



INSPIRATIONS 2022

Pastor's Page

Greetings:

I hope this letter finds you well. April brings with it hopes of spring as we are nearing the end of Lent and getting closer to Easter Sunday. Growing up, Easter meant a new outfit so I would look my best as we gathered as a family in church and then to Grandma's house. Since both sets of Grandparents lived in the same area we would have lunch at one set and dinner at the other. Double the ham, deviled eggs, chocolate eggs and jelly beans. There is a hope and anticipation that comes with the approach of Easter.

This year we find ourselves in a different state. Inflation is at an all-time high, the war between Russia and Ukraine, uncertainty about the economy, and record high gas prices. We are planning a trip to Carlsbad Caverns National Park to see Melinda's brother who is a park ranger at the park. With the uncertainty of gas prices that trip may be put on hold. All of us are left with two options: whine and complain about it or embrace these difficult times and trust that God will get us through. I chose the latter.

With all that has happened in my life this last month I had an idea come up during one of my devotional times. If I was to write a book about my life it would be titled, "My Path is not Paved." This title comes out of times of personal reflection on how I came to be here in Northwood and Lake Mills. How God led me to go to seminary at UDTs but things have not happened in the way I expected them to. The journey for Melinda and myself to leave Idaho and move to Iowa. Looking back on all of these and even further back to when I was in high school I realized that God does have a plan for my life, but that path is not one that is paved.

There is a noticeable difference driving around Iowa on the nice paved county or state road versus a gravel road. Paved roads are clearly marked, the surfaces are smooth, signs inform you of how far you have journeyed or the distance to your next destination. On a gravel road, it is hard to tell what part to drive on and most of the time people just drive down the middle. The road is dusty, usually rough, and can feel like you are out in the middle of nowhere. I found myself taking a gravel road because of construction or detours and entered an area that was unfamiliar and thought, "where in the world am I?" My path has been a gravel road, a steep mountain trail, and an overgrown path in a forest where the way was unclear. Anyone else able to relate?

Yet in the midst of darkness and uncertainty, Jesus says "I am the Light of the world." God's word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths. The path may not be easy but God is with us for the duration of the journey. Conversely, the road to Hell is "paved" with good intentions – so, I guess we are on the right path.

Pastor Rob

Join the Pastor on **Wednesdays** from 10-noon Coffeehouse in Lake Mills every week **OF and 4th Thursdays** of the month for Pub The 7pm at the Worth Brewing if you would care for a bit of fellowship and conversation.



April 2022 Prayer Calendar

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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

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-Apr Ezekiel 18-19

2-Apr Ezekiel 20-21

3-Apr Ezekiel 22-23

4-Apr Ezekiel 24-27

5-Apr Ezekiel 28-31

6-Apr Ezekiel 32-34

7-Apr Ezekiel 35-37

8-Apr Ezekiel 38-39

9-Apr Ezekiel 40-41

10-Apr Ezekiel 42-43

11-Apr Ezekiel 44-45

12-Apr Ezekiel 46-48

16-Apr Daniel 7-9

17-Apr Daniel 10-12

18-Apr Ezra 1-3

19-Apr Ezra 4-6; Psalm 137

20-Apr Haggai 1-2

21-Apr Zechariah 1-7

22-Apr Zechariah 8-14

23-Apr Esther 1-5

24-Apr Esther 6-10

25-Apr Ezra 7-10

26-Apr Nehemiah 1-5

27-Apr Nehemiah 6-7



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

Jane McMullen


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)

Mission News – April 2022

We have received updated information for the 2022 Mission Ingathering. I am including a copy of the kit lists below. I have updated the notebook on the Mission table, and copies are also available there to take. It appears that the kit items for this year are the same as for last year. **Please note under Layette Kits that all items must be 0 – 6 months.** We currently have 17 complete personal dignity kits.



MIDWEST MISSION
DISTRIBUTION CENTER
midwestmission.org

PARTNERS

The Ingathering team is pleased to continue its partnership with Midwest Mission Distribution Center. They are an UMCOR Cooperating depot, and also partner with many other nonprofits. They regularly ship two to three containers of humanitarian relief each month, domestically and internationally.

