



SEPTEMBER

INSPIRATIONS 2021

Greetings: *Pastor's Page*

On September 11th will be the 20th anniversary of 9/11. I am sure most of us can remember that day, where we were and what we were doing when we heard the news. I was living in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and was at a job training workshop for a new job that I had started. During one of the breaks the TV was on in the lobby and everyone was gathered around staring at it. All of us were in shock when those staring at the TV told us what was happening. It didn't seem real. 20 years later I can still see those images of the planes crashing into the Twin Towers. Recent events in Afghanistan have also left me with a numb feeling for what is happening in our world. The need for peace and unity still exists both locally and throughout the world.

As a pastor and a Christian I wish I could tell everyone that it is all going to be okay, nothing to worry about. That would be false but it does not mean that we should focus on those things that cause us to worry, fear, or stress about. It is a given that we will face trials and tribulations and while we may feel powerless to change them – we can change how we react to them. On 9/12 there were two very different and distinct reactions. Some became very fearful, worried about what was going to happen to them and were glued to their television. Others lived their lives without fear because they knew that our military would not let that go unanswered. Flags were displayed proudly on porches, vehicles, front lawns, and businesses. All of the news people wore American flag pins on their lapels, same with politicians, and many, many Americans.

For us, our hope lies in Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Yet what is the root of most of the fighting and conflict in the world – religion. It is a “Holy War” that justifies violent behavior. Christianity in the past did the same thing – convert or die mentality was employed by missionaries and the church. Remember the song, He Has the Whole World in His Hands. God wants all people to live in peace and unity. Jesus' last words to his disciples was “Peace be with you” (John 20:19). In our fear, anger, rage, stress and doubt we need the peace of Christ more than ever. There will be a service of remembrance for 9/11 at the Veteran's Memorial in Lake Mills at 10am. Whether you attend the service or not take time that day to pray for our country, our community, and our church.

Peace be with you.

Pastor Rob

Join the Pastor on Wednesdays from 10-noon at the Coffeehouse in Lake Mills or at 7pm at the Worth you would care to join him for a bit of fellowship and sation.



Sept 2021 Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Tyler Gasper Andrea Ostrander Sandy Stucky Bryan Christianson	2 Faith Christianson Sue Mannes Vivian Kvale Becky Johnson	3 Kaisen Mary Daryl Sherman Charise Schwarm Wade Fridley	4 Tate Grotewold Schipper Emma Taft Kaylee Taft Michael Godfrey
5 Melissa Taft Glenn Steiff Tyce Skellenger Aaron Mannes	6 Anna Budach Mya Peterson Kyle Stucky Ben Peterson Deb Mueller	7 Michael McColloch Royce Peterson Rylan Heath Cody McClanahan	8 Haley Slattum Ryan Skellenger Harriet Young Grace Skellenger	9 Char Hanson Paula Harris Jason Slattum Vernon Angel	10 Chad Tiedeman Avery Grunhove Carol Jones Sandy Rainey Cohen Bode	11 Jeanie Grotewold Alyssa Slattum Ian Podgorniak Gary Heimdal
12 Drae Love Samuel Erdahl Ryan Williamson Harlan Levenson	13 Pearl Imler Edward Schwarm Foster Hartman	14 Winona Hennigar Chris Heitland Jeremy Ostrander	15 Eric Christianson August Madson Sarah Heath Rhonda Fridley	16 Breanna Mary Chris Rogstad Dennis Walser Karen Abrahams Cole Christianson	17 Finley Rogstad Sonja Tiedman Ashten Love Warren Jones	18 Noah Irons Daryl Groe Sherrylee Gasper Ben Irons
19 JJ Grotewold Schipper Lyla Rogstad John Budach Hudson Ostrander	20 Marilyn Castle Sandy Hyde Betty Vold Wanda Citurs Logan Ostrander	21 Becky Jacks Roger Hermanson Rock Bridges Jeff Greve	22 Jackson Grunhove Margie Barber Jill Nelson Dominic Williamson	23 Lynn Lair Nora Mammen Nancy Mathahs Jean Heitland Gary Thompson	24 Jeff Christenson Dae Haskins Lillian Young Kim Bode	25 Josh Tiedman Ryan Mueller Casey Tiedman
26 Kathy Christianson Sue Bridges Jim Meland	27 Anne Skellenger Alex Tiedeman CK Christianson Dan Tiedman Cory Stucky	28 David Hooks David Taft Kenneth Nitcher Richard Patterson	29 Gabriel Rogstad Jill Stucky Betty Langpap Blake Grotewold	30 Shirley Higbee Bryan Arnold Ruth Robb Carol Griffiths Mary Arrett-Brandstad		



