



MERE LYS newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

September 2013

VIEW FROM THE HILL

As long as any adult thinks that he, like the parents and teachers of old, can become introspective, invoking his own youth to understand the youth before him, he is lost.

~Margaret Mead

I go to school the youth to learn the future.

~Robert Frost



After a particularly full summer, with four young women (one tween and three teens) in and out of the parsonage for various lengths of time, I have decided to take a break from providing respite and foster care for a few months-at least until January 1.

Over the past three years I have welcomed 14 children and youth into my home-and you've welcomed them into the church as well, even the ones you never met. The youngest was six months old and the oldest eighteen years old. Each of them added interest and excitement and love to my days. They challenged me and exhausted me and energized me. I worked with a number of Brown County caseworkers and was consistently impressed with their dedication to the families in their care and the outside the box arrangements they created and facilitated to best serve families and providers. I expanded my vegetarian cooking skills and learned to appreciate what the 4-H judge considers the "nice feminine look" of a prize winning heifer!

I'm grateful that I have a spacious and safe home (provided by Nora Church) and a flexible job (Nora Church) and understanding, supportive employers (Nora Church!). Without all three I could not have enriched my life through this endeavor. You've asked about my kids, you've engaged them in conversation, you've sent home extra food from potlucks and not blinked an eye when I was late to meetings or had to get home early for bedtimes. What more could any single parent - even a part-time one- ask?! Thank you all.

Though it is definitely time I took this rest, outside interests and activities keep me fresh and re-freshed for the work of ministry. I'll let you know when I'm back at it again.

-Lisa





THANKS FROM THE BOARD

As we begin our new worship year we want to take this opportunity to thank various folks who went the "extra mile" for us in the past and over the summer.

First, Noah Rosenbloom, who was the energetic bell ringer for so many years (now ably succeeded by Eli Kunerth) as well as the Sunday depositor of funds received.

David Sturges for legal help with Prairie Beacon/Nora questions.

Lee Drogemuller and "He who must not be thanked" for rescreening the parsonage porch.

John Masengarb for his help with the Wild Garden planning in the area where trees and buckthorn have been removed.

And finally, a big thanks to all who participated in the Summer Music night, the success of which allowed us to make a sizable contribution to the Hanska library.

Also, A big Thank You to Jerry Brown (son-in-law of Nancy Brudellie) for spending part of his vacation time in Minnesota painting the church sanctuary walls and windows! It looks wonderful!!!!!!! Thanks, Jerry!

LUNCH BUNCH

To mourn the passing of Summer or to celebrate the beginning of Fall, the Lunch Bunch will gather on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 11:30 a.m., at the Home Town Cafe in St. James. Hope you can join us.

UU HUMOR

It's near the end of the day at the Pearly Gates and there are just three people left. The first one approaches St. Peter. St. Peter asks the man his religion and the guy says that he's a Catholic. St. Peter pages through a thick book, reads something and then asks, "Did you go to church every Sunday and receive the sacraments?" The guy says, "Oh, yes," and St. Peter lets him into Heaven.

The next guy approaches and St. Peter asks what religion he is. "I'm Jewish." St. Peter again flips through the book, reads something and asks, "Did you study the Torah?" The guy responds, "Oh yes," and St. Peter lets him into heaven.

The last person approaches and when asked she tells St. Peter that she is UU. St. Peter again flips through his book, looks up and asks, "Did you bring a hot dish to share?"

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For a UU, a "tradition" is something that was done last year, and a "firmly established tradition" is something that has been done for the past two years. If it has been done for the last three years, it is "the way we've always done it."



PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Lisa will have Mondays off.

Friday will be sermon writing day.

