

June is another busy month for many of us as summer is officially in full-swing, Father's Day, VBS, camping, family reunions, etc. I am a firm believer in the importance of the family and the role of the father. I came across an article in the Northwood Anchor on the week of May 19th that reiterates the importance of what I have been advocating for. Here is a synopsis of the article:

Build a strong family to benefit children and adults

Children and adults benefit from being supported by a strong family unit, no matter how it is defined. This support can come from parents with a positive relationship, extended family and friends, and the community according to Joy Rouse, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. There are six characteristics that strong families share: 1) family members have a strong commitment to each other and make their relationships a high priority. 2) They make it known that they appreciate each other. 3) They talk to each other about small things and big issues. 4) They spend time together. 5) They believe in a greater power and have shared beliefs (we know this to be God and Christianity but others find strength and comfort in other religions). 6) Strong families cope with difficulties and crises effectively.

For many of us this seems like common sense but with the changing family dynamics and the shrinking of the nuclear family these characteristics are not the norm. When I look at these six characteristics I not only picture my family (immediate and extended) but also my church family. When we make relationships a high priority, appreciate each other, talk, spend time together, share a common experience in a personal relationship with Jesus, and bearing each others burdens – this is what I love about my church family. By living these out in our own families and being in community together is a benefit to all: children and adults.

Since this article was rather P.C. it did not mention specifically the importance of fathers who have an active, participatory relationship with their children. Recently I saw a commercial that featured a father and daughter playing catch and it chronicled her growing up and each different sport and the message was I do not remember when our game of catch started but I know that whenever I toss the ball, you are there to throw it right back to me. Fathers Matter!

Finally, a couple of programming notes. Father's Day, June 20th, is going to be a joint service at the Worth County Fairgrounds at 9am in the Shelter House. There is no admission charge that morning so this is your chance to check out the fair for free. Also, the Worth County Cattleman's put on a BBQ lunch that is phenomenal – so, come to church at the fair and treat dad to a great lunch.

VBS in Bolan is the week of June 21st – 25th from 9am to noon. I will be leading the discovery center again this year and look forward to seeing everyone again since we were not able to have VBS last year. Look for more info in the newsletter.

Spend some time with your family and tell all the dads how much you appreciate them.

Pastor Rob

Join the Pastor on <u>Wednesdays</u> from 10-noon at S Coffeehouse in Lake Mills or at 7pm at the Worth you would care to join him for a bit of fellowship a sation.



Jung 2021 Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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27 Anne Skellenger Alex Tiedeman CK Christianson Dan Tiedman- Cory Stucky	28 David Hooks David Taft Kenneth Nitcher Richard Patterson	29 Gabriel Rogstad Jill Stucky Betty Langpap Blake Grotewold	30 Shirley Higbee Bryan Arnold Ruth Robb Carol Griffiths Mary Arrett- Brandstad			



Asbury UMC Noisy Offering – June: Women at the Well Ministry

Women at the Well is a United Methodist congregation which is located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women ICIW, in Mitchellville, Iowa. Women at the Well is a diverse community composed of women incarcerated at ICIW, men and women from around the State of Iowa who choose to worship with us, and many volunteers who regularly support our ministries and programs. Inmates gather together to share the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to experience the life transforming Spirit of God.

CAMP NEEDS YOU!!!!

Each summer hundreds of kids choose a life changing experience at one of our three United Methodist Campgrounds (Okoboji, and Wesley Woods). There are camping events for all age levels, including adults! There are Day Camps, week-long events, family camps, etc. There are go-cart camps, horse camps, fishing camps, and more all centered around a growing relationship with God in Jesus Christ and others. If that is something you're interested in – there's a place at camp for you. Visit the camp's website (www.iaumc.org/camps) to see photos of the cabins, activities and



staff and to learn about the camping program. Or, visit our camp display in the basement fellowship hall at Asbury UMC. For more information contact your church's camp ambassador, Pastor Jerry 592-4484 or irobrtsn@wctatel.net.



