remaining coffee, put left over juice in the fridge. Wash and dry dishes.

Usher Duties for First & Second Service— Hand out bulletins in Narthex, light the acolyte sticks, count attendance (don't forget nursery or balcony), pass the offering plates and the red sign in folders, bring offering forward during doxology, one usher should be stationed in the Narthex to greet late comers and to keep watch on the congregation in case there is a medical emergency, after first service take order of service inserts out of the bulletins and recycle them, bring offering to the office and put it in bank bag, place in it in the safe.

Faith in Action- The former UMW is now called Faith in Action. We meet on the second Tuesday each month, and our goal is to plan activities where members of Faith Community Church can actively participate or help financially. We are always looking for new ideas, and we are currently seeking men, women and teenagers who would like to be involved in planning the various fundraisers and potential programs and outreach ideas that we are involved in. Contact Ashley Hoogland or any member for more information.

Connections Ministry- The Connections Ministry focuses on planning events to connect us with each other in our church and in our community, whether it is bingo, a movie night in our church, or Dinner Together outside the church walls. We also look for outreach opportunities to connect us with those in our community like Trunk or Treat. Our team of volunteers is Susan Klein (Chair). We would love to have more volunteers so we can offer even more events

Youth Council— Meet the second Monday of the month to plan youth events during the year, different fundraisers, and support confirmation, JR, and SR High IMPACT. If you are interested in learning more about this committee, please contact Jon Eveland.

Children's Ministry (Education)- Meets the first Tuesday each month to decide Sunday school curriculum, the Christmas program, VBS, and any other special events that involve children's education. If you are interested in learning more about this committee, please contact Jon Eveland.

Worship— There are many other ways you can be active in the church: liturgist, song leader, praise team, decorating committee, communion stewards, greeters, ushers, coffee bar, acolyte (3rd grade +), playing piano/organ, sound, projection.

Ad Council- meets the third Sunday and is an elected position. They make the decisions of the church. If you are interested in learning more about this committee, please contact a board member or Jari Brink (Chair).

Faith News

An Open Letter to Faith Community

Dear Friends of Faith Community,

It has been a pure joy working with you in ministry since July 1 of 2013. The years have been filled with much compassion and grace. It is with a mixed heart that I write to you to inform you that I am planning to resign from ministry here in December of this year. I will be moving to the farmhouse my grandparents left for me. What is next for me? Where will my new ministry be? I am not sure. Will I be in a church? I am not sure. Will I be a school bus driver? I don't know. All I know is that I feel called away from Sheldon so Faith Community can find a new pastor with new vision so you can fly with the Spirit.

When we voted to disaffiliate, I made the promise to be with you for a year. I have exceeded that promise. I have been less energetic, and feel like I am stale. I have noticed that our attendance has dropped in a major way, especially over the last year. And that is for many reasons, of which the disaffiliation was only a small part. I have heard conversations about our worship not being exciting like it once was. We need a new vision. Our leaders need to work together. These were not intended to harm me, but I heard with new ears, and I am not offended. I have run low on energy and "fire". I am not receiving a vision for our future here in Sheldon, and so I have decided to move.

I recommend that you keep a majority of the Ad Board in place for one more year as you manage this transition. But that is purely up to you.

The Ad Board asked me to give a two-month notice, so my plan was to have my last Sunday be November 16. After I thought about it, it is not fair to have a church vacant for Christmas, so I have decided to go to the end of December, with my last worship being Christmas Eve. If a new pastor is found prior to that, I am willing to step aside sooner to make that possible. I want what is best for Faith Community! I feel God has called a fantastic youth and children's pastor. This makes it extra hard for me to leave at this moment, and yet the writing has been on the wall for a couple of years. Please consider asking Jon to help lead you to find the new senior pastor, we do not want to lose him and Sarah.

Sincerely,

Rev. Kevin D. Gingerich

I would like to thank Faith Community Church for giving me the Brewster Scholarship. I really appreciate the support the church has given me.

