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Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

APRIL 2012

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## A VIEW FROM THE HILL

A holy time is fast approaching. In three short days, early this month, the world will commemorate the blackest day in Christianity and celebrate the most joyous. And in the that same space of time the world will commemorate and celebrate the release of the ancient Jews from bondage in Egypt- an event that proceeded forty years in the wilderness.

As I say most Sundays, in the words of William Blake, "joy and woe are woven fine." We know this to be true in our daily lives. It is no mistake that it is also true in the histories of Judaism and Christianity. Religion grows out of human needs, human experiences, human questions and seeking. It is, my late colleague Forrest Church used to say, "our human response to the dual reality of being alive and knowing we must die." It makes sense that the stories of our religions incorporate that same dual reality: living and dying; freedom and bondage; liberation and wandering; and the interplay between the two. It makes sense the holiest days of our religions honor the intersection of the triumph and defeat.

Here at Nora on April 8th we'll have a breakfast feast, and festive music, and lots of glorious flowers. It will look and sound and taste and smell and feel like a holiday, with visitors and family and lots of beloved Nora members in attendance. We'll celebrate life everlasting. We'll celebrate freedom. And we'll remember that the heartache that comes into life doesn't banish the possibility of joy; indeed it often paves the way.



## LUNCH BUNCH



"Whatever Lola wants, Lola gets," and this month Lola gets the Lunch Bunch. The Lunch Bunch High Council has decreed that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10, at 11:30 a.m. at Lola's Larkspur Market, 16 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. As always, everyone is welcome.

## THANKS FROM THE BOARD

Thanks from the board this month go to Julie Peck for purchasing a new sink for the upstairs bathroom; and to Troy Huiras for pro bono plumbing in the kitchen.

## CHURCH OF THE LARGER FELLOWSHIP

It's that time of year when we start thanking church volunteers, celebrating the Coming of Agers, celebrating families, attending graduations, and spring! The Church of the Larger Fellowship offers a variety of UU pendants and lapel pins for all ages and genders at affordable prices. Visit the CLF Shop on their web page. <http://www.questformeaning.org/>

## VISITING WITH MEMBERS

Bonita & Algot Blomquist had a nice visit with Al Swanson on Friday, March 16. Al is a resident at the Crossroads Care Center in Worthington.

On Sunday March 18, they also had a nice visit with Vernon Iverson who is a resident at the Valley View manor in Lamberton.

Al & Vernon send their greetings to all their friends at Nora.

## EASTER

Join us on Easter Sunday for breakfast and fellowship. Serving begins at 9:30 AM. egg bake, fruit and muffins.

Easter Worship with festive music and lots of glorious flowers follows at 10:30 AM.

## To Keep In Touch



Keep Lorraine Becken in your thoughts as she transitions from Hanska to New Ulm.

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Best wishes to Wally Wellmann who is recovering from knee surgery.



Best wishes to Troy Tepley who is home from a severe strep infection that attacked his heart muscle.



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**

**What are you celebrating?**  
Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation,  
Coming of Age Ceremonies, Birthdays, Spring!

**PENDANTS & PINS FOR SALE**  
FROM THE CHURCH OF THE LARGER FELLOWSHIP  
[www.QuestForMeaning.org](http://www.QuestForMeaning.org)  
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# NORA CHURCH CALENDAR

## APRIL 2012

Parsonage: 507-439-6240

Lisa's Cell: 507-766-5682

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 AM Coffee Time 10:30 AM Service 11:30 AM Pot Luck Dinner	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <b>EASTER</b> 9:30 AM EASTER BREAKFAST 10:30 AM Service	9	10 	11	12	13	14
15 10:00 AM Coffee Time 10:30 AM Service	16	17	18	19	20 Newsletter articles due . Thanks for being prompt	21
22 10:00 AM Coffee Time 10:30 AM Service	23 <b>International Earth Day</b>  April 22	24	25	26	27	28
29 <b>CLEAN UP SUNDAY</b> 			<b>Happy Easter</b> 			

**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	SERVERS	GREETERS/USHERS
1 Mimi Kamleiter	POTLUCK Alan & Carol Chambard	Bonita Blomquist
8 Muffy Kaim	EASTER Diane Becken-Edith Beckius	Christina Schmitt
15 JoAnn Huss	Nita Gilbert-Shannon Weiss	Kristi Paulson
22 Sally Hanson	Warren & Kristine Paulson	Mimi Kamleiter
29	Clean Up Sunday	



### 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



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## Nora Church Sunday Services APRIL 2012

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

- April 1 "The Legacy of Some Fools and Their Money"
- April 8 "The Undead and the Unbound:  
Easter and Passover for Everyone"
- April 15 "Not Quite as the World Sends Greetings"
- April 22 "Our Mission and Why We Should Accept It"
- April 29 clean up Sunday

