



INSPIRATIONS 2021

Pastor's Page

Greetings:

Last year during Lent I encouraged everyone to join me in the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina. This involves listening for God's word through reading the Scriptures. Here are the five steps of Lectio Divina:

- Reading. Read a passage slowly and carefully within the bible.
- Prayer. Having a loving conversation with God.
- Meditation. Thinking deeply or dwelling upon a spiritual reality within a text.
- Contemplation. Resting in God's presence.
- Action. Go and do likewise.

I would love to see all of us participate in this practice and then share with others what God is speaking to you through this spiritual discipline. Pick a book in the Bible that you would like to go through and then read one chapter each week. Read that chapter through at least twice during the week and keep a journal handy to write down any reflections or things that God brings to the surface through the text. Ask how God is at work in this text and what am I called to do in response to reading it. I will be reading through the book of Romans and you can choose to join me in this reading or pick another book. I am excited to see what God is going to do in our spiritual growth and discipleship through this practice.

Want to talk more about it? I will be practicing presence and available for discussions on Wednesday mornings (10-noon) at Swallow Coffee House in Lake Mills and on Thursday evenings (7-8:30) at Worth Brewing Company in Northwood. Or we can schedule a different time to meet. May this Lenten journey be a fruitful time of spiritual growth and personal reflection.

Pastor Rob

March 2021 Prayer Calendar

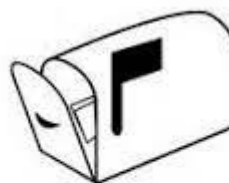
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Tyler Gasper Andrea Ostrander Sandy Stucky Bryan Christianson	2 Faith Christianson Sue Mannes Vivian Kvale Becky Johnson	3 Kaisen Mary Daryl Sherman Charise Schwarm Wade Fridley	4 Tate Grotewold Sshipper Emma Taft Kaylee Taft Michael Godfrey	5 Melissa Taft Glenn Steiff Tyce Skellenger Aaron Mannes	6 Anna Budach Mya Peterson Kyle Stucky Ben Peterson Deb Mueller
7 Michael McColloch Royce Peterson Rylan Heath Cody McClanahan	8 Haley Slattum Ryan Skellenger Harriet Young Grace Skellenger	9 Char Hanson Paula Harris Jason Slattum Vernon Angel	10 Chad Tiedeman Avery Grunhove Carol Jones Sandy Rainey Cohen Bode	11 Jeanie Grotewold Alyssa Slattum Ian Podgorniak Gary Heimdal	12 Drae Love Samuel Erdahl Ryan Williamson Harlan Leverson	13 Pearl Imler Edward Schwarm Foster Hartman
14 Winona Hennigar Chris Heitland Jeremy Ostrander	15 Eric Christianson August Madson Sarah Heath Rhonda Fridley	16 Breanna Mary Chris Rogstad Dennis Walser Karen Abrahams Cole Christianson	17 Finley Rogstad Sonja Tiedman Ashten Love Warren Jones	18 Noah Irons Daryl Groe Sherrylee Gasper Ben Irons	19 JJ Grotewold Schipper Lyla Rogstad John Budach Hudson Ostrander	20 Marilyn Castle Sandy Hyde Betty Vold Wanda Citurs Logan Ostrander
21 Becky Jacks Roger Hermanson Rock Bridges Jeff Greve	22 Jackson Grunhove Margie Barber Jill Nelson Dominic Williamson	23 Lynn Lair Nora Mammen Nancy Mathahs Jean Heitland Gary Thompson	24 Jeff Christenson George Kesler Dae Haskins Lillian Young Kim Bode	25 Josh Tiedman Ryan Mueller Casey Tiedman Bradley Jaspers	26 Kathy Christianson Sue Bridges Jim Meland	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				



World Day of Prayer Cancelled/Postponed



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NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

When Biden took office he came in with a 100 day plan to change America. God has a 100 day plan also. He has called Kirk Cameron to lead a 100 day Campfire Revival.

There is a new video each day with teaching and prayer. These are short, 12-15 minutes long.