Thanks,
Alison Wolf

Youth

Our theme for Impact this year is Breakthrough. God is the God of breakthroughs. Over and over again in Scripture, He shows up where His people are weak and powerless. History is full of the same pattern. And what about personally? Testimonies in our very own lives that echo the God who parted seas and tore down walls. The truth is: God still breaks through today. We hope the students experience breakthrough in their lives this year, whether that be giving their lives to Jesus as their Savior and Lord, breaking through addictions, fears, broken relationships, or breaking through what seems like impossible situations. And He uses ordinary people like us, who rely on His strength and not our own. So looking forward to this year! We ask for your prayers that God will move and transform hearts.

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser - Mark your calendars: 6th-12th Graders will be selling Christmas wreaths from October 1-October 29 as a fundraiser for our summer 2026 mission trips. Stay tuned for more information on this as we get closer.

Pop Announcement - All 6th-12th Graders are responsible for bringing a 24-pack of pop (or two 12-packs) or water to start the youth group year. Pop will be provided at no cost at the end of each night of youth group for students. We will redeem the pop cans and that money will go towards our summer mission trips next summer

September Impact Schedule:

3 - Kick-Off Night

10 - Theme Intro: Breakthrough

17 - Breakthrough Insecurity: Psalm 139

24 - Worship & Prayer Night: Speak Lord, I'm Listening - 1 Samuel 3

Impact Middle School - 6:00-7:15pm

Impact High School - 7:30-8:45pm

Snack Announcement - All 6th-12th Graders will be responsible for bringing snacks throughout the youth group year. The snack schedule will be sent out once we have all registrations in to create a schedule. **Snacks will be to bring 2 dozen cookies/bars.**

Middle School Leaders

6th- 8th grade Youth Room

Jon Eveland

Sarah Eveland

Austin Fischer

Lisa Molettiere

Mike Molettiere

Brooke Oldenkamp

John Oldenkamp

High School Leaders

9th-12th grade Youth Room

Jon Eveland

Rachael Becker

Wil George

Breann Getting

Paul Honermann

Scott Ross

Mike Van Meeteren

Children's Ministry

Wednesday Family Discipleship Night Teachers & Rooms

<u>K-1st Grade</u> <u>Jonah Room</u>	<u>2nd & 3rd grade</u> <u>Noah Room</u>
Yvonne Rodriguez	Rosa Koerselman
Kayla Ross	Ashley Hoogland
Heath Koerselman	Michelle Simpson
Jaxson Ross	
	<u>4th & 5th Grade</u> <u>Zacchaeus</u>
	Ellie Meendering
	Mateo Zanela
	Kristy Noack

Check-In will take place from 5:50-6:00pm in the entryway outside of the sanctuary, and Pick-Up will take place in the narthex (at the back of the sanctuary). Parents, please come inside and pick-up your kiddos there.

We look forward to this new ministry season, and all that the Lord is going to do in the lives of our kids! Thank you to all those who are helping make this possible. We are excited to be using Orange Kids 252 curriculum for our Wednesday evenings. God has some great things in store!

September Faith Kids Family Discipleship Night Schedule -
3 - Moses (Exodus 3-6:12, 7-12:42, 13:17-14:31)
10 - Joshua & The Spies (Numbers 13-14:35)
17 - Rahab Helps The Spies (Joshua 2)
24 - Ruth (Ruth 1) (Dress Up Night - Formal Attire Night)

Missions

Robin Lawson- 1015 W. Sam Houston #101 Pharr, TX 78577
e-mail- robin3084@gmail.com

AMSHA- Mary Muchiri

Nicole Sims- nsims@umcmmission.org

COATS FOR KIDS

The Sheldon Ministerial Association is providing a "Coats for Kids" program this fall. We will have two times of distributing, Thursday, October 9 and Thursday, November 13. Donations of gently used coats or new winter coats are welcomed. We can receive them here at Faith Community or they can be dropped off at Love INC during their normal office hours.

Volunteer for the Labor Day Bake Sale & Lemonade Stand!

Faith Community Church is hosting a Bake Sale & Lemonade Stand prior to the Labor Day parade and we need your help to make it a sweet success! Please let the office know or sign up at the Friendship Center as we get closer.

Faith Community in Action

The 2025 radio and TV sponsorship sheet is out on the friendship center. It is \$80.00 to sponsor a Sunday. This ministry is an outreach to people who listen to our Sunday service on the radio.

You're Invited to walk with Faith Community Church!