to the family of Virgil Vincent Skellenger, born October 18, 1923 in Lake Mills, lowa passed away 18 days after his 96th birthday in Nassau Bay, Texas on Nov 6, 2019. He is survived by his two sons and their wives Dr. Mark and Kila Skellenger and Dr. Paul and Lynda Skellenger and his grandchildren Sean Skellenger and Carmel Gabriel, Jessica and Catherine Skellenger and his great grandchildren Redo Wilder and Crew Sloane Gabriel. He is the uncle of William "Bill" Skellenger of Lake Mills and Asbury UMC. An interment for Virgil was officiated by Rev. Jerry E. Robertson at Sunnyside Cemetery on Saturday, May 29th.

Salem Lutheran Church LM Clothes Closet

The "Closet" is open every Monday 1-4 pm or to schedule an appointment call Rita at 641-592-5085. Infant thru young adult clothing sizes.





Dear friends, family and past churches pastored by Rev. Shirley Hoffmann-Will, you are invited her retirement worship service on June 20, 2021 with dinner/reception following. Our worship service is at 10 am, dinner at 11:30 and reception at 1 pm. Please RSVP by mail by June 13 to the church address or call (712) 778-4178 with your reservation. Shirley has served 31 years as a pastor of many United Methodist Churches in Iowa. If you are unable to attend, you may send greetings to the church at:

Griswold UMC, 100 Cass St, Griswold, IA 51535

Or to her directly at Shirley Hoffmann-Will, PO Box 292, Griswold, IA 51535

Mission News – June, 2021

The 2021 Mission Ingathering is a short five months away. I'd like to encourage each of you to take a look at the list of items for each type of kit and consider which items you would be able to provide.

We currently have 24 complete Personal Dignity Kits (formerly Health Kits), one complete Layette Kit and at least 100 school bags. So that you'll know which items we're short on and which we have plenty of, I've listed below the items we have on hand, and behind each item, how many kits those items will provide for.

You can pick up a complete list of items on the mission table, or I can email a list to you. I've also included it below.

Typically, school items start going on sale early in July



Items we have on hand:

For Layette Kits:

37 diapers (6 kits)

8 blankets (4 kits)

12 baby washcloths (6 kits)

2 Onesies (1 kit)

1 sleepers

4 sweaters (4 kits)

0 diaper pins

For Personal Dignity Kits:

0 towels (0 kits)

19 washcloths (19 kits)

3 deodorants (3 kits)

7 toothbrushes (7 kits)

4 bars soap (4 kits)

2 shampoo

14 ziplock bags (14 kits)

For Student Kits:

178 pencils (29 kits)

1 sharpener (1 kit)

1 scissor (1 kit)

1 ruler (1 kit)

1 box crayons (1 kit)

0 colored pencilsl

0 notebooks

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration. Any contribution to kits is greatly appreciated.





Vacation Bible School

One In Christ Lutheran Parish & Salem Lutheran

Church is sponsoring Vacation Bible School from 9-11:30 a.m. June 7-10 at the Winnebago Lutheran Church rural Lake Mills, If interested there are registration forms at Asbury on the bulletin board in the North Hallway near the Rest Rooms across from doors to the Sanctuary.

Northwood UMC- there are still some openings for Share Shoppe volunteers for July, August, September and November and December. Please check the sign up list on the table by the office





registration forms can be picked up at the church office or printed from Facebook Registration forms due JULY 12

DAY GAMP GOVENANT

As a participant in Day Camp and as a child of God, I understand and agree to the following expectations:

- I will choose to participate fully in Day Camp.
- I will choose to respect all people, including myself, choosing to treat others as I would like to be treated.
- I will choose to listen to the Day Camp leadership team and volunteers.
- I will choose to use my words to build others up or I will choose to be quiet.
- I will not bring harm to myself. I will choose to maintain self-control.
- I will choose to be respectful of the facilities and grounds where Day Camp is held.
- I understand that if I damage other peoples' property, I am responsible for replacing/repairing it.
- ** I understand that if I choose to break this Conduct Covenant, there are consequences. I will take responsibility for my actions. I understand that if I choose to harm myself or others, my parent/guardian will be contacted and I will be sent home.