You can see all the videos from Day 1 to the Present on "Youtube".
Go to Youtube and do a search for "cameron campfire revival".

It says in 2 Chronicles 7:14

"if my people which are called by name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sin and will heal their land."

America is suffering greatly right now with chaos and division. We the church are called to do what this verse tells us.

Kathy Voorhes



You are the hands and feet of Jesus when you celebrate UMCOR Sunday on March 14, 2021

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

So don't be fooled by the word committee. The response of UMCOR isn't something **"they"** do, it's something **"you"** do.

When **You** Give **You** Equip Christ's Body to Serve in His Name

Because **you** give, **you** are the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, **you** responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, **you** responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, **you** responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, will **you** be prepared to respond

Will **you** continue to give to UMCOR Sunday? Will **you** continue to meet the needs of the children, families and communities who've experienced devastation in the wake of disaster? As **you** respond, **you** are recognizing Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster.

*The special offering envelope for UMCOR Sunday will be provided in the bulletin on Sunday morning, March 14th. However, members have also received a UMCOR offering envelope in this issue of the church newsletter. If you are unable to be in worship on Sunday, March 14th the Asbury Mission Committee invites you to enclose your gift for this offering in the offering envelope and mail in a regular envelope to Asbury United Methodist. **Let's make a difference, together on UMCOR Sunday, March 14th***



HAVE YOU LOOKED AT YOUR IOWA UNITED METHODIST CAMP CATALOG? If you've received in the mail your 2021 catalog: "Adventure of a Lifetime" you'll find a camp of your choice and interest at our three campgrounds: Camp Wesley Woods, and Okoboji. Among the camps are camps for campers interested in go-carts, water parks, horses, canoeing, high adventure, exceptional persons camp, and more. Don't wait to share summer of friendships, faith building, and excitement at one of our camps. Register now for a camp of your choice. Join

with other UMC campers this summer for an Adventure of a Lifetime. Our camps staff can't wait to see you!

NOTE: If you don't have a camp catalog you can go online at www.iaumc.org/camps and download a camp catalog or visit the camp display in the north hall at Asbury UMC and if you have questions, please ask your pastor or church camp ambassador, Rev. Jerry in person or at 592-4484 or jrobrstn@wctatel.net. Remember, too, there are camperships available for Iowa United Methodist Camps.

Iowa United Methodist Camps plan to be back on site for camping ministry this summer!!!

Camp Sunday – April 11, 2021

“The Adventure of a Lifetime”

Sunday, April 11th has been designated Camp Sunday at both Asbury and Northwood United Methodist Churches. Eric Shreve, site manager at our United Methodist Camp Grounds in Okoboji will be on hand to share the exciting and good news on Iowa's ministry of camping at our Iowa United Methodist Camps and the 2021 summer program at our camps. Children and adults will want to be at worship to hear about the “Adventure of a Lifetime”



Dear Asbury UMC.

Thank you for the gift of \$308.01. Your gift will directly benefit the Tree of Life Ministries and provides much needed funding. This gift was used to help with feeding people at the Warm Welcome, before we had to shut down for Covid. We continue to provide food and clothing to people who wait in their vehicles while staff wearing masks distribute the items. Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

New Year's Blessings
Pastor Linda Garriot
Executive Director

EFCA Dear Asbury UMC
Thank you for your partnership with EFCA

We exist because of the hope, joy and love found in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your prayers and financial support empower the people of the EFCA movement to share that message with the world. By raising up disciplinarians, multiplying churches and extending gospel ministries together, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and will continue to do so in the new year.

Thanks for your continued commitment to both our ministry and the message of Jesus. May God bless you, your family and your ministry abundantly.

Kevin Kompelien
EFCA President

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 14
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS 1 HOUR AHEAD BEFORE
GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY EVENING.



Ruth Hermanson and family upon the death of her husband Roger, age 86, who passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 28, 2021, surrounded by his family, at Mercy One North Iowa Hospice in Mason City, Iowa. A private service was held on Monday, February 1, 2021 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Lake Mills with pastor Rob Lanphere officiating. Cremation will follow with inurnment at a later date in Sunnyside Cemetery in Lake Mills.



