



# *MERE LYS newsletter*

*Nora Unitarian Universalist Church*  
January 2012

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## *VIEW FROM THE HILL*

If you haven't yet made your New Year's resolutions, or have room on your list for one more, I invite you to make church a resolution.

- Resolve to attend Sunday service regularly, regardless of who's preaching or what the announced topic. Sundays at Nora offer so much food for the spirit (and sometimes body).
- Resolve to pay your pledge promptly and in full. When the financial canvass comes around in the spring sign your name to a pledge that is both realistic and generous so that Nora's leaders can budget for next year with a well-informed sense of abundance.
- Resolve to talk about church. Tell friends and neighbors and co-workers where you worship and why. Invite them to service. Write a letter to the editor, stating, "As a Unitarian Universalist I believe XYZ is one of the most vital issues of the day...".
- Resolve to visit Nora members residing in Luther Memorial Home in Madelia and Divine Providence Nursing Home in Sleepy Eye. Bring along a friend.
- Resolve to tell the board you have a great idea for a program and want to organize it. I promise they'll give you a green light.
- Resolve to check out [uua.org](http://uua.org), [psduua.org](http://psduua.org), and [uuworld.org](http://uuworld.org). Like them on Facebook. Like Nora church on Facebook, too, once our page is up.
- Resolve to join the choir. We have openings in all sections.

Yes, it is my job (one of them) to safeguard and facilitate the stability and vitality of the church as a whole. But it is also my job (one of them) to be your pastor, and it is in this latter capacity that I invite you to consider these resolutions. Church is good for you, and is so often the case, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. Regular, engaged participation binds you more closely to the church. All things in moderation, of course. Don't burn yourself out doing the work of the church. But in general, if you've been generous with your time, your participation, your volunteer efforts, your financial support, you will experience greater contentment when you sink into the pew or gather around the potluck table. Your spirit will be open to the workings of mystery and the company of beloved church friends.

Give it a try in 2012. Give yourself to the church and then let the church give back to you.

Happy New Year!  
-Lisa



### POTLUCK SCHEDULE

Our potluck lunch in January will be on the 29th following the service. Don Rollins will be our special guest on that day.

### THANKS FROM THE BOARD

Thanks from the board goes to Warren Paulson for his continuing efforts to resolve the problems with the well.

We also thank our Christmas elf, Georgine Tepley for ordering, picking up and delivering poinsettias to our elderly and shut in members.

### LUNCH BUNCH

Ole Amigos. The Lunch Bunch will begin the new year with a visit to Plaza Garibaldi in New Ulm on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012 (I'm practicing writing 2012), at 11:30 a.m. Come one and all for some hot Mexican food to warm us on a cold January day.

### SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING

Loose change on the 2nd Sunday of each month will go to "Food For All". Please consider a generous donation. Many are less fortunate than us and need a helping hand.

### GUEST AT YOUR TABLE



Please remember the guest at your table and turn in your boxes January 15th

### ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Lisa has information and application forms for Brown County Energy Assistance. She also has minister's discretionary funds available for those in the congregation or wider community in need of food, prescriptions, or other vital assistance.

### ML KING - DAKOTA FRIENDSHIP EVENT

Sunday Jan. 22, 2012  
UCC New Ulm, 301 S. Minnesota St.,  
Potluck Meal 5 p.m.  
Program/Discussion 5:45 (Approx)  
Presenter/Leaders will be : Gwen Westerman, MSU Mankato professor, Native American writer and activist  
Anthony Morse, Site Manager at the MN Historical Society at Lower Sioux Community  
All are welcome!

### PETER MAYER, JANUNARY 14-15

Purchase tickets online at:  
[uumankato.org/peter-mayer-concert](http://uumankato.org/peter-mayer-concert)  
Peter Mayer, a singer/songwriter and talented guitarist, will present a concert on the evening of Sat, Jan 14, and join us for worship the next morning. Learn more about his music at:[www.petermayer.net](http://www.petermayer.net)



*You are all invited  
to the upcoming wedding dance of  
Ryann (Muffy) Rathman  
and  
Andrew Kaim  
January 28 at 8:00pm  
at the New Ulm armory.*

A Birth Certificate shows that we were born. A Death Certificate shows that we died.  
Pictures show that we live! Have a seat. Relax . . . And read this slowly.  
"Thoughts for the new year"

I Believe...  
That just because two people argue,  
It doesn't mean they don't love each other.  
And just because they don't argue,  
It doesn't mean they do love each other.  
I Believe...  
That we don't have to change friends if  
We understand that friends change.  
I Believe...  
That no matter how good a friend is,  
they're going to hurt you,  
every once in a while  
and you must forgive them for that.  
I Believe....  
That true friendship continues to grow,  
even over the longest distance.  
Same goes for true love.  
I Believe...  
That you can do something in an instant  
That will give you heartache for life.  
I Believe...  
That it's taking me a long time  
To become the person I want to be.  
I Believe...  
That you should always leave  
loved ones with Loving words.  
It may be the last time you see them.  
I Believe...  
That you can keep going  
long after you think you can't.  
I Believe...  
That we are responsible for what  
We do, no matter how we feel.  
I Believe...  
That either you control your attitude  
or it controls you.  
I Believe....  
That heroes are the people  
who do what has to be done  
when it needs to be done,  
regardless of the consequences.  
I Believe...  
That my best friend and I  
can do anything or nothing  
and have the best time..  
I Believe...  
That sometimes the people  
you expect to kick you  
when you're down  
will be the ones to help you get back up.

