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October 2016 Newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

Services

Coffee 10:00 am
Worship 10:30 am



October 2nd
“Locally Sourced,
Organically Grown”

October 9th
“Keep Telling the
Story”

October 16th
“The States and
Properties of Matter”

October 23rd
“The Ten
Commandments from
a Jewish Perspective”

Guest Speaker: Lay Rabbi
Paul Warshauer

October 30th
“When the Neighbors
Are No Longer
Living”

A View From the Hill

The shelter director at NUMAS Haus recently told Rotary Club how she landed what she considers her dream job. She described her vocational background and her educational background. She mentioned that when someone suggested that she apply for the job she had already missed the application deadline, and that she didn't have the exact preferred qualifications for the job. Still, she said, she was encouraged to apply. Within nine days of submitting her application she had the job. (And, not coincidentally, as a NUMAS Haus board member, I can tell you that she was our dream applicant and is our dream founding shelter director.)

In 1939, before he and Martha (his wife and partner) accepted the call to leave their children for many months and imperil their own lives, Unitarian minister Waitstill Sharp asked how many other ministers had been offered this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to put their faith into action by going to the Sudetenland to help refugees fleeing the Nazis. He was told “Seventeen”.

Presbyterian minister and writer Frederick Buechner has said, “The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.”

It's not easy to find—that place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep hunger. Sometimes a lot of other people have to turn down a job—one that will sate the world's deep hunger—before we get a shot at it. Sometimes we have to go for a job or an opportunity—one that taps our deep gladness—even though we don't have the qualifications and have missed the deadline. Yet the obligation is ours to engage in that dogged and uncertain avocational job search—to say *yes* where others have said *no*, to say *send me now* when others say *you're too late*, to say *send me anyway* when others say *you're not qualified*. The universe is waiting for us to discover and take up the task that is uniquely ours, because the world's hunger is so deep it can only be met by our individual gladnesses, all of them together.

It's a daunting and noble endeavor, finding the place where God call us. Consider church the avocational job resource center, where we gather to search the world's help wanted postings and tweak our resumes and exchange tips—to the end that each of us alone and all of us together might change the world and be changed by it.

-Lisa

Thank You!

From the board...

... to Wayne Johnson for grading the parking area.
... to Lee Drogemuller for the new sign.
... to all the lefse makers.
... to those who maintain the cemetery and especially all the extra work done after storm damage.

Board Meeting

The next Nora Board meeting will be on Sunday, October 9 after church.

Smorgasbord Line Up!!

Meatball Friday The fun begins at 9:00 a.m. September 30th, we'll wrap up around 2:00 pm. Call for more meatball makers! We've decided to increase the amount of meatballs made this year, so extra help will be appreciated! You can always come late for clean-up.

Saturday Set Up Again on October 1st activities kick off at 9:00 a.m. with cooking, table setting, turkey carving, tent set up, signage and more done! The more bodies we have, the faster the day goes. We appreciate your help for a couple hours or all day!

Items needed for the country store! Baked goods, produce and homemade crafts. If you're at all crafty, we'd love a donation or two...or three. Baked goods are also needed, especially Scandanavian treats. There will be plastic containers available at church for packing any baked goods. No used household items please. Please price items before bringing them to church.

Questions about smorgasbord? Contact Julie Sellner 507-375-8737/507-920-0131 or jdsellner@hotmail.com, or Joy Rathman at 507-877-2457/507-829-4979 or gjrathman@frontiernet.net.

Art with Attitude

Art with Attitude will meet October 7 and 21, November 4 and 18, in the fellowship hall at 10:00 am. We will be working on finishing up quilts for NUMAS house, then we can work on some of our own projects. As always everyone is welcome.

You may bring your own project to work on or just come to visit and spend the day. Bring a bag lunch.

Lunch Bunch

Get ready for a nice Fall drive, pick your designated driver and join Lunch Bunch at Whiskey River in St. Peter on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 11:30 a.m., for good food, good company, and I hope, good weather.

Lunch Bunch is a monthly, social lunch gathering, open to any Nora members, friends or visitors.

October Guest Speaker

October 23rd the Program Committee welcomes Paul Warshauer, Lay Rabbi. Paul will present the Ten Commandments in Hebrew then translate them literally and discuss the subtext. It is an informal presentation and a question and answer period will occur. A handout will have the Hebrew letters, a transliteration, and English translation so everyone can pronounce the Ten Commandments in Hebrew by the end of the session.

