



INSPIRATIONS 2022

Pastor's Page

Greetings:

Hard to believe it is July already – the month of June just flew by. Probably because there was a lot going on...Annual Conference, vacation, church at the fair, and VBS. All of it was good and I am looking forward to what July has to bring. Here is a list of what is happening this month at our churches.

Study on the book of Revelations will start on Tuesday July 12th in Northwood and Wednesday July 13th at Asbury. This study will start at 6:30pm and run for five consecutive weeks, the only exception will be at 5:30pm in Northwood on the 12th only because of a previously scheduled SPRC meeting at 6:30pm. If you enjoyed the sermon series I did on Revelations then I am sure you will enjoy this study.

All church potluck at the Olson's Party Pavilion July 10th at 5pm. They will provide the meat, drinks and table service and ask that you bring a dish or dessert to pass. Their address is 107 5th Ave. N. Northwood (south and west of the football field). This will be a great time of food, fun, and fellowship.

On a different note, I am looking forward to celebrating the 4th of July this year. It used to be one of my favorite holidays but when I was working for Dr. Pepper I hated it. The week before and the week of were the two busiest weeks of the year. Each order was almost doubled, you had to work all week plus all day on Saturday and you got the holiday off but you had to work double to make up for it – so it did not feel like a day off. Plus, when everyone was up late shooting off their fireworks and having a good time, I was trying to get some sleep because I had to be to work early the next morning. Now I am back to loving the 4th – especially this year. Gas prices may be high, food costs may be doubled, can't afford to travel anywhere but we are still a free country. Free to worship God how we so choose, free to speak our minds, free to vote with our dollars because of the free market enterprise. Other countries are not so free or fortunate.

This 4th of July I encourage you to celebrate Faith, Family, and Freedom however you choose and offer up a prayer for those who are not able. Remember the greatest freedom of all that we have which comes from Jesus – freedom from slavery to sin and death! Till next time.

Pastor Rob

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July 2022 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 Grunhove 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	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	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
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 Ariaah Bode	23 Bill Skellenger Eric Redinger Kale Bode
24 Graham Redinger Betty Chapin Sue Ostrander	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 Marge Low Ben Mannes	29 Lance Fridley Joshua Walker Jean Arrett Hannah Slattum	30 Wendi Skellenger Les Mammen Jeannie Vorland
31 Patricia Smith Liberty Paulsen						

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-Jul	1 Corinthians 9-11	16-Jul	Ephesians 1-6
2-Jul	1 Corinthians 12-14	17-Jul	Philippians 1-4
3-Jul	1 Corinthians 15-16	18-Jul	1 Timothy 1-6
4-Jul	2 Corinthians 1-4	19-Jul	Titus 1-3
5-Jul	2 Corinthians 5-9	20-Jul	1 Peter 1-5
6-Jul	2 Corinthians 10-13	21-Jul	Hebrews 1-6
7-Jul	Acts 20:1-3; Romans 1-3	22-Jul	Hebrews 7-10
8-Jul	Romans 4-7	23-Jul	Hebrews 11-13
9-Jul	Romans 8-10	24-Jul	2 Timothy 1-4
10-Jul	Romans 11-13	25-Jul	2 Peter 1-3; Jude
11-Jul	Romans 14-16	26-Jul	1 John 1-5
	Acts 20:4-38; Acts 21; Acts 22;	27-Jul	2 John; 3 John
12-Jul	Acts 23:1-35	28-Jul	Revelation 1-5
13-Jul	Acts 24-26	29-Jul	Revelation 6-11
14-Jul	Acts 27-28	30-Jul	Revelation 12-18
15-Jul	Colossians 1-4; Philemon	31-Jul	Revelation 19-22



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)



“ZOOMERANG Returning to the Value of Life” was held in Bolan June 20 - 24, 9:00 am – noon, with a free-will hot dog supper and program on Friday evening. Pastors and members of the Methodist churches of Bolan, Manly, Northwood and Shell Rock Valley, along with Lutherans from Manly, Kensett, and Hanlontown hosted.

