



INSPIRATIONS 2020

Pastor's Page

Greetings:

In one of my devotional times I came across the Parable of the Weeds in Matthew 13 and God used this parable to speak a message to me. I would like to share this message with you but first let us look at the parable. 24 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his field. 25 While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. 26 When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared. 27 "The servants of the landowner came and said to him, 'Master, didn't you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?' 28 "'An enemy has done this,' he answered. "The servants said to him, 'Do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 "But the landowner said, 'No, because if you gather the weeds, you'll pull up the wheat along with them. 30 Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at harvesttime I'll say to the harvesters, "First gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. But bring the wheat into my barn.'""

When I read this, it felt as if Jesus was sharing this parable about the church today. God planted good seed and the enemy has come and planted weeds among the wheat. Our first instinct is to pull out those weeds and toss them aside but if we do that we will also pull out the wheat along with the weeds. A split in the church would be doing that very thing. By wanting to get rid of those who disagree with us we are actually harming ourselves. God did not call us to be the gardener – it is not our job, ours is to be the good seed and to grow where we are planted. God will do the sowing, the planting, and the reaping as we focus on growing and preparing for the harvest. Another point from this parable is that weeds are not all bad. Think of wildflowers – technically they are a weed. Instead of viewing these weeds as nutrient robbing parasites, let's give them the opportunity to bloom into beautiful flowers. God is the gardener, let's be the good seed!

I do not know when the harvest is going to take place, but it is promised. Jesus promised to return again someday, and we are awaiting that day. Until then, may we bear each other's burdens and forgive those who trespass against us that our Father in heaven may forgive us as well. Keep growing!

Pastor Rob



Each year the Iowa Annual Conference Board of Church and Society holds a Peace With Justice Essay contest. This contest is open to juniors and seniors who live in Iowa or attend an Iowa High School. This year's winner was Hannah Lanphere. The essay topic was The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church call us to recognize the systems that destroy human lives through poverty, war, and exclusion; and to advocate for justice and care in our communities and social structures. Hannah was one of three winners selected and received a \$500 scholarship. **Congratulations Hannah!**

All 7th and 8th grade students are encouraged to join us for Confirmation class this Fall. More details and information to follow. Please contact Ona at the office to register your student at 641324-1557 or email to NorthwoodUMC@msn.com



August 2020 Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Larry Eden Richard Low Jim Hyde Ivan Olson
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 Enderson 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 Gabriel Irons 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 Robyn Wilder Seth Wilkins Tom Vorland					



AUGUST NOISY OFFERING – Student Kits

This month (August), if families are unable to gather for worship and give to our “Noisy Offering” like the previous months, families can receive the offering at home. Even now that we have reopened and are worshiping outdoors, the way our congregation will receive the Noisy Offering may not be the familiar method of sending children through the congregation. Nevertheless, COVID-19 has given families a great opportunity to eat meals together or to have family time. Even if you don’t have children at home, you can still receive the Noisy Offering each week. Recycle a tin can, remove the label if possible and place a piece of construction paper or typing paper cut to size with the words:

NOISY OFFERING. Or, Asbury has some unused “Advent offering boxes” families can use. They are placed at the entrances to the sanctuary. Then at one of your family meals or a time set aside for family each week take time to receive a noisy offering in your offering box/can. Once you’ve received the offering, shake the container to determine the amount you’ve received. The more noise the more you’ve received over a period of time. If you wish to have a lesson and prayer around the Noisy Offering family time a good lesson from the Bible this month might be the story when Jesus was 12 years old and went with his parents to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover (Luke 2:40-52). His parents found him in the Temple with some teachers. A good video on this story about Jesus is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2vH6h8JR4k>. Why did Jesus go to the Temple at age 12? What did Jesus do at the Temple at age 12? Did Jesus have a school kit? Why do you think children and youth who go to school need a school kit? What school supplies do you need for school? There are some activities that go along with this lesson for children. <http://calvarycurriculum.com/pdf/Curriculum/Revised/Life%20of%20Jesus/NT012%20-%20The%20Boy%20Jesus%20Visits%20the%20Temple.pdf>

Student Kit

3 Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8"x10 1/2" 1 pencil eraser 2" or larger, remove package
 1 pair of student round tip scissors 1 pencil sharpener 1", remove package remove package
 1 box of 12 colored pencils
 1 ruler 12" long with metric
 6 unsharpened pencils 6 unsharpened pencils –no advertising
 1 box of 24 crayons

Place in cloth bag with one handle.