The kits Midwest Mission is focused on in 2022 are outlined for your convenience, along with updated lists of specific supply needs for each kit type. **NOTE: We are excited that the kits fully meet the highest priority needs, as Midwest Mission listened to feedback from kit recipients and have made significant changes accordingly.**

REQUIREMENTS





- All kit items must be NEW.
- Kits should only include kit items no cash.
- Kits should contain only the requested items.
- No handprints, footprints, paw prints or camouflage on fabrics.

Other items for Midwest Mission will be accepted at the sites. Please no bikes or electric sewing machines at this time.

CONNECT

Sign up for our newsletter at:
www.midwestmission.org/news/newsletters
or text "news" to: 855-589-1314

Social Media: Midwestmission

KITS

PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT (\$13 VALUE)

- 1 Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12.5-19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on or pump
- 1 1-gallon Resealable Plastic Bag

Place all items in the resealable plastic bag. Add a \$2 Donation per kit for razor and toothpaste.

STUDENT KIT (\$16 VALUE)

- 3 Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8"x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils - unsharpened
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Eraser - 2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Box 24 Crayons
- 1 Pair of Student Scissors
- 1 One Handle Cloth Bag *


Place all items in the cloth bag or a plastic grocery bag


LAYETTE KIT (\$45 Value)


ALL ITEMS MUST BE 0 - 6 Months

- 6 Cloth Diapers *
- 2 Gowns or Sleepers *
- 2 Onesies or Undershirts
- 2 Infant Washcloths - No adult washcloths
- 6 Diaper Pins - must have protective plastic closures
- 1 Sweater *, Sweatshirt or Jacket, knitted, crocheted or sewn with front opening - No ties or buttons
- 2 Receiving Blankets - 28"x 28" to 32"x 32" No crib, fleece or thermal blankets

Bundle items inside one of the blankets and secure with diaper pins. Add a \$2 Donation per kit for diaper cream







BIRTHING KIT (\$9 VALUE)

- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Pair Gloves - surgical or thin rubber gloves
- 1 Square Yard Clear Plastic Sheeting - 4 mil thick - No trash bags or shower curtains
- 3 Pieces Cotton String - each 12" long - No yarn
- 1 Razor Blade - single edge - cover in paper or cardboard to prevent injury
- 2 Receiving Blankets - 28"x 28" to 32"x 32" No crib, fleece or thermal blankets
- 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag

Place all items in the resealable plastic bag.

FEMINE HYGIENE KIT (\$50 VALUE)

- 1 Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 3 Pairs of Underwear - sizes: child 10-14 women: 5-8
- 6 Day Pads*
- 3 Night Pads *
- 1 Drawstring Carrying Bag *
- 1 Waterproof Bag *
- 1 One-Handle Cloth Bag *
- 1 Care and Calendar Sheet *

Place all items in the cloth bag.

**Find instructions and patterns online.*

COVER WITH LOVE QUILTS

Create "Cover with Love Quilts."

- Use your own pattern or find one at midwestmission.org/kits-projects-patterns/midwest-mission-kits
- Finished size 42" x 60"
- Use NEW cotton, polycotton or flannel fabric
- Do NOT use batting or ties.

Items we have on hand:

For Layette Kits:

76 diapers
29 blankets
29 baby washcloths
1 diaper pins
1 Onesies
2 sleepers
18 sweaters

For Personal Dignity Kits:

20 towels
11 washcloths
2 deodorants
0 shampoo
5 bars soap
3 toothbrushes
13 Ziplock bags

For Student Kits:

1 notebook
21 pencils
10 sharpeners
1 scissor
1 ruler
2 school bags
13 erasers



Note: As I've mentioned in the past, any items that you provide will be appreciated. Don't feel that you must provide complete kits. Kits will be assembled at the Church. But, be sure to be mindful of sizes of items.

If you'd like to contribute, but are unable to do the shopping, I'll be happy to shop for you and provide you with the receipts.

