



FEBRUARY

INSPIRATIONS 2021

Greetings: *Pastor's Page*

As I sit here on this cold wintery day, I am reminded that there is much to be thankful for. Warm flannels, good food and drink, football and four-wheel drives (maybe your list is different but you get my point). Covid being what it is – 2021 was a pretty good year. Both churches finished strong, we paid all of our apportionments and supported other ministries as well. God is good – all the time. It is one of the sayings I chose to put on the church sign at Asbury. May this be our theme for both churches throughout 2022.

During our Advent study we talked about the means of grace. The means of grace is divided into two categories: works of piety and works of mercy. Piety is a High-Church word we do not use very often but it refers to personal holiness. Mercy then is something that you do for others. These two things relate to the greatest commandment: 1) love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul and strength and 2) love your neighbor as yourself. Works of piety and works of mercy are important for us as Christians to practice all year long, not just at Advent. So, I want to encourage us to be about putting these things to practice.

For piety, a spiritual practice I talked about is “breath prayers.” When you inhale, think of a name or image of God and speak that. On the exhale, speak the action that you want to see take place. An example: inhale “May your Spirit”, exhale “breathe through me.” Repeat those four or five times. This helps to center us and you can pray another breath prayer or continue on in a different form of prayer. I would encourage you to try this spiritual discipline.

For works of mercy, what is something you could either give or do for someone that would demonstrate God’s love for them in a practical way? One example is called the Drive-thru Difference. This is when you go through a drive through that when you pay for your meal, pay for the person behind you as well. This is a simple and wonderful way to bless someone else and to demonstrate the love of God for them. To help with this I have included a business card that you can hand to the cashier to give to them. It says, “I hope this brightens your day, it is how we show God’s love in a practical way.” Then on the other side it has our church information. Imagine how the receiver of this gift would feel as a total stranger paid for their meal.

There are many other ways to practice this means of grace and I would encourage you to use your imagination and to give it a try. When we practice love for God and love for others not only does it change us but it changes our communities. I am looking forward to seeing what God is going to do through us as we bless others.

Pastor Rob

Join the Pastor on **Wednesdays** from 10-noon Coffeehouse in Lake Mills every week **OF and 4th Thursdays** of the month for Pub The 7pm at the Worth Brewing if you would care 1 for a bit of fellowship and conversation.



February 2022 Prayer Calendar

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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

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-Feb	- 2 Kings 9-11	16-Feb	- 2 Kings 18:1-8; 2 Chronicles 29-31; Psalm 48
2-Feb	- 2 Kings 12-13; 2 Chronicles 24	17-Feb	- Hosea 1-7
3-Feb	- 2 Kings 14; 2 Chronicles 25	18-Feb	- Hosea 8-14
4-Feb	- Jonah 1-4	19-Feb	- Isaiah 28-30
5-Feb	- 2 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 26	20-Feb	- Isaiah 31-34
6-Feb	- Isaiah 1-4	21-Feb	- Isaiah 35-36
7-Feb	- Isaiah 5-8	22-Feb	- Isaiah 37-39; Psalm 76
8-Feb	- Amos 1-5	23-Feb	- Isaiah 40-43
9-Feb	- Amos 6-9	24-Feb	- Isaiah 44-48
10-Feb	- 2 Chronicles 27; Isaiah 9-12	25-Feb	- 2 Kings 18:9-37; 2 Kings 19:1-37; Psalm 46, 80, 135
11-Feb	- Micah 1-7	26-Feb	- Isaiah 49-53
12-Feb	- 2 Chronicles 28; 2 Kings 16-17	27-Feb	- Isaiah 54-58
13-Feb	- Isaiah 13-17	28-Feb	- Isaiah 59-63
14-Feb	- Isaiah 18-22		
15-Feb	- Isaiah 23-27		



Please pray for these: Bailee Johnson (guidance and wisdom), Steve Smith (heart operation), Jane Christianson, Jerry Robertson, 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...

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)

The Asbury UMW will have a short group meeting after church on February 6 th.



Dave and I are both home and recovering from COVID. We are so blessed that when we were hospitalized that treatment kept us from deteriorating further. A big thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls and flowers. The prayer shawl I received is my favorite color and has helped keep me and toasty. We are living testimony that pray works.
Kathy Voorhes

Asbury Choir Robe Update

The following communication is from District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Moody Colorado of the Camp Pictured Rocks District. He is Filipino pastor serving in the Iowa Annual Conference and the person who was given the boxes of Asbury UMC choir robes at the Ingathering on November 6. His brother Rev. Bernie Colorado was my District Superintendent when I was serving in what was at that time the Spencer District (Now Camp Clear Lake the new District of which Asbury & Northwood Churches are apart). He apologizes for his late response, but understandably Moody & Bernie's mother passed away on December 5, 2021. Our sincere condolences to Moody & Bernie and their families and our thanks for their work of extending the mission of the Church to their native country. We are so thankful that the glory of God will continue with the use of this apparel that was used for so many glorious years to praise God in song by the Asbury UMC Adult & Children's choirs.



