



# MERE LYS newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

June 2013

## VIEW FROM THE HILL



*Turn around and  
you're two, turn  
around and you're  
four. Turn around and  
you're a young girl go-  
ing out of the door!*

(Malvina Reynolds, Harry Belafonte, Allen  
Greene)

I don't know if you've been to as many graduation parties as I have this spring, but I'm sure you know the scene: along with the decorations in school colors, the cake or platter of bars, the sandwich buns and salads and coolers full of soft drinks, there is the table full of photographs, trophies, ribbons, and other memorabilia. Moving from one end to another we see our graduate morph from round-faced kindergartener to all arms and legs to poised senior. We relive his/her triumphs and learn of some we'd never heard about before. We laugh at the changes in hairstyle and fashion. An entire life displayed there on one table or wall. Those 18 years seem like forever to the graduate and the blink of an eye to parents and grandparents. Our memories fill in the gaps. We "remember when" and we look toward the

future when we see the letter of acceptance from the university or the orders to report to basic training.

Graduations, like birthdays and memorial services, are natural reviewing points. Times we search out patterns, look for meaning, remember and forgive, make resolutions. But writer Anne Lamott reminds us that we get to start a new 24 hours, a new year, a new life, anytime we choose to hit the re-set button. We can take stock and start over whenever we choose. Or, simply start over-though the taking stock part can be invaluable in preventing repeats of unfortunate decisions, directions and trends, as long as we don't wallow in the taking stock. Too much rumination can get in the way of ever starting afresh or continuing on.

Graduation day or today or a week from Wednesday, we're all in the process of becoming all the time from conception to death. We'll be talking about *becoming* this June at Nora. About what's unfolding in us barely noticed and what we're choosing to become. I look forward to hearing your stories. Turn around you're... who?

- June 2 - Our final Coming of Age of the church year; Annual Meeting following the service; potluck following the meeting.
- June 9 - Baby Dedication and Flower Ceremony-don't forget to bring a flower!!

## SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING

Loose change on the 2nd Sunday of each month will go to "Food For All"

## CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

The date for the next board meeting to go on the calendar is June 9 after church.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Nora UU Church will be held after church on Sunday, June 2. In addition to any business that members wish to address, the congregation will be asked to adopt the budget for the 2013-2014 church year and consider vote on the revision of the by-laws. (Please note that while both friends and members of Nora church are encouraged to attend, voting is reserved for members)

## LUNCH BUNCH

Anyone up for a jaunt to beautiful downtown Winthrop? Save Wednesday, June 19, for a Lunch Bunch gathering at Hahn's Cafe (the old American Legion building) at 11:30 a.m. We hope to see you there.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**POTLUCK NWS** meeting at 6:00 at Nora on June 12. Everyone welcome.

**MUSIC AND PIE NIGHT** is July 24th at 7:00. Musicians should arrive between 6:30 and 6:45. This year's free will offering will benefit the Hanska Library.

**SMORGASBORD** will be held this year on Sunday, October 6th. While many turn out on Smorg Sunday, more help is needed on the days leading up to the big event. Keep an eye on the grapevine this summer as lefse making days will be scheduled at the next NWS meeting.

## CROP WALK 2013

Crop Walk Contributions ---\$307.00

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Crop Walk effort. Donations handed to me or given to the potluck collection totaled over \$300, which was enough to feed ten people for a month.

It was a great day for a Sunday walk and I look forward to helping with this effort next year.

Thank you, Nora members and friends!  
Jeanie Hinsman

## THANKS FROM THE BOARD

Buckthorn removal - Lee Drogemuller, Darrell Hinsman, Warren Paulson, Gordy Bentdahl, and John Masengarb

Tree cleanup - John Bode, John Masengarb, Gordy Bentdahl, Pat Kunerth, Warren Paulson

Raking and hauling off the leaves - Gordy Bentdahl

Christopher Olson for covering while Lisa was at the emergency room on Mother's Day Sunday. All the people who worked on clean up Sunday.

## VISIT WITH A MEMBER

Algot and Bonita visited with Vernon Iverson in Lamberton, MN on Tuesday, May 7. Vernon is a lifetime member of Nora church while also a lifetime resident of the Lamberton area. He presently resides at the Valley View Nursing Home in Lamberton. He sends greetings to all his friends at Nora and hopes he can make a trip out here to the "Hill" some time this summer, but at age 93 realizes his traveling very far from "Home" is limited. Vernon loves to read and keep up with the news. Vernon will celebrate his 94th birthday on June 6. I'm sure he'd like to hear from all of us who have had the privilege of knowing him. His address is: Vernon Iverson, Valley view Manor Nursing Home, 200 East 9th Ave, Lamberton, MN. 56152 -Algot



# Church of the Larger Fellowship

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## CLF Worship

Friday, June 21, 1:45 pm  
Convention Center, Cascade B

The Revs. Meg Riley,  
Joanna Crawford & Chris Antal  
*Will You Harbor Me?*  
*Keeping Our Promises*



**CLF Ingathering**  
Wednesday, June 19, 5:45 pm  
Convention Center, Room 110-111

**Carry the Flame:**  
**Congregations and Beyond**  
Saturday, June 22, 1:45 pm  
Convention Center, Cascade C

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REMEMBER to bring  
flowers for our annual  
Flower Ceremony on  
June 9th.



BABY DEDICATION  
June 9th.



## To Keep In Touch

Know of someone who  
needs special mention?  
please let us know.

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

## JUNE SCHEDULE

MUSICIAN	SERVER/GREETER/USHER PARTNERS
2	POTLUCK
Sally Hanson	Beverly & Wallace Wellman-Shannon Weiss-Christina Schmitt
9	Janet Rosenbloom-Noah Rosenbloom-Bonita Blomquist
16	Sally Hansen-Gil Hansen-Algot Blomquist



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# June 2013

## Nora Church Sunday Services JUNE 2013

**Social Hour 10:00 AM    Worship Service 10:30 AM**

**June 2** "Emerging"

**June 9** "Now We Become Ourselves"

**June 16** No Service

**June 23** No Service

Church services will end on June 9 this year, so that Lisa can travel to General Assembly a day early for Ministers Association Chapter Leaders Training. We will resume Sunday service on August 18.

The newsletter will resume in August.  
Come back in August ready to "step out of your comfort zone" and maybe try something new.

### 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



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

