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Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

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I received a wonderful gift last Christmas from a fellow pastor. It was a book,
Bless the Lord, O My Soul, which contained 365 devotions for Prayer.

I want to share a story from a mom who had a five-minute rule for her children
before they left for school. All the kids were instructed that they had to be ready
to leave for school five minutes before the allotted time. They had to be dressed,
breakfast eaten, teeth brushed, shoes on and backpacks ready to go.

Five minutes before they were to leave for school, they gathered around mom
and she would pray for each one by name asking for blessings on the child for
their day. Then she would give them a kiss and off they'd go to school. Even
neighborhood kids if they stopped by would be included in the prayer or children
who stayed the night received the blessing, a kiss and the wish for a good day.

One of the children said many years later how important and crucial prayer was
to begin her day.

God loves each and every one of us and wants us to communicate with Him every day.
It may be a short blessing as you begin the day, a time of crying out to him when you
are in deep distress, or a prayer to end the day, thanking him for all your blessings and
asking Him to take care of those people in need.

Don't let prayer be your last recourse in time of need.

Continue to pray for the parents of our children, the teachers, coaches, cooks, janitors,
bus drivers, nurses, administration and all those connected to the education of our
children. God is always available to hear our prayers.

Blessings, Shirley

UP COMING EVENTS

August 19

Ad Board and Finance meeting at 7pm

September 1

Sally Schram will be celebrating her 90th birthday at the Anthon Community Methodist Church with an open house from 2-4. Please join her in this celebration.

September 8

Sunday School begins@ 9:00.

Backpack Sunday, Have all of your children, grandchildren or if you have a special carrier that you use, please bring them to be blessed.

Following services, we will be having a picnic, hotdogs, taverns, treats for the everyone attending church. Plan now to celebrate the beginning of the Sunday School year with lunch.

Notes from Shirley

Choir will be starting this fall. If you enjoy singing and are interested in making a joyful noise to the Lord, please contact Shirley.

Also, please keep our home bound, Seniors and nursing home residents in your thoughts and prayers. A card or call or short visit is much appreciated by those who are living alone or are in our Senior housing apartments, nursing homes or assisted living units.

Message from Andrea

I am writing to give everyone an update regarding needs of the Anthon Community Methodist Church.

We have come so far as an independent church, and as we continue to hear and act on God's word,

I know we can continue to grow.

There are going to be several positions that need to be filled this fall. I ask that everyone please prayerfully consider how they can help move the church forward in any capacity. Here is a partial list. I know there are other committees also that would welcome assistance and maybe some ideas that we don't even have committees for yet.

Administrative Board Chair
Sunday Small Group Committee Chair
Small Group Teachers and participants
SPRC chair
Lay Leader
Pulpit Supply
Liturgist
Children's Sermon

The church has a place for everyone and every skill. God has a purpose for each of us. Even if you have yet honed your skill in an area, step out, give it a try. As some of you may be wondering, I'm going to be forced to take a step back from some of my church responsibilities. I am relocating to the Springdale, Arkansas area for my job with Tyson Foods. I will definitely be visiting on a regular basis, but I will not be in the area as much.

This church has been my home for over 20 years, and I have raised my family here. It is hard to leave, but necessary at this time. Please consider what you can do for our church, big or little. Thank you and God's Blessings to everyone. We are fortunate to call this area home.

Andrea Mitchell

Our Life Together

The Anthon Women of Faith held their July 11 meeting by visiting the Trinity Heights

“Queen of Peace Shrine” in Sioux City. This site has two magnificent statues –

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary Queen of Peace”.

Other sights included the Way of Saints and the wood carving of The Last Supper.

We had a guide tell us about the history and details of the wood sculptures. There also are special shrines, beautiful green spaces, and winding walkways for prayer and reflection.

After a time of walking, learning, and admiring Trinity Heights, the group enjoyed a time of visiting and having lunch at a local restaurant.



Our Life Together

Special Prayer Needs

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, Ed and Carol Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Brady Gothier, Eleanore Lewis, Jean Petersen, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Roger Nelson, Peggy Hansen, Brittany Miller, Turner, Becca Petersen & Baby Ivy Kate, and Bettina Perkins. Thoughts & Prayers to those who have lost crops, buildings, homes, etc. by the floods.

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

The Mission Committee is focusing on school kits this month. We have started collecting items.

