



July 2022

## Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

This past month we were blessed to confirm two of the young people in our church. Lisa Kerns and Dillon Johnson went through the process of learning the about the church under the very capable leadership of Kathy Hodgdon. This is a huge step in the life of a young person as it was in my life.

I read an article this week about churches that either change or they will die. In fact, the prediction is that nearly one out of three churches will die in the next few years. You read that correctly. In fact, if churches don't make substantive changes in the next few years, your church may die.

Some of the reasons given for the death of churches are the following: We may have shallow roots or churches no longer rooted in Scripture. They have drifted to secular or social approach ministry. We may have a country club church where people demand to be served. After all they pay their dues for their perks and privileges. Maybe the church is negatively critical. Some people spend more time criticizing and less time evangelizing. They're in regular conflict. Some run off pastors or wear out pastors and staff and chase off good church members. Some churches don't want change because that's the way they've always done it. And some churches have no new Christians because existing members no longer share the Gospel.

Our church is alive and well because we do preach from the Bible. We give unconditionally. We practice evangelism and positivity. We welcome change and we share the Gospel because we celebrated the confirmation of two young people this month, I thought it would be fun to print my confirmation picture from about 65 years ago and you can see that there are three people who were confirmed and are still faithful to this church. We can thank the Lord that he has seen us through many changes, but our church will remain in the same place in Anthon and we will continue to teach our young people about the church and our Lord Jesus and welcome them into membership.



Back row: Roger Maddison, Roger Hladik, Larry Charrlin and Pastor Schaper.  
Front Row: Carol Petersen, Janice Hinds, Joan Yockey, Shirley Brant, Laura Ashley and Pam Brown

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# UP COMING EVENTS

**July 10**

Finance/Board Meeting at 7pm.



**July 12**

Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Teaching committee meeting- planning for fall Sunday School



**July 12**

Women of Faith will meet at the church at 9:30. We are invited to tour the home of Jeanette Kummer west of Anthon. Her house is a renovated Victorian country home that was moved from Climbing Hill. It was once a stagecoach stop called the Giffordville area. Lunch and fellowship will follow the tour. RSVP is appreciated but not required. Call Sally, Ms Van or Eileen Klindt for RSVP. Everyone is invited.

## Our Life Together

The administrative board, Kathy, Miss Van, and Pastor treated the confirmation kids and their families to a pre-confirmation dinner on Wednesday evening.





# Our Life Together

## Confirmation Celebration

An important event in the life of the church and the life of two of our young people was held on June 11 as Lisa Kerns and Dillon Johnson were confirmed. Lisa is the daughter of Mike and Jen Kerns and Dillon is the son of Doug and Stephanie Johnson. Lisa and Dillon completed the confirmation classes taught by Kathy Hodgdon. They also participated in several community projects and were active in church services. We welcome them to our church and wish them all the best in their journey with the Lord

May the memory of this special day always stay with you and be your guideline along with the faith you have in your heart.

Best Wishes.



Isaiah 41:10

**"Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."**



Congratulations  
Graduate!





# Our Life Together

The Anthon Women of Faith held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 14, at the Anthon UMC. Those present were Sally Schram, Eileen Klindt, Nancy Seuntjens, Bettina Perkins and her great-grandson Carter, Barb Madsen, and Eileen Van Meeteren. After the business meeting, the group had devotions and Sally shared Flag Day readings. The group then headed to Rhonda Beeson's garden to listen and enjoy her family stories about her flowers and decorated pots full of beautiful blossoms. Thank you, Rhonda and Gary. We continued on to see Bettina Perkins' flowers, fruits, and vegetable gardens. We sampled some fresh broccoli and admired the many plants in their garden. Thanks to Bettina, Blake, and Carter. The group had lunch at the Little Siouxloon.

The next Women of Faith meeting will be Wednesday, July 12, with a tour of Jeanette Kummer Victorian Country Home.



## Missions

### **July Mission Projects**

The Orphan Grain Train out of Ida Grove has been chosen for our new mission project. They are in need of shoes (wearable, good condition, but no high heel women's shoes. They also need men, women and children's clothes, scrubs, walkers, canes, crutches, and wheelchairs.

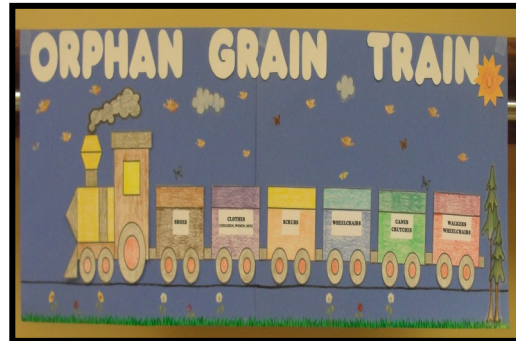
We are also starting our ingathering collection for our hygiene kits. There will be a list of needs on the table in the fellowship hall. If you would like to contribute money, please contact Shirley or Marilyn and we will shop for items needed.

#### **KITS**

##### **PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT (\$13 VALUE)**

- 1 Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12.5-19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on or pump
- 1 1-gallon Resealable Plastic Bag

Place all items in the resealable plastic bag.  
Add a \$2 Donation per kit for razor and toothpaste.



## 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, Eleanore Lewis, Fran & Keith Determann, David Beach, Susan Redenius, Dee Ashley, Ed Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Ralph Diamond, Trisha Theisen, Doris Waugh, Haley Brown, Keith Allman, Russ Greenlee, Jennifer Hoy and Brittany Miller.

### **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.

### **Sympathy to the Family**

Sympathy to the family of Marcia O'Connell Brown,  
Sympathy to the family of Kathleen Sauser, and  
Sympathy to the family of Mitze Parker McGill

## Tithes and Offerings

GIVE THANKS  
to the LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1

June 1 \$ 1,906.15    June 5 \$ 1,307.00  
June 11 \$ 1,649.00    June 19 \$ 666.58  
June 26 \$ 920.00



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### July/Aug Liturgist Responsibilities

|           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| July 16   | Tim Hoy         |
| July 23   | Eileen Klindt   |
| July 30   | Roger Hladik    |
| August 6  | JoLynne Reimert |
| August 13 | Marilyn Hladik  |

### July/Aug Children's Story Responsibilities

|           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| July 16   | Jake Mitchell   |
| July 23   | Kathy Hodgdon   |
| July 30   | Rhonda Beeson   |
| August 6  | Andrea Mitchell |
| August 13 | Shirley Nelson  |

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

### July Birthdays & Anniversaries

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Taylor Hansen   | 13 |
| Beau Wolfe      | 16 |
| Marilyn Hladik  | 17 |
| Paul & Mitchell | 21 |
| Brittany Miller | 23 |
| Joyce Gothier   | 23 |
| Janice Brown    | 25 |
| Will Hoy        | 25 |
| Shelley Boggs   | 31 |
| Lisa Kern       | 31 |

