



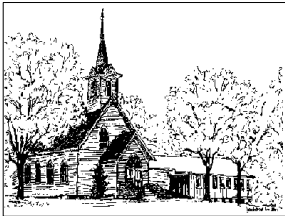
MERE LYS newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

October 2010

VIEW FROM THE HILL

“Secondclasscitizen.”



Some of my friends (and some of yours, too, no doubt) have added that appellation to their Facebook names in response to the filibuster that prevented a vote to repeal “don’t ask don’t tell” as the law of the United States military regarding homosexuality.

A reporter on Minnesota Public Radio asked the archbishop why the Catholic Church hasn’t tried to get the state to outlaw divorce, since, as he says, it is every bit as much “against God’s law” as same sex marriage. The archbishop willfully misunderstood the question each time the reporter rephrased it.

An appeals court ruled Florida’s ban on adoption by gay people unconstitutional and Gov. Crist said the state would stop enforcing the law banning such adoptions.

All this just this week, and it is only Thursday afternoon!

A good friend calls her spouse both her “starter wife” and her “trophy wife,” noting that

they were married ceremonially in one state and then, a few months later, legally in another state. My friend’s characteristic humor and grace lead the way every time, but the anger, the sadness, the frustration are there, not far beneath the surface. And sometimes not beneath the surface at all.

You all know my favorite bit of Unitarian Universalist theology by now: *we need not think alike to love alike* (Francis David, 16th century Transylvania). To me it seems self-evident that it is just as true that *we need not love alike to love alike*.

Listen in your head for just a minute to all the great love songs written or performed by songwriters and artists we used to think (used to pretend) were straight... Do they sound less true, less lovely, less heartfelt now that you know about the writers’, performers’ sexual orientation and affectional preference?

Popular love songs aren’t evidence or proof of anything. But our lived experiences are. Our voices are. And our votes certainly are. Every day I wake up determined to put my voice and my vote to better use. I hope you’ll join me.

-Lisa



“Remember to be gentle with yourself and others. We are all children of chance and none can say why some fields will blossom while others lay brown beneath the August sun. Care for those around you. Look past your differences. Their dreams are no less than yours, their choices no more easily made. And give, give in any way you can, of whatever you possess. To give is to love. To withhold is to wither. Care less for your harvest than for how it is shared and your life will have meaning and your heart will have peace.”

THANKS FROM THE BOARD

Thanks from the board this month goes to the people who help us put our best foot forward. To Wayne, Eric and Gordy for keeping the grounds looking great. Also to Bev Wellman for the time and creativity she puts into all of our floral arrangements.



The Lunch Bunch travels to Madelia on **Thursday, Oct. 14, 11:30 a.m.**, to meet and eat at Good Fellas, followed by coffee and dessert at Luther Memorial Home with Nora Church members Marylinn, Muriel, Bernice and Melvin. Everyone is welcome to join us for this enjoyable occasion.

GATHERING DAY 2011

There will be a Gathering Day event planning committee meeting **Tuesday, October 12th at 6:30** at NORA.

Gathering Day will be held in August 2011, which is the 130th Anniversary of the founding of NORA Church. This is to be a day of experiencing life as it was in 1881 with games, foods, activities, music, and anything which will provide fun and entertainment.

Those who have so far agreed to help plan this are: Karen Farrell, Carol Chambard, Edith Beckius, Monica Sturm, and Jeannie Hinsman. Gil Hanson will assist with music and Algot and Bonita Blomquist with historical items. Feel free to join us/them in planning, or in contributing ideas for this area-wide event.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Nora Church building, grounds, museum and parsonage are too much for one person or committee to maintain. Please do your part. Check the new clipboard hanging in the kitchen for a list of tasks and estimated time commitments. Choose one or two within your skill range and sign your name when you've completed the work. Please contact Darrell Hinsman with questions or concerns. If you need tools or supplies, check with Darrell. If you purchase items to complete your tasks, please turn receipts in to Julie Peck.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

Unitarian Universalist congregations in Ames, Iowa and Overland Park, Kansas suffered flood damage this summer. Donations to the Prairie Star District Flood Relief Fund may be made to:

Flood Relief
Prairie Star District UUA
122 W. Franklin Ave. Suite 303
Minneapolis, MN 55404

The Hanska Legion Post 365 is putting together a memorial for veterans of the Korean War. If you know of anyone who served between June 25, 1950 & January 31, 1955, please have them send their picture and dates of service to Deanna Zea, PO Box 215, Hanska, MN. Pictures will be returned upon completion.



To Keep In Touch

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A memorial service for Betty Jean Midtbruget Peterson of Arizona will be at held at Zion Lutheran Church in Hanska at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 2. Betty was a member of the Hanska community for many years. She passed away peacefully on April 6th 2010.

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Please keep our military personnel in your thoughts and prayers.