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 THE ROAD AGAIN – The Naomi circle made its 5 day trip on Thursday, July 29th. We were restricted in 2020 because of the COVID pandemic. On Thursday, July 29th with Caryl as our driver we headed to the Arboretum in Chanhassen, MN. Upon entering the grounds with our pre-registered passes we took a leisurely stroll thru parts of the garden, took a 3 mile tram ride with a well informed tour guide, had a delicious lunch from the deli and ate outside because it was such a gorgeous day and of course, strolled thru the gift shop. Returning safely home with many memories of a fun filled day. Thanks Caryl for being an excellent driver.



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.

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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)

It's Strange

- It's strange how twenty dollars seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping.
- It's strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie.
- It's strange that you can't find words to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend.
- It's strange how difficult it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read a popular novel.
- It's strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts, but they want to sit in the last row at Church.
- It's strange how we need to know about an event for Church two to three weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?
- It's strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God and share it with others, but it's easy to repeat gossip.
- It's strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?
- It's strange how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away, but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?
- It's strange how everyone wants a place in heaven, but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?



Mission News - September 2021

The 2021 Mission Ingathering is about two months away - on the first Saturday in November (the 6th).

Thank you!!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed by buying items for kits, contributing cash or checks for me to buy items or for kit postage, for sewing school bags and for your continued prayers for this project.

Every effort is greatly appreciated and needed by those who will receive the kits.

With \$95.00 cash last week, I was able to buy all the items in the photo below:



We currently have on hand 49 Personal Dignity (health) Kits, 3 Layette Kits and 70 Student (school) Kits.

We have partial items for more PDK and Layette Kits; and all items except for scissors for 23 more Student Kits.



If you would like to shop for items yourself, lists are on the mission table or if you would like for me to shop for you, just let me know.

And on another note, there are still a few openings for volunteering at the Share Shoppe. If you have any questions, please check with me. Our day to work is the 2nd Thursday of each month, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. LeAnn

Northwood United Methodist Church

Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, August 12 at 9:30 am**

The Northwood United Methodist Church Council met on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Terry, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Pastor's Report: (1) Pastor Rob and Bobbi are working on the Discipleship Pathway Report for the Charge Conference. (2) Pastor Rob is attending Clinical Pastoral Education. (3) Discussed allowing a business person to use office space in one of our rooms.

Devotions by Bobbi from Peaceful Moments.

Motion by Nancy; 2nd by Bobbi to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2021 meeting as read by Karen. Motion carried.

Motion by Joanne; 2nd by Leann to acknowledge the treasurer's report as presented by Nancy with a balance of \$23,379.84. Motion by Sandy; 2nd by Bobbi to contribute \$100 to the Northwood Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried.

SPPRC will meet on September, 7, 2021.

Mission report by Leann: So far 49 hygiene kits; 66 student kits; 3 layette kits. Ingathering will be November 6, 2021. Phyllis Tilson has made 197 bags for these kits.

NOW report by Bobbi: Discussion of visitation to members. Discussion of worship ideas.

Trustees report by Sandy: (1) The sidewalk project will be started soon. (2) The George Kesler bequest memorial trust fund in the amount of \$10,000 will be moved to the Memorial Fund. Motion by Sandy; 2nd by Bobbi. Motion carried. (3) \$250,000 of the Bequest Fund will be invested for 3 years at 2.35%. Trustees account balance is \$31,155.62.

