



INSPIRATIONS 2019

Greetings:

For my letter this month, I thought it would be a good idea to include some humor. Last

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month's events seemed very serious and stressful as most all of us lost power during that crazy ice storm. Easter was a beautiful day and we celebrated our confirmands and I want this letter to be fun and good read. Here is the story of how I got to be on The Price Is Right. Growing up, the best thing about being sick was getting to stay home from school and watch the Price Is Right. Bob Barker was the best and I wanted to have his job someday. In the meantime though, it had been my dream to be a contestant on the show. In 1991, when I moved out to L.A. for college, the first thing on agenda was to figure out when the next taping of the show was and get down there to be a contestant. Myself and 3 of my newly found friends made a trip to Studio City and stood in line. After several hours of standing in line, finally one of the producers said they all of the people they needed for today and if you were not selected to come back another day. What!?! I had tickets, I did what they said - what is going on? Turned out that a ticket didn't mean anything, everyone else ahead of us in line had tickets too and it was first come, first served. As we were leaving to go home frustrated, I spotted a group of people coming in who were not in line but just showed up and were being led into the studio. I asked one of the workers, "Why do these people get to cut the line and go in?" "They made a group reservation," she said. A light bulb went off in my head and I knew what I had to do.

I made a group reservation and twenty of us from the college made it onto the show. There were a few things that surprised me about the show taping. First, they just don't pick contestants randomly out of the audience. Everyone walks in front of the director and you have 15 seconds to convince him to put you on the show. Second, the studio was really plain and not as big as it appeared on TV and there was a long gap between each game and show segment, but that didn't matter - it was still exciting. Then it happened, one of the girls from our group had her name called to "Come on' down!" We were going nuts! Then she won and got to go on stage and she won that prize. Then she spun the wheel and won the Showcase Showdown and was into the Showcase. Now all of us are losing it, we are yelling, screaming, jumping up and down. In the Showcase, her prize included a new bedroom set and a new car and the other person's was a boat, each put in their bids and then it went to commercial. That seemed like the longest commercial break ever as we discussed if she won, was it too much, did the other lady go over? Then it was announced and Nanette won, all 19 of us rush the stage and lift her up and some of the guys run over and jump on the bed, it was sheer chaos but it was one of the greatest moments of my life. Then we all got to turn and wave at the camera as the credits rolled.

The show was taped 3 months before it was going to air and part of winning the prizes is you have to stay silent about what you won or how the show turned out. Not being able to tell anyone what happened for three months was extremely hard but there was a viewing party on campus and it was so surreal to see yourself on TV, on a show you loved watching your whole life. The next year I planned another trip and my dad won a new car on the Dice Game and I got live that excitement again. His story though ended in tragedy (not life threatening) but that is a story for another day. So, my message to you is to enjoy life and if you have a dream - go for it! James 1:17 says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of Lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." Enjoy God's gifts and enjoy spending time in His creation.

Pastor Rob

**Breakfast Food for Thought
at the Bean & Bistro in Northwood
Wed, May 8th at 8 am**

**Lunch Food for Thought
at Main St Pizza in LM,
Wed, May 8th at 12 am**





Graduation Open House for Raven Budach on May 18th 1-4pm at Asbury UMC in the fellowship hall

L.M. SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM SIGN-UP

Asbury volunteers are needed for this year's summer food program to be held at the Salem Lutheran Church. Asbury will be serving on each Monday again this year. The program begins on Monday, June 3rd and runs through the summer until the day before the start of school. A signup sheet will be passed in the pews beginning on the Sunday's in May. If you are able to help, please check your calendar and consider 2-3 Mondays when you can help serve during the months of June, July and August. You can also call or email Rev. Jerry....592-4484 or jrobrtsn@wctatel.net.



Every second Saturday in May letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America deliver much more than mail when they walk and drive along their postal routes. They also collect the goodness and compassion of their postal customers who participate in the **Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive** – the largest one-day food drive in the nation and probably the world.

