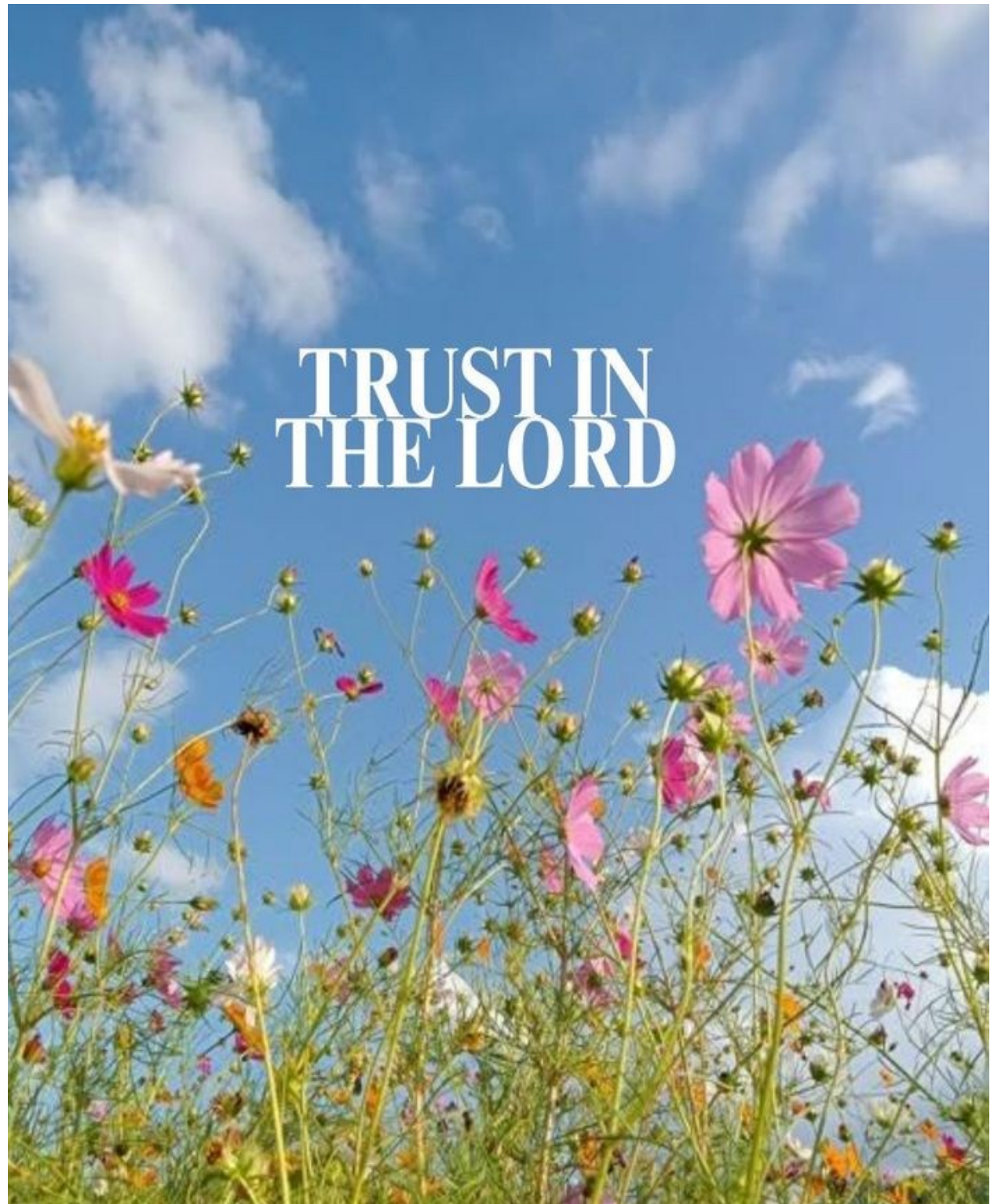


*Winner Methodist
Church*

THE VISION

May

2026



Leadership Council

The Leadership Council convened on April 19, 2026. Members present included Pastor Tony Coffman, Donna Duffy, Diane Durrin, Vanessa Goodell, Mitch Miller, Linda Nelson, Dan Patmore, Korie Pravecek, Mick Rowe, Lori Schaeffer, Bobbi Viedt, and Clint Woods. Additionally, DeeAnn Woods attended the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 10:30 AM. Mick Rowe opened the session with prayer.

Clint Woods made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, which was seconded by Diane Durrin. The council unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

Bobbi Viedt moved to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Diane Durrin and was also unanimously approved.

Pastor Tony Coffman traveled to Sioux Falls for Leadership Training during the past week and will return in November for the second portion of the training.

Vanessa Goodell explained next Sunday the GPS will take on the church. The leadership team will be represented by Mitch Miller, Clint Woods and Randy VandenHoek.

Diane Durrin reported that the final confirmation meeting for 7th and 8th grade students will be held on Wednesday, April 22, where they will participate in a "stump the pastor" activity. The confirmation ceremony for 9th grade students is scheduled for May 3rd, and the confirmation banquet will take place on April 29th, with parents, mentors, and students invited.

