



INSPIRATIONS 2021

Pastor's Page

Greetings:

In November and especially around Thanksgiving we look back on this past year and reflect on all of the things we are thankful for. Family is the first thing that comes to mind, immediate and church. I am thankful for all of the blessings our family has received this last year and for good health. Hannah and Carter continue to be amazing and seem to succeed at everything they put their minds too. My church family (s) have been amazing too. I am thankful for the support as I was attending seminary and in your faithful support of Asbury and Northwood. Every year I have my professional interview with the District Superintendent. This year his only advice to me was to keep doing what you are doing because it is working. He fields many calls to his office from people complaining about their pastor, pastors about their parishioners...but he has heard nothing but good things about me. That is not just because of me, it is because of you. So, thank you.

On November 7th we will have our service of remembrance for All Saints Sunday. We will remember those who have passed this last year and there will also be a time to remember other loved ones who have passed. If you have a special candle to light you can bring that otherwise there will be candles available to light during that part of the service. It is also daylight savings that Sunday along with communion. Those two things are not necessarily related but are important to take note of. Make plans to join us on that Sunday.

November 11th is also Veteran's Day and I want to thank all of the veterans in our congregations for their service to our country. Freedom isn't free so thank you for answering the call. I think of the hymn Onward Christian Soldiers and I may not have served in the military but I am enlisted in the army of the Lord. There is a battle over religious liberties that is being fought right here in our own country. Fight the good fight, stand up for your faith and kneel before God so that the Lord will be the one to exalt you.



**Community Ecumenical
Thanksgiving Worship
at the Northwood UMC on
Sunday, Nov 21st at 7pm**

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a safe time of celebration.

Pastor Rob

Join the Pastor on **Wednesdays** from 10-noon at Swallow Coffeehouse 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.



November 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 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 Anderson 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 Tom Vorland	29 Kaylea Mary Allen Jaspers Gerry Arnold Robyn Wilder	30 Katy Jaspers Dorothy Prizler Kristie Steinkamp Seth Wilkins				

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-Nov	Judges 10-12	16-Nov	Psalm 17, 35, 54, 63
2-Nov	Judges 13-15	17-Nov	1 Samuel 28-31; Psalm 18
3-Nov	Judges 16-18	18-Nov	Psalm 121, 123-125, 128-130
4-Nov	Judges 19-21	19-Nov	2 Samuel 1-4
5-Nov	Ruth 1-4	20-Nov	Psalm 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21
6-Nov	1 Samuel 1-3	21-Nov	1 Chronicles 1-2
7-Nov	1 Samuel 4-8	22-Nov	Psalm 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87
8-Nov	1 Samuel 9-12	23-Nov	1 Chronicles 3-5
9-Nov	1 Samuel 13-14	24-Nov	Psalm 73, 77-78
10-Nov	1 Samuel 15-17	25-Nov	1 Chronicles 6
11-Nov	1 Samuel 18-20; Psalm 11, 59	26-Nov	Psalm 81, 88, 92-93
12-Nov	1 Samuel 21-24	27-Nov	1 Chronicles 7-10
13-Nov	Psalm 7, 27, 31, 34, 52	28-Nov	Psalm 102-104
14-Nov	Psalm 56, 120, 140-142	29-Nov	2 Samuel 5:1-10; 1 Chronicles 11-12
15-Nov	1 Samuel 25-27	30-Nov	Psalm 133



Northwood will be hosting the Men's Chili Cookoff again this year on November 14th at 5pm in Wesley Hall. Everyone is invited to sample the chili and then join in a meal together. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. This will be for both churches with 3 cooks from Northwood and 3 from Asbury.

