



# *INSPIRATIONS 2019*

## **Greetings:**

## *Pastor's Page*

Last month was another successful Annual Conference and once again I have been reappointed to Asbury and Northwood. This means I am starting my fourth year as your pastor. Thank you for partnering together in ministry and mission and allowing myself the flexibility to attend seminary and serve full-time as your pastor. I am looking forward to another great year together. God is Good - All the Time!

This month I want to share with you some insights from a book I have been reading called, *70 Hebrew Words Every Christian Should Know* by Dr. Matthew Richard Schlimm. Dr. Schlimm is the Old Testament Professor at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and a brilliant scholar of the Old Testament. He starts out the book by reminding readers that God's first language is not English. As Christians it is easy to forget that every version of the Bible we read in English is a translation and a translation is a beginning of an exegetical argument. When translating from Hebrew to English there are several things that are lost in translation. Here are some of them.

The Hebrew language uses literary devices such as puns and rhymes as the words sound the same in Hebrew but that is not heard when translated into English. In Hebrew you have both the meaning of the word and the sound and when translated into English you get either the meaning of the word or you get the sound without the meaning. An example is Genesis 2:7, "and the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground." The Hebrew word for man is *Adam*(ah-dahm) and the ground is *Adamah*(ah-da-mah). In English they do not sound the same but in Hebrew they do. In Genesis 2:4-4:16 *Adam* appears 14 times and *Adamah* appears 25 times as the text artfully interweaves the two words together to drive home the key message that humanity is intricately connected with the soil.

I highly recommend this book because I know many of you struggle with the Old Testament (I was once in your shoes too) and find it to be full of violence and hard to understand. In our scripture readings on Sunday morning, I always include an Old Testament passage and preach out of the Old Testament several times throughout the year. Why? Because the Old Testament is important and is not preached on or taught because it is difficult to understand. Yet there is a beauty to the literary prose and many applicable stories and illustrations that apply to us as Christians today. If you would like to join with me in reading this book, let me know and I can make sure to get you a copy and if you are willing to wait until August - a signed copy from the author. Have a wonderful 4th of July and I will see you in church.

**Pastor Rob**

**Breakfast Food for Thought**  
**at the Bean & Bistro in Northwood**  
**Wed, July 24 at 8 am**

**Lunch Food for Thought**  
**at Ay Jalisco in LM,**  
**July 24 at Noon**



# July 2019 Prayer Calendar

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



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.

## DISCOVER AN ADVENTURE OF FAITH, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP!



Our campers strengthen relations with God and each other, develop life-long friends, embrace challenges and adventure and have whole lot of fun along the way.

There is a camp for everyone offered at our great Iowa United

Methodist Camp facilities! From family camp to horse camp, canoeing to stargazing, sports to praise... we have plenty of outdoor fun for everyone. God is with us wherever we are!

Don't let your summer get away without something memorable. Let church camp be your partner in faith. For information on summer camps, at Asbury contact your Camp Ambassador Rev. Jerry or visit the Iowa UMC camp site at [www.iaumc.org/camps](http://www.iaumc.org/camps).

## LM SUMMER DAY CAMP 2019 at SALEM

Salem Lutheran Church will again be offering a summer day camp for area children July 15 through morning of July 18<sup>th</sup>. A Meal for the community will be planned for Thursday night closing program at Oakwood Park. The leadership team this year will be from Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. There is room for 30 children.....**Registration & health forms are now available in the Camp Display Area of the basement Fellowship Hall at Asbury UMC.**

## RAINBOW COVENANT THIRD MILE HONOR CERTIFICATE

Asbury UMC achieved the honor of being a third mile mission giving church and was awarded a certificate of recognition for this achievement for the



# Asbury United Methodist Church

## Administrative Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Sunday, June 2, 2019 8:30 am**

A special action ADCO meeting was called on Sunday, June, 2nd, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Chairperson, David Taft called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was in regard to siding the church. This has been a long time goal of the trustee committee and it was brought before the council. Brian Young, representing the Trustee committee stated that there has been a restricted gift of \$40,000.00 to Asbury to be used for siding the church. He has a quote of \$79,500.00. This quote does not include re-shingling the steeple. He will be meeting with the contractor to finalize the quote. The church as a whole needs to raise funds to match the \$40,000.00 gift.

Pastor Jerry is going to speak to the District Treasurer and Superintendent about the liability of the gift. There is going to be a separate savings account set up at Manufacturers Bank & Trust with Daryl Sherman and Brian Young as the designated signatures.

Present at the meeting were: Pastor Jerry and Betty Robertson, David Taft, Brad Grotewold, Brian Young, David Imler, Daryl Sherman and Harriet Young.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 .m. to attend worship service.

Recording Secretary,

Harriet Young



Our sympathies to the family and friends of Sidney Kvale who passed away on May 25<sup>th</sup>

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Bendickson family with the loss of baby Libbi Marsha Bendickson who passed away on May 31<sup>st</sup> . .

Julie Imus  
Shelly Skellenger  
Ed Monson  
Donna Lair

Tami Hooks  
John Scherb  
Carole Yocum  
Kathy Voorhes

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

### Lake Mills Care Center...

Carol Griffiths  
Lillian Smith

### Good Shepard Mason City...

Ivan Olson

### In Our Thoughts...

### Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood...