Once again, this year city and rural postal customers in the Lake Mills area will be given the opportunity to contribute food items to the LM Food Shelf. The Food Shelf serves an average of over 35 households per week. Last year LM postal customers contributed over 1600 pounds of food. All postal customers need do is to place a sack of non-perishable food items next to their mailbox before their letter carrier delivers mail on **Saturday May 11th**. The carrier, along with help from the LM Boy Scouts, will do all the rest. The food is taken back to a postal station, sorted, and then delivered to the LM Food Shelf. There it is available for area families.

Food items that are always needed are: Baked or Pork n' beans, vegetables, beef stew, chili, spam, tuna, hamburger helper, peaches, pears, pasta noodles, rice, peanut butter, cold cereal and paper products. Of course, *we will accept all donations. However, please check that food items have not reached their expiration date or have not been previously opened.*

Asbury UMC- May Noisy Offering- Worldwide Mobility "PET"

PET is an acronym for the *Personal Energy Transportation* vehicle that the group constructs and distributes at no cost to provide the gift of mobility to disabled children and adults worldwide. Your gifts to Mobility Worldwide provide the children of God with hand-cranked Mobility Carts, vehicles that allow them to go where ordinary wheelchairs won't go. There is no cost to the recipient – we reflect the love of God by giving them the Gift of Mobility.



Salem Lutheran Church will host the National Day of Prayer Service this year on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel area of Salem. The Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association is sponsoring the annual service. Area pastors will lead the congregation in specific areas of National life. The hour service will be followed by a coffee fellowship in the basement fellowship hall of the church.





MOTHER'S DAY" AND THE METHODIST CONNECTION

[A moment in the 150th anniversary of UMW]

"First officially observed in 1908, it honored motherhood & family life at a time of rising feminist activism. An early supporter was John Wanamaker, whose store stood opposite. Mother's Day was given federal recognition, 1914."

A United Methodist – Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis inspired the creation of Mother's Day as a National Holiday.

Jarvis was originally from West Virginia. She moved to Philadelphia in 1892. After her mother died, she started her "Mother's Day Movement."

"What began as acts of personal remembrance developed into a special church service for her mother back in Grafton, West Virginia, and from there grew into a letter writing campaign under the auspices of a group that Jarvis named the Mother's Day International Association. It was then that Jarvis came into contact with John Wanamaker, the wealthy Philadelphia merchant, supporter of religious causes, and reform politician, who shared her piety and devotion to American mothers, and also saw an opportunity enhance his business."

Jarvis' campaign resulted in a Congressional resolution in 1914, signed by President Woodrow Wilson, proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday to be celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

The Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, where the first Mother's Day service was held, along with Philadelphia, is now the International Mother's Day Shrine. Nearby, the Anna Jarvis Birthplace Museum commemorates the life of the Mother's Day founder.

To commemorate her mother in 1907, Jarvis delivered 500 white carnations to St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, the church where her mother taught Sunday school for over 20 years. Carnations were her mother's favorite flowers and Jarvis requested that each mom in the congregation received one. The following year, St. Andrew's Church repeated the tradition of celebrating moms and from then on carnation flowers were associated with Mother's Day.

Lake Mills Baccalaureate Service

LMAMA is sponsoring a Baccalaureate Worship service put together by Senior Class Members. The Worship service will be held at Salem Lutheran Church, on Wednesday night, May 15th, beginning at 7:00 pm. The service is open to all Seniors, their parents and the general public.



*Baccalaureate
Service*

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY MAY 5, 2019

Native American Ministries Sunday is a very special day that United Methodist Churches across the country celebrate every year. With a special offering on May 5th we honor and empower the Native Americans in our church community

Here are 5 reasons why we believe in this special Sunday:

- 1.) We celebrate in commitment to racial reconciliation.
- 2.) We believe in funding justice efforts for Native Americans.
- 3.) When we give together, we can do more than any individual can.
- 4.) We believe in taking care of our own family.
- 5.) We model generosity for our communities and future generations.



