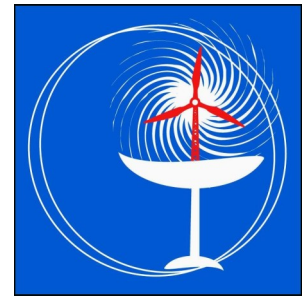


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Nora Unitarian Universalist Church  
Hanska, MN

## May 2014 Newsletter



### A VIEW FROM THE HILL

*Today in 2014...*

Thanks to one of my Facebook friends (the husband of one of my real-life, in the flesh friends) my newsfeed is peppered with this-day-in-history snippets. Larry's favorite themes are higher education, baseball, social reform, and Unitarian Universalism, but birthdays, death dates, anniversaries of events of any kind might show up today or tomorrow or next Wednesday.

It's just the sort of thing to delight the trivia-nerd I am at my core. But it also awakens my inner future historian. You might remember that sponsor of the old MPR Morning Show. *Future Historians of American-preparing for tomorrow's yesterday today*. Isn't that what we all do, every day of our lives? Prepare for tomorrow's yesterday today?

200 years from now, 135 years from now, 50 years from now, a year from now, what might some history buff post on the future equivalent of Facebook about today, *this* very day? What discovery? What publication? What birth? Death? Tragedy? Truce? Perfect game pitched?

And on the timeline of my life, your life? What will our biographers say about this day in our history? Did you meet somebody famous? Concoct a prize-winning recipe? Set a new personal 10 K best? Maybe today was the day you decided to love your life. Or run for office. Or move to Katmandu (Please, don't! We'd miss you.).

The thing is, we're writing our history right now, today, this hour. And while there is much we don't control, we do have some influence on the way our individual stories will turn out, even on the way our communities', state's, country's stories will turn out. It's best that I don't get so carried away with preparing for tomorrow's yesterday today that I lose track of living in the moment or attempt to stage manage things that are really none of my business or are best left to God. But I appreciate Larry's daily reminders that history doesn't just happen--and it isn't always in the past.

*-Lisa*

### Services

**Coffee 10am**

**Worship 10:30am**

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**May 4th**

***Choose Your Gift  
Potluck***

**May 11th**

***The Wisdom  
Of Solomon***

**May 18th**

***Syttende Mai,  
Service in Hanska  
Under the Tent***

**May 25th**

***Words and Music  
For Memorial Day***

**Karen Farrell, presenter**

## *A Note From the Treasurer*

### **Monthly Income and Expenses**

At the suggestion of the Nora Church Board of Trustees, Sunday plate collections and total monthly expenses will be listed for the full month prior to the *publication* of the newsletter. Totals indicated will not include special collections for area food shelves or memorial gifts.

#### Collections:

March 2.....	\$859.00
March 9.....	\$1,137.00
March 16.....	\$646.90
March 23.....	\$3,501.25
March 30.....	\$1,041.00
Total Collections....	\$7,185.15

Total Expenses for March \$8,593.37 (includes quarterly payments)

### ***Nora Church Board Meeting***

The May NORA Board meeting will be Sunday, May 18th, after service.

### ***Annual Congregational Meeting***

The annual meeting of Nora Unitarian Universalist Church will take place at approximately 11:35 a.m. on Sunday, June 1, 2014.

At that time the congregation will vote to approve a budget for the 2014/2015 church year, elect two members to the Board of Trustees, and undertake other business as set forth in the agenda or proposed from the floor.

### ***2014/2015 Church Budget & Pledge Drive***

The proposed budget for the 2014/2015 church year will be presented at a very brief congregational meeting following the service on Sunday, May 4, 2014. Pledge cards will distributed at the same time.

### ***Nominating Committee Report***

Karen Farrell's first term on the Board of Trustees expires on July 1. Karen has agreed to serve a second term.

Warren Paulson's first term expires on July 1. He will not serve a second term. The committee nominates Sally Hanson to serve a three year term.

Respectfully submitted,

Nita Gilbert  
Edith Beckius

### ***Discussion Sunday—Round Two***

It's been over two months since our initial discussion at potluck in February. Lots of enthusiasm and good ideas surfaced at that time but poor weather in March and the joint choir in April prevented us from follow-up. Now it's time to reconnect and prioritize what is doable and desirable for our congregation to undertake.

We'll use a similar format at the May 4th potluck, as we did in February. We'll have discussion at meal time, report to the larger group and adjourn before 1:30. Please join us. Share your ideas, your feedback, and inspiration. Handouts will be available at the potluck to help refresh your memories regarding the February discussion.

### ***Graduation Open House for Sydney Byro***

We will be having an open house graduation party for Sydney Byro on Saturday, May 24th, at our home. -Ellen Byro

### ***Nora Museum***

Algot Blomquist has enjoyed taking care of Nora's museum for many years. However, he now feels it is time to retire from this position. If there is anyone who has ideas about how to move forward with care of the museum, or is interested in doing so themselves, please send an email to the church or let Nita or Algot know.

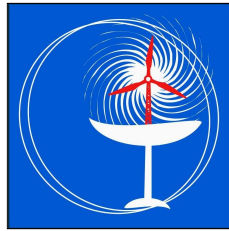
*Thank you so much, Algot, for all you've done to preserve this important part of Nora's (as well as the Hanska Community's) history!*

### ***Pastor Lisa's Schedule***

Pastor Lisa has Mondays off.

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Friday is sermon  
writing day.

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She can be reached on  
her cell when not in the  
office: 507-766-5682



### ***Lunch Bunch Rides Again!***

The Lunch Bunch posse will be hot on the trail of the James gang when we hold our May meeting at La Plaza Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, 15 W. Main St., Madelia, at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 8. Saddle up and we'll see you there.

