



AUGUST

INSPIRATIONS 2021

Greetings:

Pastor's Page

Normally I do not title my pastoral letter but this one has a particular theme: What raising chickens has taught me about God and ministry. Our first experience with raising chickens came when Carter was in kindergarten. His teacher and our friend Mrs. Kinne would get eggs from the hatchery and hatched them in the brooder in her classroom. After the chicks hatch and are about a week old then she would look for a willing family to adopt the chicks. That year we were told (not asked) that Carter was going to be getting the chicks to take home. There were twelve little chicks that we were now responsible for and neither Melinda nor I knew the first thing about raising them. So we purchased a book and read up on it. The book helped a lot but there were a few things that it did not cover – like telling your 6 year old son that we have to butcher the chickens since they are broilers. After many tears and a few more tough conversations Carter understood and we bought some laying hens the next spring. Carter loved those chickens and we began to call him the “chicken whisperer.”

Last month something that happens in nature all of the time but we somehow take for granted is one of our broody hens hatched four chicks. We have a rooster and know about biology but in the 8 years of having chickens that had never happened. It has been fun watching the mother hen care for her chicks. She would lift up her wing and the little chicks would run underneath, she would pick food out of the feeder with her beak and drop it in front of them, and she is very protective if you try to get close to her babies. In Matthew 27:37, God wants to gather together the children of Israel like a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. This is a powerful image of God and when you see that illustration in person it helps you see how God wants to gather all people together under the protection and safety of her wings.

Just like we were reluctant to have chickens because we did not know what we were doing, now we cannot imagine life without chickens. The same for being in the ministry. It was scary to make that leap, Melinda and I were unsure what would happen if it did not work out but thankfully God had bigger and better plans. Sometimes in ministry with all of our planning, organizing, and effort we end up trying to force things. Many times ministry happens organically as God is

already at work and looking for us to partner with where the Spirit is already moving. Raising chickens is not easy or without its share of work and money but the rewards are worth it. Ministry is the same, there is a cost involved but the rewards make it all worthwhile. I am looking forward to what God has planned for us as we continue to follow where the Spirit is leading.

Pastor Rob

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August 2021 Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Larry Eden Richard Low Jim Hyde	2 Kennedy Mannes Jane Christianson	3 Sue Slattum Geneva Patterson Roger Wagner	4 Neil Schrieber Carol Tiedman Deb Reuvers Mark Hove	5 Carrie Fritz Ron Reuvers Brock Mathahs Barbara Walser	6 Leann Dahn June Low Bill Young Christopher Low	7 Tim Hauge Sandy Nitcher Ivan Fredericks Ashley Carlson
8 Kim Mary Drake Tiedemann Caryl Dahn	9 Owen Mary Michelle Skellenger Jane Podgorniak	10 Domonic Greco Sheila Anderson Cheri Groe	11 Betty Robertson Delaney Imler Christopher Bakken	12 Mark Enderson Megan Peterson Nancy Whitesell	13 Jason Tiedemann Darla Beighley Collin Jaspers	14 Eileen Redinger Tracy Young Troy Low Dean Mueller
15 Brad Mary Diane Burdick Joanne Steinmetz	16 Shana Rogstad Thomas Low Cody Fredericks	17 NormaKay Martinson Payton Wilder	18 Kelly Grunhovd Kerby Christianson Tori Low Jane McMullen	19 Andrew Grunhovd Kylee Mannes LeAnn Steiff	20 Kate Budach Karissa Heath Ashley Fredericks	21 Ramon Erdahl Jon Skellenger Jordyn Hove Marty Mueller
22 Richard Schwarm Joe Young Jeff Steiff	23 Sharon Matthes Dennis Castle Brenda Meland	24 Carson Christianson RG Schwarm Duane Abrahams	25 Donna Lair Joyce Hauge Bobbi Hooks Jack Barber	26 Michael Walker Alex Citurs Sarah Barringer	27 Morgan Young Josh Imler Laurel Willig	28 Brian Young Scott Stucky Pearl Podgorniak
29 Kaylea Mary Allen Jaspers Gerry Arnold	30 Katy Jaspers Dorothy Prizler Kristie Steinkamp	31 Tom Vorland Robyn Wilder Seth Wilkins				