There were 47 registered participants and 42 volunteers that came to town; made new friends, and learned new things. Opening and closing with songs, skits, and educational videos about Australia were held in the wood quonset and children rotated to different stations around town when the Barton No. 2 school bell rang.

Each day a Bible verse would be learned to remind us that: God created man in his own image; I am wonderfully made; Do unto others as you would have done to you; Jesus is the resurrection and the life; We are his workmanship. Any time the verse was said, all would respond with, “I AM WONDERFULLY MADE!”

\$400 in mission offering was collected throughout the week in a picnic basket to be split between a local and international food organization. Friday night at the program, Mary Wendt presented Fred Girouard of Worth County Community of Promise with a check for \$200, the other half will go to Children’s Hunger Fund which reaches children from around the world.



Northwood United Methodist Church

Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 10 am**

The Northwood United Methodist Church Council met on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Nancy, Church Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Devotions by Bobbi taken from the March/ April Upper Room Devotional Booklet.

Motion by Karen Hove; 2nd by Bobbi to approve the May 26th council minutes as read by Karen Abrahams, Church Council Secretary. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Terry with a May 31st Balance of \$17,818.33. Discussed reports of how we are spending our money. Apportionments paid through June. ½ year Insurance premium of \$2,453.94 is due in August. Bulk Mailing Postage of \$265 is due in June. Motion by Karen Abrahams; 2nd by Sandy to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

NOW Report by Bobbi: She has visited with Barb Walser and Angie Wilkins.

Pastor's Report. 1) Sunday, June 19th Church Services at the Worth County Fair Grounds at 9:00 a.m. 2) Vacation Bible School at Bolan June 20th through June 24th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. 3) Pastor Rob is having the church garden again this year. 4) Church potluck at the Olson Pavilion on Sunday, July 10th at 5 p.m. 5) Tuesday, July 12th Pastor Rob will begin a Bible Study on the book of Revelation. It will be at 5:30 p.m. on the 12th; then at 6:30 p.m. on July 10th; July 26th; and August 2nd and August 9th for a total of 5 weeks. 6) On Sunday, August 7th there will be a pulpit swap with Pastor Rob at Bolan/Manly Bethel and Pastor Cory Alvord at Asbury/Northwood. 7) Discussed the circuit meetings. 8) All the Sound System Equipment is here. They will finish up on Monday and Tuesday, June 20th and 21st.

Carpet cleaning at the church will be done on Friday, June 17th.

UMW Report by Joanne: June 1st meeting was held at the home of Phyllis Tilson at 10:00 a.m. Some members attended the salad luncheon at Manly Bethel Church on Wednesday, June 8th. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Trustees Report by Sandy with a balance of \$7,920.60 after all the bills were paid. The Flame on the Cross and the curbing will be painted.

Ashley Thompson from the Day Care Center will meet with Nancy to see what small tables and chairs and a room divider she could use.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. with prayer by Pastor Rob.

Karen Abrahams, Church Council Secretary

Let's gather for an all-church event on Sunday evening, July 10th, at 5 pm. Both churches are invited to a potluck at the Olsons' party pavilion. 107 5th Ave. N, Northwood. Please bring a dish to pass; meat and beverages will be provided. Hope to see you there.

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
3 Regular Schedule	4	5 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	6	7	8	9
10 Regular Schedule 5pm Potluck at Olson's Nwd	11	12 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM 5:30pm Bible Study-NWD 6:30 SPRC Mtg-NWD	13 6:30pm Bible Study-LM	14 7pm Pub Theology	15	16
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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	N	A
May 29	29	22
June 5	28	28
June 12	23	29
June 19	fairgrounds	
June 26	32	

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

Asbury

2 Julie Ritter
2 Parker Rogstad
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

17 Myra Greve
18 Duane Carlson
19 Patrick Mathahs
22 Lindsey Meland
23 Liberty Paulsen
26 David Olson
26 Chad Stucky
28 Penny Robb
28 Rev Shirley Hoffmann Will
29 Patricia Smith
30 Les Mammen

ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

As of 5/31/2022

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	3,755.00
* Doris Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	2,265.00
*Undesignated Account	2,258.45
May Interest	.44
Total	2,258.89
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,291.89



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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