



SEPTEMBER INSPIRATIONS 2022

Greetings: *Pastor's Page*

Last month we wrapped up our study on Revelation and the End Times - a very good book and study. It was a great turn out from both churches but I realize that was just a small percentage of those who receive this newsletter. So, I want to share some of the new insights and takeaways from this book. This book answers those questions we have about: what happens to us when we die, when is Jesus coming back or at all, and are we living in the end times or is that a future event?

First off, the end times started two thousand years ago with Jesus's birth, life, death and resurrection. Many want to believe that there is much of biblical prophecy yet to be fulfilled when much of it was fulfilled in Jesus' lifetime or shortly thereafter. Granted, some of it has yet to be fulfilled but much of it has already taken place. Most of the prophetic books are in the Old Testament and the only New Testament book is Revelation. This is why perhaps the New Testament writers did not feel the need to write about prophetic events because they had or were already taking place.

What happens when we die? Do we immediately go to heaven and be reunited with Grandma and Grandpa? It is important to think of how the Apostle Paul describes what happens to us – whenever we are absent from the body, we are present with the Lord. If we die before Christ comes back again, that heaven will only be temporal because we will come down to earth with Christ and be a part of the new heaven and the new earth. God will set-up the kingdom on earth and it will be restored to “Eden-like” conditions. Is that different from what you grew up hearing?

When is Jesus coming back again? No one knows, not even Jesus himself - only the Father knows. Yet, that doesn't stop people from predicting and trying to find some sort of clue in Revelations or one of the Old Testament prophetic books. The one clue that we are given is that it will be quickly. Too often that has been translated as soon but it means quickly like a thief in the night. All of a sudden, without any warning – Christ will come back again. I hope this piques your curiosity and if you want to pick up a copy of this book there are a few left at each church and when those are gone, we can order more. As always, if there is something you want to know more about – let's have a conversation.

Pastor Rob



We are having confirmation this year for 7th & 8th grade students and any older students that may have not yet been confirmed. Please contact the Pastor or the office (northwoodumc@msn.com or 641-324-1557) if your child would like to be involved. Thank you

Join the Pastor on **TUESDAYS** 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.



September 2022 Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Tyler Gasper Andrea Ostrander Sandy Stucky Bryan Christianson	2 Faith Christianson Sue Mannes Vivian Kvale Becky Johnson	3 Kaisen Mary Daryl Sherman Charise Schwarm Wade Fridley
4 Tate Grotewold Schipper Emma Taft Kaylee Taft Michael Godfrey	5 Melissa Taft Glenn Steiff Tyce Skellenger Aaron Mannes	6 Anna Budach Mya Peterson Kyle Stucky Ben Peterson Deb Mueller	7 Michael McColloch Royce Peterson Rylan Heath Cody McClanahan	8 Haley Slattum Ryan Skellenger Harriet Young Grace Skellenger	9 Char Hanson Paula Harris Jason Slattum Vernon Angel	10 Chad Tiedeman Avery Grunhove Carol Jones Sandy Rainey Cohen Bode
11 Jeanie Grotewold Alyssa Slattum Ian Podgorniak Gary Heimdal	12 Drae Love Samuel Erdahl Ryan Williamson Harlan Leverson	13 Pearl Imler Edward Schwarm Foster Hartman	14 Chris Heitland Jeremy Ostrander Blake Grotewold	15 Eric Christianson August Madson Sarah Heath Rhonda Fridley	16 Breanna Mary Chris Rogstad Dennis Walser Karen Abrahams Cole	17 Finley Rogstad Sonja Tiedman Ashten Love Warren Jones
18 Noah Irons Daryl Groe Sherrylee Gasper Ben Irons	19 JJ Grotewold Schipper Lyla Rogstad John Budach Hudson Ostrander	20 Marilyn Castle Sandy Hyde Betty Vold Wanda Citurs Logan Ostrander	21 Becky Jacks Rock Bridges Jeff Greve Mary Arrett-Brandstad	22 Jackson Grunhove Margie Barber Jill Nelson Dominic Williamson	23 Lynn Lair Nora Mammen Nancy Mathahs Jean Heitland Gary Thompson	24 Jeff Christenson Dae Haskins Lillian Young Kim Bode
25 Josh Tiedman Ryan Mueller Casey Tiedman Cory Stucky	26 Kathy Christianson Sue Bridges Jim Meland	27 Anne Skellenger Alex Tiedeman CK Christianson Dan Tiedman	28 David Hooks David Taft Kenneth Nitcher Richard Patterson	29 Gabriel Rogstad Jill Stucky Betty Langpap	30 Shirley Higbee Bryan Arnold Ruth Robb Carol Griffiths	