Please join your Northwood church family for a potluck on Sunday, September 12th. at 5:00 pm. We'll gather at Gregg and Sandy Olson's pavilion for lawn games, supper and visiting. The Olsons will provide the meat and beverages; please bring a side dish/salad/dessert to share. Pastor Rob will bring their cornhole game. Please save the date on your calendar; it's been a long time since we've been able to have a social time together! Please call the Olsons at 641-324-3066 to let them know you are planning to attend.



On Friday, July 23rd, Northwood UMC had the pleasure of a couple returning for a brief vow renewal in celebration of their 70th+1 wedding anniversary which they were pleased to do where they had originally wedded 71 years ago.. Covid put a bit of a damper on their original plans for last year but they were happy to be able to go thru with the plans a year late. Rollin and Joyce Howell married here at the church prior to the north part of the building was constructed. They settled into married life in Conger, he served in the army during the Korean Conflict and then they moved on to Albert Lea and finally to his family farm in Rockford.

Northwood United Methodist Church

Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, July 22 at 10:00 am**

Present: Terry Steinmetz; Kevin Springer; Joanne Steinmetz; Bobbi Hooks; Karen Abrahams; Karen Hove; Dean Mueller; Nancy Mathahs; Pastor Rob and Sandy Olson.

Prior to the meeting the council met outside the church while Kevin Springer, General Contractor, from Springer Construction went over his proposal for the sidewalk project on the west and south sides of the church.

Terry, council chair, called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

Bobbi gave devotions from The Upper Room on Beyond the Galaxies.

Motion by Sandy; 2nd by Dean to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2021 Council Meeting as read by Karen Abrahams, Church Council Secretary. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report by Nancy Mathahs with a balance of \$14,011.12. Apportionments have been paid through July. Motion by Dean; 2nd by Karen Hove to acknowledge the Treasurer's report as presented by Nancy. Motion carried.

SPPRC will meet in August to settle salaries for the staff.

NOW Report by Bobbi. She had visited Becky Johnston.

A letter will be sent out from the church to members with the vacancies for 2022 on the Church Council. Pastor's Report: Our district name is now Camp Clear Lake District. Charge conference will be Sunday, October 10, 2021 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Mason City beginning at 2 p.m. Discussed the June 20th joint worship service at the Worth County Fairgrounds with Northwood; Asbury from Lake Mills; and First Lutheran Church of Northwood. Pastor discussed getting a small group together to study the Book of Psalms. More information to come later.

UMW Report by Karen Hove: A meeting was held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 10 a.m. with Myra Bowman as our guest speaker. Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 10 a.m. on continuing on with UMW meetings or dissolving because of low attendance. Karen Hove has decided not to be chair of the UMW.

Health Report: Betty Chapin has decided not to be the churches Parish Nurse.

Men's Report with a balance of \$1,466.88.

Motion by Sandy; 2nd by Bobbi to accept the bid from Springer Construction for the sidewalk project at the church in the amount of \$43,100. Motion carried.

George Kesler Bequest in the amount of \$10,000 has been given to the church as a memorial trust fund. The interest received annually can be spent according to the vote of the council.

Trustee's Report by Sandy: The Bequest we received last year with a balance of \$611,360.42 less \$20,000 transfer to the Trustees Account to be used for ½ payment on the Sidewalk Project and a transfer to \$616.82 for the elevator safety check. Leaves a balance of \$590,744.10. Trustees Account balance is \$31,155.62.

Nancy handed out a one-page Emergency Response Plan. She will be checking on prices for posters to be put up in the church for the Emergency Routes to take in case of an emergency.

Motion by Karen Abrahams; 2nd by Karen Hove to purchase a \$100 visa card to be given to Carter Lanphere in appreciation for all the work he does in the video of the church services. Motion carried.