Day Camper's Signature

** I have read this Conduct Covenant and enter into it with my child. I will encourage my child to abide by it. I understand that should my child choose to break this Covenant, every effort will be made to contact me and my child will be sent home. I also understand that if I am not reachable the emergency contact listed will be contacted.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Ingham-Okoboji Day Camp

@ Salem Lutheran Church

August 2nd thru August 5th 9am to 2pm dally with

celebration Thursday evening

All students entering grades I thru 6 this Fall

All students entering grades I thru 6 this Fall Submit registration to the church office or email at salem@wctatel.net by JULY 12th





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Northwood United Methodist Church Council Minutes

(Unapproved) Thursday, May 10 at 10:00 am

The Northwood United Methodist Church Council met on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Terry Steinmetz; Betty Chapin; Nancy Mathahs; Karen Hove; Dean Mueller; Sandy Olson; Karen Abrahams; Pastor Rob; and Joanne Steinmetz.

Terry, council chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Motion by Betty; 2nd by Dean to accept the secretary's minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting as read by Karen Abrahams, Council Secretary. Motion carried.

Motion by Dean; 2nd by Betty to acknowledge the treasurer's report as reported by Nancy with a balance of \$13,098.95. Apportionments are paid through May. Motion carried.

SPPRC has met and completed the yearly evaluation of the Pastor "Another Set of Eyes" and the report has been sent to the Conference.

Pastor's Report: Memorial Sunday Service will be led by Joyce Sherman at 10:45 a.m.

Joint Service with Asbury; Northwood and First Lutheran of Northwood will be held at 9 a.m. at the Shelter House at the Worth County Fairgrounds on Sunday, June 20, 2021.

Vacation Bible School at Bolan – June 21-25 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Pastor Rob has been called for Jury Duty.

Wearing of masks at church from now on will be the choice of the congregation to wear them or not and to follow social distancing guidelilnes.

The Annual Conference in June will be virtual.

UMW report by Karen Hove: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 10 a.m. Program will be led by Myra Bowman, guest speaker. All are invited to attend.

Health Report by Betty: She has visited with Geneva Patterson. The Lutheran Retirement Home is now open to visitors and church services on Sunday have resumed.

Trustees Report by Sandy with a balance of \$11,797.95. Clean up day at the church on April 24 was done with another scheduled for Saturday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Discussed the Emergency Response Plan. Nancy will have a shortened revision to present to the council.

Consensus of the council for a church request for affirmation of vows on Friday, July 23. Trustees will take care of this request.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 10;00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. by Karen Hove; 2nd by Nancy.

Pastor Rob led us out in prayer.

Karen Abrahams, Church Council Secretary



WELCOME TO THE BIBLE CHALLENGE!

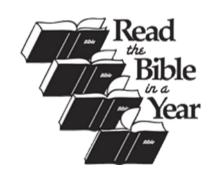
The Challenge is to read the entire Bible over the course of a year.

Below are the verses to read and in

ONE year you will have read the whole Bible!

Dedicate about 15 minutes each day to spend time in God's Word.

Remember 7 days without God makes one weak!



Reading Plan - Chronological

Read the Bible in the order that the events happened.