NORA BOARD INFORMATION

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SMORG WORK LIST:

Country Store

Jerry Allen
Sandi Bengé
Mimi Kamleiter
Shirley Olson
Ardis Wellmann

Museum

Lee Schmitt

Parking

Jeremy Schmitt
Elroy Wellmann

Tickets

Julie Schmitt
John Schmitt
Wendy Tuttle (caller)

Hosts

Jeanie Hinsman
(Kaffe Stua)
Julie Peck
(Fellowship Hall)
Nancy Brudlie (Foyer)

Buffet Table

Julie Sellner
Shannon Weiss

Coffee

Christopher Olson

Beverages

Susan Allen

Meat Server

Susan Evers

Meat Slicers

(Saturday @ 12pm)
Roger Breu
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

Katie Hemberger
Colleen Tasto
Courtney Schmitt
Sydney Byro
Thor Weiss
Nancy Brudlie

Wait Staff-Fellowship Hall

Nora Peck
Nita Gilbert
Eli Kunerth
Tracy Schmiesing
Kristi Paulson

Wait Staff-Iverson Room

*Karen Farrell
Julia Gazdik
Jessica Gazdik

Take Outs

Norma Breu
Ann Rieke

Publicity

Georgine Tepley

Dishes-Kaffe Stua

Scott Schmiesing
Wayne Johnson
Gene Tepley
Lee Drogmuller
Sheldon Rieke

Dishes-Fellowship

Daryl Hinsman
Pat Kunerth
Ron Peck
Jennie Gazdik
Matthew Hellendrung

Clean Up (1:00)

Ross Chambard
Scott Chambard
Dave Wenk
Jean Wenk

Greeters

Gil & Sally Hanson

Floaters

Joy Rathman
Carol Chambard

Bread

Kate Monnens

Carrots and Celery

Janet Rosenbloom

Scrollers

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
Hemberger's

Fattigmand

Susan Evers

Rosettes

Bev Wellmann
Norma Breu

Kringla

Julie Sellner
Joy Rathman

OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER

in honor of
JORDAN RATHMAN
daughter of Joy & Gerard

Saturday, September 28
9:30 AM
Sleepy Eye Community Center

Jordan will be marrying
Jason Kuelbs,
son of Heidi and Gary
on November 2
at Nora Church

Register for the LOSE IT to WIN IT Community Health Challenge!

Join us for this FREE 12-month challenge to help adults who live or work in New Ulm lose weight or maintain weight. It's designed to give everyone the opportunity to be rewarded for making healthful lifestyle choices. More than 1,325 people have already registered for the challenge, but we need the support of everyone in the community! If 2,500 people register, New Ulm will be on its way toward winning a great community prize of \$100,000 worth of new outdoor fitness equipment for New Ulm parks and bicycle improvements such as bicycle racks, bicycle lanes and signage. Register by Oct. 31, 2013. For registration information and details, visit www.heartsbeatback.org/loseit.

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

WINTER HEATING



Even though the days are still warm, the cooler ones are coming! It's that time of year to plan for heating needs. We'd like to again pre-pay the LP costs, but funds are low as we're just getting back into weekly offering collections. If any of you are able/willing to contribute a portion of your pledge amounts earlier than you'd planned, it would be greatly appreciated! The pre-pay needs to be done before the end of September and is a significant energy savings to Nora.

NORA CHURCH CALENDAR

September 2013

Parsonage: 507-439-6240



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service Pot Luck	2 	3	4 Lefse Making 9:00 am	5 	6	7
8 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	16	17	18 Lunch Bunch, Home Town Café, St. James	19	20 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	21 Lefse Making 9:00 am
22 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	30	Remember SMORGASBORD OCTOBER 6th				

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	SERVER/GREETER/USHER PARTNERS
1	Mimi Kamleiter	POTLUCK Susan Allen-Jerry Allen- Nancy Dickson
8	Sally Hanson	Louise Guggisberg- Lee Drogemuller- Shannon Weiss
15	Mimi Kamleiter	Colleen Hokenson - Shirley Olson
22	Muffy Kaim	Nita Gilbert- Ardis Wellman- Elroy Wellman
29	no service	Clean-up Day



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Nora Church Sunday Services September 2013

Coffee Time 10:00 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

September 1 "A Working Theory"

September 8 "Making Amends"

September 15 "Semi-Evangelism"

September 22 "From Our Heritage to the Horizon"

September 29 Clean up Day

