

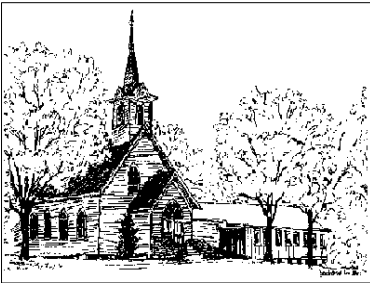


# MERE LYS newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

March 2013

## A VIEW FROM THE HILL



"They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat [the lamb] ...The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt."

Thus the Lord God instructed the Israelites prior to visiting the last plague on the Egyptians. And, having marked their homes as instructed, the Israelites were spared. None of their first born were killed that terrible night when the Lord struck down the firstborn of the Egyptians, animal and human.

Twenty-first century homes are marked for protection in a variety of ways. From home security firm window stickers to motion sensitive yard lights to signs warning "beware of dog" or proclaiming "this property insured by Smith and Wesson," we try to tell would-be doers of harm that this house, this apartment, this home isn't worth the hassle.

We mark ourselves and our families for protection in various ways, too. With scarves and mittens and multi-vitamins and sunscreen and seat-belts and vaccinations and self-defense lessons, to name just a few.

We pray almost unceasingly and often subconsciously that plagues will pass over those we love, sparing their first born, their livelihoods, their homes and their property and their health. But there is no magical or divine guarantee. Life is risky, fraught with dangers seen and unseen, and not all the plagues will pass over us.

This month we are reminded that the Israelites suffered greatly both before and after their Exodus from Egypt. We are reminded that Jesus suffered and died before rising again from the tomb. And as the days shift again toward light and warmth, we know that our lives too, while not immune from suffering, from devastation and loss, disappointment, heartbreak and pain, are blessed again and again with the miracle of resurrection, with the miracle of freedom. And in the face of such knowledge we can do no other than gather together to sing Alleluia.

## LUNCH BUNCH



The Lunch Bunch is going clubbing -- to the New Ulm Country Club, that is. The date is Tuesday, March 12, 11:30 a.m. It'll be only a week away from Spring, so that's two things to look forward to. Hope to see you there.

## GUEST DAY

The Program Committee is pleased to announce that our March 2<sup>rd</sup> guest speaker will be Doug Becken. His talk is titled: "Building a Styrofoam Coffin". Along with his artwork, he will also talk about his work in theater and music. Hope you can be there!

## THANKS FROM THE BOARD

Thanks goes to Ross Chambard and Gil Hanson for help with the computer situation.



## MARCH MATCH MONTH

March is a particularly good time to donate to Minnesota food shelves. Minnesota Food Share does a match on contributions received during the month. Cash donations are needed to take advantage of specials at local grocery stores.

Local food shelves are the New Ulm Food Shelf at 1107 South Valley in New Ulm 56073 and the Watonwan County Food Shelf at 108 South 8th St. in St. James 56081. A box for food is located in the entryway. Thanks in advance.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** in April to help at the food shelf. Contact Darrell Hinsman.

## 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**

## Sunday School Dates



March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
April 7<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
May 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>,  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> last day



### New Ulm Food Shelf Items Needed:

Peas  
Carrots  
Mixed vegetables  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Bathroom Tissue  
Instant Oatmeal (all sizes)  
Chicken Helper  
Tuna Helper  
Macaroni & Cheese



February 2013

# CALLING ALL ANGELS

RAISING AWARENESS ONE PARTY AT A TIME

Be an Angel for MOCA!

You're invited to Eggs for Ovaries!

*Please join us for a brunch to raise funds for the  
MN Ovarian Cancer Alliance.*

*Hosted by Julie Sellner on Saturday, March 9th  
Serving from 9:30-11:30am*

*Location: Nora UU Church  
12333 155<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hanska, MN*

*RSVP not necessary, but appreciated to  
Julie at 507-375-8737*



Daily Compass »

Inspiration for your spiritual expedition

A daily UU meditation and  
spiritual inspiration email.

Now offering an *audio* version  
with an *audio* response

The smallest connection with a wild  
creature feels like a blessing: a butterfly  
that lands on our sleeve . . .

Have you seen the You Tube video of the  
baby laughing uncontrollably as her dog  
snaps at bubbles?

*What never fails to lift your spirits?*

Sunflowers are at their most beautiful as they turn their great gold heads  
toward the sun. But after their petals have withered and their leaves  
dropped away is when they provide food for the birds, and the basis for a  
new generation of sunflowers.

*What in your life has borne fruit after your hopes for it had faded away?*

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# NORA CHURCH CALENDAR

## MARCH 2013

Parsonage: 507-439-6240  
 Lisa's cell: 507-766-5682



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00 AM Coffee Time 10:30 AM Service 11:30 Pot Luck	4	5	6	7	8	9 
10 10:00 AM Coffee Time 10:30 AM Service	11	12 Lunch Bunch New Ulm Country Club	13	14	15	16
17 10:00 AM Coffee Time 10:30 AM Service	18	19	20	21 	22	23
24 10:00 AM Coffee Time 10:30 AM Service	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 <b>EASTER</b> 10:00 AM Coffee Time 10:30 AM Service						

turn clocks ahead  
before you go to bed

Newsletter articles  
due. Thanks for  
being prompt!

**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

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

MUSICIAN	SERVER/GREETER/USHER PARTNERS
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10 Muffy Kaim	John Schmitt-Julie Schmitt-Susan Evers
17 JoAnn Huss	Lynn Schmitt-Lee Schmitt-Jeremy Schmitt
24 Mimi Kamleiter	Tracey Schmiesing-Scott Schmiesing-Julie Sellner
31 Jordan Rathman	EASTER Diane Becken-Edith Beckius-Janet Johnson-Wayne Johnson

**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





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## Nora Church Sunday Services MARCH 2013

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

- March 3 "Longing to Be Whole"
- March 10 "Longing to Be Connected"
- March 17 "Nameless Longing"
- March 24 "Building a Styrofoam Coffin"  
Doug Becken, guest speaker
- March 31 "Risen Indeed!"