Dear Rev. Jerry,

I apologize for this late response. The robes and hymnals I collected were sent to Pisan United Methodist Church in Cotabato, Philippines. Its mission point. The pastor there is Deaconess Emelyn Castillo. Her family together with Rev Charypie Castillo, Pastor Lyndon Castillo and I formed a mission team for their mission works in that area. They have been soliciting used hymnals and church paraphernalias for emerging churches in the region. My interest in the region is the fact that it is a mixed Muslim and Christian region. Its a doorway to reaching out to the largest Muslim nation of Indonesia. I believe its my calling to push the advancement of Christ's mission in that direction so I sponsored the mission work there. As a District Superintendent the churches I have closed have sent their good hymnals and paraphernalia to that region through me. We are in the process of organizing the Church on Wheels ministry, an evangelistic team that will go around the region to render evangelistic concert, medical treatment and feeding programs. We will plant churches. We have secured a property and we expect to finish our HQ and garage by springtime. Music instruments and musicians are ready. We have no vehicle yet, but I know God will provide it if this is His will. We hope to be able to roll out by summer when pandemic is over. May God be praised for the progress of mission in that area. It has so much untapped potential for advancement of the gospel but the people are too poor and need sponsors to advance the mission.

Blessings,

Rev Dr Moody Colorado
DS Pictured Rocks

Attention all



Don't forget to contact the office as to when you will be flying away for the winter. Let Ona in the office know when you want to receive the newsletter at your new destination, or if you would prefer to receive it as an email.

Northwood United Methodist Church

Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, November 11th at 9:30 am**

The Northwood United Methodist Church Council met on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Terry Steinmetz; Joanne Steinmetz; Pastor Rob Lanphere; Nancy Mathahs; LeAnn Steiff; Karen Hove; Sandy Olson; Dean Mueller and Karen Abrahams.

Terry, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Devotions given by Pastor Rob.

Motion by Sandy; 2nd by LeAnn to approve the October 14th Minutes as read by Karen Abrahams; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Nancy with a balance of \$18,440.49. Apportionments are paid through the end of the year. Motion by Dean; 2nd by Joanne for acknowledgement of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: 4 sessions are planned for an Advent Study. Advent begins on November 28th. Discussed Christmas Eve Service Time. Sunday, November 21st Bible Sunday; "Kid First" with small groups during worship time. Church decorating for Christmas will be Saturday, November 27th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Location time for worship service will be in the Sanctuary through December. Then worship will be in Wesley Hall beginning January 2nd. Palm Sunday, April 10th worship will begin in the Sanctuary for the rest of the year.

Joanne, UMW President, thanked all who helped with the Geneva Patterson Funeral on November 2nd. UMW Christmas Luncheon will be at Bean and Bistro at 11 a.m. on December 1st.

Mission Report by LeAnn: 27 boxes were delivered to the Ingathering. A donation was given of \$450.00 for a hand driven cart. Our church's total giving was \$5,105.00. A soup mission dinner is being planned for February. A sign-up sheet will be available for Adopt a Month to make coffee for fellowship following the worship service. Discussed cell phone notification to members in case of church cancellation and other items of interest.

Trustees report by Sandy: Balance of \$26,079.98. The Sound System from Sim Sound Video has been approved in the amount of \$36,901.74. This will be paid from the Wilma Groe Bequest Fund. Save all your old pens for recycle and bring to the church to be sent.

Laptops for the Treasurer and Financial Secretary have been purchased.

A church request use was approved.

No meeting in December.

Motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. by Joanne; 2nd by Dean with the next meeting to be held January 20, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Karen Abrahams, Church Council Secretary.



Valentine Potluck Meal on February 13th following
Worship at Northwood UMC

Northwood Sunday Schedule

10:45 am Worship Service-N

11:45 am Fellowship

**Asbury Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Worship -A

10 am Fellowship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	3	4 10am Disciple- ship Journey Nwd	5
6 Regular Schedule	7	8	9 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	10 7pm Pub Theology	11 10am Disciple- ship Journey Nwd	12
13 Regular Schedule	14	15	16 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	17	18 10am Disciple- ship Journey Nwd	19
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27 Regular Schedule	28	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Join the Pastor on Wednesdays from 10-noon at Swallow Coffee-house in Lake Mills every week OR the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month for Pub Theology at 7pm at the Worth Brewing if you would care to join him for a bit of fellowship and conversation. </div>				

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**2022**

Joyce Sherman

David Taft

Richard Schwarm

Scott Nelson

Lynn Lair

NORTHWOOD UMC**2022**

Mike Bode

Bobbi Hooks

Dean Mueller

John Greve

Nancy Mathahs

Church Attendance

Worship	N	A
26-Dec	?	56
2-Jan	17	?
9-Jan	16	?
16-Jan	17	27
23-Jan	14	28
30-Jan	23	

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

Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday!

Asbury

5 Carol Tiedman
7 Bradley Holtan
12 Sheila Enderson
12 Megan Peterson
14 Tracy Young
20 Kate Budach
22 Ramon Erdahl
23 Sharon Matthes
24 R.G. Schwarm
26 Morgan Young

Northwood

1 Richard Low
2 Michael Walker
4 Deb Reuvers
4 Ron Reuvers
6 June Low
6 Ivan Fredericks
7 Jane Podgorniak
12 Collin Jaspers
14 Troy Low
18 Jane McMullen
19 LeAnn Steiff
20 Kim Nitcher
21 Marty Mueller
25 Bobbi Hooks
25 Alex Citurs

ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

As of 12/31/2021

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	3,755.00
* Doris Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	2,265.00
*Undesignated Account	2,256.32
December Interest	.44
Total	2,256.76
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,289.76



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