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Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

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John 2: 14 – In the temple, Jesus found people selling cattle, sheep and doves and the money changers seated at their tables.

We are coming upon the second Sunday of Lent. We are also coming up on Spring in less than three weeks. If you live in Iowa, you can have spring and 70 degrees one week like we just celebrated and below zero and snowy the next week. But we still have it in our mind that we need to think about spring house cleaning.

In today's scripture, Jesus was also about to clean his house. The Jews were making their annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for Passover and to make their annual sacrifices.

Everyone was required to pay a yearly "Temple Tax." Only they could not use their Greek and Roman coins, because they had a king's head on it—an idolatrous graven image. So, they had to exchange their common currency for special coins, another way for the Gentiles to cheat the Jews.

The merchants and money changers filled the Temple and prevented the Gentiles from worshipping God. They cheated people in the name of religion. Everyone had been doing this for so long, people didn't see it as a gross sin. It was just a part of the spring routine.

Jesus entered the Temple which was full of animals, cattle, sheep and doves and the money changers. There was no place to worship.

Jesus made a whip of cords. Going through the temple he used the whip to drive out the animals and their owners and upsetting the money changers tables, all the while saying, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!'

As we get closer to the death and resurrection of Jesus, we realize that Jesus is here for you. He's here to help you get your house in order. Let Jesus clear out all the dirt. Let Jesus cleanse you from all the sin which has become so familiar to you that you don't see it anymore.

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!!!

Let Jesus fight Satan. Jesus knows how weak and vulnerable we all are. He went to the cross for all of us. Believe in him, Trust him and accept him as your Savior.

Blessings, Shirley

UP COMING EVENTS

March 7

Women of Faith meeting at 10am w/lunch after at Siouxloon

March 10

Daylight Savings Time begins. Set your clock forward.

March 11

Finance/ Ad Board meeting in church at 7pm

March 16 & 23

Come and enjoy Saturday, March 16th matinee featuring Season One, Episodes 1-3 of "The Chosen" at 3pm. A potluck will be served during break after episode 1.

March 23 @ 3 pm matinee will show Episodes 4-5 with potluck during break after episode 4.

If you would like to bring a dish, please do so.

March 24 & March 31

Come Join Us for Palm Sunday and Easter Service

Easter Sunday, we will be serving breakfast at 8:30 before Easter Worship service. We will need several pans of egg bake, rolls, muffins, coffee cake, etc. If you would like to volunteer for one of these, please let Shirley or Marilyn know.

Missions

March Mission Project for Gospel Mission

The Gospel Mission is in need of Men's, Women's, and children's clothing, coats, shoes, all wearable items. You name it....they need it.

Now is a good time to get a jump on cleaning your closets and donate any extra clothes you may have to those who are less fortunate than we are.

You can drop off clothes in the foyer of the church. We will start leaving the front doors unlocked for the month of March.

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, Ed Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Brady Gothier, Eleanore Lewis, Jean Petersen, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Roberta Houlsworth, John Hodgdon, and Sympathy to the Family of Ralph Diamond.

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



March 10: Visitation and Prayer Service for Ralph Diamond 2-4pm

March 11: Funeral for Ralph Diamond 10:30am



Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon Huge Success

This year's Souper Bowl Luncheon was a huge success with eleven crock pots of soup and multiple bars and desserts. Everyone enjoyed tasting all of the soups served in four oz plastic cups. The end result was that they chose the soup that they liked the most and voted for the winner to receive the traveling trophy which is a gold soup ladle on a wooden base. This year's winner was Shirley Nelson serving a potato, ham and cheese soup. She wasn't able to share a recipe because she started out with potatoes and onions and just kept adding ingredients until she had just the right taste. Thanks to all those who furnished soup and desserts. You can look forward to next year as there was talk about giving a traveling trophy for the best dessert.



Tithes and Offerings

Feb. 4 \$ 1,910.00 Feb. 11 \$ 1,269.00
Feb. 18 \$ 1,166.00 Feb. 25 \$ 747.90

GIVE THANKS
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107-1

Roger gave devotions. Shirley called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present were Shirley Nelson, JoLynne Ashley, Andrea Mitchell, Deanna Adler, Roger and Marilyn Hladik, Mark and Joan Meister.

JoLynne moved to approve the minutes, Marilyn 2nd; all in favor, motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Shirley reported her activities which included two church services done by Tim and Andrea, one funeral, helped family with upcoming funeral, one hospital visit for Marvin Hanson; planned Souper Bowl event which turned out very good; working on two upcoming funerals, Ralph Diamond's in March and Kenneth Hansen's in April.

