



INSPIRATIONS 2021

Greetings

Pastor's Page

Well, the moment that I have been working toward for the last four years has finally arrived. I will be graduating from UDS on May 1st! While I was hoping for an in-person ceremony it will be virtual, but that is okay because as it turns out Central Springs' Prom is that day and both Hannah and Carter are attending. Also, if you want to watch the ceremony you can. It will be broadcast on UDS YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5Lks31uyYTVeOX8irX7iFQ> at 9am.

May is not only a busy month for me but for my daughter Hannah as well. Believe it or not we are the only two graduates between the two churches this year and to honor us there will be a reception after church on May 9th at Asbury. This will be a joint service starting at 9am (because Hannah is a STAR Award Recipient and there is a ceremony at NIACC that day at 1pm). Like I said, we are both busy in May.

Here is a breakdown for the month since I saved up my vacation to use in May.

May 2nd, Bobbi Hooks will be preaching (communion will be the following week).

May 9th, Joint service at Asbury at 9am. Reception for Pastor Rob and Hannah after the service.

May 16th, Kermit Singelstad will be preaching.

May 23rd, Pastor Rob at both churches.

May 30th, Joyce Sherman will be preaching.

(Service times and locations are normal except for the 9th)

Normally I would not take off 3 Sundays in one month, but this is not a normal year or month. Make plans to join us in worship and to celebrate these special occasions. I want to say thank you for the continued support of myself as your pastor and of the churches and for my family as well. Know that I am praying for all of you and am available to talk or listen. Phone: 641-525-0871 or by email: rob.lanphere@gmail.com and know that our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. Stand on the rock of Christ. God Bless.

Pastor Rob

Join the Pastor on **Wednesdays** from 10-noon at Swallow Coffeehouse in Lake Mills or at 7pm at the Worth Brewing if you would care to join him for a bit of fellowship and conversation.



May 2021 Prayer Calendar

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



National Day of Prayer May 6, 2021

Theme: Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance, prayer and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families. Pastors of the Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association will conduct the service this year at Asbury United Methodist Church in person and virtually at 7:00a.m. on Thursday, May 6.

Summer Volunteers Needed!!!

Asbury volunteers are needed for this year's summer food program to be held at the Salem Lutheran Church. Asbury will be serving on each Monday again this year. The program begins on Monday, June 7th and runs through the summer until the day before the start of school. A signup sheet will be passed in the pews beginning on the Sunday's in May and an email to previous volunteers. If you are able to help, please check your calendar and consider 2-3 Mondays when you can help serve during the months of June, July and August. You can also call or email Rev. Jerry....592-4484 or jrobrtsn@wctatel.net.



Asbury UMC- May Noisy Offering- Worldwide Mobility "PET"

PET is an acronym for the *Personal Energy Transportation* vehicle that the group constructs and distributes at no cost to provide the gift of mobility to disabled children and adults worldwide. Your gifts to Mobility Worldwide provide the children of God with hand-cranked Mobility Carts, vehicles that allow them to go where ordinary wheelchairs won't go. There is no cost to the recipient – we reflect the love of God by giving them the Gift of Mobility.

Blanketing the World In Love! Congratulations to the Asbury Congregation upon being awarded for their 2020 donations to Church World Service (CWS) blankets. Asbury's generous donation to the CWS Blanket program blankets the world with love and tells people in crisis, "You're not alone. Someone cares!" Asbury received a Blankets' certificate honoring their vital partnership with CWS building in a world where there is enough for all. The "Certificate of Honor" for 2020 is posted on the bulletin board in the north hallway.



Making Possible the Proclamation of Christ's Peace with Justice.

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. The special offering on **May 23, 2021** for Peace with Justice Sunday makes our critical kingdom work in the world possible. Your gift to Peace with Justice Sunday enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs. Together, all of us can make a difference by sowing seeds— and yielding the fruit of peace with justice. Last year's offering helped to support Hannah Lanphere and other Iowa United Methodist youth with scholarship awards who entered the Iowa United Methodist Peace with Justice essay contest.