JOIN US TO GIVE GENEROUSLY ON NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

AREA VBS
9:00 AM – NOON

June 3 – 7, 2019
BOLAN, IOWA

(ONE FORM PER CHILD)

Participant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Grade Completed: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Transportation Needed: Yes or No

Home Church: _____

To whom it may concern:

The undersigned do hereby give permission for our (my) child, _____, to attend and participate in activities sponsored by the area churches on June 3-7, 2019.

We (I) authorize an adult, in whose care the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical, or dental diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or dentist licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of a licensed hospital. The undersigned shall be liable and agree(s) to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child pursuant to this authorization. Should it be necessary for our (my) child to return home due to medical reasons or otherwise, the undersigned shall assume all transportation costs. The undersigned does also hereby give permission for our (my) child to ride in any vehicle designated by the adult in whose care the minor has been entrusted while attending and participating in activities sponsored by the area churches.

Emergency Contacts & Phone Numbers: _____

List all allergies or special medical problems your child may have: _____

Special friend your child might like to be with: _____

Shirt size (circle one) Youth: XS S M L XL

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Return form to a United Methodist Church in Bolan, Manly, Northwood, Plymouth, Rock Falls, Rudd, Nora Springs; or a Lutheran Church in Manly, Hanlontown, or Grafton

REGISTRATION FEE HAS BEEN PAID!
PLEASE PRE-REGISTER
FOR CREW ASSIGNMENTS
& MATERIALS

Or mail to:
Lori Willert
4211 Tulip Lane, Kensett, IA 50448
Questions? Call 641-903-9472 or lwillert@wctatel.net



Health Notes...

By Betty Chapin, RN, PH

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Dear friends,

I am "using" our church newsletter as a vehicle for personal information this month as well as wishing all of you good health and happiness in spring after the long, harsh winter you have experienced. In addition, I want to share a poem that I received via the North Iowa Hospice organization newsletter that I receive regularly. I hope it will be an inspiration to many as each of us plans for the new season of life we see unfolding.

Several of you know, but many do not, that my return to Northwood has been delayed primarily because of surgery on my hip that I'd had replaced over 9 years ago. That occurred on April 8th but I must remain here in Arizona for follow-up until May 20th. I am doing very well with recovery and look forward to getting back home despite some lifestyle changes I will need to make for awhile.

The newsletter article called "Even in Grief, You Have the Power of One" notes that the following poem was written anonymously. To keep this brief, I will only share the poem but I do have the entire article, should anyone wish to see it later. I do want to give Hospice and the "Grief Digest Magazine" Vol. 10, Issue #4 the credits.

THE POWER OF ONE

One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul,
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh can conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true.
One life can make a difference,
You see, IT'S UP TO YOU !



Confirmation Class of 2018-2019

Northwood:

Carter Lanphere-Parents: Rob & Melinda Lanphere

Asbury:

Finley Rogstad- Chris and Shana Rogstad

Joseph Young- Parents: Brian & Tracy Young

Sara Nelson- Parents: Scott & Jill Nelson

*Tremaine Thorson- Parents: Kim Thorson
and Darrin Thorson*



Northwood Mission News – May 2019



I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to each of you who attended the Mission Dinner on April 28th, and who volunteered to provide salads and desserts, and who helped set up, serve and clean up. We served 68 and had a profit of \$549 which will benefit the four missions that we support.

Mission Kits: For the month of May, and in honor of Mothers' Day, I'd like to focus on Layette Kits. The list of items is below. Since we assemble the kits at the Church, don't feel that you need to provide complete kits. If you see an item on sale, feel free to purchase a number of that item. We have a number of sweaters on hand.

Layette Kit

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins – must have protective plastic closures
- 2 receiving blankets – 28" X 28" to 32" X 32" (no crib blankets)
- 1 sweater, sweatshirt or jacket – must open from the front, may be hand-knitted, crocheted or sewn
- 2 undershirts or onesies
- 2 infant-size washcloths (no adult washcloths)

Value \$45 plus \$2 shipping



And, as a reminder, the Share Shop sign-up sheet is always on the table in the hall outside of the office. We still need one more volunteer to work on Thursday, May 9th, from 1:00 to 4:00.

CAMP NEEDS YOU!!!!

