

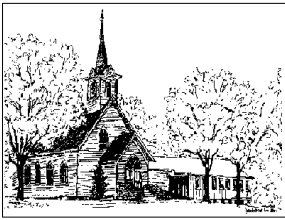


# MERE LYS newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

October 2012

## VIEW FROM THE HILL



Smorg is coming!  
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you ready for lefse?  
Meatballs? Rommegrot?  
Lots of hard work?

Mentioning Nora Unitarian Universalist Church around these parts triggers Pavlovian-style drooling in anyone who has ever been to our Smorgasbord. It is what we are known for. But just once in a while now, mentioning Nora elicits a different response - Oh! The church with the wind tower! We're not a one note band anymore.

Of course we know we never were. Nora has always been more than Smorg. Always been more than those crazy Norwegians with no more sense than to break away from the Lutheran church. Always been more than that church with a painting of Jesus but no cross, the one that doesn't even claim to be Christian. Nora Unitarian Universalist Church, formerly Nora Free Christian Church, is a church of deep convictions - deep enough that our founders left the faith of their fathers and

mothers. Nora Church is a democratic church that gave women AND men the vote at its founding. Nora Church is a church of social conscience that sent care packages to the South during the civil rights era. Nora Church is a congregation of love and laughter, family and friendships. We welcome first time visitors and prospective members with the same enthusiasm that we tell stories of long ago. We're a church, as the hymn says, that reveres its past but trusts its dawning future more.

A decidedly twenty-first century turbine turning abundant prairie wind into electricity high above the graveyard where our parents, grandparents, friends and some former ministers lie is a perfect symbol for Nora Church. We don't stand still. We turn what's handy and abundant into what we need. We hold our loved ones close and we explore new ideas courageously. And we feed the community first rate Norwegian food the first Sunday in October each year like clockwork. What more could anyone want in a church?

-Lisa

### CARING QUILT

"With these hands we have rolled lefse, played piano, rung the steeple bell. With these hands we have clapped for joy and wiped away countless tears. With these hands we have diapered babies and dug graves. With these hands we have prepared food, washed dishes, held one another as we danced at weddings. We have folded these hands in prayers beyond number. And now these hands hold you: blessing you with our healing touch and wrapping you in our love."

Nancy Brudlie has transformed our handprints into two beautiful quilts - Nora Church's own blankies-ready to be physical symbols of our community of caring and love. Please let Lisa or a member of the Care Committee know if you or someone you know would draw comfort from the use of one of these quilts for a few days or weeks. In between "loans" the quilts will be kept at church.

## THANKS FROM THE BOARD

Thanks from the board to David Sturges for providing legal services to both Nora Church and the Prairie Beacon board.

Thanks to everyone for their contributions to pay for the well.

Thanks to Nancy Bruderie for the two "With These Hands" caring quilts for use by our members in times of need.



The Lunch Bunch expands its horizons for a trip to far-off Mankato to sample the exotic cuisine of the City Center Hotel (formerly the downtown Holiday Inn) 101 E. Main. Date: Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 11:30 a.m. Carpool anyone?

## RE NEWS

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! Matthew and I took our kids on an extended vacation in June and July to Washington State and through as many National Parks that we could squeeze in to 20 days. We chased waterfalls, sunsets, waves in the Pacific Ocean and fed on fresh seafood and fresh air! We bring back many memories and water to share. I cannot wait to hear about everyone else's summer!

This year we have a challenging new curriculum; with the help of Church of the Larger Fellowship's RE- Express we will be exploring what it means to be UU. We shall explore UU traditions as well as other faith's celebrations while using the 7 principles (that we learned about last year) to guide us in our search for our own truth and meaning.

In October we will be meeting 3 weeks in a row to get caught up and then every other week (2 weeks a month) after that. As always adults are welcome and encouraged to attend (not just parents!) and we will often need adult volunteers this year to help with crafts, cooking and sharing stories of their youth. We will be exploring Theodore Parker and challenging common knowledge, Rosh Hoshana and Yom Kippur as well as Samhein/Halloween/Day of the Dead. In November we will explore what it means to have faith and giving thanks.