2021 Confirmation

Back row left to right: Emma Taft, Kaylee Taft, Pastor Robert Lanphere, Trent Tiedemann, Andrew Grunhøvd.

Front row left to right: Ryan Skellenger, Mya Peterson, Alex Tiedemann, Royce Peterson, Aidan Benny



Thank you to Terry Steinmetz, Pat Mathahs, Dean Mueller, Dale Arhart, and Ck Christianson at Northwood and Lynn & Donna Lair at Asbury for working and organizing the Easter Breakfasts at our churches and to everyone else that helped donate supplies for the meal!





CAMP NEEDS YOU!!!!

Each summer hundreds of kids choose a life changing experience at one of our two United Methodist Campgrounds (Okoboji and Wesley Woods). There are camping events for all age levels, including adults! There are Day Camps, week-long events, family camps, etc. There are go-cart camps, horse camps, fishing camps, and more all centered around a growing relationship with God in Jesus Christ and others. If that is something you're interested in – there's a place at camp for you. Visit the camp's website (www.iaumc.org/camps) to see photos of the cabins, activities and staff and to learn about the camping program. Or, visit our camp display in the basement fellowship hall at Asbury UMC. For more information contact your church's camp ambassador, Pastor Jerry 592-4484 or jrobrtsn@wctatel.net.

The special offering envelope for Peace with Justice Sunday will be provided in the bulletin on Sunday morning, May 23rd. However, members have also received a Peace with Justice Sunday offering envelope in this issue of the church newsletter. If you are unable to be in worship on Sunday, May 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 difference together, by funding Peace with Justice on this Special Sunday, May 23rd.

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The Girl Who Believes in Miracles (2021)

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7 PM,**

**Saturday & Sunday:
3 PM**

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**Mondays/Tuesdays/
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April 23 - 29

2nd week!

Showtimes --

**Friday/Saturday/Thursday:
7:30 PM,**

**Saturday & Sunday:
3:30 PM**

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Wednesdays.**

Northwood United Methodist Church

Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, April 8 at 10:00 am**

The Northwood United Methodist Church Council met on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Alyssa Iverson, visitor; Sandy Olson; Pastor Rob Lanphere; Joanne Steinmetz; Terry Steinmetz; Karen Abrahams; Nancy Mathahs; LeAnn Steiff and Bobbi Hooks.

Chairman Terry called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Motion by Nancy; and 2nd by Joanne to approve the minutes of March 11th as read by Karen. Motion carried.

Alyssa Iverson was present to explain about the need of space to house foster care materials at our church on a temporary basis. Families would come in to pick up materials for their foster care children.

Devotions given by Bobbi from the Guidepost.

Acknowledgement by Sandy; 2nd by LeAnn to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Nancy with a balance of \$20,406.00. Motion carried.

SPPRC report by Bobbi: Need for another contact person at Asbury. Mike Bode is the chair of SPPRC. Pastor Rob's vacation dates: May 2nd; May 16th; and May 30th. May 2nd service will be led by Joyce Sherman; May 16th by Bobbi.

Joint Church Services with Asbury at Asbury will be at 10:00 a.m. April 18th, Confirmation Sunday. Sunday, May 9th, Mother's Day at 9:00 a.m.

Mission Report by LeAnn: There is a notebook on the Mission table in Wesley Hall with a list of items for mission kits. And also, a layette kit.

NOW report by Bobbi: Becky Johnston is doing well. Wanda Citurs is doing ok.

Pastor's Report: Reported on Conference Circuits meeting involving 8-10 clergy and laity. Clergy will meet every month and laity 3 times a year. The Northwest Region District reorganization begins on July 1, 2021.

Joint Church Services with Asbury at the Worth County Fair on Sunday, June 20th at 9 a.m. at the Shelter House.

Pastor Rob will be sending out a link on email to access the graduation exercises of him from the Seminary on May 1st.

Men's Report by Terry: After a contribution of \$200 and the free will offering from the Easter Sunrise Service and some minor expenses brings the balance to \$1,526.88.

Trustees Report by Sandy: Balance of \$12,216.35.

The bulletin folding machine is in need of repair.

