



INSPIRATIONS 2021

Greetings:

Pastor's Page

Last month's letter I wrote about the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and there was to be a service of remembrance that day in Lake Mills. I am thankful to be a part of that service and to listen and see the crowd that gathered to remember. Many people shared stories, experiences, and personal feelings about that day 20 years ago. The emotions were running high and it was as if these events happened only last week. On my way home from the service I was listening to a radio broadcast titled, I don't have enough faith to be an atheist. One of the presenters related the raw feelings, emotions and details that are still very present in the minds of those who witnessed these events were like the details in the gospel accounts of the bible. The gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were written many years after Jesus' death and a strong critique is how could the writers of the gospels get all of the details right and accurate?

The gospel of Mark is the first gospel to be written and it was written about 30 years after Jesus' crucifixion. How could the witnesses remember the events of that day enough to give an accurate account? This was a traumatic, highly public event so it is easy to agree that they would have remembered every single detail of that day just as we can remember everything about 9/11. The images, where they were, what was said would be as vivid 30 years later as it was that very day. The sight of Jesus hanging on the cross, what the crowds were doing, who was there, the soldiers gambling for his clothes. We can believe these details to be accurate.

The Holy Spirit had a hand in the writing of the gospels and helping them to remember what had taken place. In John 2, Jesus talks about destroying the temple and rebuilding it in 3 days. The disciples did not know what Jesus meant by that but remembered it after his death and resurrection. "Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said" (John 2:22).

The bible is great literature because it contains poetry, wisdom, inspirational stories, and historical details of that day. It is God's word, written by many authors guided by the Holy Spirit and contains one overarching theme. Enjoy God's word given to you.

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.





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 Ostrand- er 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	9 Ryan Mary Teresa Halvorsen- Bjork John Greve
10 Scott Nelson Carol Yocum Matthew Heitland Gabrielle Fridley	11 Mona Levorson Amy Christenson	12 Bridgett Burdick Raven Budach Fran Lawhorn	13 Trace Christenson Quinn Cole Christenson Tavi	14 Jenny Thompson Toni Erdahl Toni Roberts	15 Aidan Benny Jackie Imler Thomas Burdick	16 Sara Nelson Rebecca Dahn Hengesteg Myra Greve
17 Neal Skellenger Cassie Johnson Gregg Olson	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 Aariah Bode	23 Bill Skellenger Eric Redinger Kale Bode
24 Graham Redinger Betty Chapin Sue Ostrander	25 Ruth Hermanson David Olson Deb Wagner Mary Christianson	26 Vicki Eden Betty Angel Chad Stucky Nathan Wilder	27 Kaylene Erdahl Wayne Mannes Penny Robb Karen Hove	28 Jerry Robertson Jessi Mary Marge Low Ben Mannes	29 Lance Fridley Josua Walker Jean Arrett	30 Wendi Skellenger Les Mammen Jeannie Vorland
31 Hannah Slattum Liberty Paulsen Patricia Smith						

Join Bobbi on a Discipleship Journey starting Oct. 15 at 10 am. We will meet once a week. Day of week and time subject to change to accommodate everyone interested. Why is discipleship important to our Church? Discipleship is important because we want people to become fully committed followers of Christ. Discipleship helps believers to grow in their faith, to grow in maturity and wisdom, and build their faith on a strong foundation so that they can then disciple and lead others towards Christ. Jesus promises generous rewards for all who live as his disciples. I prayed for direction on this many times, and I was blessed with ideas from my Lord and Savior. I am beyond excited to get started. I have full approval of Pastor Rob as well. Please come join us and find out what this is all about. I promise you, you won't be disappointed. I cannot do this alone. This is not a Bible Study, but we will certainly refer to Scriptures. If you have any questions please let me know. 641-381-0699 or talk to me at church. God Bless my Church.