Planning Ash Wednesday service and a "Couples Night Out" with a 1 hour movie and dinner.

Easter - - will have just a breakfast 8-8:30; no sunrise service, with one service at 10:30.

FINANCE: We gave about \$500 to the Angel tree.

Received form 1099 for interest income - should we have received this? Do we need a new State Non-Profit Tax ID number? Should we pay taxes? Andrea will check with our attorney to clarify.

Shirley needs two W-2s, one for the old church and one for the new.

JoLynne is waiting for the new checks to arrive – since the old name is on the checks, one was returned from the State. The bank did not order checks when first asked but said they should be in by next Monday.

Memorial Day / Veterans Day printing cost \$242.

Do we need to pay to copywrite music we use? We don't print it or have a projector to share music on a wall or screen. JoLynne moved we don't pay CCLI for a license to copywrite music; 2nd by Deanna. All in favor, motion carried.

We lost our Workers Compensation insurance when we disaffiliated. We have one half-time employee but need to cover all our volunteers too. Received one quote from J&K Insurance for \$311 which is more than 4 times what we had been paying. Will try to get a couple other quotes.

TRUSTEES:

We have problems with our two water fountains. Since they are very old, we discussed replacing the one near the kitchen and just removing the other from the hallway.

All trustees are needed to help with the window glass issues. Windows were just taped last fall.

Carpet in the front entryway and hallway needs to be replaced, possibly with new flooring – will get a flooring expert to assess which is best.

We have a problem with the ceiling in the sanctuary – will get a professional to come in to determine how the problem should be handled.

Need new computer with updated program for keeping track of tithes. JoLynne and Deanna will research.

Our sign out front needs to be updated and hope we can just get new panels. Trustees will handle.

Since Easter is on March 31st we set the date of April 13th to do Spring Cleaning in the church. We will to go in and clear out things that our helpers shouldn't have to deal with before we start.

We should consider having a nursery or play area for kids; which could also be used to change babies.

Mike Kerns is willing to come in to replace bulbs - should we set a time for him to come once a month?

TEACHING: Andrea reported teaching classes are going fine. On Palm Sunday we're planning something for kids to participate in.

OUTREACH: No meetings. Having ingathering in April for handicap wheelchair project. Committee will make decision. Maybe we could set out donation jars for the wheelchair.

NURTURING: SPRC Bylaws – Have been going thru new bylaws very carefully. Andrea is now typing it for the committee to go through and check, and then will let the lawyers look at it to make sure all is correct.

Women of Faith meeting held last week. Women of the church will help with the Senior Party, a community project we want to do every year. A tentative date of June 12th has been set. Invitations will be sent, salads and sandwiches can be served. Bingo could be played.

OLD BUSINESS: Deed for our church should be coming soon.

NEW BUSINESS: We discussed making it official that our fiscal year be from January 1st to December 31st since we will be doing our statistical reports and budget next month. JoLynne moved we have our fiscal year be January 1st to December 31st for all church business; Roger 2nd; all in favor, motion carried.

Annual Meeting should be done by January 31st or February 28th. Marilyn moved we set the target date for the Annual Meeting for the last Sunday in January; 2nd by Deanna; all in favor, motion carried.

Need to do budget in November/December.

Keeping track of board minutes: Mark moved we maintain records for board minutes, births, baptisms, and marriages, for 5 years; 2nd by Roger. All in favor, motion carried.

We will have our next meeting on March 11th.

Marvin Hanson's 100th birthday party is April 27th.

JoLynne moved we adjourn meeting; 2nd by Mark. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Meister

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March Liturgist Responsibilities

Mar. 3	Andrea Mitchell
Mar. 10	Jerry Klindt
Mar. 17	Lisa Kerns
Mar. 24	Marilyn Hladik
Mar. 31	JoLynne Reimert
Apr. 7	Eileen Klindt

March Children's Story Responsibilities

Mar. 3	Jake Mitchell
Mar. 10	Shirley Nelson
Mar. 17	Andrea Mitchell
Mar. 24	JoLynne Reimert
Mar. 31	Rhonda Beeson
Apr. 7	Kathy Hodgdon

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

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Zach Gothier	3
Bill & Marge Speirs	5
Roger & Shirley Nelson	6
Courtney Redenius	8
Trisha Theisen	9
Walter Hill	10
Marge Speirs	16
Jennifer Adler	20
Alison Hill	22
Phil Adler	31