Discussed the letter to be sent to the congregation on the vacancies on the Church Council for 2022.

Nancy has made posters for the emergency routes to take in case of emergencies.

Discussion on wearing masks recommended at worship starting this Sunday, August 15, 2021.

Next meeting date: September 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Leann; 2nd by Dean to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried.

Members prayed The Lord's Prayer.

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-Sep	Exodus 7-9	11-Sep	Exodus 36-38	21-Sep	Leviticus 24-25
2-Sep	Exodus 10-12	12-Sep	Exodus 39-40	22-Sep	Leviticus 26-27
3-Sep	Exodus 13-15	13-Sep	Leviticus 1-4	23-Sep	Numbers 1-2
4-Sep	Exodus 16-18	14-Sep	Leviticus 5-7	24-Sep	Numbers 3-4
5-Sep	Exodus 19-21	15-Sep	Leviticus 8-10	25-Sep	Numbers 5-6
6-Sep	Exodus 22-24	16-Sep	Leviticus 11-13	26-Sep	Numbers 7
7-Sep	Exodus 25-27	17-Sep	Leviticus 14-15	27-Sep	Numbers 8-10
8-Sep	Exodus 28-29	18-Sep	Leviticus 16-18	28-Sep	Numbers 11-13
9-Sep	Exodus 30-32	19-Sep	Leviticus 19-21	29-Sep	Numbers 14-15; Psalm 90
10-Sep	Exodus 33-35	20-Sep	Leviticus 22-23	30-Sep	Numbers 16-17

Asbury United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Wednesday, August 24, 2021 5:30 pm**

The ADCO meeting was called to order by vice-chairpson Brad Grotewold. Present were Pastor Rob, Brad Grotewold and Harriet Young. Pastor led us in prayer.

The minutes were suspended. The treasurer's report was given. A balance of \$17,715.20 was reported. This includes a ppp loan due to COVID in the amount of \$7,261.00, which is forgiven. Apportionments have been paid thru August.

The Nomination committee has made a recommendation that all chairpersons and members stay on their committees for the year 2022 due to COVID. If anyone on a committee does not want to serve another term contact Joyce Sherman or Pastor Rob.

Charge Conference will be held on October 10th at 2 p.m. at Wesley UMC.

The Community Thanksgiving dinner drive-thru will be held again this year. Watch for upcoming announcements.

The next ADCO meeting will be held on September 28th at 5:30 at the church. This is to finalize the budget for Charge Conference.

Meriting adjourned.

Harriett Young, recording 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**

Join the Pastor on **Wednesdays** from 10-noon at Swallow Coffeehouse in Lake Mills or at 7pm at the Worth Brewing if you would care to join him for a bit of fellowship and conversation.

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10 am NWD
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AdCo Mtg

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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 AttendanceWorship N A

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

Asbury

- 1 Kaisen Mary
- 2 Tate Grotewold Schipper
- 2 Kennedy Mannes
- 5 Malissa Taft
- 6 Anna Budach
- 7 Michael McColloch
- 7 Haley Slattum
- 9 Sawyer Schipper
- 10 Char Hanson
- 10 Chad Tiedeman
- 12 Sheryl Bell
- 13 Jeanie Grotewold
- 14 Drae Love
- 14 Pearle Imler
- 14 Brynn Rogstad
- 16 Eric Christianson
- 16 Breanna Mary
- 27 Kathy Christianson
- 27 Anne Skellenger
- 30 Shirley Higbee

Northwood

- 1 Sandy Stucky
- 4 Christine Jensen
- 5 Glenn Steiff
- 10 Carol Jones
- 14 Bradley Bakken
- 21 Becky Jacks
- 22 Margie Barber
- 24 Nora Mammen

ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

As of 7/31/2021

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account	3,755.00
(kitchenette)	
* Doris Grotewold Account	2,265.00
(kitchenette)	
*Undesignated Account	2,154.17
July Interest	.44
Total 2,154.61 GRAND TOTAL	\$10,187.61



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