VALUE with items in one-handle cloth bag \$16 plus \$2 shipping Kits without cloth bags, contact your district representative

Drive-up Communion

Asbury Wednesday

July 8th from 5-7pm

Northwood Thursday

July 9th from 5-7 pm



ASBURY – WHERE HAS THE MEMORIAL MONEY BEEN DESIGNATED?

* Imler Account \$2,013.00
 * Don Grotewold Account \$3,755.00
 (\$100 kitchenette)
 * Undesignated Account \$2,103.19
 Interest .58 (.33 May & .25 April)
 Total \$2,103.77
 *GRAND TOTAL \$7,871.77



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

The Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association has decided to sponsor an Alpha Course this fall. Alpha is a program that was developed in Great Britain initially as an evangelistic tool. However, because it developed into a program emphasizing the fundamental essentials of Christianity it has grown into an informative and formative program for people interested in learning about or more about Christianity. This program is to be presented through and by local churches to be effective in achieving its goal. After being refined in Great Britain it spread quickly internationally and is now available in 112 different languages.

Got questions
about life

Alpha

The Course is an eleven- week program which will at 7 pm, begin on Sunday, September 13 and finish by Advent. It also includes a Holy Spirit weekend retreat that is the pinnacle of a spiritualistic experience. Each session is approximately two hours in length comprise of a short video, food, and discussion within small groups. Expense for participants is minimum and will be on a free will weekly donation to offset the cost of refreshments and the cost of the retreat.

Please call Pastor Anthony Scalisi at Sion- West Prairie Lutheran Church with questions 641-592-8892
Or Daryl & Joyce Sherman 641-592-2110

SOUTH SUDAN -MABAAN FLOOD RELIEF

More than [420,000 people](#) have been internally displaced, hundreds of livestock have been killed, and tens of thousands of acres of crops were destroyed. According to the United Nations, 85% of South Sudan's population (7 million people) is also at risk for starvation, and \$61 million is needed to respond adequately to flood victims.

Iowa has a sizeable population of immigrants from South Sudan, especially in Des Moines, Storm Lake, and the Omaha, Nebraska area. God has called United Methodists in Iowa to help our Mabaan sisters and brothers during this time of great crisis. We have set a goal of \$200,000 to be raised in 2020 for Mabaan flood relief. As Iowa United Methodists, we understand what it is like for our farms in Iowa to be flooded over the past several years because of intense rain and overflowing rivers. Likewise, some of our United Methodist churches know what it is like to have flooded basements. Flooding affects our state in many ways. Now we are called to reach out to the Mabaan with our assistance.

Bishop Laurie announced a conference-wide fundraiser for Mabaan Flood Relief earlier this year Church members who wish to contribute to Mabaan Flood Relief should make checks payable to their church (Asbury or Northwood) and in the memo line write Mabaan Flood Relief. This assures that both the member and their church will receive credit for the gift. **Please note #53321 on the memo line.**

**BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 UMC CAMP REGISTRATION WILL
BE OPEN FOR 2021**

Visit: <https://www.iaumc.org/camps>.



Joan Kvale Christian
Shelly Skellenger
Ed Monson
Carole Yocum

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

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In Our Thoughts...

Lake Mills Care Center...

Carol Griffiths

Good Shepard Mason City...

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

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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**2020**

Betty Robertson

Joyce Sherman

David Taft

Donna Lair

Richard Schwarm

NORTHWOOD UMC**2020**

Bobbi Bendickson

Mary Christianson

Mike Bode

Dean Mueller

John Greve

Church AttendanceWorship N A

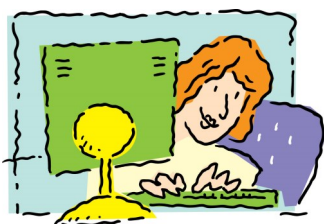
***If you have any compliments about your church,
share them with everyone!***

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



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WANTS YOU!

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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:

or mail to

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PO Box 104, Northwood IA 50459

**time to
UPDATE**



**Have you disconnected a land line in favor
of your cell phone?**

Do you have a new address?

**Has your email changed
or do you have a new one?**

Please let the office know!

We are finding many of the numbers listed in our directory are no longer in use and most address changes are because your newsletter was returned with a new forwarding address. When you are informing others of your updated info, unfortunately we are left out. Please don't forget your church when letting others know your new contact information. Thank you!

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

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YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

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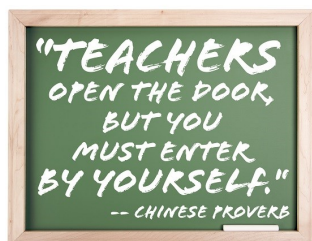
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