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September 2017 Newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

Services

Worship 10:30 am

Coffee 11:30 am

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change!*

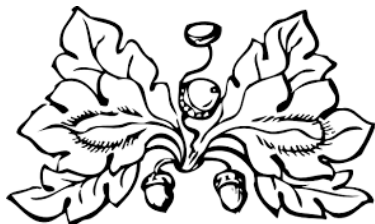


September 3
“Be Willing”

September 10
*“Hope as an
Imperative”*

September 17
*“A Time to Swing and
a Time to Pivot”*

September 24
*No Service,
Clean Up Sunday*



A View From the Hill

“Can the sky really fall?” someone at my house asked recently. I replied that I don’t think the sky is really a thing. It’s just—well, I’m not a scientist (as the politicians say), so I don’t really know. But I think the sky is just what space or infinity looks like from here on earth. And I don’t think it can fall. But it *sounds* like the sky is falling these days, because we live in a house that sit beneath a bunch of oak trees, and it’s almost September, and the acorns are falling. *Acorns*, not the sky, drop onto the roof hundreds of times a day and night.

Acorns hitting the roof aren’t the only things causing my heart to skip a startled beat this season. I’m just as alarmed when snippets of news hit my ears. North Korea. Border wall. Government shut down. Flooding attributed to climate change. Famine and cholera in Yemen. ISIS. Boko Haram. Neo-Nazis. White supremacy. De-funding Planned Parenthood.

The current events acorns vary from week to week, but they keep dropping. Keep startling me. Keep kicking my flight or fight response into action. I want to respond to all of them. Right now. Time is short! The situation is dire! I want to tell Foxy Loxy and Goosey Loosey and Turkey Lurkey. Everyone must know. Everyone must respond. With all the financial and spiritual and emotional resources we can spare (or can’t spare). Before it’s too late!

But Henny Penny stirred up a lot of trouble with her “the sky is falling” routine, and didn’t solve a problem. We are called, as people of faith, to be about the business of recognizing the holiness in the world and healing the places where the holiness is broken. But this is a task for the long haul. It demands of us steadiness and steadfastness. Deep breathing. Silence and song and prayer. Companions to share the work and the rest and the breath.

Church helps, too. See you there.

-Lisa

Thank You!

From the board...

...the Hinsmans, Wigers, and Bensons for hosting Ildiko and Csaba.

...to all who worked so hard and participated in this visit.

...to the Bensons for setting up the Tri-State Gathering in Worthington.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 10. The meeting will be for the purpose of deciding on expenditures for a sound system.

Board Meeting

Nora Church Board will meet Sunday, September 17, following the service. We invite ideas and concerns from members.

Current Church Schedule

Please know, if there is any concern regarding the present church schedule, this is an issue which can be reconsidered. Please contact a Board member with any concerns, at any time.

Lisa on the Loose

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

During September Lisa will meet on Tuesdays at the following locations:

Tuesday, September 12
River City Eatery, Windom, from
11:00-12:30

September 19 or 21, TBD
Oak Hills, Hillside Haven Room, New Ulm



Art with Attitude

Art with Attitude is taking the month of September off, in order to have a little more time to get ready for the Smorgasbord!

We will get our creative minds together again in October. Mark down the dates October 6 and 20. Bring something to work on or just come to visit and have coffee. Everyone is welcome.

Lunch Bunch

Nature-loving Lunch Bunchers will go from The Lakes to The Woods for their September meeting. You may remember that we visited The Woods Grill at Shoreland Country Club the first time last year, and the reviews were positive, so we're trying it again. The date is set for Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 11:30 a.m. Directions: Take Hwy. 99 east out of St. Peter (go past the late, lamented Whiskey River) and turn right on CR 21. It is the first driveway on the left. The map says it's 45-50 minutes from New Ulm, but you may need to allow extra time for road construction. We hope to see you there.

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

The Return of RE Saturday

Nora learners of all ages (but especially kids and youth), join Lisa for a morning of stories, activities and snack on Saturday, September 9, from 10:00 to noon in the social hall. RSVP appreciated by Thursday, September 7, to norachurch@sleepyeyetel.net.

Meatball Madness and Lefse Love

That time of year is here! It's time for lefse and meatball (and merriment) making. Let's start off with some lefse making both Friday, September 8th and Saturday, Sept 16th, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the church. Round two—Meatballs! Let's get together on the 29th at 9:00; don't forget Saturday prep at 9:00 am also. Thank you in advance for your contribution!



A Note From the Treasurer **July Income and Expenses**

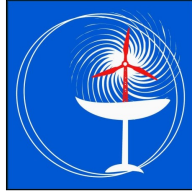
Income:	\$2,335.00
Nora Women's Society Pledge	\$5,000.00
Expenses:	\$5,714.09

Most of Nora Church's annual income comes in the form of pledge payments from members and friends.

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

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.



