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JOIN US FOR  
LUNCH

**Sunday, February 8**

after church services 11:15am

EVERYONE WELCOME

We will be serving 12 different soups  
and desserts

Come vote for your favorite and see who  
takes home the traveling trophy

**Come  
Join Us**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## February 2

Board of Trustees meeting. 5:00 p.m.



## February 9

Ad Board and Finance meeting at 4:30pm

## February 12

Women of Faith Meeting 10:30 am



## February 18

Delivery of Meals to Anthon Elderly and Shut ins.



Ash Wednesday Services 7:00 pm



## Church News

Thoughts and prayers to the Family of Don Hamann

Funeral Services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, January 24

Thank you to the family for the bouquets that were given.

## Special Prayer Needs

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Ed and Carol Davis, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Bettina Perkins, Elwanda Sheriff, Sally & Lyle Schram, Evelyn Dicks (Becky Marshall's mother), Jerry & Eileen Klindt, Roger Nelson, Kathy Hodgdon, Will Hoy, Betty Nelson, and Connie Ashley.

## **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

A tidbit from Shirley

So many new things happening in our church. The Women of Faith have been very successful in preparing a meal once a month and delivering it to our elderly and shut ins. Last month, we served and delivered a delicious hot meal to 30 people in Anthon. Thank you to those who have contributed to the success of our meals.

Every year in February, we celebrate Super Bowl with a Souper Bowl Sunday. The ladies (and men) prepare a crockpot of soup. We usually have about a dozen pots of soup. After church, we serve the soup in 2 oz containers so that everyone can taste each of the soups and then vote on their favorite. The winner gets the soup ladle traveling trophy. Allison Hoy was the winner last year. We can't have soup without having a dessert, so we also enjoy many different kinds of desserts. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bring your friends and enjoy some hot soup on a very cold day.

The upkeep on our building continues. The new carpeting in the fellowship hall, foyer and hallway led us to continue with more new carpeting and painting. The present carpet is the original carpet that was laid more than forty years ago. Although we have painted walls throughout the years, we have not painted ceilings so this week, we have painted ceilings and walls of the large meeting room, the pastor's office and the secretary's office. We thank those who helped move all the furniture out of those three rooms on Sunday after church. Lots of organization, cleaning and rearranging have been completed over the last few weeks.

The parsonage continues to be rented out almost every weekend. JoLynne is in charge of the parsonage, renting it out and cleaning the facility after people have stayed there. This venture helps to pay for upkeep on the home, provides a great service to the community, and keeps the building in a useful state.

The Lord has blessed us beyond belief. We continue to be a mission church and have supported many local projects, helping those in need and giving our love, concern and support to people in the community.

We thank all of you who have supported us and continue to be a part of the  
Anthon Community Methodist Church.

Blessings, Shirley



## Christmas Joy

Christmas is over! The decorations are down and put away. We had a very nice Christmas

Eve service. Families were home for the holidays and we enjoyed having Lisa and Jason and their families home with their parents, Jerry and Eileen Klindt.

# Missions

Up coming meeting to be held

Date to be determined

## Gloves, Hats and Scarves Given to Warming Shelter

With the temperatures dropping below 0 degrees, the totes of gloves, hats and scarves were delivered to the warming shelter. More than 50 coats were delivered to both the warming shelter and Gospel Mission along with many carloads of warm clothing, shoes and personal items. The warming shelter capacity is about 150 people who would otherwise be sleeping in the streets. We are grateful to those who contributed to this mission project.



### Tithes and Offerings

Jan. 5 \$ 725.00    Jan. 11 \$ 1,315.00  
Jan. 18 \$ 1,762.00    Jan. 25 \$ 773.50

GIVE THANKS  
to the LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1



The Women of Faith have been meeting monthly working on projects that they felt would benefit the community. The decision was made to provide lunch once a month to seniors and shut ins in Anthon.

For January, 30 lunches consisting of tater tot casserole, dinner roll, cookies and applesauce were delivered.

A lunch will be delivered once a month. If you know of someone who would like a lunch delivered to them, please leave a message on the church phone, 373-5288; Shirley Nelson, 281-0432 or Kathy Hodgdon, 251-0164.

# Church News

## Anthon Community Methodist Church Minutes Monday, 12 Jan 2026

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

Deanna gave devotions from "To Know God's Love".

Deanna brought the Ad Board meeting to order. The minutes from the last meeting were read. Roger moved to accept the minutes as read; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn; all in favor, motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Sent cards and made calls. Kathy and I covered church services and made bulletins. Visited members in Mapleton and Battle Creek. At Women of Faith meeting, planned menu for shut-in lunch; followed with food prep and delivery of meals to 24 people. Held Christmas Eve services. Had three Sunday church services; December 28<sup>th</sup> service called off due to weather. Delivery of clothes, coats, gloves, socks, etc. to warming shelter and Gospel Mission by David Bradshaw.

Worship: With Lent coming up; will hold Ash Wednesday night service. Would like a simple supper on Sunday nights for 4 weeks during Lent.

Finance: Reviewed and updated budget. Audit will be done. Memorial fund has year-end balance of \$7,285.15. Finance still looking good with a balance of \$58,118.73.

Trustees: Took kneeling rails out. Worked on side door in garage – still needs work. Purchased bulbs for exit sign lights but couldn't get the special bulbs for the battery backup as they aren't available anymore. Worked on sign board. Needs new locks so Roger will call lock people. Would be over a thousand dollars to replace whole sign. Shirley would like a Trustees meeting sometime this month. More people needed on Trustees – a couple more men plus a woman would be good.

Teaching: Shirley talked to Trisha about confirmation class – would like a 3<sup>rd</sup> person.

Missions: Donations were taken to warming shelter. We need a Missions meeting in January.

SPRC: Has not met.

Women of Faith: Doing really well with luncheon -growing up to 30.

Old Business: Deanna installed new program for accounting as old CD was discontinued.

Obtained permission for Bunn coffee maker; Shirley will purchase.

Will contact Marcus Lumber to have carpet installed – would like to have it installed in library and fellowship hall first, and then have offices done later. Would also like to have Kathy's room measured for carpeting.

New Business: Christmas decorations need to be taken down and put away.

For our Soup Supper we're inviting all who get free meals to come.

Planning for singers to come perform the end of March.

JoLynne moved we adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn; all in favor, motion passed.

Next meeting – 9 February 2026; 4:30 p.m. Roger will do devotions.

Shirley ended the meeting with a prayer

Respectfully submitted  
Joan Meister



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### February Liturgist Responsibilities

Feb. 1-Kathy Hodgdon

Feb. 8-Erin Baird

Feb. 15-Marilyn Hladik

Feb. 22-Tim Hoy

March 1-JoLynne Reimert

### Feb. Children's Story Responsibilities

N/A

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

### Feb. Birthdays & Anniversaries

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Sue Wilson         | 3  |
| Anita Brandt       | 13 |
| Nancy Seuntjens    | 16 |
| Judd Hoy           | 19 |
| Tim & Jennifer Hoy | 26 |
| Alex Pulford       | 27 |
| Letty Hoy          | 27 |
| Tim Hoy            | 29 |

