



MERE LYS newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

September 2010

VIEW FROM THE HILL



Our second year together is underway. We know each other now. You have some idea what to expect from me and I'm beginning to get

a handle on your traditions and dreams and ways of doing things. As we move forward in this final year of consulting ministry, we'll try out some new things and we'll reinvigorate some old things.

By the time you read this the board and committee on ministry and I will have met with PSD district executive Nancy Heege to develop a process for shaping an extension of my ministry here beyond the current two-year consulting agreement. Look for information about that process in upcoming newsletters. In the meantime, read the rest of this one carefully. It has information about plans for religious education, Coming of Age, and the new hymnbook supplement.

And please be in touch if you have questions, comments or concerns about any of my or our plans for this new year.

See you in church. Lisa

COMING SOON!

One of my life long dreams is about to come true, after a fashion, which is the way many life-long dreams come true. I'll soon be a mother--sort of.

I am in the final stages of being licensed for child foster care in Brown County. The Nora Church board is aware of and has shown support for my plans. My position here at Nora creates physical and organizational space for making this dream a reality. I have spare bedrooms, a huge yard, and virtually no need for regular daycare, what with my office in my home and the church just next door.

There are no guarantees in parenting of any kind, foster care perhaps least of all. I can't say when or who or how old or for how long or any particulars, really. Only this, sometime this fall or perhaps winter, a child or children will move in the parsonage with me, for a time. My life will be enriched and shaken up in ways I can't yet imagine but look forward to discovering. I will give you what advance notice I can, and keep you informed about what support the child and I might need--mostly, I anticipate, nothing more than a warm, friendly but calm welcome to the church community. I have no doubt you'll provide that in splendid fashion!

-Lisa



School is back in session and so is Nora Church. Come join us for coffee Sunday mornings at 10 AM and stay for the service at 10:30 for a message that's sure to revive you for the weeks to come.



LUNCH BUNCH



Watch the Sunday program for news on September's Lunch Bunch.

THANKS FROM THE BOARD

Thanks from the Board goes to everyone who helped make our "Music for a Summers Eve" a success. Organizers Julie Sellner and Kristine Paulson and all the performers and pie bakers for the delighting of our ears and tastebuds.

Thanks to Gordy for all he does around the grounds.

Thanks to Jerry Brown from Pennsylvania for painting the altar and new exterior doors while visiting with Ardelle Becken on his busman's holiday.

CONCERT SUCCESS!

Once again our "Music for a Summer's Eve" concert, held Wednesday evening, August 4th was well attended and a wide variety of music, stories and songs was enjoyed by all, in spite of the very warm weather.

Participants this year included Charles Luedtke (piano & organ), Doug Howard (violin), Monica Sturm (story), Mimi Kamleiter (piano), Nita Gilbert (guitar & songs), Jordan Rathman (piano), Jill Wagner (story), Eva Kunerth (flute), Grace Sorlsar (flute), Katie Staruar (piano), Benjamin Blomquist (piano), Evelyn Rosemarie Blomquist (piano). A sincere thank you to all participants.

Several ladies of the church offered a wide variety of pies along with ice cream and beverage, following the concert, in the air conditioned fellowship hall.

Special thanks to all the people who helped in any way in bringing another evening of good entertainment, good food and good fellowship for all to enjoy on "The Hill".

-the Committee

CHOIR NEWS From Gil Hanson

In 2008 I had to stop directing the choir because of a hearing disorder. Last fall I got new hearing aids that have helped more, so this fall I will again lead

the choir. For the last two years JoAnn Huss has been our director. The choir was able to continue because of her. Now she has graciously agreed to let me return and be available if my improvement is not what I hope it is. I thank her for her encouragement and support.

Choir rehearsals will start on September 12. Rehearsals are from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. I look forward to working with the choir members again and encourage others to join us.

If you have ever thought of singing in the choir, now is a great time to join. Nora church has had a tradition of great music in our services, and that tradition needs your participation to continue. The music is easy to learn - all music can be heard and learned on the choir page of the web site. Visit the choir page at <http://norauchurch.org/choir.shtml> and listen to the music for this year and then join us on the 12th.



A UU Retreat Center in the Area – Open House

Have you heard that a group of people have been working the past two years to start a UU Retreat Center 1 hour south of the Minneapolis/ St. Paul Metro area? Rev. Laurie Bushbaum and others, with support from the PSD, have formed a non-profit called The Fields Retreat and Learning Center. You're invited to come and see the proposed, 34- acre site and its gorgeous buildings in the rolling hills of the Cannon River Valley.

Please join us on Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. ALL AGES WELCOME! Bring a picnic, a Frisbee, a friend. We'll have lemonade and cookies, live music, and some yard games. See the 6,000 sq. ft. main house, the barn that will be renovated into youth and group retreat space, the greenhouses where we will start our organic food and justice ministry, and the lawn reserved for the labyrinth. Come and dream with us about how having our own retreat center might deepen our lives, our congregations, and our service in the world!