To the family and friends of Sandy Nitcher who passed away on October 10th



Please pray for these: Bailee Johnson (guidance and wisdom), Char Hanson, 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)

THANKSGIVING MEAL

The annual community Thanksgiving meal will continue in 2021 as it did last year as a take home meal. Instead of being served inside the church, the turkey meal with all the trimmings will be pre-packaged and ready for curbside pickup to be taken home and enjoyed. Asbury United Methodist Church, located at 107 E Main St. will again be the site for meal pick-up. Drivers will use North Grant Street to collect their food from the east side of the church. The planning committee felt it was important to continue offering the meal at no cost to anyone who would enjoy a traditional turkey dinner. Members from various Lake Mills area churches will help prepare and package the meals. Each meal will be packaged individually so that the number of meals requested is the same as the number of meals prepared. Pickup hours will be from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25. **People are encouraged to request the number of meals needed by calling [641-592-5742](tel:641-592-5742) or [592-3389](tel:592-3389) by Thursday, November 18.**

Monetary or food bank donations will be accepted but are not required. The entire purpose of this meal is to provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal for individuals or families.

Deliveries will be available for shut ins who do not have a driver to pick up the meal(s). Call one of the same numbers listed above to make arrangements.

Sincerely,

Thanksgiving Dinner Committee Co-Chairs

Dave Imler, [592-3389](tel:592-3389), Lynn Lair, [592-5742](tel:592-5742), Daryl Sherman, [592-0983](tel:592-0983)

NOTE: If anyone is wishing to help with a meal item or volunteer to assist on Thanksgiving Day, please contact Lynn Lair or Dave Imler for more information. Requests may be limited due to COVID-19 distancing and safety considerations. We appreciate your understanding.

NEW LM FOOD SHELF HOURS:
THE LM FOOD SHELF WILL BE
OPEN FROM 3-5 P.M. BEGINNING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 1ST.

Food Shelf



An appreciation! Thanks to Craig and Sue Slattum for their generous donation of corn for the corn stalks. The corn stalks have become an annual fall decoration at Asbury. Also, thanks to Lynn Lair for adding the bows for a finishing touch!

*Thank
You*



Daylight Saving Time ends in 2021 at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7, marking the time when clocks “fall back” and we gain an extra hour of sleep. **Remember to set your clock back one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.**

FINAL 2021 MEAL REPORT FOR SUMMER LM SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The final meal report each week during the summer months at our 2021 LM Community Summer Lunch Program at Salem Lutheran Church was sixteen volunteers representing Asbury UMC each Monday of the eleven weeks of summer. The total number of meals served this summer was 4,709 Youth meals and 272 Adult meals for a total of 4,351. Asbury volunteers served 808 Youth meals and 49 Adult meals for a total of 857 meals. Again, my thanks to all who volunteered to serve. Thank you! Rev. Jerry

ASBURY UMC NOVEMBER NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy offering at Asbury for November will be given to Tree of Life Ministries of Rosebud, South Dakota a ministry of service and presence in furtherance of the missions and outreach of the United Methodist Church To help the most vulnerable members of the Lakota Nation meet their basic human needs in the Rosebud Lakota Reservation (Sicangu Oyate) and surrounding communities and rural areas. Tree of Life Ministry is a part of the working hands and feet of God serving body, mind, and soul. We feed, cloth, shelter, and love to demonstrate God's love, power, and grace to a broken, hurting society.



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UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

One of the special Sundays authorized by the General Conference to be observed with an offering on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The purpose of United Methodist Student Day is to call upon the denomination to support United Methodist students as they prepare for life by adding knowledge to their faith. The funds received from the offering go into the United Methodist Student Loan Fund to underwrite scholarships for United Methodist students. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher

Education and Ministry. Your gifts on this Special Sunday go toward scholarship funds to help build leaders for tomorrow's church.

*The special offering envelope for **United Methodist Student Day** will be provided in the bulletin on Sunday morning, **November 28th**. However, **members have also received a United Methodist Student Day offering envelope in this issue of the church newsletter**. If you are unable to be in worship on Sunday, November 28th 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 Worldwide difference, together on United Methodist Student Day, Sunday, November 28th.***



Our 2021-2022 Asbury UMC College Students

Raven Budach
NIACC – Mason City, Ia.
Gabe Irons (4th yr. Sr.)
Bethel University – St. Paul, Mn

Hannah Lanphere (1st yr. Fresh.)
Iowa State University, Ames, Ia

Ashton Love (2nd year soph)
Iowa State University, Ames, Ia.