George Kesler  
Norma Kay Martinson  
Nancy Whitesell  
The Pines– Winona Hennigar  
Sandy Nitcher  
Bernice Estes  
Wanda Citurs

**Northwood Sunday Schedule**

10:30 am Worship Service-N


11:45 am Fellowship -N

**Asbury Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Worship -A

10:00 am Fellowship -A

**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

	1	2	3	4 	5	6
7 Regular Schedule	8	9	10 2 pm Rachel Circle-A  Pastor on Vacation	11  Pastor on Vacation	12  Pastor on Vacation	13  Pastor on Vacation
14 Regular Schedule  Pastor on Vacation	15  Pastor on Vacation	16  Pastor on Vacation	17  Pastor on Vacation	18	19	20
21 Regular Schedule  UMW Mission U at Marshalltown	22	23	24 Food 4 Thought 8am Bean & Bistro-NWD Noon- AyJalisco -LM	25	26	27
28 Regular Schedule	29	30	31			



# SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NORTHWOOD

2019	7-July	14-July	21-July	28-July
Scripture Reader				
Ushers	Mike Bode Family	Mike Bode Family	Mike Bode Family	Mike Bode Family
Coffee Servers	Joanne Steinmetz & Deb Mueller	Robin Fredericks & Karen Hove	Nancy & Patrick Mathahs	Bobbi & Wade Bendickson Verla & Bob Perry
Communion Steward	June Low			

**We are always in need of volunteers!** Check the sign up sheet in Wesley Hall to let us know when you can help. **If you find that you are unavailable to help on the Sunday assigned, please trade with someone else on the list** and let the Office know (641-324-1557).

## 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

#### 2019

Betty Robertson  
Joyce Sherman  
David Taft  
Richard Schwarm  
Megan Peterson  
Scott Nelson  
Donna Lair

### NORTHWOOD UMC

#### 2019

Bobbi Bendickson  
Karen Abrahams  
John Greve  
Mary Christianson  
Mike Bode

### Church Attendance

Worship	<u>N</u>	<u>A</u>
26-May	30	34
2-June	29	60
9-June	29	35
16-June	33	
23-June		

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

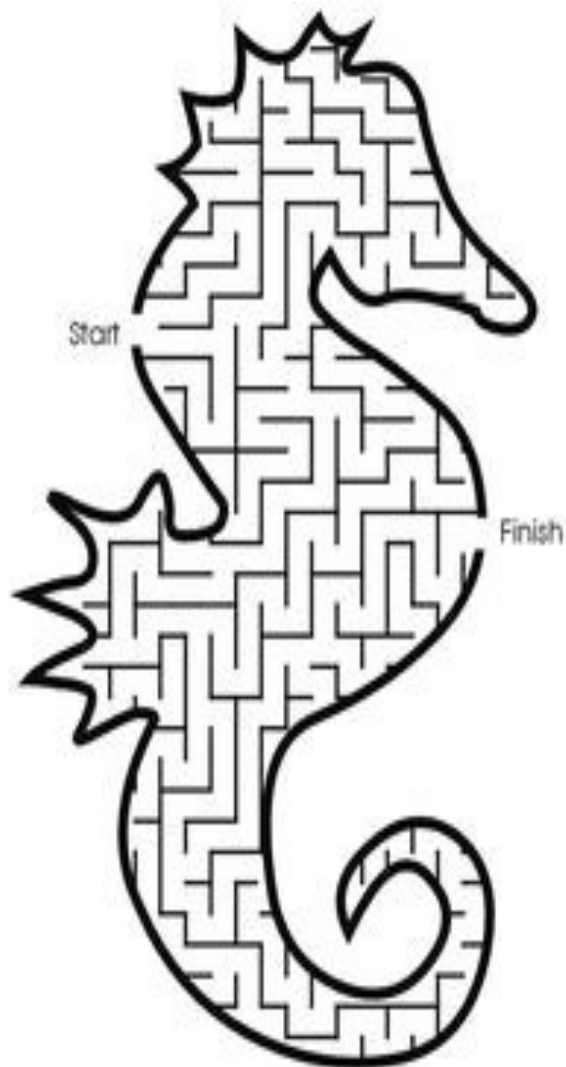


## Asbury

2 Julie Ritter  
2 Parker Rogstad  
3 Kelli Jo Lair  
6 Tracy Doyle  
11 Mona Levorson  
15 Aidan Benny  
17 Neal Skellenger  
19 David Imler  
22 Taylor Kramer  
25 Ruth Hermanson  
24 Graham Redinger  
27 Kaylene Erdahl  
31 Ben Mannes

## Northwood

11 Dan Low  
17 Myra Greve  
17 Larry Wright  
18 Michael Bode  
19 Patrick Mathahs  
22 Lindsey Meland  
23 Liberty Paulsen  
26 David Olson  
26 Chad Stucky  
28 Penny Robb  
28 Rev Shirley Hoffmann  
Will  
30 Les Mammen

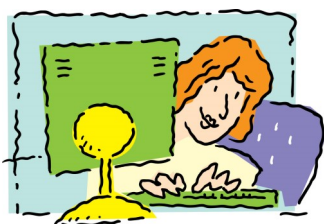


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July 15th**



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call the office at

**641.324.1557**

*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:

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**northwoodUMC@msn.com**

or mail to

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**JULY**

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