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-Oct	Numbers 18-20	11-Oct	Deuteronomy 5-7	21-Oct	Joshua 1-4
2-Oct	Numbers 21-22	12-Oct	Deuteronomy 8-10	22-Oct	Joshua 5-8
3-Oct	Numbers 23-25	13-Oct	Deuteronomy 11-13	23-Oct	Joshua 9-11
4-Oct	Numbers 26-27	14-Oct	Deuteronomy 14-16	24-Oct	Joshua 12-15
5-Oct	Numbers 28-30	15-Oct	Deuteronomy 17-20	25-Oct	Joshua 16-18
6-Oct	Numbers 31-32	16-Oct	Deuteronomy 21-23	26-Oct	Joshua 19-21
7-Oct	Numbers 33-34	17-Oct	Deuteronomy 24-27	27-Oct	Joshua 22-24
8-Oct	Numbers 35-36	18-Oct	Deuteronomy 28-29	28-Oct	Judges 1-2
9-Oct	Deuteronomy 1-2	19-Oct	Deuteronomy 30-31	29-Oct	Judges 3-5
10-Oct	Deuteronomy 3-4	20-Oct	Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalm 91	30-Oct	Judges 6-7
				31-Oct	Judges 8-9



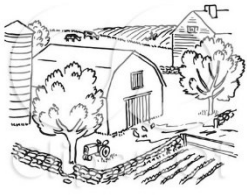
Please pray for these: Dave Hooks (heart ablation surgery Oct 1), Bailee Johnson (guidance and wisdom), Char Hanson, Steve Smith (heart operation), Jane Christianson, Jerry Robertson, Joan Kvale Christian, Shelly Skellenger, Carole Yocom, our military and their loving families, the unemployed, Iowa UMC Cabinet and Bishop.

In Our Thoughts...

Lake Mills Care Center...
Carol Griffiths

Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood...
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)



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ASBURY UMC OCTOBER NOISY OFFERING

Asbury's October Noisy Offering will be received for the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Special Offering of the Iowa UMC Conference. The Offering meets emergency needs of people caught in rural community crisis. Our noisy offering provides emergency assistance money and is provided in small grants to local churches or by paying a bill directly. Neighbor Helping neighbor funds are used locally to keep families together and in their homes. Please give generously to our Noisy Offering during the month of October.

World Communion Sunday – October 3

World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.



*The special offering envelope for World Communion Sunday will be provided in the bulletin on Sunday morning, October 3rd. However, members have also received a World Communion offering envelope in this issue of the church newsletter. If you are unable to be in worship on Sunday, October 3rd 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 World Communion Sunday October 3rd!***



Disaster Response: Hurricane Ida & Iowa

Hurricane Ida has placed thousands of people are without power, water and shelter. UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee on Relief) is already at work. "on the ground" helping, handing out of Cleaning Buckets and Hygiene/Personal Dignity Kits.

During August in Iowa, we have seen an unprecedented number of severe storms and tornados. The Iowa UMC Chainsaw Teams have been working in the communities of Earlville, Cedar Rapids, Marble Rock, [Manchester](#), Charles City, Hazelton, Marshalltown, Hiawatha, Robins, Palo, Todd Ville and Marion, logging more than 850 hours of volunteer time in August alone.

- **What you can do:** PRAY: pray for our Brothers and Sisters in the Gulf Coast and Iowa. DONATE FINANCIAL GIFTS to help in recovery to conferences or churches directly impacted by storms or to UMCOR and those who are in leadership responding to this disaster. Your gift can be out to your church: Asbury or Northwood and on the memo line put disaster response. MAKE CLEANING BUCKETS or HYGIENE KITS: they can be given through Mission In-Gathering



The 42nd Annual Mission **Ingathering** will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Our purpose is to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs. Our times have changed. The methods and means may change. The work of being in mission continues.

Ingathering 2020 brought many changes, and some of those are continuing. Our partnership with Midwest Mission Distribution Center grows stronger and stronger. Be sure to check out their website midwestmission.org and/or their [Facebook page](#). In 2020, they distributed \$10.8 million worth of supplies, up from \$3.5 million in 2019 – and their number of volunteers/ because of Covid was 70% less! Wow!! That the Holy Spirit is at work, for sure.