The Outreach Committee met and organized the Ladies Day Banquet, with a teapots theme. The Cares committee is working to find a suitable meeting date for its members and will not meet again until September 15th at 2:00 PM.

The Staff-Parish Relations (SPR) Committee will meet on Thursday, April 30th. The Worship Committee recently met with Ray Stewart, and Bobbi will check on ordering flowers for Mother's Day.

The Trustees' Committee provided an update on their recent activities. New blinds have been installed in the choir room, and work continues on the system for the back door. The committee requested additional funds for landscaping expenses. Dan Patmore moved, and Korie Pravecek seconded, to approve the extra funds, and the motion carried. In audio-visual updates, a faulty camera was replaced with a spare.

The Missions Committee did not meet but continues to work on preparing cancer bags. They completed another meal distribution, serving 23 families. There is an opportunity for a mission trip to South Africa in fall 2026, with a ticket price of \$2,900. Anyone interested should inform Pastor Tony by the end of April.

Clint Woods reported on Lay Ministry classes, noting that annual coursework is required to maintain certification.

The scholarship program will now be referred to as the Love Gift. Seniors must complete a form to receive the award. Diane Durrin moved to increase the Love Gift amount to \$500, seconded by Korie Pravecek, and the motion carried. The church continues its membership in the Winner Chamber, which ensures a listing in the Business Directory. Early bird registration for select camps ends in April, and the church will cover 80% of eligible camp costs. This information will be posted in the church bulletin and on the website.

The meeting concluded at 11:30 AM with a closing prayer by Pastor Tony Coffman. The next Leadership Council meeting is scheduled for May 17th.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Nelson



Iron Sharpens Iron

May 2026

Pastor Tony

"As iron sharpens iron, so a person sharpens his friend" (Proverbs 27:17, NET)

There's a saying that a knife left in a drawer grows dull. The idea is that knives are made for use, for engagement, for contact. Left alone, just floating in a drawer, a knife will lose its edge without ever making a single slice. King Solomon understood something about this when he penned those few words in Proverbs — that we, too, were never meant to sit quietly in the drawer. We were made for one another.

Christian accountability is one of the most beautiful and, if we are honest, one of the most neglected gifts in the life of the church. We are wonderfully good at gathering together for worship, for fellowship, and for shared meals. But there is a deeper kind of togetherness that God calls us to, one that goes beyond the comfortable and into the courageous. It is the kind where we look a brother or sister in the eye and say, *"How are you — really?"*, and being willing to answer that question truthfully in return.

The Apostle James puts it plainly: *"Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed."* (James 5:16, NET). The healing James is talking about isn't physical; it's spiritual. There is healing in confession. The healing doesn't come from simply admitting a thing; it comes from having our sins and failures fully known and yet being unconditionally loved at the same time. When we bring our struggles, our failures, and our sins into the light — with a trusted, godly friend — we rob those things of the power they hold in the darkness; the accusations of the enemy. Sin thrives in secrecy. Accountability starves it.

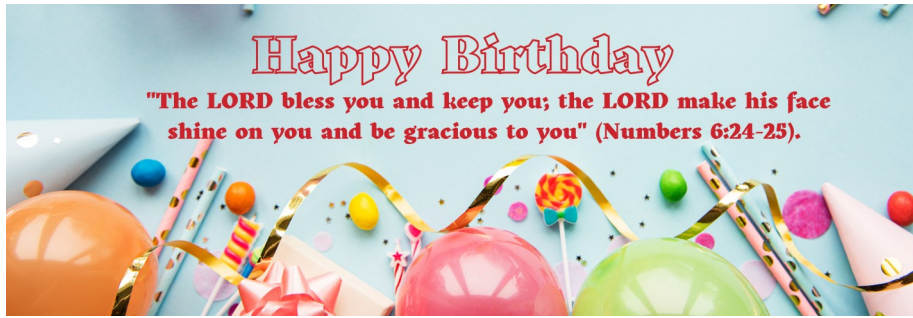
This is not about finding someone to police your behavior or keep a record of your wrongs. True accountability is an act of grace shared between two or three people who are committed to becoming more like Christ. It is a friendship powered by the Holy Spirit, sharpened by honesty, built by prayer, and sustained by a shared love of God's Word. It's a gift to have someone who will celebrate your growth and gently, lovingly, call you back when you drift.

Perhaps you already have someone like this in your life — someone who knows you beneath the surface. If so, treasure that relationship and invest in it. But if you don't, I want to encourage you, gently and warmly, to take the brave step towards finding one. It will make you feel vulnerable. It is supposed to. That vulnerability is not weakness — it is the doorway to one of the most Christ-honoring, soul-strengthening friendships you will ever know.

Look around our church. There are many faithful men and women here who would be honored to walk alongside you. Pray and ask the Lord to show you who that person might be. Then reach out. Grab a coffee, share a lunch. Be brave enough to go first.