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-Sep	Exodus 7-9	11-Sep	Exodus 36-38	21-Sep	Leviticus 24-25
2-Sep	Exodus 10-12	12-Sep	Exodus 39-40	22-Sep	Leviticus 26-27
3-Sep	Exodus 13-15	13-Sep	Leviticus 1-4	23-Sep	Numbers 1-2
4-Sep	Exodus 16-18	14-Sep	Leviticus 5-7	24-Sep	Numbers 3-4
5-Sep	Exodus 19-21	15-Sep	Leviticus 8-10	25-Sep	Numbers 5-6
6-Sep	Exodus 22-24	16-Sep	Leviticus 11-13	26-Sep	Numbers 7
7-Sep	Exodus 25-27	17-Sep	Leviticus 14-15	27-Sep	Numbers 8-10
8-Sep	Exodus 28-29	18-Sep	Leviticus 16-18	28-Sep	Numbers 11-13
9-Sep	Exodus 30-32	19-Sep	Leviticus 19-21	29-Sep	Numbers 14-15; Psalm 90
10-Sep	Exodus 33-35	20-Sep	Leviticus 22-23	30-Sep	Numbers 16-17



Please pray for these: Terry Steinmetz, Dave Hooks. Kathy Voorhes, Jane Christianson, Jerry Robertson, Joan Kvale Christian, 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



Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church and deaconess, of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, she is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty. Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because of your gifts. Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday **October 2nd** to make education and vocational impact possible for more students, like Mary Grace?

*The special offering envelope for **United Methodist World Communion Sunday** will be provided in the bulletin on Sunday morning, **Sunday October 2nd**. However, **members have also received a United World Communion Sunday offering envelope in this issue of the church newsletter.** If you are unable to be in worship on Sunday October 2nd 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 United Methodist World Communion Sunday, October 2nd.***

ASBURY UMC SEPTEMBER NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy offering in September at Asbury UMC will be received for supplies for the Sunday School. The supplies include Sunday School curriculum material, Christmas program materials, and general materials for the class rooms.



We would like to remind people about "spoof" emails purportedly from the Bishop or other Conference staff members. Apparently, emails supposedly from Bishop Laurie Haller with an email address of bishoplaurie.iaumc@gmail.com are now circulating that say:

Good Afternoon ____! I hope you are doing well. Are you less busy at the moment? I have a request for you and I want you to confidently handle it discreetly.
Peace & Blessings, Laurie Haller, Resident Bishop
Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

All official business is conducted with an iaumc.org account.

1. If a Bishop is asking for your help or directing you to do something, more than likely it would be communicated by phone or in person which makes for easy verification.
2. There really isn't anything that can be done from the Conference end as it isn't necessarily a breach of anyone's email. The best remedy is to utilize the advice to be skeptical and verify before deciding your response.

These three steps pretty much cover the recurring problems with email hoaxes. However, the list isn't exhaustive as each new day brings another creative attempt to get something for nothing.
"... be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." (Matthew 10:16)

Thank you, Communications Ministry Team

Northwood United Methodist Church

Council Minutes

(Unapproved) **Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 10 am**

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

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

Devotions by Bobbi from Heaven Our Daily Bread Devotional Booklet.