Breanne Mary
Allan College, School of Nursing – Waterloo, Ia.
Kaylea Mary
NIACC – Mason City, Ia.

Parker Rogstad (2nd year soph)
University of Northern Iowa – Cedar Falls, Ia.

Drae Love (3rd yr. jr.)
Iowa Lake Community College – Estherville, Ia.

The above persons are listed as Asbury UMC's college students who are known to be currently enrolled in the colleges listed. If there is a change in these student's enrollment or if there are other persons not listed, please contact the Church Office.

LAKE MILLS CHRISTMAS MISSION GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Every December the Lake Mills community provides mission opportunities for members of Asbury to contribute to community projects. These include such mission projects as: Toys for Tots, Operation Clothes for Kids, LM School Special Needs Fund, Share the Joy Christmas Food Baskets, etc. Additional details on these projects are listed below. **However, if you wish to have an acknowledgment of your gift on your giving record for the year and Asbury given credit for mission giving, please give the value amount of your gift to Rev. Jerry (jrobrtsn@wctatel.net) who will add it to Asbury's Mission Together report for the year. Only the amount will be recorded.**



A Toys for Tots collection box will be set out in the upstairs hallway to collect toy donations the week of November 21st. Toys will be picked up by Lake Mills "Toys for Tots" representatives the middle of the month of December.

LM OPERATION CLOTHES FOR KIDS Asbury will have a Christmas tree in the North hallway near the elevator where persons can pick up a Christmas tag. **This physical tags will be available starting Sunday, November 21st** just in time for all those Black Friday deals! This year each child's requests have been divided into two tags. One for clothing and other for shoes and socks. This is an effort to keep cost affordable for the givers and be able to provide for the child's needs. Purchase the items on the child's tag, wrap in one box, attach the original tag to the gift, and deliver/return to Asbury UMC. **Gifts should be returned by Monday, December 13th.** Feel free to join together in order to share the cost of a tag(s). Cash donations are accepted at the banks or send to the LMCS Nurse's Office, 102 S 4th Avenue E, Lake Mills, IA 50450. Gifts to Operation Clothes for Kids by Asbury counts as local mission giving.



SHARE THE JOY CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS



Here at the Lake Mills Food Shelf, we are kicking off our Share the Joy program. This includes our Christmas Food Basket giveaway. I thought I would share some details for those who wish to become involved ...

Each Christmas the Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association with the help of an area 4H chapter pack Christmas Food Baskets for area families who are food insecure. The baskets include such food items as a ham or turkey, stuffing mix, pumpkin pie filling and pie crusts, a selection of canned vegetables, a 5# bag of potatoes, a bag of carrots, a bag of onions, a bag of oranges, a dozen fresh eggs, butter or margarine, in addition families also receive such items as: soups, canned fruit, cereal, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned meals, like chili and beef stew, rice, crackers, a bag of sugar or flour, and a gallon of milk to name just some of the items included in each Christmas Food Basket. If you wish to donate to the Christmas Food Basket program, you may mail a check made out to the LM Food Shelf and on the memo line "Share the Joy". Gifts may be sent through your church via the Sunday offering or to Asbury's Financial Secretary Jill Nelson.

LM SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS FUND

Some Asbury members have wished to contribute to the LM School Special Needs Fund. The Fund meets a variety of special needs by LM students, such as new clothes, lodging, doctor's visit, etc. This fund is operated by the Lake Mills School nurse, Joan Krull and managed by the Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association (LMAMA). The best way to handle gifts from church members is for the member to make the check payable to Asbury UMC and on the memo line put LM School Special Needs Fund. Since Daryl Sherman is the treasurer for both Asbury and LMAMA, he will transfer the money from one account to another and both the gift giver and the church will be given credit for the gift.

HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, ETC FOR CHRISTMAS

Each Christmas the Asbury United Methodist Women sponsor a "Hat & Glove" Tree in the upstairs hallway of the church. It will be displayed on November 21. Members are invited to contribute warm winter ware for LM School children. The winter ware is given to Joan Krull the school nurse to distribute throughout the winter months to children as the need arises. Members can place their gifts of hats, gloves, scarves, etc. on the Christmas tree throughout the month of December.