Visit our website first:

www.TheFieldsRetreatAndLearningCenter.org

For Mapquest directions use this address:

15251 Old Children's Home Road, Welch, Mn.

We hope to see you in September!

NEWS ON AL SWANSON

I thought I would touch base and provide the folks at Nora Church with an update on my dad, Alan Swanson. I was out to Minnesota for a visit over Memorial Day and brought Dad up to Hanska for church that weekend. He thoroughly enjoyed being there, although it was difficult because that was his first time back since Mom died. He misses her terribly.

His health has deteriorated since the end of May. I was back to Worthington the end of July after Dad had been hospitalized. He had had a very bad fall. We are not sure, but we believe he may have had a slight stroke. He has little strength on his left side, although his speech doesn't appear to be affected. He is in renal failure and has congestive heart failure. He is no longer able to live independently, so my sister and I have moved him out of the assisted living facility he was at. He is now at Crossroads Care Center, the nursing home where Mom was.

Although this is hard, he knows the staff and they know him and they take excellent care of him. We have involved hospice in his care also. Although he is occasionally confused, most days he is alert and conversant. He does sleep a lot and is no longer able to support his own body weight.

He doesn't have a phone in his room (he can't really manage that) but if folks would like to send him a card or note they can do that to:

Alan Swanson
c/o Crossroads Care Center
965 McMillan Street
Worthington, MN 56187-2268

As always, our family is grateful for the friendship so many at Nora Church have provided both our parents over the decades they attended there. -Reid Swanson

To Keep In Touch



Keep our youth in your thoughts
as they head back to school.
Be extra cautious driving in
school activity areas.



If you know of anyone needing our assistance
or attention...please call one of the following
Caring Committee members:

Georgine Tepley (chair)
359-3060 (weekdays after 5 pm)
Shirley Olson - 439-6879
Carol Chambard - 354-2242

THANK YOU! - Caring Committee



PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Doege will have
Mondays off.
Friday will be sermon writing day.

HYMNBOOK SUPPLEMENTS

By popular request we're ordering copies of Singing the Journey, the supplement to the gray hymnal. Singing the Journey contains 75 songs and chants--some original, commissioned for the supplement, some drawn from a variety of existing sources and traditions. Please support this expansion of Nora's Sunday Singing Repertoire by donating the cost of \$15.00 (quantity discounted) for one or more hymnbook supplements. Mail your check to Nora Church with "hymnbook supplement" on the memo line, and include the form below.

Donor _____

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**Nora Unitarian Universalist Church
Multigenerational Religious Education
2010 - 2011**

Join consulting minister, the Reverend Lisa Doege, for multigenerational religious education programs once a month throughout the 2010 - 2011 church year. Each Saturday program will last approximately three hours and will include a story, discussion, craft or group activity, and refreshments. **Families and individuals of all ages are encouraged to participate.**

Nora Church Social Hall
1:00 - 4:00 pm
no registration necessary

Date	Theme
September 18, 2010	The Flaming Chalice
October 23, 2010	el dia de los <i>muertos</i> (sugar skulls)
November 20, 2010	Thank You
December 18, 2010	Light and Dark
January 22, 2011	Neighbors
February 12, 2011	Eew! (Love!)
March 19, 2012	Mud and Buds
April 23, 2011	Passover and Easter
May 21, 2012	Memories

Coming of Age Pizza Party Kick-Off

Official Invitation

Who: Nora Church tweens and teens (middle schoolers, junior or senior high schoolers)

What: Coming of Age questions and answers and tips on getting started (and PIZZA)

When: Saturday, September 11, 2010, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Where: Nora Church Social Hall and Kitchen

RSVP: to Lisa (507) 439-6240 or revlmd@yahoo.com by September 9

Bring: your Coming of Age folder and one topping for Stone Pizza (crust and sauce will be provided)

Let Lisa know if you lost your Coming of Age folder or didn't get one.



Adult Ed and Online Spirituality from the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF)

www.clfuu.org/learn



In Our Mothers' Footsteps (ongoing) This course shares information about important women from our Unitarian and/or Universalist heritage, but more than that, it offers the opportunity for modern women and men to reflect on how our own lives connect with those of our foremothers, and what we might have to learn from their struggles and successes. The course is divided into five sessions: Suffragists, Abolitionists, Writers, Educators and Ministers. This free course is made possible by the CLF through a generous grant from the UU Women's Federation. *Free!*

If you are unable to work on Sunday, please contact one of the substitutes on the list yourself.
-Thank you

SMORG WORK LIST:

Country Store

Jerry Allen
Sandi Bengé
Bonita Blomquist
Mimi Kamleiter
Shirley Olson
Ardis Wellmann

Museum

Algot Blomquist
Lee Schmitt

Parking

Jeremy Schmitt
John Schmitt
Elroy Wellman

Tickets

Kristine Paulson
Warren Paulson
Wendy Tuttle (caller)

Coffee Hour

Ellen Byro
Janet Johnson
Laurie Lilleodden

Hosts

Jeannie Hinsman
(Kaffe Stua)
Noah & Janet Rosenbloom
(Steps)
Julie Peck
(fellowship hall)

