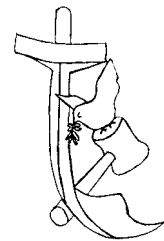


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They will beat their swords into plowshares -- Isaiah 2:4

# Sheldon Church of the Brethren **PLOWSHARE**



*Peacefully. Simply. Together.*

*May-June 2008*



“Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool...” -- Psalms 132:7 (NIV)

## Going to Church

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope! Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this...They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

All right, now that you're done reading, send it on!!! I think everyone should read this!! "When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, 'Jesus, could you get that for me?!'"

Thought found by Sandi Cox, a member of the Sheldon Church of the Brethren

**On the Front:** Food gifts to the Family Crisis Center in Sheldon

Steve Dage, director of the church's Christ Cupboard food outreach program, presents the last of the food items from the pantry to Sarah, the Outreach Victim Advocate, of the Sheldon office of the Family Crisis Centers of Northwest Iowa.

## Sharing Your Ideas For the Denomination's 300th Anniversary and For Our 120th Anniversary

Suggestions are being taken by the church to help promote the church's 120th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008. For the denomination's 300th anniversary celebration this year, churches are being asked to do 300 things to commemorate it. (their example: plant 300 trees, etc.)!

Submit your ideas to Church Moderator Linda Adams, or Alan and Marcene Cox, members of the church's Witness and Outreach Committee until committees have been formed.

Your comments and suggestions can be submitted by email to event planners, or by logging onto the church's website at [www.sheldonbrethren.org](http://www.sheldonbrethren.org). To submit your ideas by email, please send your Church of the Brethren 300th year anniversary celebration ideas to [300@sheldonbrethren.org](mailto:300@sheldonbrethren.org), and the Sheldon church's 120th year celebration ideas to [120@sheldonbrethren.org](mailto:120@sheldonbrethren.org). When you submit your ideas at the church's website, click either the Peaceful, Simply or Together button. Click the Guest Services button, then click on the Ideas button, and fill out the form. To submit it, click on the OK button.

The church appreciates your comments and help in planning for these very special celebrations!

## Last Items at Christ's Cupboard



# Pathways

## Arline K. English

Arline K. English, 94, of Spirit Lake, passed away Saturday, March 15, 2008, at the Milford Nursing Center. She was born on January 2, 1914, in Sheldon, Iowa, to Jesse Edward Rolston and Ada Leah Kimmel. Arline was united in marriage to Wallace Knox English on August 14, 1936, in Chicago, Illinois. Wallace passed away on April 14, 1997.



Arline graduated from Hillcrest Nursing School in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with her RN Degree. She practiced as a RN, on the surgical floor, before marrying and raising her family on a farm between Hartley and Sanborn. She, along with her husband, ran English's Arrowhead Beach Cottages in Miller's Bay, West Lake Okoboji, for 35 years. In her spare time, she enjoyed sewing, cooking and bird watching.

Arline is survived by three daughters, Yvonne Marie Rohlfson of Milford, Mary Lu Walk of Sun Lakes, Arizona, and Milford, and Kathy Jo Cullen of Milford; a son, Wallace Kimmel English of Arlington, Texas; a sister-in-law, Harriet Rolston of Sheldon; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her siblings; and a grandson.

A celebration of Arline's life was held at 11 A.M. Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at Union Memorial Church in Milford, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Lakes Regional Hospice in Milford, Iowa.

### Addresses to Remember:

Harriet Rolston	Jeannette Grove
641 8th Ave	521 East Main St. Apt. 102
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These people would love to receive mail. Your letters will add sunshine to their days and help them know that you care.



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 Northern Plains District: [www.npcob.org](http://www.npcob.org)  
 Living Peace: [www.lpcob.org](http://www.lpcob.org)  
 Kinship Community Inc. [www.kcimentors.org](http://www.kcimentors.org)

# Clarence & Rhelma Evans Featured in Newspaper

Clarence and Rhelma Evans were featured in a recent *Sheldon Mail-Sun* newspaper article about our church's faith journey and some of their experiences.