Each kit will contain: 3 notebooks, 6 unsharpened pencils, 1 eraser, 1 pair student scissors, 1 pkg. 12 colored pencils 1 pencil sharpener, 1 12" metric ruler, 1 box 24 crayons. Items may be left on the table in the fellowship hall.

Thank you for your support to this project. Marilyn

Help Give the Gift of Mobility

The mission committee has chosen as a project to raise money to purchase a three wheeled mobility cart to be given to a man, woman or child suffering from Polio or other paralyzing affliction. Although polio has been pretty much conquered in the US, there are still people in the world who have lost the use of their legs to polio.

The carts are given to those in need who cannot walk or move around but can still provide a valuable service to their country.

The total cost of one cart is \$425 and we have been able to purchase one cart as our gift.

We are planning a fundraiser for the fall. Watch for details in our future newsletter.

Women of Faith

are supporting "The Place", a facility that supports abused women and men.

If you would like to contribute anything, there is an orange sheet of Needs on the table in the fellowship hall.

Anthon Community Methodist Church Minutes

Monday, July 15, 2024

Andrea brought the meeting to order and Jolynne gave devotions. Eight members were present: Lay Pastor Shirley, Roger, Marilyn, JoLynne, Deanna, Andrea, Mark, and Joan.

Profit & Loss: Accepted as OK.

Andrea called the Ad Board meeting to order. Minutes from the last meeting were read. Jolynne moved we approve the minutes with one correction of a date change, second by Mark; all in favor, motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Lay Pastor Shirley reported two Sunday church services and preparation for 5 bulletins; several home visits; funeral and prayer service for Diane Yockey, several phone calls with family; and family visits. Helped plan the luncheon for seniors, which went very well; Focus articles; nursing home visits to Dorothy Parker and Jean Petersen; hospital visit to see Marvin Hanson in Sioux City; Women of Faith trip to Trinity Heights; planned Pot Luck.

Finance: Current Assets are good. Bills are paid up to date.

Trustees: Roger reported the man replacing the window glass has to get material in Omaha and will install the glass when he comes back.

Motion by Marilyn to accept the bid on the lighter carpet from Marcus Lumber for the hallway/entryway, 2nd by Mark; all in favor, motion carried. Going forward, Jolynne will contact.

We have a donation of \$500 for the parsonage flooring. We have a bid from Marcus Lumber; and will get a 2nd bid from Knova's Carpet. Project tabled until we get the second bid.

Outreach/Missions: School supplies are on sale at Staples now; need donations.

Marilyn moved we purchase 1 mobility cart; 2nd by Deanna; all in favor; motion passed.

Deanna moved we give \$100 to Duane King's Deaf Missions; 2nd by JoLynne; all in favor, motion passed.

SPRC: Meeting will be held Wednesday night.

Women of Faith: Eight ladies met at Trinity Heights/Queen of Peace last Thursday.

Plans are to go to Sunrise Manor nursing home.

Old Business: Jolynne moved we move from FNIC to J & K Insurance at Anthon; 2nd by Roger; all in favor, motion passed. Jolynne will put a letter together.

New Business: Have several committee member openings to fill.

Need one more on Education committee with Roger, Tim and Kathy.

Would like to begin pre-school classes; and have Moms or Grandmothers involved.

Need to sponsor a church camp.

Next meeting will be August 12, 2024. JoLynne will do devotions next meeting.

Roger moved we adjourn; 2nd by Marilyn; all in favor, motion carried. Shirley had closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted



Tithes and Offerings

July 7	\$ 1,946.20	July 14	\$ 607.00
July 21	\$ 1,433.00	July 28	\$ 1,797.00
August 4 \$ 498.00			

GIVE THANKS
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1



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August Liturgist Responsibilities

August 11	Sue Wilson
August 18	Eileen Klindt
August 25	Lisa Kerns
September 1	Jerry Klindt

August Children's Story Responsibilities

August 11	Andrea Mitchell
August 18	Shirley Nelson
August 25	Kathy Hodgdon
September 1	Roger Hladik

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

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sally Osborne	2
Dorothy Parker	2
Dan Brant	3
JoLynne Reimert	4
Carsten Hadley	5
Doug & Stephanie Johnson	5
Alta Patterson	7
Cynthia Herrick	12
Gary & Rhonda Beeson	14
Keith & Fran Determann	14
Addie Adler	18
Connie Ashley	20
Gary Brown	20
Randy & Brenda Wolfe	24
Darrell & Dawn Hadley	26
Bill & Susan Redenius	26
Jerry & Eileen Klindt	27
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