Mr. Warshauer attended Ashe Emet Day School (a parochial elementary school in Chicago), was Bar Mitzvahed and confirmed. He continued his Jewish studies with Rabbi Mayer Abramowitz of Miami Beach and was selected by Congregation Anshe Shalom in Klamath Falls, Oregon as their Rabbi. Mr Warshauer is the Executive and Artistic Director of the State Street Theater in New Ulm.

R. E. Saturday

Lisa will lead a religious education session for children, youth and adults of all ages. Join Lisa in the social hall on Saturday, October 29 from ten to noon for Halloween/Dia de los Muertos craft, lesson and snack.

Please RSVP by noon on October 28 if you plan to participate.

Dia de los Muertos Ofrenda

We will once again set up an ofrenda (Day of the Dead altar) in the sanctuary on the Sunday nearest All Saints Day. Please bring photographs, favorite foods, other mementoes of your dead beloved for the altar on Sunday, October 30.

A Note From the Treasurer July/August Income and Expenses

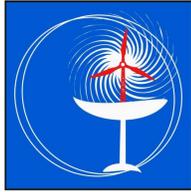
Income:	\$16,531.01
Expenses:	\$12,623.31

Income and expenses are listed for the full month prior to the publication of the newsletter, not including special collections or memorial gifts.

Direct Deposit for Pledges Some people have requested direct deposit for pledges. To initiate this, anyone interested would have 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.

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.



Lisa on the Loose

Lisa will hold "office hours" at area coffee houses. Join her for drop-in conversations in your community.

During October Lisa will meet:

Tuesday the 18th River City Eatery,
Windom from 11:00 - 12:30

Wednesday the 26th Ridgeway on 23rd, New Ulm
from 3:00-4:00



Pampered Chef Party

You are invited to a come-and-go Pampered Chef part at Nora Church Thursday, October 20th, beginning at 6:30pm.

Energy Assistance Program

Many local families and individuals find it difficult to pay their monthly energy bills. The Energy Assistance Program provides a grant for income-eligible households which can help defray some of these costs. This leaves more of the family resources available for other expenses. We can also assist households in crisis situations with disconnect notices or when they are almost out of heating fuel. Grants are paid directly to the vendor on their behalf.

Households can request an application by calling MVAC at 507-345-6822 or 800-767-7139 or by downloading it from their website mnvac.org. Applications are currently available, with funds becoming available later in the year, generally mid-late November. The program ends May 31st, 2017. Talk to Lisa for additional information.

Service Times *Correction

At its August meeting, the Nora Board of Trustees decided to move Sunday service to 10:00 a.m., followed by coffee hour at 11:00, beginning January 8, 2017. The decision was made based on the discussion of an earlier start time at last June's annual meeting. The change will remain in effect through the remainder of this church year, at which point the board, with input from the congregation, will evaluate the experiment and make a decision regarding start times going forward.

2015-2017 Server/Greeter/Usher/ Partner List

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

If your name is on this list and you are not able to help, please call someone on the list and try to arrange a switch, or contact Susan Allen. Contact information is in the Nora Directory. Please let Lisa or Brooke know any schedule changes so the order of service can be corrected – norachurch@sleepyeyetel.net.

ATTENTION PARTNERS: Please communicate with each other regarding food provision, as necessary. **Also, please remember that your job includes greeting.**

OCTOBER

2—Smorgasboard—Greeters: Sally & Gil Hanson
9—Alicia Bayer & Daryl Hrdlicka, Cindy Backman
16—Shirley Olson, Lara Fletcher, Mimi Kamleiter
23—Georgine & Gene Tepley, Diane Becken
30—Kate & Jason Monnens, Nancy Brudelie

NOVEMBER

6—Potluck—Susan & Jerry Allen, Scott Chambard
13—Julie Sellner, Susan Evers, Jordan Kuelbs
20—Edith Beckius, Beverly & Wally Wellman
27—Janet Rosenbloom, Louise Guggisburg, Vicki Sieve

AOL Email Problems

AOL emails have been regularly, perhaps increasingly so, rejecting emails sent from the Nora office. So, if you have an AOL email you may be missing Grapevine, Mere Lys or other Nora communications. If you feel this may be effecting you I encourage you to contact AOL directly.

