



## Services

10:30 Services

First & Third Sundays

*Potluck follows 1st*

*Brown Bag Option 3rd*

[www.norauuchurch.org](http://www.norauuchurch.org)



## Schedule

September 17

10:30 am

*“Love is God”*

*Guest Speaker:*

*Chad Snyder*

*Followed by potluck.*



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Universalist  
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## September 2023 Newsletter

### Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

#### To the Light of September

When you are already here  
you appear to be only  
a name that tells of you  
whether you are present or not

and for now it seems as though  
you are still summer  
still the high familiar  
endless summer  
yet with a glint  
of bronze in the chill mornings  
and the late yellow petals  
of the mullein fluttering  
on the stalks that lean  
over their broken  
shadows across the cracked ground

but they all know  
that you have come  
the seed heads of the sage  
the whispering birds  
with nowhere to hide you  
to keep you for later

you  
who fly with them

you who are neither  
before nor after  
you who arrive  
with blue plums  
that have fallen through the night

—W. S. Merwin

#### Opening Service Sept. 17

Join us for our first service of the year as we have a celebration to welcome the Bohomaz family, Pavlo, Yevheniia, and Pavlo Jr., to the Hanska community.

Chad Snyder will conduct our ser-

vice. Chad began our ‘22-‘23 church year with his topic “Beginning at the End”. Chad has conducted services for us several times in the past and we look forward to his September visit. Following the service there will be potluck. We are inviting Hanska and New Ulm community guests to join us in welcoming our new Ukrainian friends.

We welcome Laurie Sieve to Nora Church on Oct. 1. Laurie will give personal reflections on her journey as a mother of a Trans son.

Laurie and her family attended Nora Church approx., 1990’s thru 2010. We look forward to her visit and learning from her experience.

#### Seeking Input!

Greetings Nora Members,

The Program Committee is looking for input from you for the upcoming church year. If you have suggestions for a guest speaker, please indicate his/her name and any known contact information. Also, please note any specific topic or subject matter you would like to see addressed at a service and include any information that might be helpful to the committee. Your help to make our Sunday services meaningful to the congregation will be greatly appreciated.

Please send information to [norachurch@sleepyeyetel.net](mailto:norachurch@sleepyeyetel.net) attention Program Committee, Brooke will forward to the committee, or contact Jeanie Hinsman or Sally Anne Benson with your suggestions. Thank you for your assistance.

## September Board Meeting

The next Nora Board meeting is set for Wednesday, September 20 at 8:15 pm, via Zoom. Contact Sally for information.

Monthly board meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month, via Zoom.

## 39 Years Ago

I happened to be dilly dallying outside in May, while Leo drew chalk a little, after we were done working. This meant a chance encounter with Cathy Glick and Curt Nelson, who were married at Nora Church 39 years ago. They were saddened to see names they knew residing on Mt. Pisqua, but they wrote later that the visit to the church had made their anniversary very special. Nora Church holds a special space in many peoples heart, near and far.



### *A Note From the Treasurer*

#### **Income and Expenses**

June Income: \$1,680.00

June Expenses: \$2,240.24

Church year ending June 2023 Income: \$39,347.65

Church year ending June 2023 Expenses: \$29,924.50

July Income: \$ 812.00

July Expenses: \$1,560.92

*Income and expenses presented at the last board meeting(s). Income does not include memorials and gifts.*

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

#### **Mere Lys Newsletter content due the 20th of each month**

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

*Hours are roughly once per week, working from home. Set days/hours are not in place at this time. I can be contacted through the Nora email. If you need to get ahold of me directly, or quickly, please connect with Sally. All content for the newsletters, etc. are appreciated!*

*Brooke Knisley, Office Assistant*