

# **MERE LYS** March 2023 Newsletter Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

March Services

#### March 5 Service & Potluck

#### **Queer and Trans Theologies**

We have asked Seth Anderson-Matz to speak about Queer & Trans Theologies. He is a student at Union Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. He is pursuing a dual Ministry of Divinity in Interreligious Chaplaincy & UU studies. He intends to become a board certified chaplain as well as an ordained UU minister. He has served as the Religious Education Program Coordinator at 1st Universalist Church in Mpls. He is involved with many LGBTQ groups.

Join us for a potluck meal after the service.

#### **March 19 Service**

# A Service of Sharing: Responses from the Congregation

A couple of Nora members have asked the program committee if we could have a service with this topic;

Why do we come to Nora?

What does it mean to be part of this UU congregation?

What do we have to offer?

We hope that you will ponder these questions in the next weeks. Perhaps you could think of a word, paragraph, song, or something else to share. If anyone would like to help orchestrate this service, please call Brett 507-329-1654, Jeanie 507-276-8591, or Sally Anne 507-683-2853. Thank you!

Coffee and conversation to follow, bring a brown bag lunch, if you'd like.

# Thanks from the Board!

The big Thank You!! from the Nora Board...

...to the Program Committee for all their time and effort spent on services during this time of transition.

... to Darrell, Warren, Lee and Julie Peck for all the time spent cleaning and renovating the parsonage.

### Save the Dates!

Looking ahead to April and Easter plans... April 2nd – Potluck at 11:30, no service April 9th – Easter Service, no food served April 16th – Regular 10:30 Service

Nora Services

10:30 Services First & Third Sundays Potluck follows 1st Brown Bag Option 3rd www.norauuchurch.org March 5 Queer and Trans Theologies Guest Speaker: Seth Anderson-Matz

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#### A Note From the Treasurer

#### January Income and Expenses

Income:	\$3,714.00
Expenses:	\$1,266.00

Income and expenses presented at the last board meeting. Income does not include memorials and gifts.

# March Board Meeting

Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, via Zoom. Contact any board member for updates.

# Grand Re-Opening!

New Ulm's Own Fair Trade & Art

212 N. Minnesota

Now in the front of the building!

March 9, 10 and 11: 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Refreshments/ Drawings/ In store specials

Help us celebrate our new location!

# Inclement Weather

In case of Sunday morning inclement weather, the decision to cancel church service will be made no later than 8:00 a.m. Announcements will be made via Grapevine email, posting on the Nora website and Facebook page, and a cancelation notice will be sent to KNUJ and KTOE. When church is not cancelled, you are responsible for your own safe-ty. We love to see everyone at church but we would rather know everyone is safe. Please do not drive to church when road conditions, high winds

# Direct Deposit for Pledges

Direct deposits for pledges become even more pertinent during this time of distance worship.

To initiate this, anyone interested would need to set this up with their bank, much like an automatic payment for a utility or credit card.

If you would like to make electronic pledge payments, please contact Julie Peck for Nora Church account information.

or frigid temperature feel unsafe to you. We'll see you the next Sunday, or the next month or in April!!



## Notes from the Nora Office...

Mere Lys Newsletter content due <u>the 20th of each month.</u>

Order of Service content due Thursday prior to the service.

Please send content of any kind, for the newsletter, grapevines, and more, to the Nora email.

Brooke Knisley, Office Assistant In the office 1-2 times a week, generally Tuesday and Friday, as well as working from home.



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