



January 2024

Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

Goodbye 2023, Hello 2024

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Welcome 2024. We need to count all of our blessings that God has showered upon us in 2023. As we enter into 2024, the New Year is like a fresh page in a book. We hold the pen to create a wonderful new story for ourselves. We are responsible for the story we write.

I need to express my gratitude to the church and the leadership for making this year so special. We are now an independent church. For me, there was satisfaction in becoming an independent church. We may not have smooth sailing, but we know the Lord will be leading us every step of the way.

Life is full of ups and downs and we have been on an upward swing since Covid threatened to bring us down. As we look forward to the new year, let's resolve to recommit ourselves to the values we share."

Although I'm not a Country Western song fan, I am touched by the Alabama song, "I believe there are Angels Among Us, sent down from heaven from somewhere up above. They come to you and me in our darkest hours to show us how to live, to teach us how to give, to guide us with a light of love." We can put our volunteers, our secretary and pianist in this category of Angels Among us.

We end this year saying goodbye to loved ones, knowing we will meet them again someday. Tomorrow is not promised, so now is the time to tell your loved ones that you love them. Now is the time to hug them and share the warmth that you feel for them.

We know that this past year has been full of challenges. We have struggled with and prayed for those countries at war. We've honored our armed forces and thanked those Veterans who so faithfully support the country and their church. We've prayed for those who are living through wars in their countries, those who are hungry, those who are homeless or have lost their homes through fire, floods, or tornadoes.

Every end marks a new beginning. We need to keep our spirits and determination unshaken, and walk the road to glory with courage and faith. Today is a day of new beginnings. I'm wishing you a very Happy New Year, my friends and to you and your family a very happy and prosperous new year. Have a wonderful year ahead.

Blessings,
Shirley

UP COMING EVENTS

January 7

Sunday morning classes begin again at 9:00am.



January 8

Finance/ Ad Board meeting in church at 7pm

January 10

Women of Faith meeting at 10am.

February 11

Super Bowl Sunday is coming on Sunday, February 11. We will have our annual Souper Bowl event. Plan now to bring a crockpot of soup and vote for your favorite.

Missions

Our present mission project will be gathering blankets, food, paper products for the Warming Shelter, Gospel Mission and other programs in the area who need help this winter. We will continue to give to the Heifer Project International and if you know of a needy program, please contact Shirley or Marilyn.

Special Prayer Needs

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Nina Osborne, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, David Beach, Susan Redenius, Ed Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Ralph Diamond, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Brady Gothier, Tylene Zevenbergen, Eleanore Lewis, Jean Petersen, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Ronica Mitchell, and Sympathy to the Family of Tye Petersen.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Be A Part: If you would like to be part of the prayer support for our church, just send us your name and email.

Our Life Together

Advent Season

The Advent wreath was part of the sanctuary decorations. Candles were lit each week for Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. On Christmas Eve, the white candle, the Christ candle was lit. Those people taking part each week were Andrea and Jake Mitchell, Mike and Lisa Kerns, Autum Hansen, Jake Mitchell, Gaige Miller and Roger and Marilyn Hladik.



The sanctuary was covered with many poinsettias plants given in memory of loved ones and as gifts for Christmas. Thank you to all who gave flowers.

Happy Birthday Jesus!

The high school class had a birthday party for Jesus. They enjoyed pizza, hot cocoa, & bars and played trivia games during their class time.



Christmas Youth Program

The youth program was held on Sunday morning on December 10th during church service. All Sunday School youth participated in the story of Christmas. Roger Hladik and Jake Mitchell sang “We Three Kings” during the program. A felt board was used for pictures of the nativity. To conclude the service everyone sang “Jesus Loves Me” while the little ones played instruments.



Joy To The World

Andrea gave devotions.

Andrea called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Roger moved to approve the minutes, Deanna 2nd. Motion carried. Present were Andrea Mitchell, Deanna Adler, Roger and Marilyn Hladik, Mark and Joan Meister.

Worship: Christmas Eve worship service will be 5 p.m. Regular Worship service on New Years Eve day.

Finance: The profit and loss statement was reviewed. We have assets of \$35,122.24. Andrea reported no money has come back from Conference so we need to follow up. We haven't received the deed, maybe our lawyer should follow up. Everything looks pretty normal. The parsonage is making money.

Trustees: Nothing going on right now.

Teaching Committee: Andrea reported our youth service was very successful on Sunday– speaking was very good and the mike was used correctly. We will be having a birthday party for Jesus on Sunday.

Outreach & Missions: Monday is pick up day for food. Angel Tree was not seen at the bank – it is assumed all tags have been taken.

SPRC will write our bylaws. Deanna proposed increasing payment for the pastor to \$100, Roger 2nd, motion carried. The process of picking next pastor should be in our new by-laws; could mean we'll be losing the parsonage.

Old Business: Disaffiliation is complete. We have paid all bills and met all obligations so the deed should be coming. Andrea checked with AdCraft and Sign Pro both in South Sioux City. AdCraft was \$100 cheaper on banner.

Discussed conflict with having our soup supper the same time as Rock Branch had theirs. Marilyn moved we table discussion on the soup supper until next meeting; Mark 2nd, motion carried.

Shirley currently handles cancellation of services due to weather. If we want to use TV to announce cancellations we have to go through a process which can be checked out. Tommy Petersen has been clearing sidewalks.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2024, 7 o'clock.

Andrea ended meeting with a prayer. Marilyn made motion to adjourn, Deanna 2nd, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Meister, Board Secretary.



Tithes and Offerings			
Dec. 3	\$ 2,324.1	Dec. 10	\$ 1. 585.60
Dec. 17	\$ 1,576.00	Dec. 26	\$ 590.00
		Food Bank	\$ 265.00



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Jan. Liturgist Responsibilities

Jan. 7	Sue Wilson
Jan. 14	Jake Mitchell
Jan. 21	JoLynne Reimert
Jan. 28	Tim Hoy
Feb. 4	Autum Hansen

Jan. Children's Story Responsibilities

Jan. 7	Andrea Mitchell
Jan. 14	Roger Hladik
Jan. 21	Shirley Nelson
Jan. 28	Kathy Hodgdon
Feb. 4	Rhonda Beeson

***If you are unable to attend, please find your replacement and let the church know by email.**

Jan. Birthdays & Anniversaries

Zane Redenius	2
Darrell Hadley	4
Chelsea Redenius	6
Chauncey Wilson	6
John Hodgdon	11
Allison Hoy	13
Easton Randall	13
Jacob Mitchell	17
Dale Hunwardsen	18
Deanna Adler	20
Fay Miller	23
Autumn Hansen	24
Lyle Schram	31
Jim Vaughn	31

