

Spirit Life Fellowship Church

Senior Pastor Opening

Spirit Lake, Iowa

May 2024

Community

The Iowa Great Lakes area is a popular vacation getaway spot situated in the northwest corner of Iowa. Spirit Lake is one of several smaller communities surrounded by the three major lakes and five smaller ones where boating, hunting, fishing, shopping, and fine dining are popular activities. Spirit Lake is the fastest growing community in Iowa outside of the capital, Des Moines. As a popular tourist destination, the Iowa Great Lakes area has a population of about 16,000 in the winter months and swells to over 150,000 during the summer months. The lakes area has a 70-year-old amusement park along with several golf courses. Three miles from the church is Preservation Plaza, a newly renovated outdoor stage with lighting and a long board walk along the lake. On Saturday nights, it hosts free outdoor concerts of all types, followed by fireworks with a beautiful back drop of west Lake Okoboji. There are miles of bike trails and endless outdoor activities. Spirit Lake is a wonderful area for families. There is a YMCA facility with an outdoor skate park, aquatic center, pickleball courts, child care and more. [Here's a link to Spirit Lake Chamber of Commerce.](#)



Spirit Lake Community School District serves Spirit Lake, Orleans, and portions of Okoboji and Superior in north central and north eastern Dickinson County. The highly rated schools consist of an elementary, middle school, & high school. The athletic program is outstanding and recently took home awards from the 2024 Drake Relays. The track and football stadium as well as the Sami Bedell Center for the Performing Arts are all within 2 miles from the church. In nearby Spencer, IA, there is a private K-8th grade Lutheran school. Iowa Lakes Community College is also located in Spirit Lake and provides numerous 2-year programs.

Some of the key manufacturing employers in the Spirit Lake area are Polaris, Pure Fishing, and Rosenboom Machine & Tool. Lakes Regional Healthcare, Arnolds Park amusement park, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Super Walmart are also large employers in the area.



Church Building



Spirit Life Fellowship's beautiful building is worth about 1.5 million, with only \$114,000 left on the mortgage. It is located on Hwy 71, with frontage road access and lots of parking. Five years ago, a new concrete rear parking lot was laid along with a foundation for a garage and storage facility in the future. Behind the church building is a local park with a ball diamond, shelter, playground and barbeque area available for outreach opportunities.

The Spirit Life Fellowship sanctuary seats 300 with theater style seating. The church has a new Barringer 35 channel sound system,



monitors, all new wiring, computers and an iPad for making sound adjustments. Services are live streamed, hosted through Sub-splash and are set up for online giving. Recently, a new security system with cameras was installed inside and outside of the building. There is a nursery, 3 classrooms, a kitchen, fellowship hall area and a food pantry that has been serving about 150- 200 people a month. [Here is a link to the church's website.](#)



Spirit Life Fellowship Church has a paid part time bookkeeper/secretary. Currently, there is a family that is paid to clean the church building. We have volunteer ministry directors and a well-developed, seasoned board that teach and preach.

Congregation

Sunday morning attendance averages 70–100 people with the average age between 25-65 and 15 percent at age 65 and older. The weekly services include a Sunday morning service, youth, women's, and couple's ministry and a bi-weekly men's ministry. During the fall, winter & spring seasons there are various small groups that meet in homes and in the summer months the church is active in outreach ministry.

Spirit Life Church is committed to following the leading of the Holy Spirit and encouraging one another in their relationship with Christ and each other. Our desire is to impart God's love and encouragement to the community and beyond through inspiring worship, Spirit filled teaching, and loving relationships as we train and empower each person for works of service.

Pastor

This is a full-time senior pastor position and we desire the following traits for our new pastor:

- Willing to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit
- A good study and prayer life
- Lead and live with integrity
- Be organized and self-motivated to accomplish the goals & tasks in ministry
- Strong leadership skills
- Strong focus on discipleship
- Able to recognize strengths and gifts in the congregation and encourage them to walk in those gifts
- Willing to lead the church to develop & grow ministries beyond church walls
- Preach the Word and have a solid biblical world view
- Outreach oriented
- A heart for missions

Applicants

Submit the following attachments to Bruce A. Pfadenhauer, Regional Executive Director, at bruce@openbiblecentral.org by May 29, 2024:

- Cover letter expressing why you are interested in this position
- Resume with references
- Philosophy of Ministry
- Family Photo
- 2 Sermon Videos or MP3/MP4 audio
- [Pastoral applicant questionnaire](#)

Applicants may be asked to give permission to have a credit and criminal background check. The new pastor will be expected to sign the [Pastoral Covenant of Relationship](#) with Open Bible Churches.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Pfadenhauer at bruce@openbiblecentral.org or call 515-282-6491.