Each summer hundreds of kids choose a life changing experience at one of our three United Methodist Campgrounds (Okoboji, Pictured Rocks 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 jrobrtsn@wctatel.net.



Creating Difference Makers in Ministry with the Poor is the theme for the 2019 Iowa Annual Conference session where lay and clergy will gather for the four-day event that will be held at the Iowa Events Center/ Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines. The 176th annual yearly meeting will feature powerful preaching, inspiring singing, informative teaching sessions, vital reporting, and the reconnection of fellow United Methodists from across the state. Following the Lay and Clergy sessions that will be held on Friday, June 7, Bishop Laurie Haller will call the members of the annual conference to order on Saturday, June 8.

Teaching Session Preachers Associate Pastor Eric Mulanda and Senior Pastor Rob Cook from Mt. Hope United Methodist Church in Lansing, Michigan will lead the Teaching Session on Saturday afternoon. Mt. Hope is a church in the heart of Lansing, MI. Their congregation consists of people from neighborhoods and suburbs, communities nearby and countries far away. They state that there are “no perfect people here” but they know that with God's help they are transforming their corner of the world by following the teaching of Jesus and helping each other live a life that reflects his values.

Celebrations At the 2019 Iowa Annual Conference we will be celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Methodist Missions along with the 150th Anniversary of United Methodist Women. Other celebrations will be the Recognition of Retirees, Awards and Reception for Graduates of the School for Lay Ministry, the Memorial Celebration, Ordering of Ministry and Fixing of Appointments.



June 8 - 11, 2019

Lay and Clergy sessions that will be held on Friday, June 7, 2019

2019 Clergy members to Annual Conference are: Pastors Rob Lamphere and Jerry Robertson;
Lay members to Annual Conference are: Bobbi Bendickson and Betty Robertson.



Julie Imus
Shelly Skellenger
Ed Monson
Donna Lair

Tami Hooks
Sidney Kvale
John Scherb
Carole Yocum
Kathy Voorhes

our military and their loving families,
the unemployed, Iowa UMC Cabinet and Bishop.

Lake Mills Care Center...

Carol Griffiths

Lillian Smith

Good Shepard Mason City...

Ivan Olson

In Our Thoughts...

Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood...

Sandy Nitcher

Bernice Estes

The Pines– Winona Hennigar

Norma Kay Martinson

Nancy Whitesell

(any names added to the prayer list will be kept on for 3 weeks unless the office is contacted with updated information to keep on for an addition amount of time. Thank you. NorthwoodUMC@msn.com)

Northwood United Methodist Church

Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 9 am**

The Northwood United Methodist Church Council met on Thursday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present;

Bobbi Bendickson; Karen Abrahams; Karen Hove; Sandy Olson; Nancy Mathahs; Joanne Steinmetz; Dean Mueller and Pastor Rob.

Devotions were given by Bobbi.

Motion by Karen Hove and 2nd by Joanne to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Nancy.

Members were asked to rank the finance brainstorming ideas from the last meeting.

Endowment information was explained by Bobbi.

After the ranking was prioritized discussion was held. Members volunteered to investigate the finance priorities and report back to the council at our June meeting.

Pastor's Report: Holy Week Service times: Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m. Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. with a breakfast following the service.

Regular Service at 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation Sunday April 28, 2019 at Asbury and May 5, 2019 at Northwood.

Action items: Discussion of Charlies' Coffee Corner in Wesley Hall with a Keurig coffee maker and Charlie mugs to use. Motion by Nancy and 2nd by Sandy. Motion carried.

Motion by Karen Hove and 2nd by Joanne to give Nancy approval to pay 3 months apportionments. Motion carried.

Bobbi reported church audit has been completed of the organizations that submitted their reports.

Adjournment by Bobbi.