Smorgasbord Work List

Country Store: Sandi Bengé, Mimi Kamleiter, Shirley Olson, 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 Peck (Fellowship Hall), Nancy Brudelié (Foyer)

Buffet Table: Julie Sellner, Shannon Hoechst

Coffee: Christopher Olson

Beverages: Susan Allen

Meat & Carrot Server: Christina Schmitt

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

Potatoes: Edith Beckius, Kate Monnens

Cookie Trays: Kate Becken, Diane Becken

Appetizers: Susan Evers, Vicki Sieve, Bev Wellmann, Jordan Kuelbs

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

Wait Staff-Fellowship Hall: Nora Peck, Nita Gilbert, Victoria Bayer, Kristi Paulson, Ria Bayer

Wait Staff-Iverson Room: *Karen Farrell, Cynthia Becker, Lucia Reyes

Take Outs: Norma Breu, Georgine Tepley

Publicity: Georgine Tepley, Jeannie Hinsman

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

Dishes-Fellowship: Daryl Hinsman, Alicia Bayer,

Ron Peck, Daryl Hrdlicka, Dick Gurska

Clean Up (1:00): Ross Chambard, Scott Chambard, Sally-Anne & Dave Bensen, Jerry Allen

Greeters: Gil & Sally Hanson

Floater: Joy Rathman, Carol Chambard, John Masengarb, Louise Guggisberg

Donations

Bread: Kate Monnens

Carrots and Celery: Janet Rosenbloom

Coffee: Ryann Kaim

Scrullers: Susan Evers, Georgine Tepley

Cookies-Fancy: Julie Peck, Shannon Hoechst, Colleen Tasto, Karen Farrell, Susan Allen, Vicki Sieve, Louise Guggisberg, Nita Gilbert, Jordan Kuelbs

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

Flat Bread: Shirley Olson, Carol Chambard

Rice: Jeannie Hinsman, Julie Sellner, Jordan Kuelbs, Nancy Brudelié

Sot Suppe: Kristine Paulson

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

Berliner Kranser: Michelle Bethke, Muriel Fredrickson, Diane Becken

Sandbakkels: Chrissie Schmitt, Edith Beckius

Milk (1 Gal): Scott Chambard, Jeremy Schmitt, Christopher Olson, Mimi Kamleiter, Lee Drogemuller, Ross Chambard, Nita Gilbert, John Schmitt, Wayne Johnson

Fattigmand: Susan Evers

Rosettes: Bev Wellmann, Norma Breu

Kringla: Julie Sellner, Joy Rathman

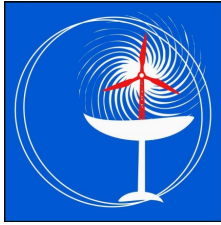
Blood Drive

Blood drives at Vogel Arena will be held on Wednesday, Aug 30 and Thursday, August 31 from 1-7pm, and on Friday, September 1 from 8:30am-1:30pm.

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2017-2018 Server/Volunteer List

Volunteers are needed for all Sundays that are **not a potluck**. Sign up in kitchen or when the sign up sheet is passed around in church.

If potluck assignments don't fit your schedule please call someone on the list to take your place. Contact information is in the Nora Directory.

Schedule changes, please let Lisa or Brooke know any schedule changes so the order of service can be corrected – norachurch@sleepyeyetel.net.

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

SEPTEMBER

3: Potluck—Susan Allen, Carol Chambard, Louise Guggisberg, Christopher Olson

24: No Service, Clean Up Day

OCTOBER

1: Smorgasbord—Greeters: Sally & Gil Hanson

Movin' On Up....

Due to the loss of our sound system it is strongly encouraged that pews at the back of the church be considered off limits. If attendees would all make an effort to move up three, four, or more pews we may be able to hear better and feel like the close knit community we believe ourselves to be. Try it, you might like it! Of course if you already sit up front, you may not move into the sanctuary proper, just kidding.

National Recovery Month

By 2020, mental and substance use disorders will surpass all physical diseases as a major cause of disability worldwide. *National Recovery Month in September* spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover. Support from families and parishioners is essential to recovery. Celebrate success, recognize dedicated workers, and encourage others. Contact a personal physician, Marie Larson, Allina Health Substance Abuse Counselor (507) 217-5268_ or Leah Luke, Brown County Chemical Dependency Assessor (507) 359-6565, for available resources.

"I thank God for AA. It's not that I really like the program, most days I hate it. But it is through AA that I started to live, not again, but for the first time. Hearing the birds sing, smelling the air, feeling the joy of holding a baby and feeling love at hearing a friend say "thanks, I needed you and you were there for me" are all things that have amazed me in my recovery journey." RB

Send your news, announcements, congratulations and events to us at norachurch@sleepyeyetel.net or put hard copies in Brooke's mailbox!

Notes from the Nora Office...

Order Of Service ~ content due Thursdays

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

October Mere Lys ~ content due

Thursday, September 21

Church Email: norachurch@sleepyeyetel.net

Phone: 507.439.6240

Brooke Knisley, Office Assistant

In the office Tuesdays and Fridays.

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