Northwood Electric will be contacted to check out a light switch in one of the downstairs rooms and also to install LED Bulbs in the secretary's office.

Motion by Nancy; 2nd by Sandy to replace 2 old card tables with a folding table to be purchased at Kelly Hardware. Motion carried.

Church Cleaning day on Saturday, April 24th at 10 a.m. A dumpster will be available.

Old Business: After discussion of the estimates for remodeling and downsizing the church building it was decided the Building Committee will meet to discuss other options for the future needs of our congregation.

Motion by Sandy; 2nd by LeAnn to accept Alyssa Iverson's proposal on using space in our church to house foster care materials for pickup by families. Motion carried.

UMW meeting on Tuesday, May 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Sandy; 2nd by LeAnn to purchase a \$300 gift card for Pastor Rob on his graduation from Seminary on May 1st. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Emergency Response Plan tabled until the next meeting which will be on Thursday, May 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by LeAnn at 11:55 a.m.

Pastor Rob led us out in prayer.



**Northwood UMW Meeting at the Church,
Wednesday, May 5th at 10am**

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-May	Luke 1; John 1:1-14	16-May	Matthew 9-10
2-May	Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38	17-May	Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17
3-May	Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52	18-May	John 6
4-May	Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3	19-May	Matthew 15; Mark 7
5-May	Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51	20-May	Matthew 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27
6-May	John 2-4	21-May	Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62
7-May	Mark 2	22-May	Matthew 18
8-May	John 5	23-May	John 7-8
9-May	Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6	24-May	John 9:1-41; John 10:1-21
10-May	Matthew 5-7	25-May	Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42
11-May	Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7	26-May	Luke 12-13
12-May	Matthew 11	27-May	Luke 14-15
13-May	Matthew 12:22-50; Luke 11	28-May	Luke 16; Luke 17:1-10
14-May	Matthew 13; Luke 8	29-May	John 11
15-May	Luke 17:11-37; Luke 18:1-14	30-May	Luke 17:11-37; Luke 18:1-14
		31-May	Matthew 19; Mark 10



**Our Sympathies to the family and
friends of George Kesler who passed
on April 26th**



Please pray for these: Bryan Hooks Jr, Kay Voorhes (brain cancer), 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)

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	4	5 10 am Nwd UMW Mtg at the church	6	7	8
9 9am Joint Worship at Asbury	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Join the Pastor on <u>Wednesdays</u> from 10-noon at Swallow Coffeehouse in Lake Mills or at 7pm at the Worth Brewing if you would care to join him for a bit of fellowship and conversation.				

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>
21-Mar	?	29
28-Mar	?	40
4-Apr	41	80
11-Apr	?	37
18-Apr	joint	99
25-Apr	24	

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

Asbury

6 Bill Young
8 Caryl Dahn
8 Owen William Mary
9 Cheri Groe
9 Diane Burdick
10 Shana Rogstad
12 NormaKay Martinson
13 Kelly Grunhovd
15 Kylee Mannes
15 Karissa Heath
20 Jon Skellenger
20 Joseph Young
25 Dennis Castle
27 Josh Imler
28 Brian Young

Northwood

1 Carter Wilde
5 Tom Vorland
7 Barbara Walser
7 Nancy Whitesell
9 Ashley Carlson
10 Ryleigh McClanahan
12 Kerby Christianson
12 Mark Hove
14 Dean Mueller
15 Joanne Steinmetz
18 Thomas Low
21 Jack Barber
22 Sarah Barringer
22 Seth Wilkins
26 Pearl Podgorniak
26 Allen Jaspers
28 Skyler Williamson
28 Dorothy Prizler

ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

As of 3/31-2021

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account	3,755.00
	(kitchenette)
* Doris Grotewold Account	2,265.00
	(kitchenette)
*Undesignated Account	2,126.22
January Interest	.43
February Interest	.39
March Interest	.44
Total	\$2,127.91
Grand Total	\$10,160.91



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Coffee, tea, & nuts for Freewill Donation. Located in North Hallway by Sanctuary door, Asbury UMC

Contact Betty Robertson if questions.
(641-592-4484)



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