



September 2023

Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

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Mark 10:13-16. People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He 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.

What a great month September is to focus on Children. The Bible is clear that children are to be looked upon as a blessing, not an inconvenience. They are a reward from God! Truly, a gift from God. This past week I had the pleasure of baptizing a baby, one of the great sacraments we recognize in the Methodist Church and the beginning of the journey of this child in her walk of faith. I remember well standing at the Altar with all four of my children, promising to nurture them in Christ’s Holy Church. The parents of Lucy Lynn Maynard also stood before the altar promising to nurture her as a child of God.

School started this last week. We ask the Lord to bless our teachers, our bus drivers, our custodians, our cooks, our Administration and especially our children from pre-school up to our seniors. So many children throughout the world do not have the opportunity to go to school, to learn to read, to further their education and most importantly to learn about Jesus.

This week I attended a dinner meeting and mission program given by Blessman International which supports their mission in South Africa They look after, feed, clothe, educate and in general take care of three thousand young people of school age. Bless those who take on such huge projects and those who support those missions.

Next week, September 10, we will celebrate Rally Day, with our small group classes beginning the new year. We are also blessed to begin a small group class for adults. Our thanks to those teachers who so willingly give of their time to teach our children and to challenge our adults in their faith walk.

We will bless back packs for children and our adults who carry their “tote bag” with them wherever they go. We will give them a small token to attach to their packs and then enjoy a picnic lunch after the church service, with hot dogs and all that goes with them.

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!!!

Be with us. Attend our back pack Sunday. It will be a time to fellowship with each other and thank God for the blessings of our children. As Jesus said, “Let the little children come unto me for the Kingdom of God belongs to them.”

Blessings to allShirley

UP COMING EVENTS

September 10

Join Us For Small Groups

Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors; bring a friend!

We will be starting Sunday Small Groups on **Sunday Sept 10 at 9:00 am until 9:45 am.** This will also be our **Blessings of the Backpacks Sunday!** So please plan to attend church and bring you school bag so we can bless you for the new school year. After Church on Sept 10th, everyone is invited to a **picnic lunch** to celebrate the new season.

New this year! We have three options.
Adult small group—out of high school and older
Youth small group- 5th grade through high school
Kids small group – 4th grade and younger

These are subject to change depending on attendance, but this is how we will get started.

Education, fellowship and fun! Facilitators are excited and ready to see where we can take this.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back!

September 11

Ad Board and Finance meeting at 7pm

September 17

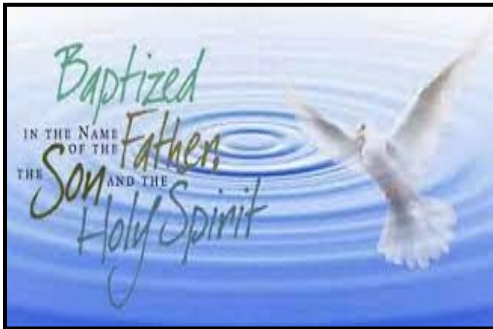
Triumphant Sound Concert @ 4pm at the
Anthon Methodist Church
Refreshments following the concert!



Our Life Together

Newest Child of God

Is there anything more precious than watching the baptism of an infant, especially one wearing a frilly, white dress? Sunday, August 27 was a special day in the life of the church and in the life of Lucy Lynn Maynard. Lucy, daughter of Ashley and Dylan Maynard was baptized. We thank Dylan and Ashley for bringing Lucy to the Altar to be dedicated to God and for making the promises on her behalf.



Baptism is a symbol of our union with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. It is an act of obedience by which we show our membership in the people of God and proclaim to a watching world our faith in God alone for salvation.



Church News

Donations Made to Orphan Grain Train

Disaffiliation:

This Spring we chose the Orphan Grain Train as our mission project. The local hub is in Ida Grove and we delivered 4 pickloads of clothing, shoes, canes, crutches, walkers and other equipment to be delivered to needy people throughout the United States and world. The Orphan Grain train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical and other needed items to people in 71 different countries including the USA.

One recent shipment went to Ukraine. It was filled with clothing, quilts, surgical equipment, crutches and canes.

Orphan Grain train warehouses are found throughout the United States and are run by volunteers. Only 2% of everything donated is spent on administrative costs. The other 98% goes to providing necessary items for people in need.

To find out more about the Orphan Grain Train, search Google and you will find that there is very little that this organization cannot use to help the needy. Thanks to all who donated and to Jerry Klindt for taking our donations to Ida Grove. It was very much appreciated.



Missions

We are now gathering items for school kits. The list of needs is on the fellowship table and down below or if you would like us to do the shopping, please contact Shirley or Marilyn.

Student Kits

3 Notebooks One Subject Spiral 8"x10 1/2", 1 Ruler 12" long with metric, 6 Unsharpened Pencils,
1 Pencil Sharpener, 1 Eraser 2" or longer, 1 box of 12 Colored Pencils, 1 box 24 Crayons,
1 pair of Student Scissors, 1 one handle cloth bag

Church News

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, Keith Allman, Russ Greenlee, Jennifer Hoy, Cal and Barb Tyer, Coni Miller, Peggy Hansen, and Brady Gothier.

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.

Save the Date

September 23

Her Health Diaper Dash starts at 9am

at South Sioux City & Le Mars

Registration is FREE

Any Questions call Bonnie at 712-276-0237



Sympathy to the Families of

Jack Hansen

&

Randy Vaughn

Tithes and Offerings

August 6 \$ 825.00 August 13 \$ 1,030.00
August 22 \$ 1,711.00 August 27 \$ 1,806.96



GIVE THANKS
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1

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Sept./Oct. Liturgist Responsibilities

Sept. 3	Jake Mitchell
Sept. 10	Roger Hladik
Sept. 17	Sue Wilson
Sept. 24	Marilyn Hladik
Oct. 1	Tim Hoy
Oct. 8	Lisa Kerns

Sept./Oct. Children's Story Responsibilities

Sept. 3	Roger Hladik
Sept. 10	Shirley Nelson
Sept. 17	Kathy Hodgdon
Sept. 24	Andrea Mitchell
Oct. 1	Rhonda Beeson
Oct. 8	JoLynne Reimert

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

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sally Schram	4
Jay Theisen	4
Eleanore Lewis	7
Peggy Hansen	9
Jennifer Hoy	9
Mark Nelson	13
Jacob Redenius	16
Barb Madsen	21
Keith Allman	22
Jeff Gothier	22
Tawnie Steinhoff	22
Braxton Birk	23
Turner Petersen	23
Russ Greenlee	24
Trish & Jay Theisen	27
Velma Brant	29

