



INSPIRATIONS 2022

Greetings:

Pastor's Page

Every quadrennium (4 years) pastors are eligible for a four week renewal leave. This is something I am eligible for and have been considering for awhile. October is the month I chose to use this leave. The reason the conference offers this to clergy is because of the high rate of burnout among pastors and it leads to poor performance, health concerns, strain on relationships, etc. This renewal leave is meant to be a time to step away and do something that renews your spirit and refreshes your soul. Here is how I plan to use my leave.

First is to spend time with family. With Carter being a junior and Hannah in college it is only a matter of time before they both will be out of the house and there are many days when Melinda and I are passing each other as she is coming home and I am heading out to a meeting or church related event. Camping is a way for all of us to be together and there is no agenda. Camp fires, good food, and just being together is a great way to refresh my spirit.

Second is I plan to just attend church and not have to plan or participate in a service. Outside of chapel when I was attending seminary it has been a long time since I just "attended" a worship service. I also plan to take notes and get ideas to bring back for our own churches.

Third is to work around our acreage. There is a long list of things to get done but by getting two or three of those things done it relieves stress as I check that off my list instead of being at the forefront of my mind as I am trying to focus on my priorities as the pastor.

Thank you to those who are covering and filling the pulpit while I am away and thank you to the SPRC for approving this leave. I have full confidence that Asbury and Northwood will be in good hands while I am away and that allows me the opportunity to enjoy my leave. I couldn't have asked for two better churches or the wonderful people who have been such a blessing and support to me these last seven years. I'll join you for Hamballs and chili in November.

Blessings, Pastor Rob



Please pray for these: Kathy Voorhes, Jane Christianson, Jerry Robertson, Joan Kvale Christian, Carole Yocom, our military and their loving families, the unemployed, Iowa UMC Cabinet and Bishop.



Daylight saving time ends Sunday, Nov. 6 remember to set you clock back one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.

In Our Thoughts...

Lake Mills Care Center...

Carol Griffiths

Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood...

Becky Johnston
Wanda Citurs

Norma Kay Martinson
Rick Low

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October 2022 Prayer Calendar

Sun

Mon

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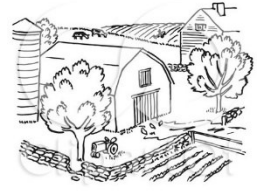
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<p>2</p> <p>Parker Rogstad Hallie Erdahl Drew Wilder Amanda Low</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Kelli Lair Gail Creco Andy Grunhove Shari Sietsema</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Chloe Ostrander Tiffany Tiedemann Michael Steiff</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Brett Peterson Tim Akemann Bradley Christianson</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Tracy Doyle Mick Tiedman Joyce Arnold</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bruce Burdick Kayla Hanna Jessica Grotewold Schipper</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Paul Heitland Trent Tiedeman Jan Wright</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Ryan Mary Teresa Halvorsen-Bjork John Greve</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Scott Nelson Carol Yocum Matthew Heitland Gabrielle Fridley</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Mona Levorson Amy Christenson</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bridgett Burdick Raven Budach</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Trace Christenson Quinn Cole Christianson Tavi Christianson</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Jenny Thompson Toni Erdahl Toni Roberts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Aidan Benny Jackie Imler Thomas Burdick</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Sara Nelson Rebecca Dahn Hengesteg Myra Greve</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Neal Skellenger Cassie Johnson Gregg Olson</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Joyce Sherman Michael Bode Carl Jaspers Jr</p>	<p>19</p> <p>David Imler Lavonne Hartman Patrick Mathahs</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Robin Fredericks Sarah Madson</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Tracie Walser Harvey Patterson Terry Steinmetz</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Taylor Kramer Craig Slattum Lindsey Meland Ariah Bode</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Bill Skellenger Eric Redinger Kale Bode</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Graham Redinger Betty Chapin Sue Ostrander</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ruth Hermanson David Olson Deb Wagner Mary Christianson</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Vicki Eden Betty Angel Chad Stucky Nathan Wilder</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Kaylene Erdahl Wayne Mannes Penny Robb Karen Hove</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Jerry Robertson Jessi Mary Marge Low Ben Mannes</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Lance Fridley Joshua Walker Jean Arrett Hannah Slattum</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Wendi Skellenger Les Mammen Jeannie Vorland</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Patricia Smith Liberty Paulsen</p>					



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY- On **Sunday, October 2nd** our church will join with nearly every Christian church around the world as we celebrate the one sacramental meal common to us all. It may be called by different names in different churches, such as the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist (pronounced U-char-ist), but the name known perhaps the best to us is - Holy Communion. It means a common sharing of the bread and the cup by which all Christians are united as one by the body and blood of Christ.

ASBURY UMC OCTOBER NOISY OFFERING

Asbury's October Noisy Offering will be received for the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Special Offering of the Iowa UMC Conference. The Offering meets emergency needs of people caught in rural community crisis. Our noisy offering provides emergency assistance money and is provided in small grants to local churches or by paying a bill directly. Neighbor Helping neighbor funds are used locally to keep families together and in their homes. Please give generously to our Noisy Offering during the month of October



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Charge Conference Information

District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula

Charge Conferences will be held by circuits this year **Sunday, October 23 2:00 PM**

Circuit F @Mason City, Wesley UMC Clarion, First Dows Eagle Grove Goldfield **Lake Mills, Asbury** Manly, Bethel/Bolan, Trinity Mason City, First Mason City, Wesley □ Mason City, Grace Morgan/Bradford □ Center **Northwood** Renwick Rowan United Church Shell Rock

Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Ogden Community United Methodist Church

337 SW 2nd Street

Ogden, IA 50212

Speaker: Irene DeMaris, Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner, Iowa Interfaith Power and Light



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XLII IOWA UMC MISSION INGATHERING

The 42nd Annual Mission Ingathering will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022**. Our purpose is to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs. Our times have changed. The methods and means may change. The work of being in mission continues.

