



# MERE LYS newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

September 2011

## VIEW FROM THE HILL



The sweet and lively, twangy, wistful, playful strains of the Prairie Pickers, Doug Becken and Colin, and the barber-shop quartet still ring in my ears, along with the rousing voices of the combined choir. Louder still than all that lovely music, my heart's refrain of gratitude and rejoicing.

The sun shone on our service of Installation, yours and mine, and on our celebration of the 130th Anniversary of the gathering of Nora Church. And we shone too. The hard work and love of this religious community were in evidence everywhere that day--from the warmth of the greetings offered to our guests to the lingering presence of members, neighbors and friends who seemed not to want to leave when the formal events of the day drew to a close.

Thank you, each one of you, for this celebration of love you threw a little bit for me and mostly for *our* beloved church. I am indeed proud and grateful to take up (officially!) my ministry among you.



I am pleased to announce that I have accepted Jennie Gazdik's offer to provide religious education for Nora's children and youth three Sundays a month beginning this month. Jennie, who introduces herself and her ideas elsewhere in this newsletter, has been attending Nora for the past year, along with her three children and her partner Matthew Hellendrung and his two children. She is currently a student at Western Governors University pursuing a teaching degree.

Religious education here at Nora has been in a period of flux for several years. Following Ann Rieke's years of dedication and effort as director of religious education, we had a year with no formal RE and then a year with monthly Saturday afternoon RE offerings. I am delighted we are able to return to providing a regular Sunday School experience for our children and youth. I hope you will bring your children (and grandchildren) to church as often as your family circumstances allow. "Upstairs Church" will continue to benefit from their presence from the ringing of the bell through the story for all ages, and for the entire service on the weeks there is no RE programming. We are a community of all ages and it is good to worship together. It is also good to provide more age specific experiences for our current generation of life-long Unitarian Universalists in the making. We'll tweak things as we go along, but I'm confident we'll get off to a good start on September 11.

See you in church... - 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.





On behalf of the Gathering Day Committee (Diane Becken, Edith Beckius, Algot and Bonita Blomquist, Alon and Carol Chambard, Jeanie Hinsman, and Georgine Tepley) a HUGE "Thank you" to

all who labored so hard behind the scenes before, during and after to make Gathering Day Weekend and Lisa's Installation such a success. The day was beautiful in every way possible.

A special thanks goes out to Gil Hansen and the combined choir for the excellent music/slide program (and the costumes); a lot of very hard work went into that - with superb results! Also to Nita Gilbert who put together a last minute bonfire sing-along; Angie Becker-Kudelka and the Prairie Pickers; Doug Becken and friend/student; and, though they won't see this, the Barber Shop Quartet from the Mankato River Blenders who provided the outside music program.

It was a day filled with fun, joy, and love, enjoyed by all. Thank you! Karen Farrell



"Last chance (last call) to be a part of 'the book' for our teens and young adults. Send your contributions to Kristine Paulson, email to [norachurch@sleepyeyetel.net](mailto:norachurch@sleepyeyetel.net), with "the book" in the subject line... or drop them in the treasure chest in the fellowship hall. The deadline is Sept 18.....Share your questions, answers, or whatever you like be they philosophical, practical, or whatever gets your soul stirring or your curiosity peaked.

### **PARENTING & PREVENTION NEWSLETTER**

The August 2011 issue is available on line at [www.usacbrowncounty.org](http://www.usacbrowncounty.org). Check this out and be informed on many issues involving our youth.

### **LUNCH BUNCH**

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



Religious Education on Sundays again? **YES!**

Hi! My name is Jennie and I am offering R.E. on three Sundays a month throughout the 2011-2012 school year. We will meet downstairs right after story time in the Sunday service starting on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

A little bit about me: I am a lifelong UU. I was raised UU in Salt Lake City, Utah and became an adult member of First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake in 1987 when I was 16 years old. I have 3 children ages 9-18. I recently moved to New Ulm last year from Brooklyn Center, MN where my family and I attended Michael Servetus U.U. Society of Fridley, MN. I am very excited to help out with R.E. @ Nora UU this year! My partner Matthew and I saw a real need last year for our 5 children. We wanted to bring them to church with us but realized last Easter service that they needed something beyond playing in the choir during services. Since we have children every other week I asked if I could help out by providing an R.E. program geared towards kids with busy and rotating schedules like ours.