Northwood United Methodist Church Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, October 14th at 10 am**

The Northwood United Methodist Church Council met on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Terry Steinmetz; Nancy Mathahs; Pastor Rob Lanphere; Bobbi Hooks; Karen Hove; Sandy Olson; Joanne Steinmetz and Karen Abrahams.

Terry, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Bobbi led us in devotions from Walking in The Grass, a devotional booklet.

Motion by Sandy; 2nd by Bobbi to approve the secretary's report read by Karen Abrahams from the September 9th meeting with the correction to the trustee's balance to be \$13,155.62 not \$13,155.22 as previously stated in the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Nancy with a balance of \$16,114.23. Apportionment giving to the conference has gone down for 2022. Motion by Nancy; 2nd by Bobbi to add \$1,000 to the 2022 Budget for Camp Support. Motion Carried. Motion by Karen Abrahams; 2nd by Joanne to approve the 2022 Budget as presented by Nancy. Motion carried.

Next SPPRC Meeting on November 9.

Pastor's Report: Dedication of the Sidewalk Project will be on Sunday, October 24th at the Sunday Service. Pub Theology has been meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Worth Brewery. Pastor Rob is attending Clinical Pastor Education Classes through March.

UMW Report by Joanne, chair. Met on October 6 and will continue as an official Unit. We will meet 6 times a year. Fran Lawhorn is in the nursing home in Indianola.

Mission Report by LeAnn Steiff: We have 100 Student Kits; 9 Layette Kits; and 75 Personal Dignity Kits. I'm hoping to add five more Personal Dignity Kits. We also have 94 empty school bags on hand with more coming. All the kits are boxed and most are labeled. I'm planning to have a display of one of each kit on Sunday, October 31st at the Sunday Service. Pastor Rob will bless the kits at that time. The Ingathering is Saturday, November 6th. We'll deliver the kits to Cedar Falls that morning.

Trustees report by Sandy with a balance of \$8,055.00. The Sidewalk Project has been fully paid.

Charge Conference October 10th. All reports were approved.

New Business: Discussion of the Sound System Proposal; it has been turned over to the trustees for advisement. Discussion on purchasing laptops. Future projects were discussed.

Next meeting will Thursday, November 11th at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment at 11:45 a.m. by Nancy; 2nd by Joanne; motion carried.

Karen Abrahams, Church Council Secretary

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 am Nwd UMW 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	4	5	6
7 Regular Schedule	8	9	10 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	11 7pm Pub Theology	12	13
14 Regular Schedule	15	16	17 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	18	19	20
21 Regular Schedule 7pm Ecumenical Wor- ship at NWD UMC	22	23	24 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	25 Asbury To Go Thanksgiving Meal 	26	27
28 Regular Schedule	29	30	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.			

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>
Oct 3	20	39
Oct 10	25	49
Oct 17	21	43
Oct 24		
Oct 31		

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

Asbury

- 2 Larry Eden
- 3 Jane Christianson
- 3 Sue Slattum
- 5 Neil Schrieber
- 5 Carlie Fritz
- 8 Drake Tiedeman
- 11 Delaney Imler
- 12 Mark Enderson
- 24 David Tiedman
- 24 Richard Schwarm
- 26 Joyce Hauge

Northwood

- 8 Katy Jaspers
- 9 Michelle Skellenger
- 11 Christopher Bakken
- 12 Nancy Whitesell
- 13 Darla Beighley
- 18 Tori Low
- 20 Ashley Fredericks
- 23 Brenda Meland
- 27 Laurel Steinmetz
- 29 Scott Stucky
- 29 Porscha McClanahan
- 30 Gerry Arnold
- 30 Nichol Williamson

ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

As of 9/30/2021

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account	3,755.00
(kitchenette)	
* Doris Grotewold Account	2,265.00
(kitchenette)	
*Undesignated Account	2,255.04
September Interest	.42
Total	2,255.46
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,288.46



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2 a.m. on Sun, Nov. 7, marking the time when clocks "fall back" and we gain an extra hour of sleep. Remember to set you clock

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