If you would like to Volunteer (Please?!) Feel free to contact me at home (507) 354-8905 or my cell (763) 439-6507 or by e-mail; [jenniegazdik@gmail.com](mailto:jenniegazdik@gmail.com)

Below is a list of Dates through December, 2012

Brightest Blessings!  
Jennie

## RE SCHEDULE THRU DECEMBER

October- 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

November- 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>

December- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>

## CFL

The Church of the Larger Fellowship, a unique UU congregation without walls, offers a 20% discount on all pewter and enamel pendants and lapel pins. Great UU gifts at the CLF Shop for all ages and all occasions! Just add the words "**CLF Rocks**" to the **Add Comments** field when ordering. Your 20% discount will be processed as a credit card refund. Questions? Email [bmurray@clfuu.org](mailto:bmurray@clfuu.org) or call 617-

Please Post

**UU Jewelry Sale**  
at the Church of the Larger Fellowship's  
Online Shop!  
[www.QuestForMeaning.org/shop](http://www.QuestForMeaning.org/shop)

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**The CLF is having a jewelry sale through December 2012**

20% discount offered on  
pewter pendants  
pewter lapel pins  
enamel pendants  
enamel lapel pins

**CLF Rocks!**

Go to [www.QuestForMeaning.org](http://www.QuestForMeaning.org)  
Click on **Shop**  
and simply write the words  
**"CLF Rocks!"**  
in the **Add Comments** field!

Your 20% discount will be processed within a week,  
and offered as a credit card refund.  
**Questions? 617-948-6150**

All jewelry sale proceeds support the many UU ministries of the  
Church of the Larger Fellowship  
[www.QuestForMeaning.org](http://www.QuestForMeaning.org)

**2012 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 Wellmann

**Tickets**

Kristine Paulson  
Warren Paulson  
Wendy Tuttle (caller)

**Coffee Hour**

Ellen Byron  
Janet Johnson  
Laurie Lilleodden

**Hosts**

Jeanie Hinsman  
(Kaffe Stua)  
Noah & Janet Rosenbloom  
(Steps)  
Julie Peck  
(Fellowship Hall)  
Nancy Brudie  
(Foyer)

**Buffet Table**

Julie Sellner  
Shannon Weiss

**Coffee**

Christopher Olson

**Beverages**

Susan Allen

**Meat Server**

Chrissie Schmitt

**Meat Slicers**

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

**Potatoes**

Edith Beckius  
Kate Monnens

**Carrots**

Diane Becken

**Cookie Trays**

Michelle Bethke  
Kate Becken

**Appetizers**

Jordan Rathman  
Vicki Sieve  
Bev Wellmann

**Wait Staff-Kaffe Stua**

\*Julie Schmitt  
Colleen Tasto  
Courtney Schmitt  
Sydney Byro  
Thor Weiss  
Nancy Brudie

**Wait Staff-Fellowship Hall**

Nora Peck  
Nita Gilbert  
Eva Kunerth  
Tracy Schmiesing  
Kristi Paulson

**Wait Staff-Iverson Room**

\*Karen Farrell  
Fritz Rieke  
Ben Rieke

**Take Outs**

Norma Breu  
Ann Rieke

**Publicity**

Georgine Tepley

**Dishes-Kaffe Stua**

Scott Schmiesing  
Wayne Johnson  
Gene Tepley

**Dishes-Fellowship**

Daryl Hinsman  
Pat Kunerth  
Ron Peck  
Sheldon Rieke  
Lee Drogmuller

**Clean Up (1:00)**

Ross Chambard  
Scott Chambard  
Dave Wenk  
Jean Wenk

**Substitutes**

Eric Byro  
Susan Evers  
Ann Nelson  
Jerry Peterson  
Louise Guggisburg

**Greeters**

Gil & Sally Hanson

**Floaters**

Joy Rathman  
Carol Chambard

**Bread**

Kate Monnens

**Carrots and Celery**

Janet Rosenbloom

**Scrullers**

Susan Evers  
Georgine Tepley

**Cookies-Fancy**

Julie Peck  
Julie Schmitt  
Shannon Weiss  
Ann Rieke  
Karen Farrell  
Susan Allen  
Anne Makepeace  
Vicki Sieve  
Louise Guggisberg  
Colleen Tasto  
Tracey Schmeising

