



May 2026

## Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

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Easter may be over for a lot of people, but to those who follow the church calendar, we have three more weeks of Easter left. May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. May 10<sup>th</sup> is a celebration of Mother's Day and the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. May 17<sup>th</sup> is the Ascension of our Lord and Sunday, May 24 begins Pentecost

We had a very special Holy Week this year. On Maundy Thursday, Kathy Hodgdon led us through the meaning of the Passover and we all took part in a Seder supper eating the same food that was served the night before Jesus' crucifixion and taking part in communion

The tables were set in the form of a cross with candles lighting the dark room where we gathered for supper. People gathered in the sanctuary and received the sign of the cross on their foreheads before entering the Passover room.



On Good Friday, nine people participated in a Tenebrae service, reading through all the scripture that led up to the crucifixion. Special music was provided by Erin Baird who sang "Were You There" and Roger Hladik who sang "Calvary Covers It All".

Following each reading a candle was extinguished by the reader until all scriptures were read and all candles were extinguished



The Tenebrae service was provided by (L to R), Erin Baird, Shirley Nelson, Sue Wilson, Doug Baird, Marilyn Hladik, Kathy Hodgdon, Duane Brandt, Jolynne Reimert, Roger Hladik and Eileen VanMeeteren.

Easter is a very special time in the religious calendar. The word Easter does not appear in the Bible and no early church celebrations of Christ's resurrection are mentioned in Scripture. Easter, like Christmas, is a tradition that developed later in church history.

### NOTE:

**We're trying to get all available e-mail addresses into our computer! Please send yours to the church so we can get you in our contact list!!!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**May 10**

SPRC Meeting at 8:30 am.

Mother's Day. Muffins for moms were served before and after the service.

Graduation Sunday. We honored high school and college grads.



**May 11**

Ad Board and Finance meeting at 4:30 pm

**May 14**

WOF meeting 10:30am



**May 20**

WOF Delivery of Meals

**May 24**

Memorial Day



GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS,  
THAN TO LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS. JOHN 15:13 NKJV

## **Special Prayer Needs**

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Ed and Carol Davis, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Bettina Perkins, Elwanda Sheriff, Sally & Lyle Schram, Evelyn & Larry Dicks (Becky Marshall's parents), Jerry & Eileen Klindt, Roger Nelson, Kathy Hodgdon, Will Hoy, Betty Nelson, Barb Madsen and Connie Ashley.

**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

## Jaycie Thiesen Competes in Archery Competition

Jaycie Thiesen, daughter of Jay and Tricia Thiesen is shown with her archery target and results of her competition at the state level Archery competition. Jaycie is a student at Woodbury Central and on the WC Archery team. She shot her best score at the State Contest in Des Moines in April. Congratulations to Jaycie!



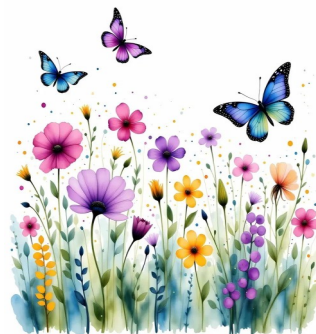
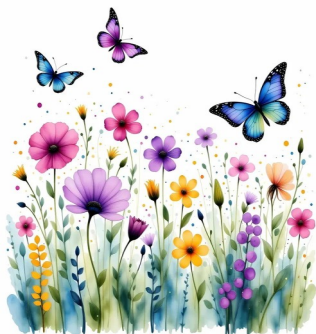
### Below are her rankings:

- 8th Grade girls Rank: 13th
- Middle school Rank: 22nd
- Overall: Girls Rank: 77th
- She had a round of all bullseye (shot all arrows in the center of the target).
- She did great and we are so proud of her

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## May Baskets Given on May 1

It's always a good feeling to honor our senior citizens for special occasions. Giving May Day baskets is a tradition of leaving secret gifts such as flowers, treats, or toys for neighbors and friends to celebrate the arrival of spring on May 1st. The tradition has its roots in Medieval Europe and was popularized in the United States in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Creating May Day baskets can be simple and involves using materials like paper cones, mason jars, or small baskets, and filling them with flowers, candy, or homemade treats. This year twelve baskets were filled and given to nursing home residents and senior citizens in our congregation. Baskets were filled with liquid soap, hand towels, snacks, puzzle books, homemade cookies and other useful articles. This is a great opportunity to visit our seniors and let them know they are an important part of our congregation.



# Our Life Together

## Easter Breakfast Served

Easter Sunday morning, the congregation was invited to breakfast before the church service. Many people enjoyed egg bakes, cinnamon rolls, coffee cake, orange juice and coffee. They also enjoyed fellowship and rolls and coffee after church.



# Missions

TBD

### Tithes and Offerings

Mar. 29 \$ 634.00    Apr. 5 \$ 10,900.00  
Apr. 12 \$ 1,305.00    Apr. 19 \$ 1,695.00  
Apr. 26 \$ 875.00



GIVE THANKS  
to the LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1



# Church News

Anthony Community Methodist Church Minutes  
Monday, 20 April 2026

The Administrative Board met in the church fellowship hall at 4:30 p.m. with seven members present: Lay Pastor Shirley, Deanna, Roger, Marilyn, JoLynne, Mark and Joan.

Pastor Shirley gave devotions on "Jesus Always" by Sarah Young.

Marilyn reported Becky had a problem with the anti-virus which was resolved and is good until 2027. Marcus Lumber has completed everything for the four rooms and the bill has been paid in full.

Deanna brought the Ad Board meeting to order. The minutes from the last meeting were read.

**Pastor's Report:** Sent cards and made telephone calls. Had Palm Sunday with the use of palm branches. Attended the Ad Board Meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Had Maundy Thursday services with a Seder Supper. Had Good Friday Tenebrae Services using nine readers. Had Easter Sunday services with breakfast. Making plans for upcoming rummage sale. Had Women of Faith meeting and helped with the delivery of meals. Made May baskets for shut-ins. The carpeting is now completed in the secretary's office.

**Worship:** Jake Mitchell received an Associate's Degree. Will have a special Memorial Day service in May.

**Finance:** All bills have been paid. Carpeting is complete. Assets look good at \$41,242.

**Trustees:** The water fountain in hallway had been knocked out of line, but was repaired by trustees right away. Looking now at the ceilings in the entry way and hallway which will require texturing and paint.

**Teaching:** The adult bible study class is into part 4 of a video series called "A Place Called Heaven". Good discussions follow.

**Mission:** Bought lots of mittens and hats; still taking items to the Gospel Mission in Sioux City and they really need it.

**Women of Faith:** Doing really well. Get lots of compliments and thank-you's for the meals delivered.

**Old Business:** Ordered CDs; need to get new screen ordered for library. Marilyn picked up salt for the water softener.

**New Business:** Nothing new to report.

JoLynne moved we adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn; all in favor, motion passed.

Lay Pastor Shirley closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.; Roger will do devotions.

Respectfully submitted  
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### May Liturgist Responsibilities

May 10 - Sue Wilson

May 17 - Erin Baird

May 24 - Marilyn Hladik

May 31 - Duane Brandt

### Children's Story Responsibilities

N/A

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

### May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Tanner Petersen	2
Mark & Joan Meister	3
Deb Groszkruger	6
Jaycie Theisen	6
Duane Brandt	12
Brylee Brown	16
Keith Determann	16
Dillon Johnson	18
Lucy Maynard	19
Ron Steinhoff	20
Barb Wood	21
Trace Theisen	23
John & Kathy Hodgdon	29

