



MERE LYS newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church
January 2010

VIEW FROM THE HILL

...inside the Crack all things are as one. The eternal opposites meet and kiss. The wolf and the lamb lie down together, the dove and the serpent share one nest. The stars bend down and touch the earth and the young and the old forgive each other. Night and day meet here, so do the poles. The East leans over toward the West and the circle is complete. This is the time and place...the only time and the only place—where everybody lives happily ever after.

In *Mary Poppins Opens the Door*, author P. L. Travers includes a chapter, titled “Happily Ever After”, telling what happens between the first stroke of midnight on New Year’s Eve and the last stroke of midnight on New Year’s Eve.

During that crack of time, between the Old Year and the New Year, in the enchanted world of Mary Poppins, storybook characters are released from their pages, toys escape the toy-box, and they all come to life—but with a twist. The Three Blind Mice and the Farmer’s Wife are friends; Little Miss Muffet converses with the Spider; and Humpty Dumpty is whole. And so on.

We, unfortunately, live in neither the Crack nor the wider world of Mary Poppins. But wholeness, oneness, and happily-ever-after don’t have to be outside our reach. We are approaching (as I write this column) the time when the Old Year and the New Year meet. And we are faced with the decision (as indeed we are everyday) about how we will meet the New Year and live within it. Will we live fractured lives, estranged from the people who mean the most to us, working madly and rushing after false goals? Or will we make gestures of reconciliation, slow down, reassess our priorities and move our lives into alignment with them?

A more traditional source of wisdom than Mary Poppin once said, “Be the change you wish to see in the world” (Gandhi). At this time of making resolutions, I invite you to make one simple resolution this year, which, if fulfilled, will help you move your life and the world closer to the happily-ever-after of the Crack: resolve to come to church. Here, together, we will do our best to promote and nurture oneness, the wholeness of the circle, and happily-ever-afters in the real world, lasting beyond the final stroke of midnight.

Happy New Year!

Lisa



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope your Holiday season was filled with good memories with family and friends.

As I look back on board agenda items, those that were acted on and some that still need action taken, one item we should all start to gear up for is how or if we want to proceed with Wind, Solar, and Geo-Thermal energy at our church. Contact me or a member of the Social Justice committee for more information.

Thank you, Scott Schmiesing

FROM THE BOARD



Thanks From The Board this month goes to Wayne Johnson for his snow removal...what a trooper!! Also to all the participants of the informal lunch group that gets together after the weekly service. All are welcome to join in for good food and good company.

PRE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our evening of Christmas music proved to be a most enjoyable pre-Christmas celebration on Saturday night, December 19th. The church (inside as well as outside) was decorated in a most festive welcoming way. Following the concert, a lunch consisting of a wide variety of cookies, bars and beverages were served. All proceeds from a free will offering was given to the area food shelves.

Those helping with the food, decorating and advertising included Kris and Warren Paulson, Chris Olson, Gordon Bentsdahl, Wally & Bev Wellman, Edith Beckius, Gene & Georgine Tepley, Julie Sellner, Joy Rathman, Katie Monnen, Ann Nelson, Julie Peck, Darrell Hinsman and Lisa Doege.

Performers included Lisa Doege, Sally Hanson, Joy and Jordan Rathman, Mimi Kamleiter, Charles Luedtke, Doug Howard, Nita Gilbert, Julia Beckius, Hailey Pidde, Jill Wagner, Monica Sturm, Roland Meyer, Katie Monnen, Courtney Schmitt, Carson Erickson, Wendy, Daphne and Jack Monroe, Warren Paulson and Wally Wellman.

Our thanks to all who helped in any way to help make this another night to remember at Nora.

-Algot & Bonita

5th Annual MLK Event January 17

The Social Justice Committee is planning the 5th annual Martin Luther King Day fundraiser. The event begins at 5:00 PM with a Beef Burrito Supper. Supper includes a burrito, rice, beans, beverage and dessert. A vegetarian option will be available, and a free-will offering is accepted.



A discussion, "Hispanic and Latino Experiences in Brown and Neighboring counties" will begin at 6:00 PM.

In order to help spread the word, choose a location to POST the enclosed flyer. Area stores, libraries, other gathering locations are all possibilities.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will try again to meet at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Mankato on Jan. 20 at 11:30 a.m. The December get-together was postponed because of the busy holiday season.

SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING

Loose change on the 2nd Sunday of each month will go to "Food For All". Please consider a generous donation. Many are less fortunate than us and need a helping hand.

SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Please feel free to join us on the first and third Wednesday every month as we watch, read, and discuss different materials that guide us along our own spiritual journeys in a caring, loving and accepting setting.

Our group includes members from Nora, as well as others from surrounding communities. People come when they can. Watch the Sunday bulletin for times and places.

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Guest at Your Table donations will be collected in January. Please watch the bulletin for the due date for turning them in. Thank you !!!