Next meeting date is Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment by Sandy; 2nd by Karen Hove. Motion carried.

Pastor Rob prayed us out of the meeting.

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-Aug-20	Genesis 1-3	11-Aug-20	Job 29-31	21-Aug-20	Genesis 27-29
2-Aug-20	Genesis 4-7	12-Aug-20	Job 32-34	22-Aug-20	Genesis 30-31
3-Aug-20	Genesis 8-11	13-Aug-20	Job 35-37	23-Aug-20	Genesis 32-34
4-Aug-20	Job 1-5	14-Aug-20	Job 38-39	24-Aug-20	Genesis 35-37
5-Aug-20	Job 6-9	15-Aug-20	Job 40-42	25-Aug-20	Genesis 38-40
6-Aug-20	Job 10-13	16-Aug-20	Genesis 12-15	26-Aug-20	Genesis 41-42
7-Aug-20	Job 14-16	17-Aug-20	Genesis 16-18	27-Aug-20	Genesis 43-45
8-Aug-20	Job 17-20	18-Aug-20	Genesis 19-21	28-Aug-20	Genesis 46-47
9-Aug-20	Job 21-23	19-Aug-20	Genesis 22-24	29-Aug-20	Genesis 48-50
10-Aug-20	Job 24-28	20-Aug-20	Genesis 25-26	30-Aug-20	Exodus 1-3
				31-Aug-20	Exodus 4-6



Please pray for these: Jerry Robertson, Bobbi Hooks, Bryan Hooks Jr, 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...

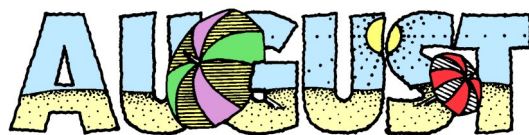
Carol Griffiths

Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood...

Sandy Nitcher
Wanda Citurs
Rick Low

Norma Kay Martinson
Nancy Whitesell
Jane McMullen

(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)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Regular Schedule	2	3	4 Fellowship with the pastor 10am LM 7pm NWD	5	6	7
8 Regular Schedule	9	10	11 Fellowship with the pastor 10am LM 7pm NWD	12 10 am NWD Council Mtg	13	14
15 Regular Schedule	16	17	18 Fellowship with the pastor 10am LM 7pm NWD	19	20	21
22 Regular Schedule	23	24	25 Fellowship with the pastor 10am LM 7pm NWD	26	27	28
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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

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>
30-May	19	?
6-June	20	?
13-June	20	40
20-June	Joint Community	
27-June		

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

Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday!

Asbury

2 Kennedy Mannes
6 Leann Dahn
8 Tim Hauge
8 Kim Mary
10 Domonic Greco
11 Betty Robertson
11 Don Ostrander
13 Jason Tiedemann
13 Eileen Redinger
15 Brad Mary
17 Gabriel Irons
19 Andrew Grunhovd
24 Carson Christianson
25 Donna Lair
29 Kaylea Mary

Northwood

1 Jim Hyde
3 Geneva Patterson
5 Brock Mathahs
7 Christopher Low
7 Sandy Nitcher
15 Kristie Steinkamp
15 Cody Fredericks
18 Steve Smith
21 Jordyn Hove
22 Jeff Steiff
24 Duane Abrahams

ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

As of 6/30/2021

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account	3,755.00
(kitchenette)	
* Doris Grotewold Account	2,265.00
(kitchenette)	
*Undesignated Account	2,153.76
June Interest	.41
Total	2,154.17
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,187.17

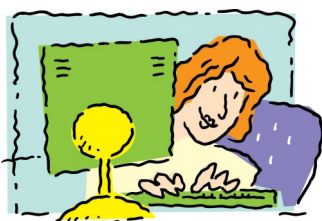


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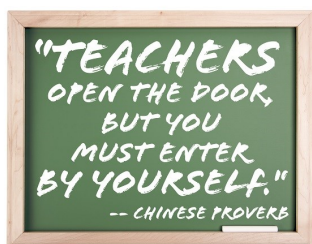
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