

# **Northern Voice Newsletter**

## **Fall (Aug-Sept-Oct 2023)**



*For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building." ~1 Corinthians 3:9 (NRSVUE)*

One of the beautiful parts of my ministry involves driving across this large county and seeing the changing colors from one season to the next. The bright yellow greens of springtime, the rich deep greens of summer, the golden crops in late summer, the brilliant colors of leaves in the fall, and then the rich dark soil of early winter. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul describes the church in beautiful images: As co-workers in God's service, a field, a building! As we look ahead to 2024, I consider the image of the church as a field.

### **YOU ARE GOD'S FIELD**

The first thing I want to say is, "Thank You!" Thank you for planting God's Word in the world and loving your neighbors. Thank you for the generosity you share to further the ministries of Hubbard Church during times of transition, challenge and celebration. Whether volunteer laity in the church, or you are staff, we are coworkers for God's mission. We lead and serve in our various congregational ministries with the patience of gardeners and farmers, believing and trusting that it is God who gives us growth. I give thanks to God for you!

### **PLANTED TOGETHER**

God has planted congregations in our district, in cities, farms and towns together under one prairie sky, and that by God's grace, together, we have what we need. As I meet together and listen to other pastors and laity, several things are clear:

Like the earliest Christian communities, congregations today – from those in open country to larger cities and small towns – are very different from one another. Paul's letters to those early churches reflect the unique circumstances of each. Our congregations today are emerging from the pandemic, each facing their own unique challenges and opportunities. And so, this is a time to listen to one another's hopes and concerns, seek to understand, and continue to remind each other that we are still in this together. *What does it mean to know that we, as churches, are connected to each other today?*

God has given unique gifts to each congregation: The fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), and the gifts given to equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ (Eph. 4:12). Ministry is not a solo endeavor. We are all partners because we are the Body of Christ. *Whose gifts might you discover and lift up as you look forward in the new church year?*

Congregation identities have been shaped by the context in which God has planted us. That includes our geography, our cultural and denominational histories. It includes the mile-markers along the way: Congregation and community crises, anniversaries, transitions, and the new things we have discovered over time. Post-pandemic, we all realize and acknowledge that we can't retreat to some of the nostalgia or habits of the past. *What is God calling you to do and be in the coming months and year?*

Our context also provides important signposts as we consider how God is calling us into the future. Our communities have changed drastically in the past few years. The needs of our neighbors are significant. Many congregations (including Hubbard UMC) are partnering for new ministries of serving, faith formation, staffing, and even worship. *How is the Spirit leading us to be the hands and feet and smile and love of Jesus with others in our area?*

### **“GOD’S DEMONSTRATION PLOT”**

When a seed is planted and tender shoots start to emerge from the soil, it's hard to imagine the plant that will grow there. Corn or beans, daffodils or iris bulbs, tomatoes, or pumpkins... from small beginnings can grow plants that can be beautiful and sustain life.

As we emerged from the global pandemic, we can see how the rate of change sped up innovation and creativity across our congregation. We see new fruit.

Professor Craig Van Gelder wrote that growing up on a farm in rural Iowa provided a lesson for understanding the church being missionary by nature. Extension agents then would introduce new farming technologies, seeds and fertilizers in strips of land along major highways that served as *demonstration plots* for those new innovations. He wrote, "The church is God's demonstration plot in the world. It's very existence demonstrates that God's redemptive reign has already begun. Its very presence invites the world to watch, listen, examine and consider accepting God's reign as a superior way of living."<sup>1</sup>

As we move into new levels of activity in our congregation, it's easy to turn inward, wonder where the people have gone, and focus on scarcity and survival. But, dear friends, many in our community and in our world are watching to see what kind of church we will be in the future. People in our community long for healing and hope. I believe that God is calling and sending this church to live out the way of Jesus for this time, in context to where we're planted. God's reign is breaking into our world, and in Jesus, God is reconciling the whole world to God's very self.

## **YOU HAPPEN TO BE GOD'S FIELD IN WHICH WE ARE WORKING**

**I give thanks to my partners in ministry  
who make us better together.**

Pastoral Partners: Tom Harmon, Ed Poitras, Sally Wizek Wills – For their guidance, their ministry, and their listening ears.

For the gifts and ministry of Certified Lay Speaker, Marion Hansen

For the leadership of this church – our Ad Council members – which includes the leaders of each of our ministry teams and then some!

For the ministry teams that sustain our mission.  
For each and every one of you – the members and  
attenders of this remarkable congregation, for  
showing up in every way possible, and continuing  
to fuel the seeds of call in my own ministry.  
And for the staff of Hubbard UMC: For Sue Kuhn,  
Cherilyn Sinner, Deb Haagenson, Jennie Anderson,  
Terry Greenawalt, Cheryl Steinborn, Bekah  
Sundsrud, Jeff Hauger, Ron Taggart, Noel Moore,  
Joanne Torfin, Andy Hendrickson.

The generosity of your ministry and mission support  
sustains all the work we do together in our church,  
our community, our annual conference, and across  
the world. Thank you for your witness as the church  
today. Thank you for your generosity and  
partnership. I give thanks for the signs of God's  
presence all around us and in our life together.  
"You are God's Field!"

**Thanks be to God! *Pastor Lauren Hauger***

<sup>1</sup> Craig Van Gelder, *The Essence of the Church: A Community Created by the Spirit* (Grand Rapids, MI; Baker Books, 2000). 99.