I Believe...  
That sometimes when I'm angry  
I have the right to be angry, but that  
doesn't give me the right to be cruel.  
I Believe...  
That maturity has more to do with  
what types of experiences you've had  
And what you've learned from them  
and less to do with how many  
birthdays you've celebrated.  
I Believe....  
That it isn't always enough,  
to be forgiven by others.  
Sometimes, you have to learn  
to forgive yourself.  
I Believe...  
That no matter how bad  
your heart is broken,  
the world doesn't stop for your grief.  
I Believe...  
That our background and circumstances  
may have influenced who we are, but,  
we are responsible for who we become.  
I Believe...  
That you shouldn't be  
so eager to find out a secret.  
It could change your life forever.  
I Believe...  
Two people can look at the exact same  
thing and see something totally different.  
I Believe...  
That your life can be changed  
in a matter of hours  
by people who don't even know you.  
I Believe...  
That even when you think  
you have no more to give,  
When a friend cries out to you,  
you will find the strength to help.  
I Believe...  
That credentials on the wall  
do not make you a decent human being.  
I Believe...  
That the people you care about  
most in life  
are taken from you too soon.

*'The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything;  
They just make the most of everything they have.'*

January - June 2012



SERVERS ~  
GREETERS/USHERS:

⇒ If your name is not on this list and you would like to participate, please call Susan Allen 359-2856.

⇒ If your name is on this list and you are not able to help, please call and try to arrange to switch with someone else.

⇒ The first Sunday of each month (with the exception of January) is potluck.

January's potluck is on the 29th this year.

⇒ Greeters who are scheduled for Pot Luck Sunday, please check with Servers to see if they need additional cakes. Our numbers are growing smaller and we are looking at making adjustments.

Please remove this page and put it with your calendar

January 2012

MUSICIAN	SERVERS	GREETERS/USHERS
1	NO SERVICE	
8	Service in Mankato	
15 JoAnn Huss	Warren & Kristine Paulson	Lee Drogemuller
22 Mimi Kamleiter	Jerry & Susan Allen	Nancy Brudelie
29 Sally Hanson	POT LUCK Clayton & Shirley Olson	Christina Schmitt

February 2012

MUSICIAN	SERVERS	GREETERS/USHERS
5 Jordan Rathman	POTLUCK Darrel & Jeanie Hinsman Jennie Gazdik-Matthew Hellendrung	Joy Rathman
12 Sally Hanson	Jason & Kate Monnens	Mimi Kamleiter
19 JoAnn Huss	Noah & Janet Rosenbloom	Vicki Sieve
26 Mimi Kamleiter	Gene & Georgine Tepley	Diane Becken

March 2012

MUSICIAN	SERVERS	GREETERS/USHERS
4 Muffy Kaim	POTLUCK Karen Farrell; Edith Beckius	Pat Kunerth
11 Sally Hanson	Ron & Julie Peck	Christopher Olson
18 JoAnn Huss	Scott & Tracey Schmiesing	Jerry Peterson
25 Jordan Rathman	Colleen Tasto; Vickie Sieve	Scott Chambard

April 2012

MUSICIAN	SERVERS	GREETERS/USHERS
1 Mimi Kamleiter	POTLUCK Alan & Carol Chambard	Bonita Blomquist
8 Muffy Kaim	EASTER Sheldon & Anne Rieke	Christina Schmitt
15 JoAnn Huss	Diane Becken-Shannon Weiss	Kristi Paulson
22 Sally Hanson	Warren & Kristine Paulson	Mimi Kamleiter
29	Clean Up Sunday	

May 2012

MUSICIAN	SERVERS	GREETERS/USHERS
6 Jordan Rathman	POTLUCK Lee & Lynn Schmitt	Jeremy Schmitt
13 JoAnn Huss	Syttende Mai	
20	Syttende Mai	
27 Muffy Kaim	Muffy Kaim	Algot Blomquist

June 2012

MUSICIAN	SERVERS	GREETERS/USHERS
3 Jordan Rathman	POT LUCK Julie Sellner; Joy Rathman	Susan Evers
10 Sally Hanson	Elroy & Ardis Wellman	Lee Drogemuller
17 Mimi Kamleiter	Noah & Janet Rosenbloom	Christopher Olson

# NORA CHURCH CALENDAR

## JANUARY 2012

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



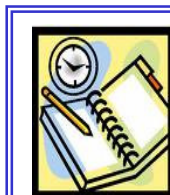
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Service	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 No Service at Nora. Service at Mankato	9	10	11 Lunch Bunch @ Plaza Garibaldi, New Ulm	12	13	14 Peter Mayer Concert
15 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Worship Nora Board meets	16	17	18	19	20	
22 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Worship MLK Dakota Friendship Event	23	24	25	26	27	
29 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Worship Pot Luck Lunch	30	31				

**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  
 (507) 439-6380  
 20894 County Road 6  
 Hanska, MN 56041  
 Thanks for your help  
 in getting articles to me.  
 Cindy Mosenden, Office Administrator

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**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:  
 507-766-5682



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## Nora Church Sunday Services JANUARY 2012

Coffee Time 10:00 AM  
 Worship Service 10:30 AM

January 1 - No Service

January 8 - Service in Mankato

January 15 - "Giving Life the Shape of  
 Justice"

January 22 - "let's Not Get Personal"

January 29 - "Now As Then"

### To Keep In Touch



Lorraine Becken, a life long member of Nora celebrates her 90th birthday on December 31. Lorraine is currently at Luther Memorial Home in Madelia (for a while). She is grateful to be in a place where she can rebuild her strength and regain her sense of balance. She sends greetings to all at Nora.



If you know of anyone needing our assistance or attention...please call one of the committee members:  
 Georgine Tepley (chair)  
 359-3060 (weekdays after 5 pm)  
 Shirley Olson - 354-1866  
 Carol Chambard - 354-2242

**THANK YOU!**  
**Caring Committee**