### ***MOCA Eggs for Ovaries! Brunch***

Please join us for a Kentucky Derby themed brunch Saturday, May 3rd 9:30-11:30am, at Nora Church. We'll celebrate the running of the roses by raising funds for the MN Ovarian Cancer Alliance. RSVP appreciated, but not required, to host Julie Sellner, 507-375-8737. *Don't forget your derby hat!*

### ***New Ulm Co-op News***

New Ulm Community Market and Cooperative will be hosting a indoor Farmers' Market on May 10th and May 24th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. The Co-op is located at 526 S. Minnesota Street in New Ulm. You will find locally milled flour, local meat, jam, baking mixes, baked goods and much more.

### ***Crop Walk to Honor Noah Rosenbloom***

May 4, 2014 is the 25th New Ulm Area Crop Walk Sunday. This year's Crop Walk is dedicated to the memory of Noah Rosenbloom, treasurer for the Crop Walk effort for fifteen years. Noah was a dedicated volunteer, going door-to-door in his neighborhood canvassing for walkers and contributors and doing the same at Nora Church.

Last year the monies collected on Crop Walk Sun-

day, at Nora's coffee hour and potluck, raised \$300. Let's do at least as well this year and make Noah proud! Checks can be written to CWS (Church World Service) which distributes the funds to twenty-six agencies that work to provide emergency assistance, refugee aid, and supplemental food programs world wide. The New Ulm Food Shelf receives 25% of non-designated funds. Thank you for your generosity!

### ***Fundraiser for Julie Schmitt***

The fundraiser will be Saturday, May 10th from 4-7 pm at the Eagles Orchid Inn, Sleepy Eye. The fundraiser is held in support of Julie Schmitt, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor last June and has had two surgeries in this time.

There will be a free-will donation for dinner (pulled pork, beans, chips, pickles and bars), as well as a silent auction (4-6:30) and activities for kids all evening. If anyone is interested in donating time, silent auction items, or monetarily please contact Julie Sellner. Visit Julie's Caring Bridge page at: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/julieschmitt](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/julieschmitt)

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If you know of anyone needing our assistance or attention...please call one of the Caring Committee members:  
Georgine Tepley (chair)  
359-3060 (weekdays after 5 pm)  
Shirley Olson - 354-1866  
Carol Chambard - 354-2242

### ***Notes from the Nora Office***

*Hello! I am looking forward to working with everyone here at Nora. What a beautiful place to work! When not at Nora I am working on our organic vegetable farm and orchard, hanging out my husband, John, our daughter, Emily, and the farm animals. In good health, Brooke*

#### **Newsletter Articles and Information**

Are due by the 20th of each month.

#### **Weekly Order of Service Announcements**

Are due Thursdays at noon.

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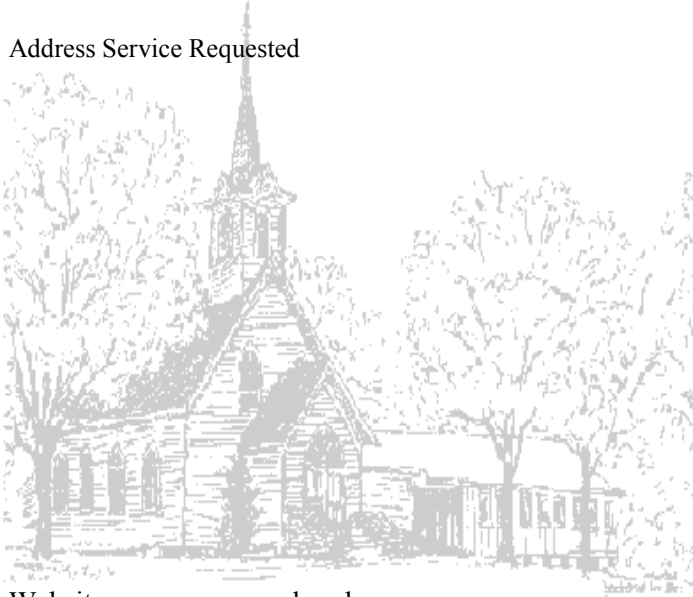
Brooke Knisley, Office Assistant

*In the office Tuesdays and Fridays.*

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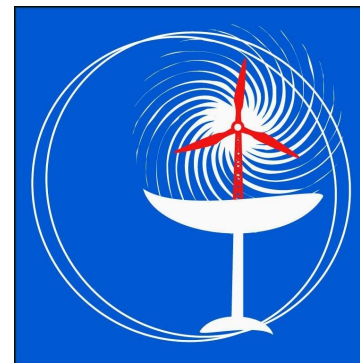
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*Nora, In Our Words...*

“Friendly; laughter.”      “Peace.”  
 “Fellowship.”      “1881”  
     “Food.”      “Music.”  
 “A place to reflect.”      “Community.”  
     “Spiritual Home.”      “History.”  
     “Family.”  
 “Friendship. Togetherness.”      “Friends!”  
     “Janet Johnson, aka JJ”  
 “A Wonderful Community :)”  
 “Security. Openness. Georgine.”  
     “Learning.”  
 “Sunday school and juice.”  
     “Very Grateful.”  
 “Smorg.”      “Union hall.”  
 “Love.”      “Music.”      “Peace.”  
     “Stories.”  
     “Home.”



<i>Date</i>	<i>Pianist</i>	<i>Greeters, Servers and Ushers</i>
May 4th <b>Potluck</b>	Jordan Kuelbs	Susan and Jerry Allen, Diane Becken
May 11th	Mimi Kamleiter	Sally Hanson-Gil Hanson-Julie Sellner
May 18th		<b>Syttende Mai</b>
May 25th	Sally Hanson	Katy and Peter Hemberger, Nita Gilbert