Join us this Labor Day as we proudly represent Faith Community Church in the community parade! We're excited to celebrate faith, unity, and community spirit, and we want YOU to be a part of it!

Date: Monday, September 1, 2025

Time: Parade kicks off at 2:00 PM (Arrive by 1:30 PM for staging)

Location: We will know closer to the date

Who Can Join: Everyone! Families, kids, teens, adults — come ride or walk with us!

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Sunday School Teachers and rooms

3 & 4 year olds

Johah Room

Yvonne Rodriguez

Heath Koerselman

Jadelyn Simpson

TK & K

David & Goliath Room

Rosa Koerselman

Michelle Noack

Liz Subart

Carter Koerselman

1st & 2nd Grade

Noah Room

Ashley Hoogland

Erin Seivert

Eli Fischer

3rd Grade

Daniel Room

Sally Boscaljon

Krista Honermann

4th & 5th Grade

Mary & Martha

Mike Molettiere

Paul Honermann

6th – 8th Grade

Youth Room

Rachael Becker

Michelle Simpson

Faith, Friends, and Family

The Chris Subart Family



We are the Chris and Elizabeth Subart family, we live in Sheldon with our three children Benjamin (9th grade), William (6th grade), and Olivia (preschool). Chris is an electrician with Interstates and is based out of the Sioux Center office. Elizabeth is a customer service coordinator at Den Hartog Industries in Hospers. Benjamin is planning to join Cross Country this fall, run track in the spring, and play baseball next summer. William stays busy playing football, basketball, and baseball. Olivia will be starting dance classes this fall. If we are not busy supporting our children in their

activities you can find our family at home watching movies, playing games, or working on projects around our home. We started attending Faith Community Church at the encouragement of Fred and Ardis Grein (Elizabeth's parents) and enjoy the community we have found here. Our family's favorite verses are Luke 23:39-43 and Proverbs 3:5-6.

Administrative Board Highlights

August

We opened with devotions about how we can become a better team as leaders of the congregation.

Youth Report - The community Bible Study came to a close. It was deemed a success. We are ramping up for the fall, with Discipleship Wednesdays. Jr. High has moved to 6th - 8th grades, meeting from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. Sr. High begins at 7:30 p.m. We are discussing plans for fundraising and trip ideas for 2026.

Children's Ministry Report - We have most of our teachers for Sunday mornings and for Faith Kids Wednesdays. On Rally Day, September 7, we will be introducing the teachers and praying over them. The 3rd grade and 3/4 year old Bibles will be presented September 7.

Connections Ministry - Christmas in July on July 20 had 20 people attended. August 10th we hosted 18 for our Bingo fun. Our next connection will be Sunday September 28 with a movie night, featuring "The Girl Who Believes in Miracles".

Faith In Action - We had a successful Swim party on July 13 with around 60 people at the pool. Hot Dog Days was a success, pastor and Sue made it into the paper. Our next activity will be a fund raising opportunity as we will sell lemonade and baked goods at Michelle Simpson's drive for Sheldon Days on September 1. On November 4 we will be serving the soup and pie supper.

The flooring in the youth room has been installed, and we look forward to the new feel this coming season! Also a huge shout out to all who painted, or did other odd projects around the church.

We hope to be completing a pictorial directory sometime this fall.

We will host some missionary friends from Brussels on November 3rd. They work with our Bill Boscaljon. We will also set up an emergency fund that can help with natural disasters as they occur, so we can support groups like Eight Days of Hope, who go into a community to do whatever needed for giving them hope. We talked about setting up a "Helping Hands response team here.

Pastor Kevin mentioned the In Touch meeting coming up on August 24.

Pastor Kevin announced that he will be leaving Faith Community in December of this year.

We set October 19, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. for our Annual Church Meeting.

Nominations and Budgets for 2026 are do into the office by September 21.

