



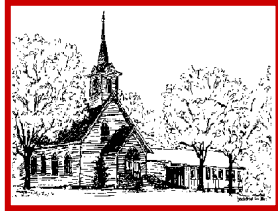
# MERE LYS newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

FEBRUARY 2011

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## A VIEW FROM THE HILL



Visitors to my house inevitably ask about an irregularly shaped piece of heavy plasticky material hanging on my refrigerator. There's a clue on it--a pin bearing the yellow words "Standing on the Side of Love."

The scrap of material is a remnant of a gigantic *Standing on the Side of Love* banner that hung across the front of the Salt Place Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, during the 2009 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association. During GA the banner came down in a wind storm and the Standing on the Side of Love folks decided to cut it up and pass out the pieces to any delegates who wanted a piece.

The Unitarian Universalist Association's *Standing on the Side of Love* campaign "seeks to harness love's power to stop oppression." The campaign utilizes community activism, social networking, and media outreach make love real in the world. If you were at GA in Minneapolis last June, or followed coverage on-line or television, you probably remember the golden yellow t-shirts worn by thousands of UUs who witnessed on behalf of marriage equality at Loring Park. Those same Standing on the Side of Love t-shirts also made headlines in Arizona, at protests of the harsh SB1070, and other events where justice was at stake.

*Standing on the Side of Love* also encourages individuals, congregations and other groups to reimagine Valentine's Day, suggesting a National Standing on the Side of Love Day instead of the usual overly sentimental, highly romanticized day of candy and flowers. I doubt yellow will ever replace red and pink as the colors of Valentine's Day or love. But shifting our perspective, broadening our understanding of love and extending the reach of our love in new directions can hardly go wrong.

Love is powerful and tough and transformative. It's a job better suited, much of the time, to blue jeans, t-shirts and work-boots, than tuxedos or sexy lingerie. And those who stand on the side of love are on call round the clock, seven days a week. I'll still be sending pink and red hearts to my family and friends this month. But I'll also be on-call, ready to speak, write, stand on the side of love at a moment's notice. The sign fragment on my refrigerator reminds me that's part of my job. I hope you'll join me.

You can read more about Standing on the Side of Love at <http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org>.

-Lisa

**SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING**  
**Spreading the Love...**

On Sunday, February 13, we will take a special collection during the service. The monies collected will be divided between our partner church in Benced, Transylvania and Krisztina Pall, who visited Nora a few years back.

**NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**



Too cold to think this month! -Scott

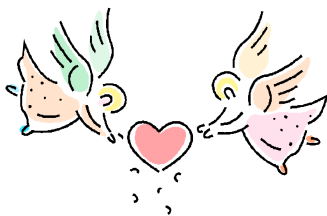
**FROM THE BOARD**

With the seemingly unending snow, drifting and cold, thanks from the board this month goes to all the dedicated guys that work to keep Nora clear and safe for all of us. Aaron Michaels, Algot, Gordy, Warren, Dean, Scott, Darrell and others, keep warm and stay safe all of you!

**LUNCH BUNCH THANK YOU**

Just wanted to say thanks so much to the Lunch Bunch for visiting Divine Providence a few weeks ago (December Get-Together). Virgil Schmiesing, my dad, is at DP and I know it means a lot to the people in the nursing homes to have such a nice visit and see familiar faces. Thanks again. Sue Leske

**CALLING ALL ANGELS**



**Save the Date for the tea party on**  
**Saturday, March 12th.**  
**This is our annual fundraiser for**  
**Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance.**

**More info in the March newsletter.**  
**Call Julie Sellner for more information at**  
**507-375-8737**

**CIRCLE GET-TOGETHER**  
**March 11,12,13 weekend**

The membership committee is organizing a "Circle Supper Weekend" for the second weekend in March.

Potluck Sunday, Feb. 6, there will be a sign-up in the fellowship hall. By end of February we will divide the list to an appropriate number of host sites. Between the hosts and guests, the best time during that weekend (Friday evening, Saturday brunch, Saturday evening or Sunday brunch) will be determined.

We hope this social time together brings an opportunity to visit and share about whatever is on your mind! Sign-up and enjoy the camaraderie with friends you know and some you'd like to know better.

**LUNCH BUNCH**

The Lunch Bunchers will descend on beautiful downtown St. James for their next outing. We'll meet and eat at the Home Town Cafe, 403 First Av. S., St. James, on Thursday, Feb. 10, 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

**There are five things that**  
**you cannot recover in life:**

- (1) The Stone.....after it's thrown
- (2) The Word.....after it's said
- (3) The Occasion.....after it's missed
- (4) The Time.....after it's gone
- (5) A person.....after they die

**To Keep In Touch**

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

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

**THANK YOU! Caring Committee**

# NORA CHURCH CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2011

Parsonage: 507-439-6240

Lisa's cell: 507-766-5682



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 Choir 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service POTLUCK	7	8	9 	10 Lunch Bunch Home Town Café, St. James	11	12 RE at Nora 1 - 4 pm
13 9:00 Choir 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service 11:30 Board Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 Choir 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	21 	22	23	24	25	26
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Multigenerational	Religious Education
February 12, 2011	Eew! (Love!)
March 19, 2012	Mud and Buds
April 23, 2011	Passover and Easter
May 21, 2012	Memories

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

### 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

### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

ARE DUE BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.

### WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE DUE BY THURSDAY NOON

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Cindy Mosenden, Office Administrator

MUSICIAN	SERVERS	GREETERS/USHERS
6 Mimi Kamleiter	Darrel & Jeanie Hinsman	Joy Rathman
13 Jordan Rathman	Gene & Georgine Tepley	Mimi Kamleiter
20 JoAnn Huss	Wally & Beverly Wellman	Christopher Olson
27 Mimi Kamleiter	Elroy & Ardis Wellman	Diane Becken



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## Nora Church Sunday Services FEBRUARY 2011

**Coffee Time 10:00 AM**

**Worship Service 10:30 AM**

**February 6** - "Seeing a Shadow"

**February 13** - "Make the World Go Round"

**February 20** - "Reluctance"

**February 27** - "He Wore Skins" Guest Speaker,  
Karen Farrell