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

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Georgine Tepley (chair)
359-3060 (weekdays after 5 pm)
Shirley Olson - 354-1866
Carol Chambard - 354-2242

THANK YOU! Caring Committee

**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
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

CLF, our UU church without walls, has a military ministry at www.clfuu.org/military and is helping to manage the distribution of a wonderful, new meditation manual for UUs and others in the military. It's called **Bless All Who Serve**, is pocket-sized, and has readings, prayers, and even hymns from many faith traditions. The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) printed the books with the help of generous donors who paid to have copies printed for military people and their families, military chaplains and UU ministers. The CLF is managing the distribution of these free, individual copies of the book.

If you would like a copy, and are in the military, are a family member, or you are a UU minister, please let me know. If there is someone in your family who is deployed or living in another area who would like a copy, the CLF will be happy to mail this book to them. It might make sense to mail one to a person who is deployed and one to a family member at home. The rules around this are flexible. The idea is to get these wonderful books into the hands of those who need them. Contact me with the names of friends and their families in the military who would like a copy. I will need their address. Email me if you have any questions. And, thanks.

Lorraine Dennis, Executive Director ~ Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) ~ ldennis@clfu.org ~ 617-948-6166

Bless All Who Serve is available for \$8.00 at the UUA bookstore at <http://www.uuabookstore.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1263>.

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.

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NORWEGIAN SMORGASBORD & COUNTRY STORE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2010

10:00 a.m.
Coffee, Country Store,

10:30 a.m.
Church Service

Dinner Served - 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Adults: \$11.00 ~ Children 10 & under: \$4.00
6 and under—free

THE COUNTRY STORE will feature craft items, garden produce, baked goods, and various children's activities.

THE JORGENSON LOG CABIN MUSEUM will be open to the public that day with someone present to answer questions and discuss museum items.



Come join us & Bring a friend!!

MENU

appetizers
tongue, deviled eggs, herring

dinner
meatballs, ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, sot suppe, rice pudding, rommegrot, lefse, flatbrod
milk, coffee, lemonade

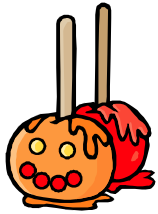
Norwegian Cookies
rosettes, krumkake, sandbakkels, fattedmand, and more
Take-outs available

Nora Church is handicap accessible
located one mile east of Hanska, just off Highway 257

SMORG NOTES

Smorgasbord is Sunday October 3rd. On Friday, October 1st at 9 AM we'll be making meatballs. The remainder of the preparations will be done on Saturday beginning at 9 AM. Many hands make light work!

Bring your items for the Country Store to the fellowship Hall on Saturday. Please have them in proper containers and mark the price on them that you think would be appropriate. Baked goods, flea market items, garden produce, etc., are all welcome. If you are not able to come Saturday, please come early Sunday morning with your items. Thank you. - The Committee

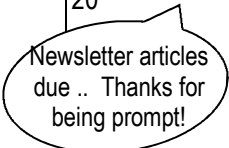
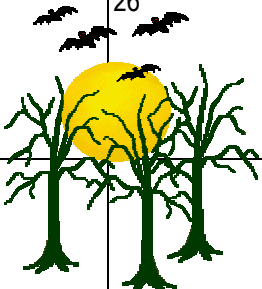


NORA CHURCH CALENDAR

October 2010



Parsonage: 507-439-6240

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Meat ball making 9 AM	2 Final prep 9 AM
3 SMORGASBORD 10:30 Service	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	11	12 Gathering Meet- ing @ 6:30	13	14 LUNCH BUNCH Good Fellas - Madelia	15	16
17 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	18	19	20 	21	22	23 Multi-generational Education 1:00 PM
24 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	25	26 	27	28	29	30
31 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	Happy Halloween					

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
3 Sally Hanson	SMORGASBORD	Darrell & Jeanie Hinsman
10 Jordan Rathman	Gene & Georgine Teply	Nancy Brudelie
17 JoAnn Huss	John & Anne Makepeace	Lee Drogemuller
24 Mimi Kamleiter	Elroy & Ardis Wellmann	Joy Rathman
31 Muffy Rathman	John & Julie Schmitt	Kristi Paulson



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:
763-656-7533



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WEB SITE
<http://www.norauuchurch.org>

Nora Church Sunday Services OCTOBER 2010

Coffee Time 10:00 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

October 3 "Dim, Sum, Tapas and Stone Soup"

October 10 "All Creatures of the Earth and Sky" (Service will begin on church lawn with a brief blessing of the pets. Bring yours!)

October 17 "Down the Hill, Into the Week"

October 24 Our guest speaker is Nels Oas "Why Gods Are Made"



October 31 "Masquerade" (Once again this year, in anticipation of the Day of the Dead, we will create an altar honoring those no longer living. Bring photographs or other small object to add to the table) (Lisa will be in costume; please wear one yourself!)