



# MERE LYS newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

September 2012

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## VIEW FROM THE HILL



"... and on the other hand she had a wart."

Have you heard that expression (or used it yourself)? You and

some other folks are debating an issue, perhaps the pros and cons of eating before a late movie or having a leisurely meal after a matinee. Or vacationing at the mountains versus exploring a big city. Or whether or not to accept a job offer. Or how to vote in an upcoming election. On the one hand...but on the other hand.... The debate goes on for a while, all sides considered and reconsidered. Then someone gets weary or runs out of idea and out it comes, "...on the other hand she had a wart."

Endless discussion of options, hours even days and weeks of examining an idea or a problem or a possibility from every imaginable angle and perspective can get tiresome. It can allow us to delay making a difficult decision we'd rather not have to make. In many situations there just comes a time when we have to stop. Acknowledge that we are never going to be one hundred percent, absolutely certain. Accept that there are some factors we're never going to be able to know or predict. Or, that even with all possible information, the ultimate decision is still, finally, a leap of faith. There almost always comes a time to call a halt to looking at things from another direction.

But (on the other hand), just as often, it seems, we come too quickly to that point. Often we (or at least, I) call a halt to the deliberations and the discussion before we really have examined all the options and looked at things from even two or three different directions instead of just one. Sometimes we're in a hurry. Sometimes we just want to be right and know that if we keep looking we might discover we're wrong-or only partly right. Sometimes we're lazy. Or uneasy with the conflict that comes from considering more than one point of view. (I'm in the middle of that last situation as I write. Against both my better judgment and my usual self-imposed rules, I reposted a poster on Facebook and it is generating a lot more discussion than I find comfortable!)

Still, often on a Sunday afternoon I reflect on the sermon I've just preached and find it lacking because I know there are five or six more sides or angles or points of view I could have explored. So I'm excited about our plans to explore themes in worship this church year. All the Sunday services in any given month will center on a single theme, challenging me and our program committee members to go deeper, to seek further, to look again and a third time and a fourth time. I'm looking forward to the adventure. May it prove enlightening to us all.

-Lisa





## THANKS FROM THE BOARD

Thanks from the Board to everyone involved with the Music Evening - the organizers, the performers, the servers and pie makers.

The Humane Society of Brown County will receive \$311 from this event.

Also to Kristine Paulson for her time and effort in producing the wonderful Nora Church Book.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Can you believe it's September already and time for another Lunch Bunch? We had a very successful gathering in August, so we hope for a repeat. This month's choice is Rodney's Tavern, 6 S. Minnesota St., New Ulm, on Thursday, Sept. 13, 11:30 a.m. We hope to see you then.

## CHOIR NEWS

The choir will begin its fall rehearsals on Sunday, September 16 at 9 AM in the sanctuary. I look forward to seeing all of the current choir members plus anyone else who would enjoy singing with us.



We usually rehearse each week on Sunday morning (the rehearsal schedule is available on the choir web page), and we sing for a Sunday service approximately once a month.

Reading music is not a requirement. All music will be available on CDs and on the choir web page. We sing a variety of music and always have fun, so please consider joining our group. More voices make it easier for everyone.

Gil Hanson  
Choir Director

## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi all! A few things the board is working on for this year is to go through the by-laws for Nora. As time goes by, the need to update and to familiarize ourselves with these is needed. Also Nora is in need of a few members to fill vacancies on the committee of ministry and also the nominating committee.

Please give these committees some thought. Thank you! That is all for now. -Scott

## ANNUAL SMORGASBORD

The Smorg is scheduled for October 7. The work list was not completed yet as of this printing. It will be in the October newsletter and also posted on the bulletin board.

## IT'S TIME TO MAKE LEFSE

Come join us Wednesday morning, September 5th in the hall. Rollers, grilles, cutters and baggers are needed!

