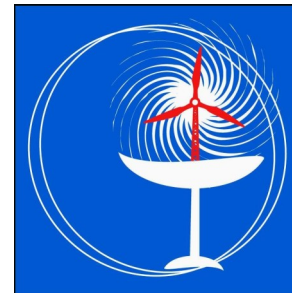


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Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

Hanska, MN

September 2014 Newsletter



A VIEW FROM THE HILL

We must not allow ourselves to be distracted. As Michael Brown's death and the events that shooting precipitated in Ferguson, MO fade from headlines, if we are to have any hope that this tragedy will have any lasting meaning, we must not allow ourselves to be distracted by so many things. One of those is #notallcops.

Of course not all cops.

Not Kenny W., the patrol officer (and future sheriff) who lived three doors down when I was growing up, the father of my brother's and my classmates.

Not Officer M., the police officer who gave the bus safety lecture at our elementary school.

Not the Chicago beat cop who sent a friend and me to a fancy little pastry shop when we wanted a glass of iced tea in the middle of a warm afternoon of site-seeing.

Certainly not the rookie small town cop whose mother and grandmother grew up at Nora Church.

And not hundreds, not thousands of other cops-of all ranks and ages, races and genders. I know this. There is not a doubt in my mind, not a question in my heart: not all cops.

But I know this too:

We cannot allow the truth of #notallcops to distract us from the reality of #blacklivesmatter and #handsupdon'tshoot.

Life isn't a mathematical equation or a chemical formula. All the good cops patrolling the streets today don't cancel out the life of one unarmed black man lying dead on the street. All the good cops walking beats throughout history don't neutralize the inequities of our justice system, the disproportionate numbers of black men stopped and frisked, the longer sentences imposed on black offenders, the heartbreaking instruction parents must give their black children in hopes of keeping them safe as they go about the dangerous business of living while black.

Here we are in rural Minnesota, wondering (if you're anything like me) what to do. Overwhelmed (if you're anything like me) by even the 12 Things White Allies Can Do or 6 Ways White Churches Can Be Creatively Disruptive in Response to Ferguson. So here's my **1 Place to Start and 1 Thing to Do Next:**

1. Stipulate #notallcops (which means it no longer need be part of further discussion).

1. Make #blacklivesmatter the topic of one conversation today.

(And ask your nearest young person why those phrases have # in front of them!)

Services

Coffee 10:00am

Worship 10:30am

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September 7th

"From Joy to Joy to Joy"

September 14th

"Imagine You Wake Up With a Second Chance"

September 21st

"The Centre Cannot Hold"

September 29th

Clean Up Sunday

-Lisa

Nora Church Board Meeting

The next Nora Board meeting will be Sunday, September 14th, following the service.

Lefsa & Meatballs, Oh My!

The last lefsa day is Tuesday, September 9th.

Meatball Friday is October 3rd.

Make sure to mark your calendar for these dates!

Thank You!

The Board thanks Jennie Gazdik, for making cookies to take to the Tri-State Gathering.

Also, thank you Roger Breu, for the needed repairs to the gazebo—we will all enjoy it!

Here We Go Again!

Saddle up, Lunch Bunchers. We're headed for the New Ulm Pizza Ranch for our September roundup. Brand the date, Sept. 16, 11:30 a.m., on your memory, and we'll see you there.

Church Night Comes to Nora!

Lisa will lead a group for Nora youth (in grades 7-12 or the equivalent) on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 10.

We'll meet in the church social hall from 7-8:30 for opening ritual, conversation, guided discussions, snacks and games.

Nora youth who have not yet Come of Age will have the opportunity to be recognized this year. Non-Nora friends are welcome to participate, with parents' permission (permission forms will be distributed on September 10).

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross Blood Drive is coming to New Ulm at the Vogel Feildhouse on:

Wednesday, September 3rd 1-7 pm

Thursday, September 4th 1-7 pm

Friday, September 5th 8am-1:00pm

Appointments can be made online at redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-733-2767
WALK INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. The need for blood is great.

September 2014 Religious Education

Welcome back to Nora Sunday School! I have missed seeing each of you every week! It has been a long but fun filled summer for me and my family and I am looking forward to seeing each of you and hearing all about your summer adventures!

This year we are going to be exploring Symbols in Faith. That is, we will explore Unitarian Universalist symbolism and the symbols and traditions from other world religions that we embrace. We will be using the Seven Principles as a foundation to help us in our exploration! Each month we will focus on a different world religion.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday school/RE starts Sunday, September 7th, 2014

No RE on December 28th, 2014; January 4th, February 15th, March 8th and April 19th, Last Sunday is May 31st, 2015.

With Peace and Love,
Miss Jennie

To ♥
Keep
In
Touch

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, or Carol Chambard - 354-2242

Tranquilty Garden

Tranquility Garden Dedication and Pie in the Park Saturday, Sept. 13 at 1:00 pm. Join the Madelia Community Hospital and Clinic Garden Committee as they dedicate the garden.