ARE YOU A MISSIONARY IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

When we think of missionaries, we often have an image of persons who travel to far-away places. However, as disciples of Christ Jesus, all of us through our baptism are called to be the mission of the church in whatever community we find ourselves as Christians. So, are you a missionary in your community? The UM Church's new focus of mission, i.e. "In Mission Together," encourages churches to explore new possibilities of mission together in our local congregation of The United Methodist Church. Besides financial gifts to mission, congregations are encouraged to report individual or group participation in missions. For example: this year Asbury UMC recorded the time and number of people served by the members of our congregation in such mission work as: the summer lunch program, the Community Thanksgiving Meal, the Food Shelf, etc. There may be some persons who are participating in other areas community mission work, for example: delivering Meals on Wheels, or volunteer time helping in the reading program in our school district or prison ministry. If this is something you are doing and would like to know if it qualifies for mission work in our community for which Asbury can be granted recognition, please contact Rev. Jerry Robertson 592-4484 or jrobrtsn@wctatel.net.



THANK YOU!



A big thanks to our Asbury UMC volunteers who helped serve each week during the summer months at our 2021 LM Community Summer Lunch Program at Salem Lutheran Church. We had sixteen volunteers representing Asbury UMC each Monday of the ten weeks of summer. The total number of meals served this summer is not known at this time, but I hope to have a report by the end of September. Again, my thanks to all who volunteered to serve.

Thank you! Rev. Jerry



My journey is not yet completed, but currently I'm feeling good with regards to my cancer treatments. Through all of this I have a good team of doctors, nurses a social worker, a life time supportive wife a great family, Pastor Rob, church families and best of all, someone who is taking very good care of me "who made me " "and who never leaves me nor forsakes me." I'm in very good hands! Especially, my heartfelt thanks for the prayers, well wishes and cards from the LM Asbury UMC congregation who continues to be supportive since the day I was baptized and confirmed a United Methodist. My heartfelt thanks to all. God bless! Rev. Jerry

Northwood United Methodist Church

Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, September 9 at 9:30 am**

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

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

Council Chair Terry called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Pastor Rob opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion by Sandy; 2nd by Joanne to approve the council minutes from August 12 as read by Karen Abrahams. Motion carried.

Motion by Joanne; 2nd by Karen Hove to acknowledge the treasurer's report as presented by Nancy. Balance of \$19,293.82; apportionments are paid through September. Motion carried.

SPPRC report by Nancy met on September 7 to set salaries for the staff for 2022. Motion by Karen Abrahams; 2nd by Sandy to accept the staff salary recommendations by the SPPRC for Northwood United Methodist Church for 2022 to complete Form I Report for the Charge Conference. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Taking a vacation on Sunday, October 10.

UMW Report by Chair, Joanne. Next meeting on Wednesday, October 6, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the guidelines to become a 5 Star Unit.

Mission Report: 93 complete school kits and 7 more lacking scissors; 56 complete health kits; 4 complete layette kits with 5 more mostly complete; and 102 empty school bags and several baby sweaters.

Trustees Report by Sandy. Sidewalk project in progress. Trustee balance: \$31,155.22 less \$21,500.00 paid to Springer Construction for one half of the side walk project is \$9,655.22. Investment status: \$250,000 has been invested in a 3-year annuity at 2.35%. George Kesler bequest of \$10,000 has been moved to the Memorial Account.

Discussion of renting office space to a business.

Charge Conference: Sunday October 10, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church in Mason City.

After discussion of the 2022 Northwood United Methodist Church Council Officers list; motion by Karen Hove; 2nd by Joanne to approve the change in positions. Motion carried.

Next Meeting date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment by Nancy at 11:10 a.m.

Pastor Rob prayed us out of the meeting.