Listening into Deeper Understanding*

answering the call of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 17, 2010

New Ulm United Church of Christ
301 S. Minnesota

- 5:00 supper (beef burrito, rice, beans, beverage, dessert)
vegetarian option available
free-will offering accepted
- 6:00 discussion - Hispanic and Latino Experiences
in Brown and neighboring Counties

Questions and general discussion will follow a panel of individuals from New Ulm and surrounding communities speaking from personal experience.

Sponsors include a variety of Brown County churches, ecclesiastical bodies, organizations and individuals.

* Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will.
(the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr.)

SERVERS ~ GREETERS/USHERS:

- ⇒ If your name is not on this list and you would like to participate, please call Susan Allen 359-2856.
- ⇒ If your name is on this list and you are not able to help, please call and try to arrange to switch with someone else.
- ⇒ The first Sunday of each month (with the exception of January) is potluck.
January's potluck is on the 10th.
- ⇒ Greeters who are scheduled for Pot Luck Sunday, please check with Servers to see if they need additional cakes. Our numbers are growing smaller and we are looking at making adjustments.



Please remove this page and put it with your calendar so know when your duties are. Thank you.

MUSICIANS	SERVERS	GREETERS/USHERS
2010		
JANUARY		
10 Muffy Rathman	Janet & Noah Rosenbloom	Algot & Bonita Blomquist
17 JoAnn Huss	Alon & Carol Chambard	Lee Dogemuller
24 Jordan Rathman	Clayton & Shirley Olson	Jerry Peterson
31 Mimi Kamleiter	Jerry & Susan Allen	Joy Rathman
FEBRUARY		
7 Muffy Rathman	Darrell & Jeanie Hinsman	Wally & Bev Wellman
14 JoAnn Huss	Gene & Gorgine Tepley	Mimi Kamleiter
21 Jordan Rathman	John & Anne Makepeace	Christopher Olson
28 Mimi Kamleiter	Elroy & Arids Wellman	Diane Becken
MARCH		
7 Muffy Rathman	Warren & Kristine Paulson	Vicki Sieve & Colleen Tasto
14 JoAnn Huss	Roger & Norma Breu	Ann Nelson
21 Jordan Rathman	Ron & Julie Peck	Edith Beckius
28 Mimi Kamleiter	Lee & Lynn Schmitt	Karen Farrell
APRIL		
4 Jordan Rathman	Sheldon & Anne Rieke	Angie & Scott Beckler Kudelke
11 Muffy Rathman	Jason & Kate Monnens	Kristi Paulson
18 JoAnn Huss	Wayne & Janet Johnson	Ellen Byro
25 Sally Hanson	Julie Sellner & Susan Evers	Doug Anderson
MAY		
2 ---	CLEAN UP SUNDAY	---
9 Muffy Rathman	Gil & Sally Hanson	Nancy Dickson
16 ---	SYTTENDE MAI	---
23 Mimi Kamleiter	Karen Farrell & Nancy Bruderie	Jerry Peterson
30 Jordan Rathman	Edith Beckius & Doug Anderson	Christina Schmitt
JUNE		
6 Sally Hanson	Diane Becken & Ann Nelson	John & Julie Schmitt
13 Muffy Rathman	Kevin & Shannon Weiss	Christopher Olson
20 JoAnn Huss	Pat & Laurie Kunerth	Mimi Kamleiter

MINI POTLUCK: Potluck is the first Sunday of the month at Nora, but because the restaurant in Hanska is closed on Sundays, you can enjoy a mini version each Sunday after church ... just bring something to share (sandwiches, salad, dessert, etc) and like magic a lunch appears. It is a sharing of food and thought. No reservations required.

NORA CHURCH CALENDAR

JANUARY 2010

Parsonage: 507-439-6240
Lisa's cell: 507-766-5682



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 NO SERVICE	4	5	6 Spirituality group in New Ulm-6:30	7	8	9
10 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 AM Service POT LUCK	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:00 Choir 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 AM Service MLK Event	18	19	20 11:30 Lunch Bunch Spirituality group in New Ulm-6:30		22	23
24 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 AM Service	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 AM Service						

Newsletter articles
due . Thanks for
being prompt!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
ARE DUE BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.

WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS
ARE DUE BY THURSDAY NOON

cindymo@sleepyeyetel.net
please be sure to include "NORA"
in the subject line
(507) 439-6380
20894 County Road 6
Hanska. MN 56041
Thanks for your help
in getting articles to me.
Cindy Mosenden, Office Administrator

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PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Lisa will have Mondays off.
Friday will be sermon writing day.
She can be reached on her cell when not in the office:
507-766-5682



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Nora Church Sunday Services JANUARY 2010

Coffee Time 10:00 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

January 3 - No Service

January 10 - "Now What?"

January 17 - "The Gifts of Others"

January 24 - "the congregation will be at home Sundays at 10:00 in the morning"

January 31 - Guest Speaker

The Reverend Lisa Doege invites you to join her for an open house in the parsonage on Sunday, January 24, from 11:45 to 2:00. Light refreshments will be served