1-Jun	Matthew 20-21	16-Jun	Acts 1-3
2-Jun	Luke 18:1543; Luke 19:1-48	17-Jun	Acts 4-6
3-Jun	Mark 11; John 12	18-Jun	Acts 7-8
4-Jun	Matthew 22; Mark 12	19-Jun	Acts 9-10
5-Jun	Matthew 23; Luke 20-21	20-Jun	Acts 11-12
6-Jun	Mark 13	21-Jun	Acts 13-14
7-Jun	Matthew 24	22-Jun	James 1-5
8-Jun	Matthew 25	23-Jun	Acts 15-16
9-Jun	Matthew 26; Mark 14	24-Jun	Galatians 1-3
10-Jun	Luke 22; John 13	25-Jun	Galatians 4-6
11-Jun	John 14-17	26-Jun	Acts 17; Acts 18:1-18
12-Jun	Matthew 27; Mark 15	27-Jun	1 Thessalonians 1-5; 2 Thessalonians 1-3
13-Jun	Luke 23; John 18-19	28-Jun	Acts 18:19-28; Acts 19:1-41
14-Jun	Matthew 28; Mark 16	29-Jun	1 Corinthians 1-4
15-Jun	Luke 24; John 20-21	30-Jun	1 Corinthians 5-8



Our sympathies to Dave & Kathy Voorhes on the passing of their daughter Kay on May 14th.

Prayer Request

Please pray for these: Bryan Hooks Jr, Kay Voorhes (brain cancer), Joan Kvale Christian, Shelly Skellenger, Carole Yocom, our military and their loving families, the unemployed, Iowa UMC Cabinet and Bishop.

In Our Thoughts...

Lake Mills Care Center...

Carol Griffiths

Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood...

Sandy Nitcher Wanda Citurs Rick Low Norma Kay Martinson Nancy Whitesell Jane McMullen



9:00 am Worship -A

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10am NWD UMW Mtg	3	4	5
6 Regular Schedule	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Regular Schedule	14	15	16 Worth County Fair	17 Worth County Fair	18 Worth County Fair	19 Worth County Fair
20 9am Joint Worship at NWD Fairgrounds Worth County Fair	21 9am-Noon Bolan VBS	22 9am-Noon Bolan VBS	23 9am-Noon Bolan VBS	24 9am-Noon Bolan VBS	25 9am-Noon Bolan VBS	26
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STAFF PARISH PASTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

If you have concerns or compliments regarding the church, please talk to Pastor Rob first. If you talk to Pastor Rob and still have a concern, please contact a SPRC member.

ASBURY UMC	NORTHWOOD UMC
2021	<u>2021</u>
Betty Robertson	Mike Bode
Joyce Sherman	Bobbi Hooks
David Taft	Dean Mueller
Richard Schwarm	John Greve
	Nancy Mathahs

If you have any compliments about your church, share them with everyone!

Church Attendance				
Worship	N	A		
25-Apr	24	42		
2-May	18	?		
9-May	Joint	t 45		
16-May	10	?		
23-May	24	29		
30-May				

Asbury

- Molly Holtan
- Harlan Leverson 5
- 6 **Aaron Mannes**
- 6 Ben Peterson
- 8 Edward Schwarm
- Foster Hartman 10
- 10 Chris Heitland
- 11 Marissa Gasper
- Jason Slattum 14
- Vernon Angel 15
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- Sherrylee Gasper 19
- Ben Irons 21
- 21 John Budach
- 23 Gary Thompson
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- Gary Heimdal 23
- 29 Dan Tiedman
- 29 Blake Grotewold

Northwood

- Deb Mueller
- 5 Cody McClanahan
- 17 Warren Jones
- 19 Arnie Griffith
- 23 Sandy Rainey
- 24 Ian Podgorniak
- 26 Cory Stucky
- 27 Rhonda Fridley
- 29 Lisa Jensen
- 30 Mary Arrett-**Branstad**

ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT As of 4/30/2021

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account	3,755.00
(kitchenette)	

* Doris Grotewold Account 2,265.00

(kitchenette)

*Undesignated Account 2,127.91

April Interest .41 Ruth Blaylock 25.00

Total 2,153.32

GRAND TOTAL





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