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Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

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One month until Thanksgiving. Some of us are blessed to be together with our families during holidays. Some of us are blessed to be going out to dinner that day and let someone else cook the meal.

When everything is going smoothly within our families, we take it for granted that they will always be there for us, whether we contact them daily, weekly or monthly or even just once a year at holiday time. We plan what food we will take for the holiday dinner and we are reminded that the people we will see is the family that we are blessed with. This is the opportunity to mend fences, for the prodigal son to return home, but especially to forgive or seek forgiveness.

For years I entertained the family for Christmas. I had the biggest house and could accommodate the whole family. We raised four children in a tiny house and now that there are just the two of us, we have a huge family home. The size of the house truly doesn't matter. The home we live in is the blessing of the Lord. So many things to be thankful for, the roof over our head, the warmth in the winter, the air conditioner in the summer, but most of all the memories we have made.

My pantry is stocked. I can put on a meal at a moment's notice. This food is a blessing from the Lord. I worry about all the children in the world that go to bed hungry every night. I worry about all the people that live in flooded areas, those relocated due to fires. Where and what are they eating? My table is always open to whoever drops by. The Lord has provided food for us, food for our holiday meals, everyday snacks. We are truly blessed.

Although our year has been plagued with health issues, we come to the end of the year when we can thank the Lord for the gift of good health. At our age, are we 100%? No, but we are healthier than so many people in the world. Our bodies are not our own. They belong to the Lord. The day will come in heaven when we are truly whole. We don't know the reason, nor can we take for granted why our health or our life is not as good as someone else, but we are blessed.

One of our biggest blessings...the church of course. Our love of Christ unites us. When we meet on Sunday, we are glad to see each other. When we miss church, we miss the fellowship and that reminds us of how blessed we are to gather in the name of Jesus. We thank you Lord for the value of our congregation and community of believers who we worship with and serve alongside. We are truly blessed.

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!!!

Happy Thanksgiving, Shirley

UP COMING EVENTS



November 5

Election Day.....Please Vote!!!

November 10

Veteran's Day Sunday



November 10

Ad Board and Finance meeting at 5pm

November 11-14

New carpet to be laid in Fellowship Hall

November 14

Women of Faith meeting at 10:30. Enjoy lunch afterwards in Correctionville at Liz's Café.

Reminder

Please save postage stamps for Eleanore. There is a basket on the table in the Fellowship Hall.



Missions



Taking donations of gloves, mittens, and scarves for the Warming Shelter.

There is a tote in the fellowship hall.

Tithes and Offerings

October 4 \$ 899.00	October 6 \$ 2,257.31
October 13 \$ 651.00	October 20 \$ 1,091.00
October 27 \$ 2,950.00	



GIVE THANKS
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1



Our Life Together

Is there anything more precious than watching an infant being baptized?
On October 6th was a special day in the life of the church and in the life of **Kord Phillip Feddersen**, son of Kirk and Kayla Feddersen. We thank Kirk and Kayla for bringing Kord to the alter to be baptized and for making promises on his behalf.



Now when little ones get restless during church, they have a place to let off some energy!

A new nursery/preschool room has been made-over for their enjoyment.

Complete with cars, dolls, play grill set, play tea set, and much more,

We hope that little ones will find plenty of enjoyment in the years to come.



Our Life Together

Thanks to Mike, Bob, & Dave Kerns, who spent a Saturday morning doing some much needed tree trimming around the church and parsonage.

Alot of branches came down but there are still plenty to keep the church shaded!



Thanks guys!



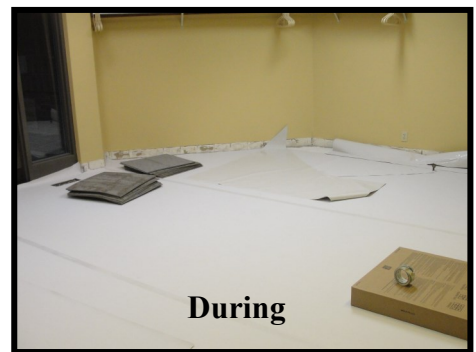
A much needed remodeling project has taken place at the church. Greeting parishioners as they enter the church is a newly carpeted entry way.

The hallway by the restrooms and offices has also been recarpeted.

Thanks to Roger Hladik and Mark Meister for doing some prep work before hand.

Also,

A new water fountain, to replace the old one in the hallway, was recently installed. Let's hope we get as much good out of the new one as we did the old one!



Anthon Community Methodist Church Minutes
Monday, October 14, 2024

Deanna brought the meeting to order and Mark gave devotions. Seven members were present: Lay Pastor Shirley, Roger, Marilyn, JoLynne, Mark, Joan, Deanna and her granddaughter Autumn.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. JoLynne moved we approve the minutes; 2nd by Marilyn. All in favor, motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Lay Pastor Shirley had two Sunday services; prepared five bulletins and one children sermon. Wrote Focus article for newsletter and helped Becky put it together; made nursing home and home visits; had two people in hospital and made multiple calls and did home visits when they returned home; had Kord Feddersen baptism Oct. 6th; did prep work to get new certificates and inserts for bulletin. Choir has started, had 2 new members first night and several have committed to sing – will sing twice a month to start. Had Women of Faith meeting on Thursday with lunch afterwards. Looking ahead, All Saints Day is Nov 3rd. Ten invitations have been prepared to send out this next week to represent the ten funerals and/or burials held since November 1 of last year.

Worship: All Saints Sunday, Thanksgiving, Choir two times a month; Advent is in near future.
Finance: Will be doing estimates; will get rebate check from Acuity; will send \$815 in to Heifer project.
Trustees: Working on cross lighting. Had Roto Rooter run a camera and locate the parsonage drain issue problem. Seems to be doing okay now.
Teaching: Having short meeting tomorrow night to discuss Pre-school class.
Outreach/Missions: Warming shelter starting up again – we donated last year. Need to figure out mission project.
SPRC: Have not met.
Women of Faith: Had meeting Thursday morning – went to lunch after. Taking items accumulated to The Place.
Old Business: JoLynne moved for fellowship hall we purchase carpet tiles with Capital Campaign money; 2nd by Roger. All in favor, motion passed. JoLynne moved we contact Marcus Lumber and have them install carpet tiles; 2nd by Mark. All in favor, motion passed.
New Business: Planning fundraiser, biscuits & gravy supper, for Saturday, December 7th.

Next meeting – Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 5 p.m. Deanna will do devotions.
Meeting ended with a prayer by Lay Pastor Shirley.

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Meister

Special Prayer Needs

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN: 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, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Roger Nelson, Peggy Hansen, Brittany Miller, Bettina Perkins, Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Roberta Houlsworth, Linda Christensen, Becky Marshall, Gary & Rhonda Beeson, Joyce Gothier.

Sympathy to the Family of Jean Petersen and to the family of Steven Walsh.

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.

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November Liturgist Responsibilities

November 10	Sue Wilson
November 17	Trisha Theisen
November 24	Roger Hladik

Nov. Children's Story Responsibilities

November 10	Roger Hladik
November 17	Shirley Nelson
November 24	JoLynne Reimert

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

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Roger & Marilyn Hladik	3
Mark & Deb Groszkrueger	5
Shirley Nelson	8
Coni Miller	8
Marley Maynard	16
Ed Davis	19
Laken Nelson	20
Sheryl L. Ashley	22
Roger Nelson	22
Brenda Wolfe	25
Emily Bohle	26
Leann Birk	28