Karen Abrahams, Church Council Secretary

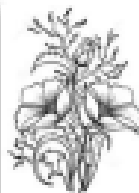
Mission News – October, 2021

The 2021 Mission Ingathering is less than two months away (Saturday, November 6th).

We currently have 55 complete Personal Dignity Kits (formerly Health Kits), nine complete Layette Kits; 93 complete Student Kits, plus seven more in need of sharpeners, and 94 empty school bags. From now until the Ingathering I'd like to focus on Personal Dignity Kits, which are desperately needed.



I'd like to express a special thank you to each of you who has contributed cash or check donations for mission kit items. Your contributions have purchased many of the items used to assemble our kits



Items we have on hand:

For Personal Dignity Kits:

0 towels
17 washcloths
1 deodorant
15 toothbrushes
4 bars soap
1 shampoo
20 ziplock bags

For **Layette kits**, we have a few items on hand; and for **Student kits**, we have enough to complete seven more kits, including the one-handed bags, plus a few extra items



If you would like to donate cash for kit items or postage, there is still time. I will do the shopping for you.

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Sunday's bulletin included a plea from UMCOR for Cleaning Kits, as well as Personal Dignity Kits, for disaster relief after Hurricane Ida and for locations in Iowa. I'm including the items list below. The Cleaning Kits can be taken to the Ingathering with our other kits.

PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT (\$13 VALUE)



- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
 - 1 Bath Washcloth - No dishcloths
 - 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks
 - 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
 - 1 Shampoo - 15-18 oz
 - 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
 - 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag
- Place all items in the resealable plastic bag
Add a \$2 Donation for razor and toothpaste

UMCOR Cleaning Kit

Previously known as the "Flood Bucket" (\$75 Value)



Kit Contains:

- One five-gallon round bucket with resealable lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)
-No screw lids. Can be gently used if there is no residual residue.
- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
-No spray cleaners
- One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- One scrub brush
-With or without handle
- One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener
- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
- Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- One scrub brush
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes
-No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels
- Five scouring pads
-No stainless-steel pads with soap in them
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes)
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)
-No surgical masks
- Two pairs kitchen gloves
- One pair work gloves
-Cotton with leather palm or all leather

All items must be new

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 Regular Schedule	4	5	6 10 am NWD UMW Meeting 10 am Swallow CoffeeHouseLM	7	8	9
10 Regular Schedule 2pm Charge Conference	11	12	13 10 am Swallow CoffeeHouseLM	14 7pm Pub Theology	15	16
17 Regular Schedule	18	19	20 10 am Swallow CoffeeHouseLM	21	22	23
24 Regular Schedule	25	26	27 10 am Swallow CoffeeHouseLM	28 7pm Pub Theology	29	30
31 Regular Schedule						

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>
Aug 29	24	36
Sept 5	24	
Sept 12	27	44
Sept 19	22	39
Sept 26	25	41

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

Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday!

Asbury

5 Brett Peterson
7 Bruce Burdick
8 Paul Heitland
8 Ryan Mary
10 Scott Nelson
16 Sara Nelson
23 Craig Slattum
23 Bill Skellenger
27 Wayne Mannes
28 Jerry Robertson

Northwood

1 Justin Carlson
2 Amanda Low
12 Fran Lawhorn
20 Marge Barber
21 Tracie Walser
25 Dale Jones
25 Deb Wagner
27 Karen Hove
28 Marge Low
31 Jeannine Vorland

ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

As of 8/31/2021

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account	3,755.00
(kitchenette)	
* Doris Grotewold Account	2,265.00
(kitchenette)	
*Undesignated Account	2,154.61
August Interest	.43
Virgil Skellenger Memorial	100.00
Total	2,255.04
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,288.04

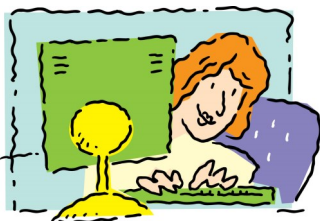


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