The family of Ruth Inez (McDaniel) Blaylock, 96, of Holmen, WI, formerly of Coon Rapids, IA and Lake Mills, IA, passed away February 15, 2021, at Bluffview Memory Care in Holmen, WI. A private family service was held at Mittelstadt Funeral Home in Lake Mills, IA on Saturday, February 27, 2021, with Rev. Rob Lanphere officiating. A public graveside service followed in Sunnyside Cemetery, Lake Mills.

Northwood - Larry L. Wright, 78, of Northwood passed away Wednesday, February 17, 2021 in Fort Myers, Florida. Arrangements are pending with Conner Colonial Chapel.

Northwood- Steve Johnston son of Becky Johnston who recently passed



Northwest District—Iowa

Notes from the Cross & Flame (the NW District UM Women's Newsletter)
GREETINGS FROM YOUR **NWD PRESIDENT Julie Nelson** 1105 West Street Ruthven, IA 51358 Home Phone 712-837-4310 Cell Phone 712-260-9472 nursenelson@hotmail.com Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. Psalms 136:1 The newly reorganized Northwest District of United Methodist Women now includes 85 active local units of United Methodist Women. The Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church will officially downsize from 8 Districts to 5 Districts July 1, 2021. United Methodist Women of the Iowa Conference made the change effective January 1st. Our new district is located from Sioux City to Mason City and all points in between. We are called Northwest District. District officers have worked hard to merge most of the former Northwest and North Central units into one listing of units, local officers, email addresses, phone numbers and shepherdess assignments. **The shepherdess for Asbury** along with Bolan Buffalo Center Forest City, Graettinger and, West Fork United Methodist Churches **will be** JEANINE HOUGH 712-859-3595 rjough@rvtc.net. **The shepherdess for Northwood UMC** along with Mason City First and Mason City Wesley United Methodist Churches **will be** MYRA BOWMAN 641-843-4086 jlmkbowman51@comm1net.net God Bless You and your team of United Methodist Women in all that you do Julie Nelson NWS President.

Lenten Bible Study Online

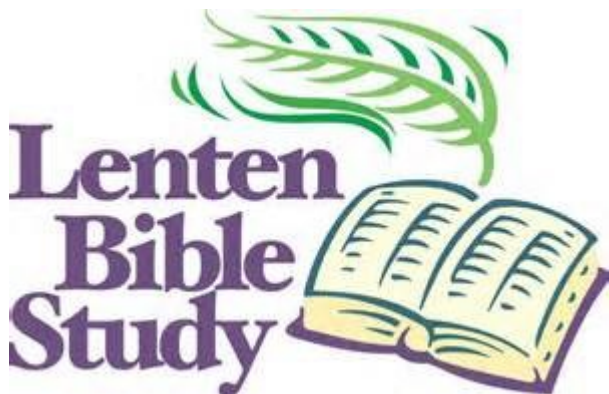
Starting the Sunday after Ash Wednesday, February 21st at 6pm and will continue every Sunday during Lent. The title of the Study is:

Final Words From the Cross

Please let the office know if you would like to participate and please make sure that we have your email address so the link can be sent to you.

Hope to see you online!

northwoodumc@msn.com



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-Mar	Isaiah 64-66	16-Mar	Jeremiah 32-34
2-Mar	2 Kings 20-21	17-Mar	Jeremiah 35-37
3-Mar	2 Chronicles 32-33	18-Mar	Jeremiah 38-40; Psalm 74, 79
4-Mar	Nahum 1-3	19-Mar	2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36
5-Mar	2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35	20-Mar	Habakkuk 1-3
6-Mar	Zephaniah 1-3	21-Mar	Jeremiah 41-45
7-Mar	Jeremiah 1-3	22-Mar	Jeremiah 46-48
8-Mar	Jeremiah 4-6	23-Mar	Jeremiah 49-50
9-Mar	Jeremiah 7-9	24-Mar	Jeremiah 51-52
10-Mar	Jeremiah 10-13	25-Mar	Lamentations 1; Lamentations 2; Lamentations 3:1-36
11-Mar	Jeremiah 14-17	26-Mar	Lamentations 3:37-66; Lamentations 4; Lamentations 5:1-22
12-Mar	Jeremiah 18-22	27-Mar	Ezekiel 1-4
13-Mar	Jeremiah 23-25	28-Mar	Ezekiel 5-8
14-Mar	Jeremiah 26-29	29-Mar	Ezekiel 9-12
15-Mar	Jeremiah 30-31	30-Mar	Ezekiel 13-15
		31-Mar	Ezekiel 16-17