Each month during the school year I will have a curriculum designed around one of the Seven Principles from the UUA By Laws. I will be drawing from several R.E. curricular sources including Church of the Larger Fellowship (UUA) 'We Believe', The U.U. Kids Book and other U.U. resources from our library as well as in our UUA district.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 we will kick off with 'Inherent Worth and Dignity, what does that mean really? How does it apply to us?'. There will be 3 lessons that are not the same on each principle. They will be somewhat low-key and designed so that if you miss one or two weeks a month, you still benefit from attending. There won't be any "catch-up" to do. Each lesson will be inclusive and appropriate from pre-school age through high school and beyond. I look forward to meeting with our youth and am excited to be able to pitch in and help out!  
- Jennie Gazdik

### **Did you know???**



Scott Kudelka is the author of a set of books on the State Parks of North Dakota? Perhaps he will display them for us.

## MISSING CLOTHING

Several items of clothing have been left at the church. If they belong to you, please claim them. Anything not claimed will be turned over to a good will.

- Child's colorful hooded fleece jacket—size 12
- Gray hooded fleece jacket - size S
- Red hooded wind breaker - size XL
- Light blue button down fleece coat - size 14/16
- Bright yellow wind breaker w/zipper - size L
- Fleece slip-over black/gray sweat shirt - size L
- Reversible red/black fleece jacket - size L



See you in September! Questions - see Shirley Olson

## THANKS FROM THE BOARD

Thanks to the Schmitt family for their generous donation toward the new carpet and to the hardworking crew (Warren, Roger, Gordy, Algot, Wayne, Dominic, Elroy and Darrell) who worked in the heat tearing out the old. Also to the gals who cleaned and provided food and moral support.



The members, too many to name, who showed up on clean up Sunday in preparation for Installation/Gathering Day worked really hard and deserve a pat on the back.

Last, but not least, a special thanks to Karen Farrell, Gil Hanson and all the others who worked for weeks in public and behind the scenes for the Installation/Gathering celebration. We had a wonderful day, the church and grounds looked great. The Nora congregation, families and guests enjoyed a very special experience! Kudos to all!



We are missing a liner for one of the roasters. Please check your garages or basements!!

## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello everyone –What a great way to start off the new church year with Lisa's installation and the 130th gathering celebration. The service, food, music, fellowship and weather were all wonderful!! It was fun to see the church bursting at it's seams with members, guests, friends, and dignitaries. Thank you to all who worked very hard behind the scenes for this special day for Rev. Lisa and all of us at Nora. -Scott

## GATHERING DAY—INSTALLATION



The Installation  
of  
the Reverend Lisa Doege  
Nora Unitarian Universalist Church,  
Hanska, Minnesota  
130th Anniversary Celebration  
August 21, 2011



### PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

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



**FOOD SHELF  
ITEMS NEEDED**

- Soups
- Beans
- Boxed Potatoes
- Canned Fruit
- Saltine Crackers
- Chili Seasoning pkts
- Rice
- Sugar
- Canned Peas
- Tuna Helper
- Chicken Helper
- Hamburger Helper

# Raffle Quilt



Home "Tweet" Home in beautiful earth tones

If you haven't already finished selling your raffle tickets, please do so immediately and turn them in by September 11th before the service. The drawing will be held during the service.

