



MERE LYS newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

June 2011

VIEW FROM THE HILL



Not to be outdone by Mother's Day, Syttende Mai and Memorial Day, June unfolds before us

with our annual flower ceremony, annual congregational meeting, and Father's Day. Three big Sundays in a row. And then... nothing.

Or so we tell ourselves. We take summers off here at Nora Church. Except for Music and Pie in July. Oh, and a couple of lefse-making days in August. But that's it. Unless we count the Installation service on August 21, which is part of Nora's 130th Anniversary Gathering Day and also kicks off worship for the 2011/2012 church year. Yep, we're going to take it easy this summer--when we're not practicing our music or baking pies or rolling lefse or cleaning, planning and preparing for Installation/Gathering.

Looks like the only thing we won't be doing this summer is holding services at 10:30 on a handful of Sundays at the height of the season. I'm look-

ing forward to that break, but I'm also glad we have plans that will bring us together during our hiatus. I like being with you and I like how obvious it is that you like being with one another. The music, the pies, even the lefse might just be excuses to hang out together for a while. Isn't that how church should be?

I'll be following my usual summer schedule. I'm off to Charlotte, North Carolina for General Assembly just after our last service. And I'm on vacation all of July--but I'll be around the parsonage some. The members of the Board and the Committee on Ministry will know how to reach me in case of emergency.

Then, before I know it, it will be August and time to get ready for my first church year as your settled minister! It will be a full summer but I'll find some time within it for rest and play and simply being. Wishing you all some of the same. See you at church!

-Lisa



SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING

Loose change on the 2nd Sunday of each month will go to "Food For All"

ANNUAL REPORTS

If you haven't turned your report in to Cindy, do it ASAP. Deadline is June 5th

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Nora UU Church will be held after church on Sunday, June 12. In addition to any business that members wish to address, the congregation will be asked to adopt the budget for the 2011-2012 church year. (Please note that while both friends and members of Nora church are encouraged to attend, voting is reserved for members)

LUNCH BUNCH



The lunch bunch will descend on the New Ulm Country Club on Wednesday, June 22, at 11:30 am for its mid-summer get-together. Hope you can join us!

THANKS FROM THE BOARD

Thanks from the Board this month goes to Edith Beckius and Diane Becken for coordinating the Easter breakfast and to all the people who contributed the delectable food. Thanks also to the workers who showed up for clean-up Sunday despite the cold, windy day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT NEW ULM FOOD SHELF IN JULY

It's Nora Church's turn to provide volunteers at the food shelf the second and fourth weeks of July. We need three volunteers from 11:45 to 3:00 pm on Mondays July 11 and July 25 and Wednesdays July 13, and July 27. In addition we need 2 volunteers 6:15 to 8:00 pm on Monday night July 11. If you're able to help please call Darrell Hinsman at 359-7494. The work involves boxing orders for families and stocking shelves. You can be trained quickly and it's not necessary to have volunteered previously.

SAVE THE DATE!

This summer's Gathering Day date has been set for August 22 and is being combined with Lisa's installation. Plans are underway for special music (thanks, Gil), games, decorations, and a great lunch buffet as well as a kick-off bonfire on Saturday evening the 21st.

"Save the Date" cards will soon be available at church for you to use to send to friends and family. We'd like a LARGE attendance!

As things are finalized there will be more information in August newsletter and bulletin announcements.

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to Ronda Rolstad who donated dish towels to the NWS in memory of her aunt, Clarice Sandmann. Ronda said that Clarice always enjoyed her time when she washed dishes at Church. To her it was a labor of love. Thank you Ronda for this very fitting donation in her memory.

-Submitted by Georgine Tepley

NORA CHURCH'S WIND TURBINE PERFORMS WELL

Nora church's wind turbine started producing in late April and has been able to take advantage of the windy spring weather. A meter measuring output sets production so far at 254 kilowatt hours. Chad Palmer of Wind Turbine Industries, manufacturer of the Jacobs 21-30 turbine and the inverter, was at Nora Church and answered questions about the turbine and its operation after pot luck on Sunday May 1. He described our site as being a better site than he imagined. The turbine will need to be serviced in about 6 months and yearly thereafter. Prairie Beacon appreciates the interest that Nora Church members and the community have shown in this project.



ATTENTION:

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

We are putting together a booklet (book?) for our teenagers and young adults. It will be comprised of contributions from "all of us".

Collectively, we have spent several thousand years on this earth with our personal unique thoughts, questions and experiences.

We have all known success and failure. So - what have we learned? What do we wish we would have known when we were 18 years old? What do we think is important enough to take the time to share it with the younger generation?