lease pray for these: Jon Phillips (covid-nephew of Bobbi Hooks) Marianne Sandberg, Valinda Imus (car accident), Rachelle Hooks, 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...

George Kesler
Norma Kay Martinson
Nancy Whitesell
Jane McMullen

Sandy Nitcher
Wanda Citurs
Rick Low

(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 Sunday Schedule

10:45 am Worship Service-N

**Asbury Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Worship -A

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

	1	2	3 10-Noon Swallow Coffeehouse	4 7pm Worth Brewing	5	6
7  Bible STUDY Join us!	8	9	10 10-Noon Swallow Coffeehouse	11 10 am NWD Council Mtg	12	13
14  Bible STUDY Join us!	15	16	17 10-Noon Swallow Coffeehouse	18 7pm Worth Brewing 7pm Worth Brewing	19	20
21  Bible STUDY Join us!	22	23	24 10-Noon Swallow Coffeehouse	25 7pm Worth Brewing	26	27
28  Palm Sunday	29	30	31 10-Noon Swallow Coffeehouse			

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**2021**

Betty Robertson
Joyce Sherman
David Taft
Richard Schwarm

NORTHWOOD UMC**2021**

Mike Bode
Bobbi Hooks
Dean Mueller
John Greve
Nancy Mathahs

Church Attendance

Worship	<u>N</u>	<u>A</u>
7-Feb		
14-Feb		
21-Feb		
28-Feb		

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

Asbury

2 Vivian Kvale
2 Charise Schwarm
6 Steven Lynch
7 Rylan Heath
8 Harriet Young
11 Alyssa Slattum
12 Samuel Erdahl
15 Sarah Heath
19 Noah Irons
20 JJ Grotewold Schipper
20 Betty Vold
21 Rock Bridges
21 Jill Nelson
23 Jean Heitland
25 Tremaine Thorson
26 Casey Tiedman
27 Sue Bridges
28 Alexander Tiedeman
29 David Taft
29 Betty Langpap
30 Carol Griffiths

Northwood

1 Becky Johnston
3 Wade Fridley
4 Michael Godfrey
5 Tyce Jordan
Skellenger
7 Kyle Stucky
9 Grace Skellenger
12 Ryan Williamson
16 Karen Abrahams
20 Wanda Citurs
20 Jennifer Martin
21 Jeff Greve
21 Dominic Williamson
22 Jared Brackey
26 Dae Haskins
27 Bradley Jaspers
28 Jim Meland
29 Lora Brown
29 CK Christianson
30 Kenneth Nitcher
31 Richard Patterson

ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

As of 12-31-2020

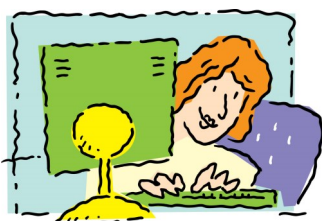
*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account	3,755.00
	(kitchenette)
* Doris Grotewold Account	2,265.00
	(kitchenette)
*Undesignated Account	2,126.22
December Interest	.43
Total	\$2,126.65
Grand Total	\$10,159.65



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Coffee, tea, & nuts for Freewill Donation. Located in North Hallway by Sanctuary door, Asbury UMC

Contact Betty Robertson if questions.
(641-592-4484)



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WANTS YOU!

call the office at

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*We appreciate receiving
your articles for
upcoming church events!*

If you have material that you would like included in the newsletters or bulletins or any corrections to information, please contact us in one of these ways:

send the information via email
northwoodUMC@msn.com

or mail to

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