

Services

Coffee 10:00 am
Worship 10:30 am



October 7

*“Manna, Lefse, and the
Bread of Life”*

October 14

*“Leaving Home for
Life”*

October 21

*“Their Souls Would
Not Be Satisfied”*

October 28

*Program Committee
Sunday, TBA*



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October 2018 Newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

A View From the Hill

Many years ago I preached a sermon on When the Future Changes. It struck a chord with many in the congregation that day. One or two of them still mention it when I chance to run into them. I've re-read the sermon with the experience of a couple decades of ministry and preaching behind me. It wasn't a masterpiece of homiletics or writing. I've certainly written and preached better over the years. Yet, somehow, that's the one that folks remember and recommend to friends, and want me to know spoke to them.

It's the subject matter, I think, that resonates. The future changes all the time, with each decision we make, each decision those around make, each decision made by those in power, each new day's dawning. But once in a while, in all our lives, the future we've been counting on and planning for and steadfastly moving toward changes dramatically. Irrevocably, without warning or choice. And it has either already happened to us or we know that it someday will (from our observation of it happening in other lives and from own sense of the fragility and capriciousness of life). So to hear that truth—often hard and unwelcome—spoken aloud is a relief and a comfort and an affirmation that neither are we alone in this reality nor will we be completely undone by it.

My future has changed in lots of related, small and not so small ways since I first became a foster parent eight years ago and then a mom a year and a half ago. It's changing again this week, as my daughter enters residential care for an uncertain but lengthy period of time. I have, as my younger colleagues say about such things, 'all the feels'—relieved that she is physically safe and getting the help she needs, scared, sad, lonely, grateful for the love of family and friends, for the support of Brown County Human Services and other adoptive parents, and for you, members and friends of Nora Church, for your patience and understanding and love through the past difficult months and into the now changed months ahead. And hope, too. Our future, Lucia's and mine, is being re-written, but then the future always is.

As long as there is more of the story to come, there is the possibility of healing, joy, love everlasting—for all of us whose futures are being re-written, every day of our lives. When the future changes how blessed we are move into it together.

-Lisa

Thanks from the board...

Thank You!

The board offers thanks to the dedicated lefse crew who worked hard during a warm, humid, September day. Thank you to Georgine, Kristine, Shirley, Joy, Janet, Carol, Susan, Vicki, Colleen, Diane, Nancy and Edith. You are all good caretakers of our Norwegian heritage, even those who are not Norwegian.

Thanks to Glen and Darrell for installing a railing at the back kitchen entry. It will make us all more secure going up and down those steps.

Road Clean-up Crew

On the 9th, seven walkers enjoyed a pleasant Sunday walk along Highway 247 picking up trash from the roadway. All together we amassed only one trash bag full of garbage, which made us all happy. Signs that people are being a bit more considerate? Aria also found two toads and a handful of wildflowers. Thanks to Vicki, Colleen, Julie, Louise, Kami and Aria for your participation.

Nordic Heritage Grant Project

Julie Peck, Jeanie and Colleen attended two days of training in Sioux City for the upcoming grant project. We also had Schmitt's Siding come out to do a second estimate on the belfry repair.

Representatives from the grant will visit Nora in early November. Eight churches were at this training session. We were the only Norwegian heritage church. Others from ND, SD, MI, and Iowa included Icelandic, Finnish, Danish and Swedish congregations. We learned of another church near Northfield that has the same altar painting as we have. You'll be hearing more in the weeks ahead.

Task Forces: Funding and Floating

At the Sept 22nd board meeting board members decided to establish two task forces for time limited projects. Firstly, idea people are needed to create a theme and design our entry for the Parade of Lights float. The Parade of Lights is held the Friday after Thanksgiving, in New Ulm at 6:00 p.m. We've participated in recent years and would like to do so again, but with a new concept. Float must be well lit. We have some talented construction people on board but need fresh thoughts on how best to represent Nora Church. If interested please let Jeanie know (507-359-7494).

Our second project is to create a funding campaign

for the \$15,000 match for the Nordic grant. Colleen, Jeanie and Julie came home from Sioux City with lot of ideas and resources. We need to plan out our steps and timeline. We need to have a rough concept in place at the time of the site visit in early November. We have at least a year to raise the money but need to start thinking through our plan. Again, let Jeanie know (507-359-7494) if you can work with us.

