



INSPIRATIONS 2022

Pastor's Page

Greetings:

This month I want to talk about the circuit ministry that is happening in our conference. In 2021 “circuits” were formed throughout the state at the direction of the District Superintendents and the idea was that as the number of districts went from 8 to 5 it was increasingly difficult for clergy and churches to participate in anything across the district. Our district, Camp Clear Lake, extends from Northwood to Okoboji, down to HWY. 20 to give you an idea of how large of an area it is now. The circuits are meant to create smaller groups within the larger district. Our circuit includes the communities of Manly/Bolan, Mason City, Dows, Plymouth/Rock Falls/Nora Springs/Rudd, Bradford/Lee Center, and Clarion. Since this is a large area for everyone to try to meet in person we get together twice a month on Zoom.

To be honest I was skeptical about how this was going to work but have found it to be very beneficial. As clergy, we encourage each other, pray for one another, discuss ministry ideas and offer knowledge and experience. In the spirit of collaboration, Pastor Cory Allard and I are going to do a “pulpit swap.” We will each plan the worship service like we normally would but I will be preaching at her two churches and she will be preaching at ours. This will take place on the 21st. Make plans to join her on that Sunday.


Confirmation is another area where we will be collaborating. I invite any 7th and 8th graders to join us this fall for confirmation along with any older students who have not yet been confirmed. Please let me know if your student will be a part of this confirmation class. There will be a parents’ meeting in September, more details to come.

As always, if you have any questions please contact me. Hope you are having a great summer and may the Lord continue to bless us as we are a blessing to others.

Pastor Rob

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August 2022 Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Larry Eden Richard Low Jim Hy	2 Kennedy Mannes	3 Sue Slattum 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 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 NormaKay Martinson Payton Wilder	18 Kelly Grunhovd Kerby Christianson Tori Low	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 Kaylea Mary	24 Carson Christianson RG Schwarm Duane Abrahams	25 Donna Lair Joyce Hauge Bobbi Hooks Jack Barber	26 Michael Walker Alex Citurs Sarah Barringer Kristie Steinkamp	27 Morgan Young Josh Imler Laurel Willig Gerry Arnold
28 Brian Young Scott Stucky Pearl Podgorniak	29 Seth Wilkins Katy Jaspers	30 Robyn Wilder Allen Jaspers	31 Tom Vorland Dorothy Prizler			

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

Our Sympathies
to the family and
friends of Marge
Barber (mother of
Jack Barber) who
passed on July 9th



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

Becky Johnston
Wanda Citurs

Norma Kay Martinson
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)

Informational Meeting about Asbury's Parsonage: Raze or Repair/Renovate? We Need Your Input!

Dear Members of Asbury UMC,

As a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, you are invited to attend an important informational meeting on Sunday, August 28 to learn about options for either razing or renovating the current parsonage at 105 E. Main St. in Lake Mills. The parsonage has been rental property for many years, but is in need of numerous repairs before any new tenant can move in.

In June, the church received a letter from the City of Lake Mills stating the need for repairs to be completed in order not to be cited under city code. The repairs included siding on the west side of both the parsonage and the garage. Now is the time to consider other repairs and renovations needed. These include replacing several windows, new shingles on the main structure, and work on the south-facing front porch. Additional repairs and updates to the interior also need to be considered. The "Parsonage Repair & Maintenance" savings account has a current balance of \$30,770. This money will be used towards repair/ an renovate, or be used for demolition costs.

According to standards set by the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, the house does not meet accessibility standards and is not considered suitable as a residence for a pastor and family, but may be used as rental property. However, sale of the parsonage requires input for the UMC Conference and has stipulations on the use of any proceeds. This meeting will provide opportunities for those in attendance to ask questions and provide input so the Trustees can make a recommendation to Asbury's Ad. Council and a vote is determined on how to proceed.

