



June 2022

## Thoughts from Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson

Jesus said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. **Mark 10:13-16**

I was happy to attend the confirmation of my twin grandsons last Sunday in Sioux City. It reminded me of my own confirmation class many, many years ago. The big difference was there were five in the class for the twins and my class had at least a dozen teenagers. The importance of learning about God and learning about the church can not be minimized and we truly have such a small window to bring our children to the Lord.

We honored our seniors on graduation. It seems like we just brought them home from the hospital and now we’re sending them out in the world as adults to make their own way. I remember when they were in confirmation class, listening to children’s stories on Sundays, lighting candles and being a part of the congregation. Where did the last eighteen years go?

And in the past years, how many of those eighteen-year-olds were sent off to serve in the armed forces. How many graves have we decorated for those who did not survive the wars? How fortunate we are to have such an active Legion unit in Anthon. The McNiff 389 Unit holds a military observance at the local cemeteries on Memorial Day. For the rest of us, we decorate the graves of our loved ones and walk through the cemetery and remember those friends and relatives who have gone before us.

And whatever would we do without Kids Day on Anthon Main Street every year? From the time I was a little girl, Kids Day was always the best thing all summer. The men of the congregation always built a food stand with lumber from the lumberyard? This was just one of several stands serving food to the multitude of people who brought their kids to town to enjoy the carnival. The Methodist lunch stand was busy all day and night with people ordering and enjoying taverns, chili dogs, every kind of homemade pie that you could imagine, coffee and sodas. The pop was always ice cold as the men kept a horse tank full of ice water that was cooling the sodas. And the celebration continues.....

We, who are so fortunate to live in a safe little town, were saddened at the ten people in a Grocery Store in New York and the death of nineteen beautiful children and two of their teachers who died this week at a mass killing at a school in Texas. We ask the Lord, to be with us as we mourn the death of these adults and children and help us to remember that Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” May God look after our children and keep them safe.

### 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!!!**

Blessings,  
Shirley

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# UP COMING NEWS

## May 30

Memorial Day. Services at Oakhill, St. Joseph, St. Paul cemeteries and Oto.



## May 31

Joe Harbaugh Visitation from 5 – 7pm. Prayer service at 7pm .

## June 1

Joe Harbaugh Funeral @10:30am

## June 7

Election Day. Please vote.



## June 13

Finance/Board Meeting at 7pm.



## June 19

Honoring our fathers, Donuts For Dads, 9am, before worship



## June 22

Save the date for the Spring Senior luncheon, honoring seniors and 90 year olds in our community.

11:00 gathering and 11:30 luncheon.



# Our Life Together

## Muffins for Mom

Muffins, coffee cake, juice and coffee were enjoyed on Mother's Day morning before church. Mom's as well as special women in our lives, such as grandmothers, teachers, and aunts, were honored on Mother's Day.



## MVAO Seniors Honored

Four high school seniors were honored at the Sunday morning service on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Sally Schram and Eileen Klindt presented gifts to Adam Mitchell and Teresa Johnson. Adam and Teresa will both be attending college. Teresa has already completed her first year of college on-line and will be attending Wayne State this fall. Adam will be attending Lake Area Tech in Watertown, SD. Kelsey Fender and Dawson Zahnley were unable to attend.



A New Banner was hung in the sanctuary to honor Memorial Day.

Thanks to the memorial committee for the beautiful gift.



## Tithes and Offerings

May 3 \$ 2,417.00    May 8 \$ 883.12  
May 15 \$ 610.00    May 22 \$ 855.00

WITH DEEPEST  
*sympathy*

The Family of Mary Hill, to the Family of Joe Harbaugh, and to our Anthon friends for the loss of Bill Fey, Larry Cole, Doug Thompson, and Carla Hanke.

## Special Prayer Needs

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, Bishop Laurie Haller, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Tracy Lewis, Steve Diamond, Bobby Lewis, Kenny Anderson, Nina Osborne, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Eleanore Lewis, Fran & Keith Determann, Brian Ashley, David Beach, Susan Redenius, Cody and Allison (Hoy) Randall & Baby Boy Easton, Rick Gubbels (life mate of Tracy Lewis), and Leroy Edwards & family.

**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.

## Missions

We are now collecting items and money for the Health & Hygiene kits.

Also, if you would like for us to do the shopping for you, please let us know, we would be happy to do so.

- 1-Hand Towel (no kitchen towels)
- 1-Washcloth (no dishcloths)
- 1-Adult Toothbrush (no multipacks)
- 1-Bar Soap (3-4oz)

- 1-Shampoo (12.5-19oz)
- 1-Deodorant (2-3oz stick, roll-on or pump)
- 1-One gallon resealable plastic bag
- And a \$2 donation

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### June Liturgist Responsibilities

June 5	Eileen Klindt
June 12	Andrea Mitchell
June 19	Marilyn Hladik
June 26	Eileen Klindt
July 3	Jake Mitchell
July 10	Jolynne Reimert

### June Children's Story Responsibilities

June 5	Roger Hladik
June 12	Jolynne Reimert
June 19	Shirley Nelson
June 26	Rhonda Beeson
July 3	Andrea Mitchell
July 10	Roger Hladik

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

### June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Richard & Jean Petersen	1
Roger Hladik	6
Bayleigh Redenius	8
Tom & Cindy Herrick	11
Brian & Sheryl Ashley	11
Alana Redenius	16
Bridget Brown	17
Paul Mitchell	17
Austin Gothier	29
Michelle Fitch	29
Jade Hadley	29
Dan & Velma Brant	30