Common Read

For a number of years UUs across the country (and around the world) have joined in reading and discussing one common book each church year. This year we'll join them! The 2018/2019 Common Read is *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment*.

We have scheduled an initial book discussion for potluck Sunday, February 3, 2019 (see your Nora Church calendar!); additional sessions may be added.

We will order several copies of the book from the UUA bookstore in order to take advantage of bulk order discount. Please e-mail or call the church office to reserve a copy. Expected price is \$16.

Art with Attitude

Art with Attitude will resume on the 12th of October. We will also meet on October 26th. Join us in the fellowship hall at 10:30 a.m. Coffee is always hot. All are welcome.

We are trying to get the information we need to start a project making pillows for women having breast cancer surgery. The pillows are 7x11 inches and are used under the arm to help take pressure off of the place of surgery. We will talk more about it at our Oct. meeting.

In the meantime we are finishing up our items for the Country Store at Smorg. We have many hand-

A Note From the Treasurer **August Income and Expenses**

Income: \$8,139.00

Expenses: \$9,334.49

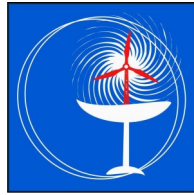
Income and expenses are listed for the full month prior to the publication of the newsletter, not including special collections or memorial gifts.

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.



made cloth baskets, greeting cards and tote bags. If anyone has any wooden boxes that we could use for display would you please let Nancy know – Nbrudeli@aol.com or 507-439-6838.

Lunch Bunch

While the New Ulm Germans are celebrating Oktoberfest, the Hanska Norwegians (well, some of them are Norwegian) will be having a fiesta in Madelia to celebrate another successful Smorgasbord. The Lunch Bunch gang will meet at La Plaza Fiesta Mexican restaurant in Madelia, 15 W. Main St., on Thursday, Oct. 11, 11:30 a.m. Hasta luego, mis amigos.

Lunch Bunch is a monthly, social lunch gathering, open to any Nora members, friends or visitors.

Supper Club

Thursday, October 17th at 6:30 pm Supper Club will gather at the Kaiserhoff, downtown New Ulm, 221 N Minnesota St.

Supper Club is held the third Wednesday of each month, at 6:30, at alternating locations.

Smorgasbord Line Up!!

Meatball Friday The fun begins at 9:00 a.m. October 5th, we'll wrap up around 2:00 pm. Call for more meatball makers! We've decided to increase the amount of meatballs made this year, so extra help will be appreciated! You can always come late for clean-up.

Saturday Set Up Again on October 6th activities kick off at 9:00 a.m. with cooking, table setting, turkey carving, tent set up, signage and more done! The more bodies we have, the faster the day goes. We appreciate your help for a couple hours or all day!

Items needed for the country store! Baked goods, produce and homemade crafts. If you're at

all crafty, we'd love a donation or two...or three. Baked goods are also needed, especially Scandanavian treats. There will be plastic containers available at church for packing any baked goods. No used household items please. Please price items before bringing them to church.

Questions about smorgasbord? Contact Julie Sellner 507-375-8737/507-920-0131 or jdsellner@hotmail.com, or Joy Rathman at 507-877-2457/507-829-4979 or gjrathman@frontiernet.net.

Smorgasbord Work List

Country Store: Sandi Benge, Mimi Kamleiter, Shirley Olson, Lara Fletcher

Museum: Lee Schmitt, Algot Blomquist

Parking: Jeremy Schmitt, John Schmitt

Tickets: Warren Paulson, Kristine Paulson, Wendy Tuttle (caller)

Hosts: Jeanie Hinsman (Kaffe Stua), Julie Peck (Fellowship Hall), Nancy Brudeli (Foyer)

Buffet Table: Julie Sellner, Shannon Hoechst

Coffee: Christopher Olson

Beverages: Susan Allen

Meat & Carrot Server: Christina Schmitt

Meat Slicers: (Saturday @ 12pm) Roger Breu, Lee Schmitt, Wally Wellmann, Tony Erickson, Carson Erickson

Potatoes: Edith Beckius, Kate Monnens

Cookie Trays: Kate Becken, Diane Becken

Appetizers: Susan Evers, Vicki Sieve, Bev Wellmann, Jordan Kuelbs

Wait Staff-Kaffe Stua: Colleen Tasto, Courtney Schmitt, Toby Weiss, Thor Weiss, Kadence Hesse

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Notes from the Nora Office...