Buffet Table

Julie Sellner
Shannon Weiss

Coffee

Christopher Olson

Beverages

Susan Allen

Meat Server

Chrissie Schmitt

Meat Slicers

(Saturday @ 12pm)
Roger Breu
Tony Erickson
Wally Wellmann

Potatoes

Edith Beckius
Kate Monnens

Carrots

Diane Becken

Cookie Trays

Michelle Bethke
Julie Schmitt

Appetizers

Vicki Sieve
Bev Wellmann
Karen Farrell

Wait Staff-Kaffe Stua

*Julie Schmitt
Colleen Tasto
Courtney Schmitt
Sydney Byro
Ben Rieke

Wait Staff-Fellowship Hall

*Angie Becker Kudelka
Anne Makepeace
Nora Peck
Laurie Kunerth
Eva Kunerth

Wait Staff-Iverson Room

*Tracey Schmiesing
Kristi Paulson
Fritz Rieke
Kate Makepeace

Take-Outs

Norma Breu
Ann Rieke

Publicity

Ann Nelson
Georgine Tepley

Dishes-Kaffe Stua

Scott Schmiesing
Wayne Johnson
Gene Tepley
Kevin Weiss

Dishes-Fellowship

Daryl Hinsman
John Makepeace
Ron Peck
Sheldon Rieke

Clean-up (1:00)

Ross Chambard
Scott Chambard
Lee Drogemuller
Scott Becker Kudelka
Dave Wenk
Jean Wenk
Doug Anderson

Substitutes

Clayton Olson
Alon Chambard
Charles Anderson
Chris Bodick
Eric Byro
Susan Evers
Joy Rathman
Ann Nelson
Georgine Tepley
Jerry Peterson

Greeters

Gil & Sally Hanson

SMORG LIST TO BRING:

Bread

Kate Monnens

Carrots and Celery

Janet Rosenbloom

Cookies-Fancy

Julie Peck

Julie Schmitt

Shannon Weiss

Ann Rieke

Laurie Kunerth

Jeannie Hinsman

Susan Allen

Anne Makepeace

Vicki Sieve

Angie Becker-Kudelka

Louise Guggisberg

Colleen Tasto

Tracey Schmeising

Scrullers

Susan Evers

Georgine Tepley

Flat Bread

Shirley and Clayton Olson

Romme Grot

Edith Beckius

Janet Rosenbloom

Carol Chambard

Vicki Sieve

Georgine Tepley

Rice

Muriel Fredrickson

Kristine Paulson

Karen Farrell

Julie Sellner

Sot Suppe

Bonita Blomquist

Cottage Cheese (3#)

Janet Johnson

Lorraine Becken

Ardelle Becken

Doug Anderson

Berliner Kranser

Michelle Bethke

Muriel Fredrickson

Diane Becken

Sandbakkels

Chrissie Schmitt

Edith Beckius

Milk (1 gal)

Rieke's

Kunerth's

Bodick's

Makepeace's

Scott Chambard

Jeremy Schmitt

Christopher Olson

Mimi Kamleiter

Lee Drogemiller

Lee Schmitt

Fattigmand

Susan Evers

Rosettes

Bev Wellmann

Norma Breu

Kringla

Julie Sellner

Joy Rathman

In the past, some members of Nora church have been asked to donate money to help defray the costs of the meal. This year Nora Women's Society has decided to ask for a free-will donation from ALL members. Monetary donations may be given to Georgine Tepley prior to October 3, 2010 or Bonita Blomquist in the Country Store on the day of Smorg. Your contributions help make Smorg. a successful fundraising event year after year. Thank you in advance for your donation.

Adult Ed and Online Spirituality from the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF)

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Welcome In: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism and the Church of the Larger Fellowship (on-going)

Welcome to this program for new Unitarian Universalists. You can move through the sessions at your own pace. This online class is intended for people who would like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, the CLF, and how their own spiritual journey might connect with our organization and faith tradition. For each session there are readings, as well as a variety of other resources such as links to relevant web sites. Once you have explored the readings and resources you will be able to answer the questions which will guide our discussion. *Free!*

NORA CHURCH CALENDAR

September 2010

Parsonage: 507-439-6240



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service POTLUCK	6 	7	8	9	10	11 Midtbruget reunion in fellowship hall 11:30 am
12 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	13	14	15	 16	17	18
19 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	20 	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	27	28	29	30		

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

MUSICIAN	SERVERS	GREETERS/USHERS
5 Mimi Kamleiter	Clayton & Shirley Olson Charles Anderson	Wendy Tuttle
12 Jordan Rathman	Gil & Sally Hanson	Diane Becken
19 JoAnn Huss	Pat & Laurie Kunerth	Doug Anderson
26 Jordan Rathman	Sheldon & Anne Rieke	Christopher Olson

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Nora Church Sunday Services September 2010

Coffee Time 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM

September 5: "Drinking the Kool Aid"

September 12: "Awe"

September 19: "Jan Huss and the Goblet of Fire"

September 26: "Guest Speaker"

