



May 2025

## Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

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Easter is over. Decorations are put away. All the leftovers from Easter Dinner have been eaten. It's time to move on to the next holiday, or is it?

It's always a good feeling to honor our senior citizens for special occasions. The week before Easter, we made up and delivered 13 Easter baskets to our nursing home and shut in residents. The Easter baskets delivered to our shut ins contained cookies, candy, hand lotion, liquid soap, snacks, puzzle books, and other useful articles. The week of Easter we celebrated Bettina Perkins 95<sup>th</sup> birthday and Marvin Hanson's 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.

We had a very special Holy Week this year. On Maundy Thursday a table full of faithful followers gathered to eat a Seder Supper together. Kathy Hodgdon led us through the meaning of the Passover supper and we ate the same food that was served more than 2000 years ago.

On Good Friday night we participated in a Tennebrea service, reading through all the scripture that led up to the crucifixion, listening to music and praying. And then we left the church in total quietness and darkness.

And Sunday morning, we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. He had Risen. Easter traditionally lasts 40 days to commemorate the time the resurrected Jesus remained on earth before his Ascension and in some western churches, Eastertide lasts 50 days to conclude on the day of Pentecost.

For the next four weeks, we will walk through the time after the resurrection where Jesus met with his disciples and spent his last 40 days on earth. His first meeting was with his disciples appearing to them in a locked room. When Jesus greeted his disciples, He said "Peace I leave with you. Peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not be afraid".

Easter is a very special time in the religious calendar. The word "Easter" does not appear in the Bible and no early church celebrations of Christ's resurrection are mentioned in Scripture. Easter, like Christmas, is a tradition that developed later in church history.

Easter and Christmas are two religious holidays that we tell and retell every year. They cover the birth and death of Jesus. We need to continue to repeat these stories. We need to celebrate the birth of Christ and we need to celebrate the resurrection of Christ following his crucifixion. Jesus said "Peace I leave with you. Peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not be afraid". Believe and have faith.

Blessings, Shirley

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## May 2 and 3:

Anthorn will be holding their town rummage. We will be having a \$1 only rummage.

Everything will be priced \$1. All money will go toward mission projects.

May 2 from 4-7pm

May 3 from 9am– 12pm



## May 8<sup>th</sup>

Women of Faith meeting at 10:30. Lunch afterwards at Correctionville.



## May 11

Mother's Day - Mother's will be treated to "Muffins for Mom"

Celebrating the "The Good Shepherd"



## May 11

Highschool and College graduates will be honored.

Please let us know if we have graduates to be honored



## May 12

Ad Board and Finance meeting 4:30pm



## May 25

Memorial Day Sunday

## May 26

Memorial Day Cemetery Services



## Tithes and Offerings

March 30 \$ 519.00    April 6 \$ 1,210.00

April 13 \$ 3,967.92    April 20 \$ 6,121.00

April 27 \$ 1,010.00

GIVE THANKS  
to the LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1



The picture of the Palm Cross was made by Jacie Theissen.

She used the palms from Palm Sunday to make this cross.

It is hanging on the wall by the big cross out in the entryway

# Our Life Together

People attending Maundy Thursday evening services were greeted to Tables moved in the form of a cross, decorated with religious items and candles. The candles provided the light in a darkened room.

Kathy Hodgdon explained the food served at the Passover meal and the reason for each meal item.

Those who attended the Seder ate the meal and took communion.

It was a very moving experience for all involved.



The nurturing team along with volunteers put together 13 Easter Baskets for those in the nursing home and to our senior shut ins. Following the baskets being put together, several ladies delivered the Easter gifts.

Baskets contained candy, cookies, hand lotion, Easter crosses, note paper, puzzle books and fun items for our seniors to enjoy.

Thanks to those who purchased items, put the baskets together and delivered them.



# Our Life Together

Easter morning breakfast and fellowship were enjoyed on April 30 before Easter Services.  
Egg Bakes, coffee cake, doughnuts, muffins and rolls were served by the ladies of the church.  
Fellowship and food were enjoyed before Easter service.  
Thanks to those who provided the food and to those who came and enjoyed the time together.



*Rejoice*



*Rejoice*

*Happy Easter*  
HE IS RISEN



*Breaking Bread Together*



Anthon Community Methodist Church Minutes  
Monday, 14 April 2025

The Board met in the church at 4:30 p.m. with seven members present: Lay Pastor Shirley, Deanna, JoLynne, Marilyn, Roger, Mark, and Joan.

JoLynne gave devotions on "Past & Present" from 1 John.

Deanna brought the Ad Board meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Mark moved to approve the minutes with one change, will have breakfast but no Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger; all in favor, motion passed.

Pastor's Report:	Made more calls than usual but did visit several members. Had three Sunday Church Services, five church bulletins, and two children's stories. Still collecting blankets, gloves and mittens for the warming shelter and Gospel Mission. A Seder supper by Kathy was held on May 11 and a Tenebrae service will be held on Good Friday night. Worked in the church office three days this past week. Easter morning breakfast planned. Want to plan something special on Memorial Day.
Finance:	We have \$39,012.49 in bank – everything is going well. Nikki Kelsheimer will be doing our taxes this year.
Trustees:	Pastor's parking sign has been repaired and put back up by Mark, Roger and Marilyn. Need to add dirt to the hole south of the parsonage where water line was repaired.
Teaching:	Everything is going OK.
Outreach/Missions:	Thirteen Easter baskets were delivered
Nurturing:	Shirley and Shawna took supper to Mike & Jen.
SPRC	Nothing to report
Women of Faith	Will have meeting in May and will decide what to do this summer.
Old Business:	Teresa Johnson will head up the rummage sale. Will get together to set that up 4-7 on Friday. AA – JoLynne offered library for them to meet. Old freezer will go on City Clean Up.
New Business:	Need to check out Lawn Mowing & Lawn Care. Gifts for graduates.

Marilyn moved the meeting adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger; all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting ended with a pray by Pastor Shirley.

Next meeting May 12, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.

**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, Peggy Hansen, Bettina Perkins,  
Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Joyce Gothier, Jeanette Kummer, Roger Hladik,  
Stephanie Johnson, Brittany Miller, Norma Bunnell, Roger Nelson, Jen Kerns,  
Mark Nelson, Sally Schram, Steve Wilson & Sheryl K. Ashley.

**Bettina Perkins is in the Battle Creek Nursing Home, room 204**

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### **May Liturgist Responsibilities**

May 4-Erin Baird

May 11-JoLynne Reimert

May 18-Tim Hoy

May 25-Sue Wilson

### **May Children's Story Responsibilities**

May 4-Shirley Nelson

May 11-Kathy Hodgdon,

May 18-JoLynne Reimert

May 25-Roger Haldik

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

### **May Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Mark & Joan Meister 3

Waylon Hoy 4

Deb Groszkruger 6

Jaycie Theisen 6

Pastor Sheryl K. Ashley 8

Dillon Johnson 18

Lucy Maynard 19

Ron Steinhoff 20

Barb Wood 21

Doug & Erin Baird 22

Trace Theisen 25

John & Kathy Hodgdon 29

Kaycee Hoy 31