Areas of Service for September

8:30 AM Greeter:

7- Gerald K
14- Robin L
21- Fred & Ardis G
28- Barb M & Julie B

Liturgist:

7- Ardis G
14- Ashley H
21- Matt R
28- Steve F

11:00 AM Greeters:

7- Peter & Karin VB
14- Sandy BL & Breann G
21- Jason & Amanda N
28- Heath & Rosa K

8:30 AM Ushers:

7- Greg G
14- Jari & Dirk B, Greg G. Cory H
21- Jim & Judy N, Steve F, Willy S
28- Stew C, Ashley H, Mike and Kyler Mc

11:00 AM Ushers:

7- Heath
14- Dave G, George D, Scott R, Fred G
21- Sandy BL, Dave G, Georg D
28- Peter & Karin VB, Heath K

8:30 AM Acolyte:

7- Hayden H & Benjamin F
14- Charlie H & Kellen A
21- William F & Hayden H
28- Kenzie Mc & Jaci H

Song Leader:

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

11:00 AM Acolyte:

7- Jaxson R & Archer F
14- Hanna G & Aubrie K
21- Irie W & Lydia O
28- Sierra G & Huxley R

8:30 AM Sound:

7- Stew C
14- Mike Mc
21- Stew C
28-Tony H

11:00 AM Sound:

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

Coffee Bar Clean up:

7- Peter Karin VB
14- Barb M & Yvonne R
21- Henry & Carolyn D
28- Jim & Judy N

8:30 AM Projection:

7- Niki C
14- Kyler Mc
21- Niki C
28- Deb H

11:00 AM Projection:

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

Organ:

7- Pam Kobbe
14- Janus Martin
21- Wil G
28- Pam Kobbe

Communion:

September 7- Sue G & Rosa K

Faith Community Opportunities

An adult Sunday school class will begin September 7 at 10:00 in the old Library. Steve Fowler will lead a class based on the Ray Vander Laan teaching, Walk as Jesus Walked. We'll learn how the Apostle Paul's journeys impacted a broken world and what this means for us today.

IN TOUCH MINISTRY

I want to thank those who signed up to help visit our members who are less able to get out, and to keep them connected to our church. If you would like to be a part of this special ministry team, please let pastor Kevin know and he will bring you on board. There are still friends who would love to have a listening ear, and a sharing conversation.



September Birthdays

9-1 Niki Cooper
Jack Brink

9-2 Nancy Burley
Benjamin Goetzke

9-3 **Leona Sauer-105th!!**
Josh Weber
Sierra George

9-4 Duane Seehusen
Melissa Davis
Michelle Groen
Rebecca McCuddin
Emma Weber

9-5 Laura Getting

9-6 Robin Lawson
Ariya Nieuwenhuis

9-7 Jacob Roelfs

9-8 Kurtis Tatsumi
John Van Olst
Joann Malsed
Aubrey Erkes
Krista Honermann

9-9 Carolyn Dykstra
Arizona George

9-10 Eli Becker

9-15 Loren Kamstra

9-17 Sam Peterson
Makinley Adkins

9-19 Ross Bartz
Emmet Oldenkamp
Breklyn Adkins

9-20 Riley Ball
John Oldenkamp

9-23 Phillip Klaassen
Steven Wieseler
Josephine Dunn Junius

9-25 Adam Roelfs
Julie Brink

9-26 Mildred Robinson

9-27 Cael Noteboom
Joan Hansen

9-29 Jim Johnson



September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2 10:30 AM Staff 5:15 PM Education/ teacher run through for Wednesday night	3 Wednesday Night Discipleship 5:15 PM Supper 6:00—7:15 PM Children & Youth 7:00-8:00 PM Bible Study 7:30-8:45 Pm Hight School	4 5:00-8:30 Love Inc. 7:00 PM Lawson Bible Study	5	6
7 Communion/Rally Day 8:30 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:35-10:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern	8	9 10:30 AM Staff 5:30 PM Faith in Action	10 Wednesday Night Discipleship 5:15 PM Supper 5:30 PM Bells 6:00—7:15 PM Children & Youth 7:30-8:45 Pm Hight School	11 5:00-8:30 Love Inc. 7:00 PM Lawson Bible Study	12	13
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21 8:30 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Fellowship 9:35-10:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Modern 12:15 PM Pot Luck 1:00 PM Ad Board	22	23 10:30 AM Staff	24 Wednesday Night Discipleship 5:15 PM Supper 5:30 PM Bells 6:00—7:15 PM Children & Youth 7:30-8:45 Pm Hight School	25 No 5:00-8:30 Love Inc. Last Day 7:00 PM Lawson Bible Study	26	27
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