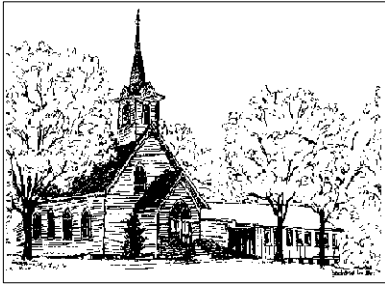




MERE LYS newsletter

Nora Unitarian Universalist Church

November 2012



VIEW FROM THE HILL

My uncle asked me this morning (via Facebook) if I'd ever tried lefse

with walleye. He's an ex-pat Minnesotan, quite happily adapted to life in Texas after more than 30 years, but he can't quite shake his craving for walleye and for lefse. I must say I'd crave walleye and lefse, too, if I lived far from easy access to the freshest and best of both. But Uncle Dick's question got me thinking mostly about the Thanksgiving table.

The turkey, stuffing or dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes or yams, green bean hotdish with french fried onions on top, cranberry relish or jelly, dinner rolls, pickles, pumpkin pie, apple pie, pecan pie. And lefse. Salmon. Tamales. Sticky rice. Grits. Okra. Corn pudding. Cannoli. Venison. Tofurkey. Creamed onions. Kim chi. Candied carrots. Hummus. Lasagna. Macaroni and cheese. Wild rice. Jell-O salad. I saw a billboard the other day that said, "Take Back America! Vote November 6". A passing vehicle obscured the part of the sign that showed who had paid for the message. I preferred it that way, weary as I am of a seemingly endless election season in which almost everyone seeking elected office has accused the other side (or those

already holding elected office) of hijacking our towns, cities, states and country from the real Americans to whom our home rightly belongs. With Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day just past and Thanksgiving (along with simplified, sanitized allusions to the "first" American Thanksgiving feast) on the horizon, I am more aware than ever how troublesome it is to talk of real Americans, of who this country belongs to, of who belongs to this country, of what characterizes a truly American candidate, an American statesman, an American family, an American feast. When we turn off the television, the radio, when we drop the more inflammatory of our Facebook friends and Twitter feeds, then the familiar sights and sounds of our neighbors, our schoolmates, our friends, our teachers and students, and our families begin to reassert themselves. Then we remember all the flavors we crave at our Thanksgiving feasts and weeknight dinners. Then we remember we were all once strangers in a strange land. Then we remember the strength and the beauty in our diversity-not abstractly, not because it is politically correct-but because we have lived it, we still live it. And we give thanks for it every day.

-Lisa

**Happy
Thanksgiving**

LUNCH BUNCH



Lunch Bunch Alert! The November Lunch Bunch will be on Thursday, Nov. 15, at 11:30 a.m., at LeMay's Humphrey Street Restaurant, 151 W. Humphrey St., Lake Crystal. Attendance will not be taken, but we miss you when you can't be there, so we hope to see you all.

THANKS FROM THE BOARD

Thanks from the Board to Joy Rathman and Julie Sellner for their hard work making Smorg such a success and for everyone who contributed to such a great day.

ANNUAL BAKE SALE



The bake sale is Saturday November 3rd in the Markplatz Mall in New Ulm from 9:00 until 11:00. Baked goods and help are needed.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



The annual Christmas Concert is set for Saturday December 15 at 7:00 at Nora.

GUEST DAY

November 25: Faith from a Buddhist perspective.

It is a pleasure to announce that our guest speaker will be Buddhist monk Bhante Sathi of *Triple Gem of the North*. *Triple Gem of the North* is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study and practice of the teachings of the Buddha. Everyone is also welcome to the vegan feast after the service! In the meantime, you can go to www.triplegem.org to learn more about their work.

RE NEWS

It is with a happy heart that I have seen some familiar faces returning this year to our little Religious Education program! It never ceases to amaze me to see how the kids have grown over the summer (even my own). We have had a good start! With new friends and old joining us we continue with our responsible search for truth and meaning in our lives (4th Principle). As with all of our lessons, there are more questions asked and no right or wrong answers. As always, everyone is welcome to attend RE with us. Our lessons are designed to incorporate all ages and abilities in a small group setting. We encourage adults and youth alike to attend at will.

In October we focused on Doubt, Faith and the big questions in life. We started with asking ourselves about our personal faith and ideas on life and God and then moved on to the Jewish New Year (Rosh Hoshana) and atonement (Yom Kippur). We are completing October with looking at the Latin American holiday of Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and Samhein (sow-en).

In November we will be focusing on Giving Thanks and building our personal Faith. We will have a lesson on Henry David Thoreau as well as celebrating our own Thanksgiving.