“To grow restless with who we are helps us move toward our ideals. Perfection is impossible, but we all have the potential to be more patient, more compassionate, more open-minded.”

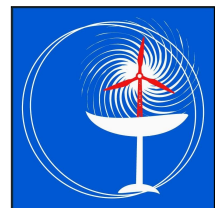
Stephen Shick (UU, peace activist, reformer, clergy)

Pastor Lisa's Schedule

Pastor Lisa has Mondays off.

Friday is sermon writing day.

She can be reached on her cell when not in the office: 507-766-7822.



SMORG WORK

LIST:

Country Store

Jerry Allen
Sandi Bengé
Mimi Kamleiter
Shirley Olson
Ardis Wellmann

Museum

Lee Schmitt
Algot Blomquist

Parking

Jeremy Schmitt
John Schmitt
Elroy Wellmann

Tickets

Warren Paulson
Kristine Paulson

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

Christina Schmitt

Meat Slicers

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

Potatoes

Edith Beckius
Kate Monnens

Carrots

Diane Becken

Cookie Trays

Michelle Bethke

Kate Becken

Appetizers

Susan Evers
Vicki Sieve
Bev Wellmann

Wait Staff-Kaffe Stua

Katie Hemberger
Colleen Tasto
Courtney Schmitt
Toby Weiss
Thor Weiss

Wait Staff-Fellowship

Hall

Nora Peck
Nita Gilbert
Eli Kunerth
Tracy Schmiesing
Kristi Paulson
Anna Bayer

Wait Staff-Iverson

Room

*Karen Farrell
Julia Gazdik
Jessica Gazdik

Take Outs

Norma Breu
Georgine Tepley

Publicity

Georgine Tepley
Jeannie Hinsman

Dishes-Kaffe Stua

Scott Schmiesing
Wayne Johnson
Gene Tepley
Lee Drogemuller
Daryl Hrdlicka
Alicia Bayer

Dishes-Fellowship

Daryl Hinsman
Pat Kunerth
Ron Peck
Jennie Gazdik
Matthew Hellendrung
Dick Gurska

Clean Up (1:00)

Ross Chambard
Scott Chambard
Dave Wenk
Jean Wenk

Greeters

Gil & Sally Hanson

Floaters

Joy Rathman
Carol Chambard
Louise Guggisberg
Peter Hempberger

Bread

Kate Monnens

Carrots and Celery

Janet Rosenbloom

Scrllers

Susan Evers
Georgine Tepley

Cookis-Fancy

Julie Peck
Julie Schmitt
Shannon Weiss
Colleen Tasto
Karen Farrell
Susan Allen
Tracey Schmiesing
Vicki Sieve
Louise Guggisberg
Nita Gilbert

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#)

Wayne Johnson
Lorraine Becken
Ardelle Becken
Lisa Doege

Berliner Kranser

Michelle Bethke
Muriel Fredrickson
Diane Becken

Sandbakkels

Chrissie Schmitt
Edith Beckius

Milk (1 Gal)

Daryl and Alicia
Kunerth's
Scott Chambard
Jeremy Schmitt
Christopher Olson
Mimi Kamleiter
Lee Drogemuller
Ross Chambard
Nita Gilbert
Hemberger's

Fattigmand

Susan Evers

Rosettes

Bev Wellmann
Norma Breu

Kringla

Julie Sellner
Joy Rathman

Notes from the Nora Office

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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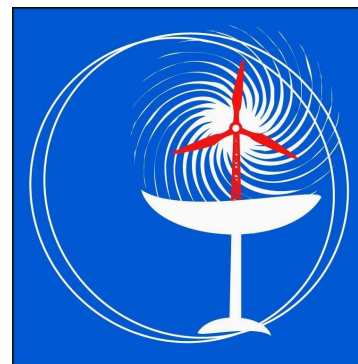
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NORA POWERS ME FOR...

“Thought and inner peace.”

“To accept change.”

“To speak up to my beliefs and life in general”



A Matter of Balance

Eight sessions at the Lake Crystal Rec Center on practical strategies to manage falls. Tuesday Sept. 16 to Nov. 4th, 10 am-Noon. Call 507.642.5211 for more information about this FREE workshop.

You will learn to: view falls as controllable; set goals for increasing activity; make changes to reduce fall risks at home; exercise to increase strength and balance.

You should attend if you are: concerned about falls; interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength; restricting your activities because of having fallen.

Hosted by the Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic

<i>Date</i>	<i>Pianist</i>	<i>Greeters, Servers and Ushers</i>
Sept. 7th	Muffy Kaim	POTLUCK—Jeanie & Darrel Hinsman, Peter & Katy Hemberger
Sept. 14	Sally Hanson	Louise Guggisberg, Lee Drogenmuller, Shannon Weiss
Sept. 21	JoAnn Huss	Shirley Olson, Jennie Gazdik & Matthew Hellendrung
Sept. 28		Clean Up Sunday