Information to be shared include:

- verbal quotes for tearing down the structure
- potential costs for repairs (estimates only)
- current rental income
- possible future rental income if parsonage is renovate
- guidelines and restrictions on a 'sale' of the parsonage

Asbury's Board of Trustees and the Ad. Council would like to hear your thoughts and opinions about the future of the parsonage. Based on your input as a member of Asbury, your ideas and opinions are crucial for how to proceed. Please make an attempt to attend church services on Sunday, August 28 at 9:00 AM so that you are informed and your voice may be heard at the meeting immediately following church services.

Sincerely,
Chris Rogstad, Chair, Asbury Board of Trustees
David Taft, Chair, Asbury Ad. Council

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST," Children that returned to Seminole County's schools last November received a surprise when they sat at their desks. Not only were their schools – damaged by Hurricane Michael – repaired, but on each desk sat a bag full of needed school supplies. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) sent the 1,200 school kits to Friendship UMC, said Rev. Lehman, so the county's children could be prepared for their return to school after being out nearly a month after Hurricane Michael tore through southwest Georgia. The elementary school was heavily damaged in the storm and many children lost everything in their desks.



Your gifts to the children's Noisy Offering each Sunday during August helps lay the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to share God's love with communities everywhere.

Northwood United Methodist Church

Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 10 am**

The Northwood United Methodist Church Council met on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Devotions given by Bobbi Hooks on the Lonely Ember.

Motion by Joanne; 2nd by Sandy to approve the June 16th church council minutes as read by Karen Abrahams, Church Council Secretary. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Terry with a June 30th balance of \$12, 122.07. Terry explained the Treasurer's report to the council members. Motion by Dean; 2nd by Bobbi to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Discussion of SPPRC's last meeting with the next meeting on September 13th. Charge Conference will be October 23rd.

Pastor's Report: Every 4 years the Pastor can take a Renewal Leave. Pastor Rob will take his leave the month of October. The Pulpit Swap with Bolan/Manly Bethel and Asbury/Northwood which was scheduled for Sunday, August 7th was rescheduled for Sunday, August 21st.

Discussion on a possible part-time maintenance position.

Trustees Report by Sandy with a balance of \$9,997.12. The Sound System has been paid.

Discussed Ashley Thompson's day care items requests.

Trustees/General Fund Financial Responsibilities were discussed. Motion by Sandy; 2nd by Karen Abrahams that the Trustees cover what is permanent and the maintenance updating of the structure and property. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment at 11:30 a.m. with a prayer by Pastor Rob.

Karen Abrahams, Church Council Secretary

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 6:30pm Bible Study-NWD	3 6:30pm Bible Study-LM	4	5	6
7 Regular Schedule	8	9 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM 6:30pm Bible Study-NWD	10 6:30pm Bible Study-LM	11 7pm Pub Theology	12	13
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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>
June 26	32	26
July 3	30	32
July 10	31	29
July 17	29	43
July 24	29	
July 31		

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

Asbury

2 Kennedy Mannes
(2014)
6 Leann Dahn
8 Tim Hauge
8 Kim Mary
10 Domonic Greco
11 Betty Robertson
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
5 Brock Mathahs
7 Christopher Low
15 Kristie Steinkamp
15 Cody Fredericks
18 Steve Smith
21 Jordyn Hove
22 Jeff Steiff
24 Duane Abrahams

ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

As of 6/30/2022

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	3,755.00
* Doris Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	2,265.00
*Undesignated Account	2,258.89
June Interest	.42
Total	2,259.31
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,292.31



JULY NOISY OFFERING – Dignity
(Formerly called Hygiene Health)
Kits



**Hygiene
Kits
Needed**

The July Children's Offering at Asbury UMC will go for Hygiene Kits also known as Health Kits. Hygiene kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Hygiene kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes.

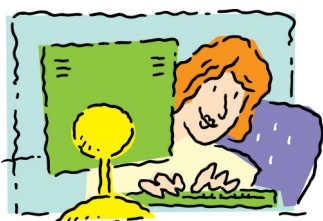


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