Next meeting June 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Karen Abrahams, Council Secretary



Iowa & Africa United Methodist Natural Disaster Response

"Pray, pray, pray," asks Rev. Catie Newman, disaster response coordinator for the Iowa Annual Conference, in this time of widespread flooding across the State. In the aftermath of winter snows, rising temperatures, and recent heavy rains, significant parts of Iowa are inundated by flood waters. "This is more widespread than I have ever known," Rev. Newman, exclaimed. "And I've lived in Iowa all my life. This flooding is really sort of unprecedented." In addition to our prayers, you can help the recovery efforts by donating to [Iowa Disaster Response Advance Special #223](#). Flooding has also been the result of Cyclone Idai that left a path of destruction in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi, killing at least 180 people and damaging United Methodist schools, churches, hospitals and homes. U.M.C.O.R. is already on the ground providing aid to thousands of displaced families, many of which are United Methodists. Our African brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus need our prayers and our assistance. To make a donation to UMCOR's [International Disaster Response, use Advance #982450](#). **Please make checks payable to Asbury UMC and on the memo line Iowa or International Disaster.**

Northwood Sunday Schedule

10:30 am Worship Service-N

11:45 am Fellowship -N



**Asbury Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Worship -A

10:00 am Fellowship -A

10:00 am Sunday School-A

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

			1 2pm Rachel-A	2 9:30 am Naomi-A	3	4
5 Regular Schedule	6	7 5:30 pm AdCo-A	8 Food 4 Thought 8am Bean & Bistro-NWD 12pm Main St Pizza-LM	9	10	11
12 Regular Schedule 	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Regular Schedule	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Regular Schedule 	27	28	29	30	31	



SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NORTHWOOD

2019	5-May	12-May	19-May	26-May
Scripture Reader	Joanne Steinmetz	Margie Barber		
Ushers	Gregg & Sandy Olson	Gregg & Sandy Olson	Mike Godfrey & Bob Perry	Mike Godfrey & Bob Perry
Coffee Servers	Myra & John Greve	Men's Club For Mother's Day	Robin & Ivan Fredericks	Sandy & Gregg Olson
Communion Steward	Joanne Steinmetz			

We are always in need of volunteers! Check the sign up sheet in Wesley Hall to let us know when you can help. **If you find that you are unavailable to help on the Sunday assigned, please trade with someone else on the list** and let the Office know

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

2019

Betty Robertson
Joyce Sherman
David Taft
Richard Schwarm
Megan Peterson
Scott Nelson
Donna Lair

NORTHWOOD UMC

2019

Bobbi Bendickson
Karen Abrahams
John Greve
Mary Christianson
Mike Bode

Church Attendance

Worship	<u>N</u>	<u>A</u>
7-Apr	32	60
14-Apr	44	62
Sunrise	47	
21-Apr	33	110
28-Apr		

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

Happy Birthdays! Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday!

Asbury

6 Bill Young
8 Caryl Dahn
8 Owen William Mary
9 Cheri Groe
9 Diane Burdick
10 Shana Rogstad
12 NormaKay Martinson
13 Kelly Grunhovd
15 Kylee Mannes
15 Karissa Heath
20 Jon Skellenger
20 Joseph Young
25 Dennis Castle
27 Josh Imler
28 Brian Young

Northwood

1 Carter Wilde
5 Ivan Olson
5 Tom Vorland
5 Roger Wagner
7 Barbara Walser
7 Nancy Whitesell
9 Ashley Carlson
9 Robyn Wilder
10 Ryleigh McClanahan
12 Kerby Christianson
12 Mark Hove
14 Dean Mueller
15 Joanne Steinmetz
18 Thomas Low
19 Payton Wilder
21 Jack Barber
22 Sarah Barringer
22 Seth Wilkins
26 Pearl Podgorniak
26 Allen Jaspers
28 Skyler Williamson
28 Dorothy Prizler



Making Possible the Proclamation of Christ's Peace

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. The special offering on **May 23, 2019** for Peace with Justice Sunday makes our critical kingdom work in the world possible. Your gift to Peace with Justice Sunday enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs. Together, all of us can make a difference by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace.

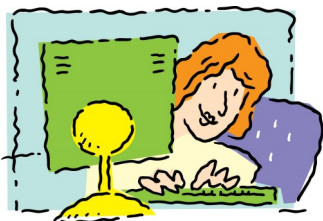


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your articles for
upcoming church events!*

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