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 8AM – 11AM You may drop off at the site of your choice. Sites are not by districts; go where it's convenient.

Cedar Falls site – First UMC, 718 Clay St. Mount Pleasant site – First UMC, 309 N. Main Coordinator – Kris Rash Coordinator – Judy Brotherton Ckrash105@aol.com 319-290-9832 judyb@machlink.com 563-264-5372 Cherokee site – St Paul's UMC, 531 W Main St. Webster City site – Asbury UMC, 921 Des Moines St. Coordinator – Roni Timmerman Coordinator – Tami Hejlik veronicatimmerman@icloud.com 712-225-5825 Tami.hejlik@gmail.com 515-571-7858 Greenfield site – Greenfield UMC, 108 SW 5th St. Coordinator – Marilyn Schirman marilynschirman@gmail.com 515-490-9688

“One Hundred Fifty UMC Bishops call for rejecting ‘idolatry of guns’

United Methodists will need to both pray and act to end the scourge of gun violence, says a letter the Council of Bishops released Sept. 1 to the wider church.

“As people of prayer, we followers of Jesus are called to be ‘counter-cultural change makers,’” the letter says. “To that end, we must reject the idolatry of guns and the distorted attachments to our right to own guns without safeguards for the communities of the world.”

United Methodists — long committed to transforming the world to be more like Christ's example — have a role to play in addressing the crisis, the bishops said . Bishop Julius C. Trimble, former Bishop of the Iowa Conference and who now leads the Indiana Conference, proposed the letter on behalf of the bishops' Justice and Reconciliation Leadership Team. Trimble put it this way: “If there are evidence-based solutions that can lessen the number of deaths due to firearms, why would we not pursue them?”

See Bishop's letter at
<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/bishops-call-for-rejecting-idolatry-of-guns#gsc.tab=0>



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**

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2 Regular Schedule	3	4 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	5 10am NWD UWF/UMW at Karen Hove's	6	7 10am Discipleship Journey -Nwd	8
9 Regular Schedule	10	11 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	12	13 7pm Pub Theology	14 10am Discipleship Journey -Nwd	15
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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**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	<u>N</u>	<u>A</u>
Aug 21	22	37
Aug 28	21	43
Sept 4	34	—
Sept 11	29	28
Sept 18	20	41

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

Asbury

5 Brett Peterson
7 Bruce Burdick
8 Paul Heitland
8 Ryan Mary
10 Scott Nelson
16 Sara Nelson
23 Craig Slattum
23 Bill Skellenger
27 Wayne Mannes
28 Jerry Robertson

Northwood

1 Justin Carlson
2 Amanda Low
21 Tracie Walser
25 Dale Jones
25 Deb Wagner
27 Karen Hove
28 Marge Low
31 Jeannine Vorland



ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT As of 8/31/2022

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	3,755.00
* Doris Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	2,265.00
*Undesignated Account	2,259.75
July Interest	.44
Total	2,260.19
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,293.19



WELCOME TO THE BIBLE CHALLENGE!

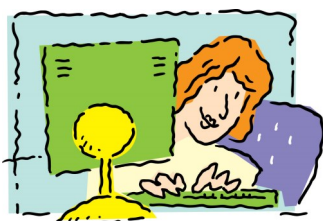
The Challenge is to read the entire Bible over the course of a year. Below are the verses to read and in ONE year you will have read the whole Bible! Dedicate about 15 minutes each day to spend time in God's Word.

Remember 7 days without God makes one weak!

Reading Plan - Chronological

Read the Bible in the order that the events happened.

1-Oct	Numbers 18-20	21-Oct	Joshua 1-4
2-Oct	Numbers 21-22	22-Oct	Joshua 5-8
3-Oct	Numbers 23-25	23-Oct	Joshua 9-11
4-Oct	Numbers 26-27	24-Oct	Joshua 12-15
5-Oct	Numbers 28-30	25-Oct	Joshua 16-18
6-Oct	Numbers 31-32	26-Oct	Joshua 19-21
7-Oct	Numbers 33-34	27-Oct	Joshua 22-24
8-Oct	Numbers 35-36	28-Oct	Judges 1-2
9-Oct	Deuteronomy 1-2	29-Oct	Judges 3-5
10-Oct	Deuteronomy 3-4	30-Oct	Judges 6-7
11-Oct	Deuteronomy 5-7	31-Oct	Judges 8-9
12-Oct	Deuteronomy 8-10		
13-Oct	Deuteronomy 11-13		
14-Oct	Deuteronomy 14-16		
15-Oct	Deuteronomy 17-20		
16-Oct	Deuteronomy 21-23		
17-Oct	Deuteronomy 24-27		
18-Oct	Deuteronomy 28-29		
19-Oct	Deuteronomy 30-31		
20-Oct	Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalm 91		



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