Words of Wisdom (original or quoted), lyrics from a song that had meaning to you, lessons you've learned, perhaps the hard way, a belief system that has sustained you, a story that moved you, a book you'd like

them to read. What brings you joy, how do you deal with adversity or despair, perhaps something that would simply put a smile on their face and see something from a different angle, or a meatball recipe.

We're expecting at least one contribution from each of you...and encourage you to submit more—there is no limit. They can be anywhere from 1 or 1 lines to 2 pages. Or if a single word says it all, that's okay too. We expect you to sign your name to at least one, but if you have something you want to share unsigned, that's okay.

There is a treasure chest in the fellowship hall where you can put them or email or mail them to the church.

We hope to have the book ready for the "Gathering" in August. Please submit as soon as possible. The book will also be available to give to grandchildren, other relatives or friends of our members who do not regularly attend Nora. This is a way for us to share a part of ourselves and thus to share Nora.

HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL



MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVE

Join us on Thursday evening, July 21 beginning at 7 pm

Various musicians will entertain us at the Nora Church.

We will also have a PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

Come and enjoy a fun summer evening! Bring your friends and relatives for a night to remember.

Taps



Day is done ...
Gone the sun ...
From the lakes ...
From the hills
From the sky ...
All is well.
Safely rest ...
God is nigh .

Fading light ...
Dims the sight...
And a star ...
Gems the sky ...
Gleaming bright ...
From afar...
Drawing nigh ...
Falls the night ..

Thanks and praise ...
For our days ...
Neath the sun ...
Neath the stars...
Neath the sky ...
As we go This we know ...
God is nigh"

To Keep In Touch

Know of someone who needs special mention? please let us know.

Nathan Gall will be graduating from Loyola High School this May. He is the son of Jen Gall, grandson of Diane Becken and great-grandson of Ardelle Becken. He will be attending Iowa State at Ames in the fall.

Caring Committee members:

Georgine Tepley (chair)
359-3060 (weekdays after 5 pm)
Shirley Olson - 354-1866 ~ Carol
Chambard - 354-2242



A Father's Blessing

"What is one specific way you knew that you had received your parents' blessing?"

Here are some answers to that question asked of 100 people by Gary Smalley, popular author and psychologist.




1. "My father would put his arm around me at church and let me lay my head on his shoulder."
2. "When my father was facing being transferred at work he purposely took another job so that I could finish my senior year in high school at the same school."
3. "When I wrecked my parent's car, my father's first reaction was to hug me and let me cry instead of yelling at me."
4. "When I was thirteen, my dad trusted me to use his favorite hunting rifle when I was invited to go hunting with a friend and his father."
5. "My father went with me when I had to take back an ugly dress a saleswoman had talked me into buying."
6. "My father would let me practice pitching to him for a long time when he got home from work."
7. "Even though I had never seen him cry before, my father cried during my wedding because he was going to miss me no longer being at home."

NORA CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE 2011

Parsonage: 507-439-6240
 Lisa's Cell: 507-766-5682



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service Potluck dinner	6	7	8	DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR <u>JULY</u> Thursday, July 21 Summer Music Night & Pie Social - 7:00 PM <u>AUGUST</u> Wednesday, August 3 - Lefsa making, 2 pm Tuesday, August 9 - Lefsa making, 2 pm Saturday, August 21 - Bon fire kick-off Sunday, August 22 - Gathering Sunday... Lisa's installation		
12 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service Annual Meeting	13	14	15			
19 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	20 	21	22 	23 	24	25
26 No service	27	28	29	30		

Services and the newsletter will resume in August.
 Come back in August ready to "step out of your comfort zone"
 and maybe try something new.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
 ARE DUE BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.

WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS
 ARE DUE BY THURSDAY NOON

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please be sure to include "NORA"

in the subject line

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 Thanks for your help in getting articles to me.
 Cindy Mosenden, Office Administrator

MUSICIAN	SERVERS	GREETERS/USHERS
5 Jordan Rathman	Warren & Kristine Paulson	Nancy Brudelite
12 Sally Hanson	Noah & Janet Rosenbloom	Edith Beckius
19 Mimi Kamleiter	Pat & Laurie Kunerth	Mimi Kamleiter



PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Lisa will have Mondays off.
 Friday will be sermon writing day.
 She can be reached on her cell when not in the office



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Nora Church Sunday Services JUNE 2011

Social Hour 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM

- June 5** "Weeds and Wildflowers"
Please bring a flower for each member of your family attending the service.
- June 12** "Two Bands of Gold"
- June 19** "Why Dads Matter"
- June 26** No Service - Summer Break begins



Congrats
to our
2011
Grads!