They did it again. The Naomi circle made a day trip to Rochester to the Civic Center on a sunny but windy Saturday morning. Leaving Lake Mills on Saturday, March 26th at 11:45 we headed out. Planning this in January and purchasing tickets with the hopes at that all could go. Well, Jean and Marilyn had family emergencies pop up so that left two unused tickets. The two Asbury women that got to go were Donna and Char and boy did they add to the mix. Arrived in Rochester with time to spare and saw the play "Church Basement Ladies" and there were many laughs. After the play headed to the Canadian Honker for supper. Great food. Arrived home safely and another good outing. We THANK Caryl as our great driver.. Looking forward to our next outing when we all can go.

left to right is Caryl, Donna, LaVonne, Harriet and Char.



Northwood United Methodist Church Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 10 am**

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

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

Devotions by Bobbi from the March 17th Upper Room Devotional Booklet.

Motion by Terry; 2nd by Bobbi to approve the minutes from the January 20th meeting as read by Karen Abrahams, Council Secretary. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report by Terry with a February 28th balance of \$20,810.29.

Council acknowledged all the work done by Margie Barber to implement the new treasurer's reporting.

The Fund Balance and Statistical Reports for 2021 were discussed.

Thank you to LeAnn Steiff and Karen Abrahams for doing the audit of the church books for 2021.

Motion by Dean; 2nd by Karen Hove to acknowledge the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

NOW report by Bobbi. She has visited with Dean Mueller; Becky Johnston and June Low.

Pastor's Report: Ash Wednesday Service went well.

Easter Sunrise Service at Northwood at 7:00 a.m. with a brunch prepared by the Men's Club following the service. Asbury Sunrise Service at 10:00 a.m.

Sound System Project update: There is still some work to be done.

Sunday, April 3 church service at Northwood will be back in the Sanctuary at 10:45 a.m.

UMW Report: The United Methodist Church Women will meet on Wednesday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. The name of UMW has been changed to UWF. United Women in Faith.

Trustees Report with a balance of \$23,717.78. Bills to be paid: Boiler Safety and Larsen's.

With all the new video equipment installed the council voted to create the position of AV Tech to be operated by Carter Lanphere. The new position will begin on Sunday, April 3 and he will be paid \$25 per Sunday. Motion by Dean; 2nd by Terry. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned the meeting with praying of The Lord's Prayer at 11:03 a.m.

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 Mo Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 10am Discipleship Journey Nwd	2
3 Regular Schedule	4	5	6 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM 5:30 pm Lenten Study at Asbury	7	8 10am Discipleship Journey Nwd	9
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17	18	19	20 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	21	22 10am Discipleship Journey Nwd	23
24 Regular Schedule	25	26	27 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	28 7pm Pub Theology	29 10am Discipleship Journey Nwd	30

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>
30-Jan	23	36
6-Feb	20	33
13-Feb	25	28
20-Feb	25	44
27-Feb	25	

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

Asbury

- 1 Hallie Erdahl
- 3 Andy Grunhovd
- 4 Tiffany Tiedemann
- 5 Kristin Mannes
- 6 Mick Tiedman
- 9 Joyce Arnold
- 9 Jessica Grotewold Schipper
- 14 Matthew Heitland
- 16 Bridgett Burdick
- 17 Raven Budach
- 22 Quinn Cole Christianson
- 25 Toni Roberts
- 26 Thomas Burdick
- 27 Cassie Johnson
- 28 LaVonne Hartman

Northwood

- 5 Jill Rothove
- 5 Bradley Christianson
- 6 Marissa Williamson
- 11 Teresa Halvorsen-Bjork
- 12 Gavin Paulsen
- 13 John Greve
- 13 Shane Paulsen
- 16 Kelly Akemann
- 18 Kristen Brown
- 19 Lynne Schaub
- 21 Chance Haskins
- 25 Robin Fredericks



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send the information via email
northwoodUMC@msn.com

ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

As of 2/28/2022

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	3,755.00
* Doris Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	2,265.00
*Undesignated Account	2,257.20
February Interest	.39
Total	2,257.59
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,290.59



Here is the new mailing address for

Jo Otto; Woodland Senior Living
12675 Woodland Prky. #167
Clive, IA 50325



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