With Love and Peace,
Jennie

RE Dates November- 4th, 18th December- 2nd, 16th

COMING OF AGE

Kristine Paulson has been hard at work on behalf of Nora's teenagers. The book she conceived and created to pass them the gift of Nora's history and living beliefs is in their hands (and available to anyone for just \$10). And this month, at Kris's gentle insistence and with her organizing skills, we'll see the return of Coming of Age.

On November 4, during the service and at the potluck, we'll recognize and celebrate Courtney Schmitt. Celebrations for our other teens will follow on the first Sunday of each month throughout the church year.

If Kristine has not yet contacted you or your teen to schedule your Coming of Age Sunday, please take the initiative and be in touch with her directly.

SOME MIGHTY FINE ADVICE

ONE. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.

TWO. Marry a man/woman you love to talk to. As you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other.

THREE. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.

FOUR. When you say, 'I love you,' mean it.

FIVE. When you say, 'I'm sorry,' look the person in the eye.

SIX. Be engaged at least six months before you get married.

SEVEN. Believe in love at first sight.

EIGHT. Never laugh at anyone's dream. People who don't have dreams don't have much.

NINE. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.

TEN. In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling.

ELEVEN. Don't judge people by their relatives.

TWELVE. Talk slowly but think quickly.

THIRTEEN. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, 'Why do you want to know?'

FOURTEEN. Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk..

FIFTEEN. Say 'bless you' when you hear someone sneeze.

SIXTEEN. When you lose, don't lose the lesson !

SEVENTEEN. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; and responsibility for all your actions.

EIGHTEEN.. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship..

NINETEEN. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.

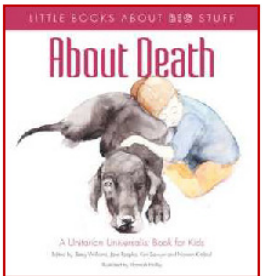
TWENTY. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.

TWENTY-ONE. Spend some time alone.

For Your Home and Church Libraries

Little Books About Big Stuff

Continuing the tradition of bringing Unitarian Universalist values and practices to the everyday lives of children and families.




From the pages of *uu&me!*, a popular magazine from the Church of the Larger Fellowship for Unitarian Universalist children, comes the first in a series of small books about big topics - *About Death*, a Unitarian Universalist Book for Kids.

This is a book for Unitarian Universalist parents to have in their homes before they think they need it.
— Gaia Brown, Credentialed Religious Educator, Master Level

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**Central Midwest District of UUA Presents
Winter WomanSpirit 2013 Conference**

Hosted by Unitarian Universalist Church West
13001 West North Avenue, Brookfield, WI 53005

**There Is Something About The Women:
The Art of Activism**

Featuring

Holly Near

Dates:

February 1st – Conference Opening Ceremony
February 2nd – Workshops, Lunch Included and Closing Ceremony
February 3rd – Sunday Worship Service

Holly is an entertainer, teacher and activist whose career as a singer has been defined by her passion for human dignity. She is a skilled performer and an outspoken ambassador for peace whose portrait hangs at The Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio along with those of other social change artists including Paul Robeson, Marion Anderson, Pete Seeger, Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon, Joan Baez, Harry Belafonte and Woody Guthrie – www.hollynear.com

Holly will present Saturday morning's keynote speech and will lead a workshop on the Art of Activism Saturday afternoon. Holly is the pulpit guest on Sunday morning.

**Conference Cost includes Friday Opening Services,
Saturday Workshops & Lunch**

Early Registration: 140.00 through 12/31/12
Late Registration: 155.00 through 01/31/13
At the Door: 175.00

Saturday Concert: 35.00

Register at <http://www.womenandreligion.org>

Lodging

Radisson / (414) 257-3400
2393 Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI 53226
Use code **Woman Spirit Conference** when registering
\$94.00 / night – reduced rate through 12/31/12

Holiday Inn Express / (414) 778-0333
11111 W North Avenue / Wauwatosa, WI 53226
Use code **WWS** when registering
\$79 / night – reduced rate through 12/31/12



To Keep In Touch

Our warmest thoughts are with the Becky and Allen Johnson family as Allen faces health issues at Mercy Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa.

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

NORA CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2012

Parsonage: 507-439-6240



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service 11:30 Pot Luck RE	5	6 	7	8	9	10
11 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service RE	12	13	14	15 LUNCH BUNCH	16	17
18 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service RE	19	20 Newsletter articles due .. Thanks for being prompt!	21	22  Happy Thanksgiving	23	24
25 10:00 Coffee Time 10:30 Service 11:30 Vegan Feast	26	27	28	29	30	

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
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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:
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Nora Church Sunday Services

NOVEMBER 2012

Coffee Time 10:00 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

- Nov. 4 "Fledgling Faith"
- Nov. 11 "Community of Faith"
- Nov. 18 "Giving Up Thanks"
- Nov. 25 "Faith from a Buddhist Perspective"
Guest speaker: Buddhist monk Bhante Sathi