The newspaper has been running monthly stories about the community's churches. When they called Church Moderator Linda Adams, she informed the newspaper that the people they should talk to about that kind of story would be Clarence and Rhelma, the two life-long deacons of our church. So, the paper called them and they met at the church for the interview.

They discussed the church's history and little anecdotes they recalled. Also, in the story, they said the congregation was small, and currently without a pastor. Within a day of the story appearing, a Northwestern College student, at Orange City, Ia, called and said, "If you need me to speak, I am available."

The student, CJ Wurpts, is finishing his junior year at NWC and grew up on a farmplace just a half-mile west of the church. He plans on attending a seminary following his graduation from NWC next year. He spoke Sunday, April 20, and will speak again May 11.


## Prayer and Information Chain

<u>Linda Adams</u>	<u>324-5206</u>
Jo Rolston	738-4361
Ross & Sandi Cox	724-6317 or 348-2938
Clarence & Rhelma Evans	324-3870
Steve & Molly Dage	324-5203

<u>Jo Rolston</u>	<u>738-4361</u>
Alan & Marcene Cox	725-2457
Ron & Donna Brinkman	324-3907
Elmer & Helen VanKekerix	738-2965
Scott & Ann Maggert	738-4663

<u>Alan &amp; Marcene Cox</u>	<u>725-2457</u>
Guest Minister	
Lynn Rolfsmeier	324-3191
Mark Bilsland	324-2693
Jill Dykstra	348-2212
Lon Hutchison	324-3085





## PLOWSHARE

MAY-JUNE 2008

The Plowshare is a bimonthly outreach publication of the Sheldon, Ia., Church of the Brethren. News items, pictures, and other contributions can be submitted for consideration to Alan Cox. Those materials can be sent by mail to 903 Morningside, Boyden, Iowa 51234. Materials can also be sent by email to [plowshare@sheldonbrethren.org](mailto:plowshare@sheldonbrethren.org) or by calling 712-725-2459.



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# **120 years STRONG!**



**Present church  
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**Join us Sunday, November 2, 2008 to help us celebrate this unique milestone in our church's proud history! More information will be forthcoming.  
Send us your ideas and suggestions.**

**The church's one foundation....**

# **KEEP IT STRONG!**



# May - 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Meals On Wheels	Meals On Wheels	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Speaker: Rev. David Loveall Pianist: Lynn Rolfsmeier SS: Linda Adams  Communion	Meals On Wheels	Birthday - George Evans  Meals On Wheels	Meals On Wheels	Meals On Wheels	Meals On Wheels	Birthday - Dwight Diers
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Speaker: C.J. Wurpts (NWC Student) Pianist: Marcene Cox SS: Scott Maggert	Meals On Wheels	Meals On Wheels	Meals On Wheels	Meals On Wheels	Meals On Wheels	Birthday - Marcene Cox
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Speaker: Pete Aberson Pianist: Donna Brinkman SS: Donna Brinkman  Birthday - Kurt Brinkman	5-7:30 SCAT Fundraiser Supper					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Speaker: Rev. Lucinda Douglas Pianist: Marcene Cox SS: Alan Cox	Birthday - Lon Hutchison  Memorial Day					



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# June - 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Speaker: Rev. David Loveall Pianist: SS: None June-Labor Day  Communion						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Speaker: Rev. Don Lenderink Pianist: Donna Brinkman SS: None June-Labor Day					Birthday - Pat Dumar	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Speaker: Pete Abersson Pianist: SS: None June-Labor Day  Father's Day				Birthday - Steve Dage!		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Speaker: Don Adkins Pianist: SS: None June-Labor Day						
29	30					
Speaker: Rev. David Loveall Pianist: SS: None June-Labor Day						



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