

Services

Resume in September

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Sundays 10:30 am

In the Church Sanctuary

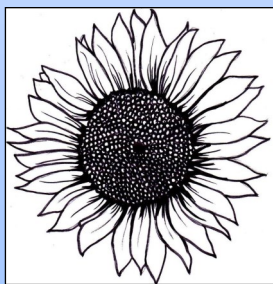
Watch the September
newsletter and
Grapevines for
information on
upcoming services!

September 12

Service TBA

Rev. Lisa Doege

Potluck Sunday



Daily Poetry
Reflections

*Archived on Nora's You
Tube Channel.*

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August 2021 Newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

A View From the Hill

Essayist and children's book author E. B. White famously once wrote something like this: "I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve (or save) the world and a desire to enjoy (or savor) the world. This makes it hard to plan the day."

I don't know about you, but these days I feel I am torn, in my life as parent and pastor and person, between my desire to save lives (yours, Lui's, my own) and savor lives. This makes it hard to plan.

I want us to come together for worship and fellowship to savor one another and this sacred community. To sing together, sit in silence together, eat together, laugh together, renew our faithful commitment to healing the world, together. And I don't want to risk any lives by bringing us together under unsafe conditions. Our board feels the same. This makes it hard to plan a church year.

We have time yet, in which to make our planning decisions, time in which the COVID situation will change, and probably change again. And as we have done for the past year and half, we will monitor and discuss and discern and adapt, and communicate, communicate, communicate. Watch for our first safe meeting plan of 2021-2022 in the September newsletter. And in the meantime, know that we're on it, know that we're open to your suggestions, and know that with the exception of me, all our Nora's leaders (the board and the Sunday Services Committee) are volunteers, keeping the church alive on love and faith.

—Lisa

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Thank you!

Thank you to all who attended and baked for our ice cream social. Attendance was 25. Nine of the attendees were guests from outside Nora Church.

A special thank you to Nita Gilbert and Sally Hanson for providing music and to Brett Lehman for introducing Kynzie to us. Kynzie gave an excellent talk about the long and strenuous task that faces immigrants who apply for asylum. I think we all gained many insights and compassion for the struggles in language, basic survival, need for good attorney service and years of apprehension that are involved in resettlement.

Food Shelf Workers Needed

September is Nora Church's month to provide volunteers at the New Ulm Area Food Shelf. We share the month with United Church of Christ. Our dates are Monday evening, September 13 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm and Wednesdays the 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 11:45 am to 3:00 pm. The work is not difficult. The report is that usage has increased. Three people per shift is recommended. Please let Jeanie know if you are willing and able to support this much needed community food program.

September 12 Event Update

Due to the current concerns regarding Covid spread the board has decided to cancel plans for a September 12 mini-Smorg/Tri-State/ anniversary celebration. We're thinking about a spring event (Syttende Mai or spring equinox?) instead. September 12 will be regular church with potluck for those who feel comfortable.

Lisa's Schedule Update

Lisa will continue to have Mondays off and Fridays as writing days. Once the board determines its regular meeting day for the church year, Lisa will announce which other days will be Nora days and which will not, to reflect her new part-time position.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

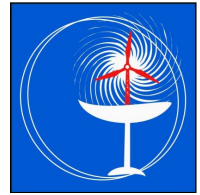
2—Ryann Kaim
3—Peter Torkelson
7—Greg Johnson; Daniel & Rebecca Amborn



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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.



- 13—Carey Paulson
- 18—Ken & Luella Chambard
- 20—Robert Rabaschko
- 21—Jordan Kuelbs
- 22—Larry & Vicki Bakken; Peter & Viki Torkelson
- 23—Lee Schmitt
- 24—Brad & Linda Blomquist; Sydney Byro
- 26—Jerry & Susan Allen; Dan & Patsy Amborn
- 28—Melvin Mikkelson
- 29—Randy & Teresa Paulson
- 30—David & Michelle Bethke
- 31—Karen Farrell; Ross Gratwohl

Instead of a full, church-year calendar we will email monthly calendar pages along with the newsletter

Mail Your Pledges!

We appreciate it, as you are able, to continue to send your regular pledges in the mail, or arrange direct deposit with your bank (contact Julie for more info on direct deposit). Thank you!

Church Directory

If you have any changes to the current directory please send them to the church email!

From the Nora Office...

Newsletter content due on the 20th of each month. Grapevines sent as needed. Please send content of any kind to the Nora email.

*Brooke Knisley, Office Assistant
Working from home and in the office Tu. or Th.*