See You At the Smorg!

Notes from the Nora Office...

Please send content of any kind, for the newsletter or order of service to the Nora email. Announcements generally run for two weeks.

Order Of Service ~ content due Thursdays
October Mere Lys ~ content due Oct. 21

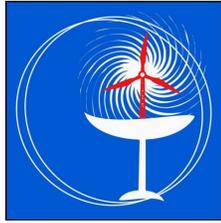
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Smorgasbord Work List

Country Store: Jerry Allen, Sandi Bengé, Mimi Kamleiter, Shirley Olson, Ardis Wellmann, Lara Fletcher

Museum: Lee Schmitt, Algot Blomquist

Parking: Jeremy Schmitt, John Schmitt

Tickets: Warren Paulson, Kristine Paulson, Wendy Tuttle (caller)

Hosts: Jeanie Hinsman (Kaffe Stua), Julie Pec (Fellowship Hall), Nancy Brudelie (Foyer)

Buffet Table: Julie Sellner, Shannon Hoechst

Coffee: Christopher Olson

Beverages: Susan Allen

Meat Server: Christina Schmitt

Meat Slicers: (Saturday @ 12pm) Roger Breu, Lee Schmitt, Wally Wellmann, Tony Erickson, Carson Erickson

Potatoes: Edith Beckius, Kate Monnens

Carrots: Diane Becken

Cookie Trays: Michelle Bethke, Kate Becken

Appetizers: Susan Evers, Vicki Sieve, Bev Wellmann

Wait Staff-Kaffe Stua: Colleen Tasto, Courtney Schmitt, Toby Weiss, Thor Weiss, Kadence Hesse

Wait Staff-Fellowship Hall: Nora Peck, Nita Gilbert, Victoria Bayer, Tracy Schmiesing, Kristi Paulson, Anna Bayer

Wait Staff-Iverson Room: *Karen Farrell, Cindy Backman

Take Outs: Norma Breu, Georgine Tepley

Publicity: Georgine Tepley, Jeannie Hinsman

Dishes-Kaffe Stua: Scott Schmiesing, Wayne Johnson, Gene Tepley, Lee Drogenmuller

Dishes-Fellowship: Daryl Hinsman, Alicia Bayer, Ron Peck, Daryl Hrdlicka, Dick Gurska

Clean Up (1:00): Ross Chambard, Scott Chambard

Greeters: Gil & Sally Hanson

Floaters: Joy Rathman, Carol Chambard, Louise Guggisberg, Sally Anne & Dave Benson

Bread: Kate Monnens

Carrots and Celery: Janet Rosenbloom

Scrullers: Susan Evers, Georgine Tepley

Cookies-Fancy: Julie Peck, Shannon Hoechst, Colleen Tasto, Karen Farrell, Susan Allen, Tracey Schmiesing, Vicki Sieve, Louise Guggisberg, Nita Gilbert, Ryann Kaim

Romme Grot: Edith Beckius, Janet Rosenbloom, Carol Chambard, Vicki Sieve, Georgine Tepley

Flat Bread: Shirley Olson, Carol Chambard

Rice: Nancy Brudelie, Jeannie Hinsman, Julie Sellner, Jordan Rathman

Sot Suppe: Kristine Paulson

Cottage Cheese (3#): Wayne Johnson, Lorraine Becken, Ardelle Becken, Lisa Doege

Berliner Kranser: Michelle Bethke, Muriel Fredrickson, Diane Becken

Sandbakkels: Chrissie Schmitt, Edith Beckius

Milk (1 Gal): Daryl and Alicia, Scott Chambard, Jeremy Schmitt, Christopher Olson, Mimi Kamleiter, Lee Drogenmuller, Ross Chambard, Nita Gilbert, John Schmitt

Fattigmand: Susan Evers

Rosettes: Bev Wellmann, Norma Breu

Kringla: Julie Sellner, Joy Rathman

To ♥ Keep In Touch

If you know of anyone needing our assistance or attention, please call one of the **Caring Committee** members:

Georgine Tepley (chair): 359-3060 (weekdays after 5 pm)

Shirley Olson: 354-1866

Carol Chambard: 354-2242