Order Of Service:

Content due Thursdays by 8 am

Please send content of any kind, for the newsletter or order of service to the Nora email. Announcements generally run for two weeks.

November Mere Lys ~ content due

Sunday, October 21

Church Email: norachurch@sleepyeyetel.net

Phone: 507.439.6240

Brooke Knisley, Office Assistant

In the office Mondays and Thursday (AM).

Wait Staff-Fellowship Hall: Nora Peck, Nita Gilbert, Kristi Paulson

Wait Staff-Iverson Room: *Karen Farrell, Lucia Reyes

Take Outs: Norma Breu, Georgine Tepley

Publicity: Georgine Tepley, Jeannie Hinsman

Dishes-Kaffe Stua: Scott Schmiesing, Wayne Johnson, Gene Tepley, Lee Drogemuller

Dishes-Fellowship: Daryl Hinsman, Ron Peck, Dick Gurska

Clean Up (1:00): Ross Chambard, Scott Chambard, Sally-Anne & Dave Bensen, Jerry Allen

Greeters: Gil & Sally Hanson

Floaters: Joy Rathman, Carol Chambard, Louise Guggisberg

Donations

Bread: Kate Monnens

Carrots and Celery: Janet Rosenbloom

Coffee: Ryann Kaim

Scrullers: Susan Evers, Georgine Tepley

Cookies-Fancy: Julie Peck, Shannon Hoechst, Colleen Tasto, Karen Farrell, Susan Allen, Vicki Sieve, Louise Guggisberg, Nita Gilbert, Jordan Kuelbs

Romme Grot: Edith Beckius, Janet Rosenbloom, Carol Chambard, Vicki Sieve, Georgine Tepley

Flat Bread: Shirley Olson, Carol Chambard

Rice: Jeannie Hinsman, Julie Sellner, Jordan Kuelbs, Nancy Brudelie

Sot Suppe: Kristine Paulson

Cottage Cheese (3#): Lisa Doege

Berliner Kranser: Michelle Bethke, Muriel Fredrickson, Diane Becken

Sandbakkels: Chrissie Schmitt, Edith Beckius

Milk (1 Gal): Scott Chambard, Jeremy Schmitt, Christopher Olson, Mimi Kamleiter, Lee Drogemuller, Ross Chambard, Nita Gilbert, John Schmitt, Wayne Johnson

Fattigmand: Susan Evers

Rosettes: Bev Wellmann, Norma Breu

Kringla: Julie Sellner, Joy Rathman

Sarah Oelberg's address update

There is new contact information for Sarah & Gerald Oelberg. This is a retirement home, which will be much easier for Gerald. 1820 S. 75th St., West Allis WI 53214. Phone numbers will also change—

Sarah 414-551-1423, Gerald 414-551-8542.

Market @ the Farm

Wednesday, October 17th from 4:00-7:00 pm we will hold our second Fall Market @ the Farm of the season, featuring our organic produce, apples, apple sauce, apple butter and more! Alternative Roots Farm 11197 130th St., Madelia—from Nora take 257 East, left on Hwy 15, right on 130th St. Swing by before you head to Supper Club. Stop and say hello! -Brooke Knisley

Wake Now Our Vision: Collaborative Campaign

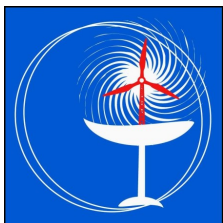
We invite you to join us in the [Wake Now Our Vision \(WNOV\) Collaborative Campaign Legacy Challenge](http://wakenowourvision.org/documents/u/unitarian-universalist-association/our-vision/legacy-challenge). Simply put, our goal is to support one another in our work, so that we might become better, stronger, more effective institutions and congregations, capable of sharing our talents and expertise in the service of liberal religion.

The Legacy Challenge will strengthen the future of Unitarian Universalism through planned giving. You can help. Your planned gifts support our institutions and congregations in bringing people together and standing up for love and justice. Plus, thanks to a generous grant from the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, new legacy gift intentions designating one or more of the WNOV partner institutions, or a UU congregation or fellowship, are eligible for a 10% matching cash gift, up to \$10,000.

Brochure: <http://wakenowourvision.org/documents/u/unitarian-universalist-association/our-vision/wnov-giving-brochure.pdf>

FAQs: <http://wakenowourvision.org/documents/u/unitarian-universalist-association/our-vision/wnov-legacy-challenge-faq.pdf>

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