Iron sharpens iron — but only when the two come into contact. Don't stay in the drawer.

Blessings,
Pastor Tony



Drew DeMers	May 1
Jeanette Sprengle	May 1
Harper Audiss	May 3
Kayleb Brozik	May 4
Lue Hanson	May 4
Ross DeMers	May 5
Ashley Jorgensen	May 6
Mitch Miller	May 7
Alex Schaeffer	May 7
Ross DeMers	May 9
Zane Rohde	May 9
Kendyl Bachmann	May 9
Lucas Fredrick	May 11
Gail Curtis	May 11
Clint Woods	May 12
Randy Farley	May 13
Armin Kahler	May 14
Linda Brozik	May 16
Galen Lewis	May 16
Roxanne Farley	May 18
Lila Goodell	May 19

Calley Schuyler	May 19
Samantha Calhoon	May 19
Konner Osborn	May 20
Sidda Schuyler	May 21
Brennan Bachmann	May 21
Brianna Gilchrist	May 22
Layla Nelson	May 22
Marcella Jensen	May 27
Avery Gilchrist	May 28
Amy Kartak	May 29
Keatha Calhoon	May 30



Mike & Rhonda Augspurger	May 2
Lee & Dianne Fisher	May 15
Gary & Connie DeMers	May 16
Charles & Bev Axtell	May 19
John & Jodi Calhoon	May 26
Robert & Lila Goodell	May 27
Mitch & Mindi Miller	May 28
Tony & Kay Berg	May 29

**MAY
BIBLE
READING
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 2 Chronicles 1-3	2 2 Chronicles 4-6
3 2 Chronicles 7-9	4 2 Chronicles 10-12	5 2 Chronicles 13-15	6 2 Chronicles 16-18	7 2 Chronicles 19-21	8 2 Chronicles 22-24	9 2 Chronicles 25-27
10 2 Chronicles 28-30	11 2 Chronicles 31-33	12 2 Chronicles 34-36	13 Erza 1-3	14 Erza 4-6	15 Erza 7-10	16 Neh 1-3
17 Neh 4-6	18 Neh 7-9	19 Neh 10-13	20 Esther 1-3	21 Esther 4-6	22 Esther 7-10	23 Job 1-3
24 Job 4-6	25 Job 7-9	26 Job 10-12	27 Job 13-15	28 Job 16-18	29 Job 19-21	30 Job 22-24

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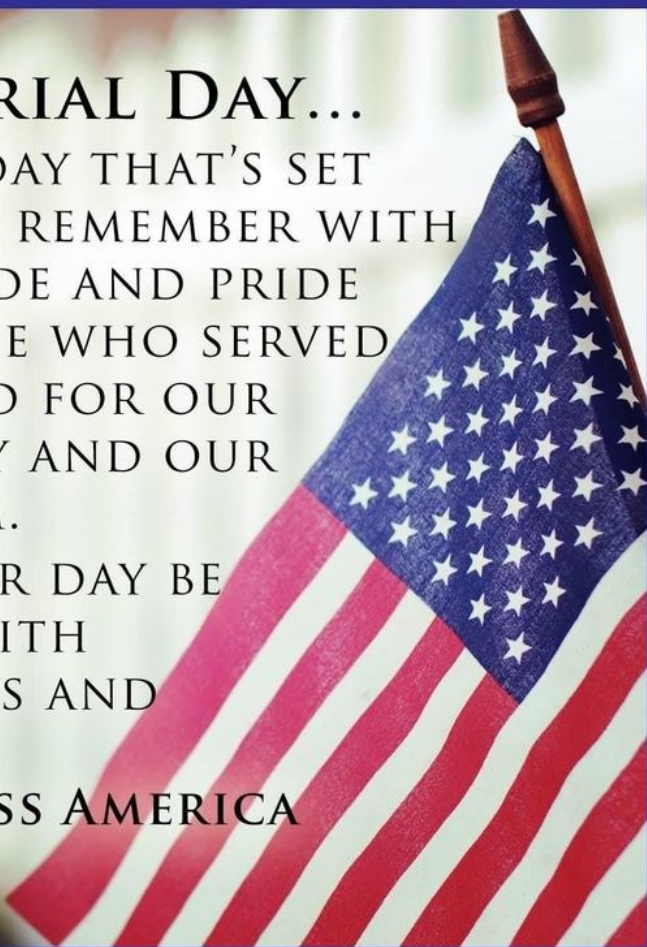
MEMORIAL DAY...

...IS THE DAY THAT'S SET
ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH
GRATITUDE AND PRIDE
ALL THOSE WHO SERVED
AND DIED FOR OUR
COUNTRY AND OUR
FREEDOM.

MAY YOUR DAY BE
FILLED WITH
MEMORIES AND
PEACE.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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Happy Mother's Day!

*Love never gives up, never
loses faith, is always hopeful,
and endures through every
circumstance.*

- 1 Cor. 13:7, NLT



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Service Time 9:00 AM

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