## ADULT EDUCATION COURSE

**The Spiritual Practice of Story and Conversation** — Join Lisa on Tuesday, September 11 (7 - 8:30 p.m.) and Saturday, September 15 (9 a.m. - noon) at the church for an adult education course designed to support participants in working for marriage equality. Written by Unitarian Universalist minister Karen Hering and Minnesota UU Social Justice Alliance director Ralph Wyman, Significantly, this curriculum is about engaging storytelling and conversation as a spiritual practice. It is as much about opening the heart of the storyteller as it is about touching the heart of the listener. It seeks to change hearts and minds not through persuasion or debate but through conversations and building understanding and relationships. It seeks to build our ability, individually and together, to stand for love, to share the truths of our lives and our faith and to participate in healing the chasms within our communities, our relationships and our selves. Invite your friends to join you and call the parsonage to let Lisa know you will participate.



### PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Lisa will have Mondays off.  
Friday will be sermon writing day.

**SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2012 SERVERS / GREETERS / USHERS PARTNER LIST**

- 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.

ATTENTION PARTNERS: Please communicate with each other regarding food provision.

	MUSICIAN	SERVER/GREETER/USHER PARTNERS
September	9 Sally Hanson	POTLUCK Norma Breu-Roger Breu-Michele Bethke-Nancy Dickson
	16 JoAnn Huss	Nita Gilbert-Jerry Peterson-Lee Drogenmuller
	23 Mimi Kamleiter	Diane Becken-Ardis Wellman-Elroy Wellman
	30 Jordan Rathman	Karen Farrell-Julie Peck-Ron Peck
October	7 Muffy Rathman	SMORGASBORD
	14 Mimi Kamleiter	Georgine Tepley-Gene Tepley-Scott Chambard
	21 JoAnn Huss	Julie Schmitt-John Schmitt-Susan Evers
	28 Sally Hanson	Wendy Tuttle-Carol Chambard-Alan Chambard
November	4 Muffy Rathman	POTLUCK Susan Allen-Jerry Allen-Jerry Peterson-Colleen Hokenson
	11 Jordan Rathman	Edith Beckius-Vickie Sieve-Christopher Olson
	18 JoAnn Huss	Lee Drogenmuller-Jeanie Hinsman-Darrell Hinsman
	25 Sally Hanson	Lynn Schmitt-Lee Schmitt-Jeremy Schmitt
December	2 Mimi Kamleiter	POTLUCK Janet Johnson-Wayne Johnson-Ellen Byro-Shannon Weiss
	9 Sally Hanson	Beverly Wellman-Wallace Wellman-Algot Blomquist
	16 JoAnn Huss	Mimi Kamleiter-Scott Schmiesing-Tracey Schmiesing
	23 Jordan Rathman	Janet Rosenbloom-Noah Rosenbloom-Nita Gilbert
	24 Muffy Rathman	CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, September 2, 2012 ...  
a beautiful day to skip church...  
but you won't want to miss the



## Parson's Picnic !

Open House, rain or  
shine

10:30 a.m. to noon

### To Keep In Touch



Keep in your hearts and prayers, the family  
of Clayton Olson, who passed away  
August 24.



Keep our youth in your thoughts as they are  
back in school. Be extra cautious driving in  
school activity areas.



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

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

**THANK YOU! - Caring Committee**



### FOOD SHELF ITEMS NEEDED

Soups  
Beans  
Boxed Potatoes  
Canned Fruit  
Saltine Crackers  
Chili Seasoning pkts  
Rice  
Sugar  
Canned Peas  
Tuna Helper  
Chicken Helper  
Hamburger Helper

# NORA CHURCH CALENDAR

## September 2012

Parsonage: 507-439-6240



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 The PARSON'S PICNIC	3  Labor Day	4	5 Lefse Making	6  Back To School		8
9 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	10	11 Adult Ed 7-8:30 PM	12	13	14	15 Adult Ed 9 am-noon
16 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	17	18	19	20 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	21	22
23 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service	<b>Remember SMORGASBORD OCTOBER 7th</b>					

**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

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Nora Church calendars are now ready. Those who picked theirs up on Aug. 26th easily found some of my errors! Please take a copy, one per household, and check your family's info. A sheet with corrections will be distributed in October. Let me know how much I messed up! Thanks, Jeanie Hinsman



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<http://www.norauuchurch.org>

## Nora Church Sunday Services September 2012

**Coffee Time 10:00 AM**

**Worship Service 10:30 AM**

September 2 no service

September 9 Ways of Knowing

September 16 Getting to Know You

September 23 Living in the Unknowing

September 30 Clean Up Day