Motion by Terry; 2nd by Sandy to approve the minutes of the July 21st meeting with a correction to the Treasurer's balance. Should be listed as \$12,122.14 not \$12, 122.07. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by Terry with a balance of \$15,837.62 as of August 25th. Insurance has been paid for the year. Apportionments paid through June. A check will be made out to the Memorial Fund as designated for a specific project. A check to be made out to the Camp Fund of \$100. Motion by Karen Abrahams; second by Bobbi to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

SPPRC meeting will be September 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Asbury.

NOW report by Bobbi: Visited with Kathy Voorhes and Julie Imus. Gave out prayer shawls to Wanda Citurs; Richard Lowe and Becky Johnston at the Lutheran Retirement Home.

Pastor's Report: The Pulpit Swap on Sunday, August 21st went well. For Pastor's leave the month of October all of the Sunday's are covered. Pastor is having Confirmation classes again this year.

United Women in Faith report by Joanne. They will meet on Wednesday, September 7th at the home of Joanne Steinmetz at 10:00 a.m. September 24th Camp Clear Lake District meeting at Humboldt.

Mission Report: Will focus on Health Kits for the Ingathering.

Custodian's Report: On September 12th at the city shed in Northwood will be a Hazardous Material pickup from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. The church has some items to be taken out there.

Trustees Report by Sandy: Balance of \$6,919.03.

Old Business: Update on church repairs: 2 mats were purchased for the south entrances of the church. Update on the kitchen remodel. New ceiling tiles and lights will be replaced in Wesley Hall. Painting of the Library and the Cross and Flame will be done.

New Business: Discussed the Memorial Fund. Discussed upgrading the Heat/AC in the office and Library. The Sound System Company will be here on September 6th to finish setting up in the balcony.

Next meeting will be Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Rob prayed us out for adjournment at 11:21 a.m.

Karen Abrahams, Secretary Church Council

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 10am Discipleship Journey -Nwd	3
4 Regular Schedule	5	6 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	7	8 7pm Pub Theology	9 10am Discipleship Journey -Nwd	10
11 Regular Schedule	12	13 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	14	15	16 10am Discipleship Journey -Nwd	17
18 Regular Schedule	19	20 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	21	22 7pm Pub Theology	23 10am Discipleship Journey -Nwd	24
25 Regular Schedule	26	27 10 am Swallow Coffee House LM	28	29	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>
July 24	29	26
July 31	27	39
Aug 7	29	34
Aug 14	28	49
Aug 21	22	
Aug 28		

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

Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday!

Asbury

- 1 Kaisen Mary
- 2 Tate Grotewold
Schipper
- 2 Kennedy Mannes
- 5 Malissa Taft
- 6 Anna Budach
- 7 Michael McColloch
- 7 Haley Slattum
- 9 Sawyer Schipper
- 10 Char Hanson
- 10 Chad Tiedeman
- 12 Sheryl Bell
- 13 Jeanie Grotewold
- 14 Drae Love
- 14 Pearle Imler
- 14 Brynn Rogstad
- 16 Eric Christianson
- 16 Breanna Mary
- 27 Kathy Christianson
- 27 Anne Skellenger
- 30 Shirley Higbee

Northwood

- 1 Sandy Stucky
- 4 Christine Jensen
- 5 Glenn Steiff
- 10 Carol Jones
- 14 Bradley Bakken
- 21 Becky Jacks
- 22 Margie Barber
- 24 Nora Mammen

ASBURY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

As of 7/31/2022

*Joyce Imler Account	\$2,013.00
* Don Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	3,755.00
* Doris Grotewold Account (kitchenette)	2,265.00
*Undesignated Account	2,259.31
July Interest	.44
Total	2,259.75
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,292.75



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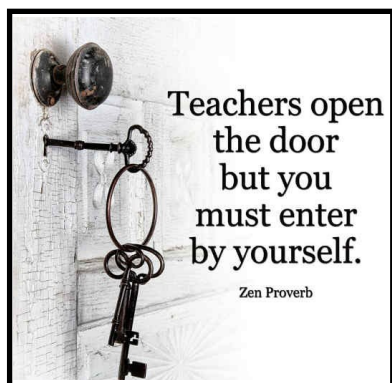
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