Tickets can be turned in to Shirley Olson at church or mailed prior to the 11th to Shirley at 15208 S Washington, New Ulm, MN 56073. phone: 507-354-1866

## To Keep In Touch



Keep our youth in your thoughts  
as they are back in 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 - 354-1866
- Carol Chambard - 354-2242

**THANK YOU! - Caring Committee**



Thank you to all who supported our Relay for Life team!  
We raised over \$4,000.00 again!  
Julie, Chris, Shannon, Lisa and Courtney



**Adult Ed and Online Spirituality from the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF)**  
[www.clfuu.org/learn](http://www.clfuu.org/learn)



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)  
Julie Peck  
(fellowship hall)  
Nancy Brudelié  
(foyer)

**Buffet Table**

Julie Sellner  
Shannon Weiss

**Coffee**

Christopher Olson

**Beverages**

Susan Allen

**Carrots**

Diane Becken

**Meat Server**

Chrissie Schmitt  
Georgine Tepley

**Meat Slicers**

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

**Potatoes**

Edith Beckius  
Kate Monnens

**Cookie Trays**

Michelle Bethke  
Nita Gilbert

**Appetizers**

Vicki Sieve  
Bev Wellmann  
Kate Becken

**Wait Staff-Kaffe Stua**

\*Julie Schmitt  
Colleen Tasto  
Courtney Schmitt  
Sydney Byro  
Ben Rieke  
Nancy Dickson

**Wait Staff-Fellowship Hall**

\*Angie Becker Kudelka  
Anne Makepeace  
Nora Peck  
Laurie Kunerth  
Eva Kunerth  
Louise Guggisburg

**Wait Staff-Iverson Room**

\*Tracey Schmiesing  
Kristi Paulson  
Fritz Rieke  
Kate Makepeace  
Alex Guggisburg

**Take-Outs**

Norma Breu  
Ann Rieke

**Publicity**

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  
Pat Kunerth

**Substitutes**

Clayton Olson  
Alon Chambard  
Carol 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

Karen Farrell

Monica Sturm

**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 Frederickson

Kristine Paulson

Ardis Wellmann

Julie Sellner

**Sot Suppe**

Bonita Blomquist

**Cottage Cheese (3#)**

Janet Johnson

Lorraine Becken

Ardelle Becken

Doug Anderson

**Berliner Kranser**

Michelle Bethke

Muriel Frederickson

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 1, 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.

**MEAT BALL MAKING**

We will make meatballs on Friday, September 30 beginning at 9:00.

Saturday morning we will also start at 9:00.

Any questions please contact Julie Sellner at 375-8737 or [jdsellner@hotmail.com](mailto:jdsellner@hotmail.com)



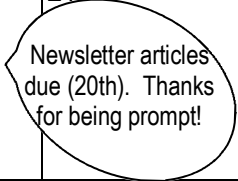

or Joy Rathman at 877-2457 or [gjrathman@frontiernet.net](mailto:gjrathman@frontiernet.net)

# NORA CHURCH CALENDAR

## September 2011

Parsonage: 507-439-6240



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service 11:30 Pot Luck	5 	6	7	8	9	10 Lefsa Making 9:30 AM
11 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service Sunday School begins 11:30 Board Meeting	12	13	14 Lefsa Making 9 AM LUNCH BUNCH 11:30	15	16	17 Midtbruget re- union in fellow- ship hall 12:00 NOON
18 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	19	20 Lefsa Making 9 AM (tentative)	21 	22	23 	24
25 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	26	27	28	29	30 MEATBALL MAKING @ 9 AM	<b>OCT 1</b> MEATBALL MAKING @ 9 AM

### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

ARE DUE BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.

### WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE DUE BY THURSDAY NOON

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please be sure to include "NORA"

in the subject line

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Thanks for your help in getting articles to me.  
Cindy Mosenden, Office Administrator

### MUSICIAN

4 Jordan Rathman

11 Mimi Kamleiter

18 JoAnn Huss

25 Sally Hanson

### SERVERS

POTLUCK

Jerry & Susan Allen

Gil & Sally Hanson

Gene & Georgine T epley

Ron & Julie Peck

### GREETERS/USHERS

Nancy Dickson

Diane Becken

Scott Chambard

Karen Farrell

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## Nora Church Sunday Services September 2011

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

September 4: "The People Who Brought You the Weekend"

September 11: "How Shall We Remember?"

September 18: "On the Importance of Being Religious"

September 25: Guest Speaker: Anthony Newman "Coming of ~~Age~~ Gender"