**Flat Bread**

Shirley Olson

**Romme Grot**

Edith Beckius  
Janet Rosenbloom  
Carol Chambard  
Vicki Sieve  
Georgine Tepley

**Rice**

Muriel Fredrickson  
Kristine Paulson  
Jeannie Hinsman  
Julie Sellner

**Sot Suppe**

Bonita Blomquist

**Cottage Cheese (3#)**

Janet Johnson  
Lorraine Becken  
Ardelle Becken  
Lisa Doege

**Berliner Kranser**

Michelle Bethke  
Muriel Fredrickson  
Diane Becken

**Sandbakkels**

Chrissie Schmitt  
Edith Beckius

**Milk (1 Gal)**

Rieke's  
Kunerth's  
Scott Chambard  
Jeremy Schmitt  
Christopher Olson  
Mimi Kamleiter  
Lee Drogemiller  
Lee Schmitt  
Ross Chambard  
Nita Gilbert

**Fattigmand**

Susan Evers

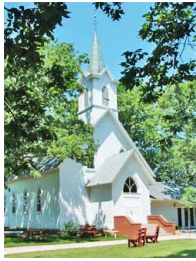
**Rosettes**

Bev Wellmann  
Norma Breu

**Kringla**

Julie Sellner  
Joy Rathman

# NORWEGIAN SMORGASBOARD AND COUNTRY STORE



**Sunday, October 7, 2012**

Serving: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM  
Coffee at 10:00 AM, Church Service 10:30  
Country Store 10:00 AM

Adults: \$14.00  
Children (10 and under) \$4.00  
6 and under: Free

Appetizers: Tongue, Deviled Eggs, Herring  
Menu Includes:  
Meatballs, Ham, Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Glazed Carrots,  
Sot Supe, Rommegrot, Rice Pudding, Lefse, Flatbread  
Norwegian Cookies including:  
Rosettes, Krum Kake, Sandbakkels and more

***Drive-up take-outs available***

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

## SMORG NOTES

We will be making meatballs on Friday October 5th beginning at 9:00. We'll be back at it at 9:00 on Saturday morning with cooking, cleaning, etc. 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

## To Keep In Touch



Please keep our military personnel in your thoughts and prayers.



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

## October 2011



Parsonage: 507-439-6240

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Meat Ball making - 9 AM	6 Smorg Prep - 9 AM
7 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service 11:00 SMORG	8	9	10 LUNCH BUNCH	11	12	13
14 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service  <b>RE</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20 
21 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service  <b>RE</b>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service  <b>RE</b>	29	30	31 			

**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	SERVER/GREETER/USHER PARTNERS
7 Muffy Rathman	SMORGASBORD
14 Mimi Kamleiter	Georgine Tepley-Gene Tepley-Scott Chambard
21 JoAnn Huss	Julie Schmitt-John Schmitt-Susan Evers
28 Sally Hanson	Wendy Tuttle-Carol Chambard-Alan Chambard



**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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<http://www.norauuchurch.org>

## Nora Church Sunday Services OCTOBER 2012

Coffee Time 10:00 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

**October 7** "When In Doubt, Eat"

**October 14** "When In Doubt, Throw It Out"

**October 21** "When In Doubt, Enjoy Adventure"

**October 28** "When In Doubt, Take Heart In Music"

Guest Speaker Day. This service will be an exploration of the effect music can have on our minds and hearts as we endeavor to move through doubt, fear and other challenges in day to day living