## **Fellowship VOLUNTEERS** **NEEDED**

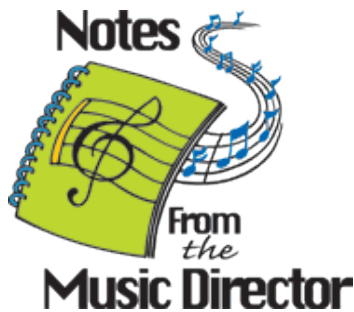
Hebrews 10:25

Let us not give up on meeting together, as some are in  
the habit of doing, but let us encourage each other....

Fellowship is important, for encouraging each other, for  
sharing our joys and sorrows, for getting to know our  
church family a little better. Janelle and Kaylyn are very  
grateful for all who have served the treats for Sunday  
morning fellowship.

**THANK YOU! We appreciate you!**

If anyone would like to serve, there is a sign up sheet under  
the nametags.



## *Choir:*

We are enjoying our summer singers back with us in choir! There's so much catching up to do prior to a rehearsal and the energy carries through!

We hope the congregation and online listeners have been enjoying the message through song. As the director, I try to coordinate the anthem with the sermon scripture and sermon message.

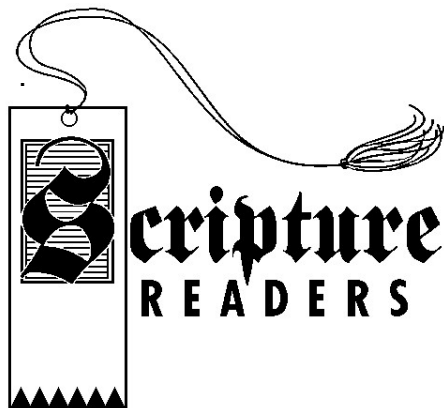
Sometimes it's spot on!

Anyone who would like to participate in the joy of singing and praising our Lord through song is welcome to join us! Here are our upcoming rehearsal times and Sundays we sing through November:

Wednesday nights at 7:00pm: 8/2, 8/16, 8/30, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29

Sundays, rehearse at 8:00am prior to the service: 8/6, 8/20, 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19

In Him, through music, Jennie



## *Scripture Readers*

Please consider volunteering for this important part of our Sunday Worship. Sign up sheet is available by the nametags or call

Diane Thielke at

218-255-5557



## **APRIL Mission Giving**

5-4-23

### **MISSION COMMITTEE**

### **DESIGNATED MISSION GIVING**

Pastor's Discretionary	\$900.00
Hubbard County Food Shelf	\$125.00

<b>TOTAL MISSION GIVING</b>	<b>\$1,025.00</b>
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## **MAY Mission Giving**

6-14-23

### **MISSION COMMITTEE**

Tornado Kits	\$1,089.77
Midwest Mission Distribution	\$60.00
Belinda Forbes Missionary Fund	\$300.00

<b>Total Mission Committee</b>	<b>\$1,449.77</b>
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### **DESIGNATED MISSION GIVING**

Belinda Forbes Missionary Fund	\$1,280.00
Pastor's Discretionary	\$400.00

<b>TOTAL MISSION GIVING</b>	<b>\$3,129.77</b>
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Volunteers from HUMC deliver  
**Meals on Wheels** to Park Rapids  
 residents once every 5 weeks.  
 If you are interested in becoming a  
 delivery person for this  
 rewarding activity,  
 please contact  
 Arnie Kuhn at 701-730-3667.  
*"Thank You"* to our many  
 dedicated volunteers.



**Hubbard MOW Dates:**

August 14-18  
 September 18-22  
 October 23-27

**JUNE Mission Giving** 7-12-23

**MISSION COMMITTEE**  
**Total Mission Committee**

**DESIGNATED MISSION GIVING**

Pastor's Discretionary	\$449.25
MN Annual Conf-LOVE Offering	\$905.00

**TOTAL MISSION GIVING** **\$1,354.25**



*Welcome  
Andy Hendrickson!*

*Our New Digital  
Host*

"Hi, I'm Andy Hendrickson! I'm from Bismarck, ND and I'm currently in my senior year at Century High School.

I really like to read books, watch movies, hike, and hang out with my friends. I also really love music; I've been playing cello for 9 years and I'm currently learning the ukulele, bass guitar, and piano. I love playing so much that I joined the pit-orchestra for 3 musicals: *Legally Blonde*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Mathilda*."

We are so happy to welcome you, Andy!

Digital Host duties include: Hosting our Live Stream on Sundays and lots of other Social Media! More to come...

## *Pastor Discretionary Fund*

Thank you for your support of the Pastor's Discretionary Funds ..... Please continue your support as the funds are being depleted quickly due to the great need.

*Please Consider Giving to the Pastor  
Discretionary Fund Today!  
The needs are great!*



## *Canoe/Kayak Cruise on the Crow Wing River*

**Thursday, August 10th**

Meet at Richard & Kaylyn Anderson's  
(12529 Beach Drive, Nevis) for a light breakfast  
at 8:30am with paddling to follow. There is a sign-up sheet  
in the Welcome Area.



*If you would like to have a prayer request printed in the bulletin or  
given to our telephone prayer chain, please  
inform the office or email Deb Haagenson at  
[debhaagenson@catholichealth.net](mailto:debhaagenson@catholichealth.net)*

**Remember, due to patient privacy, please get permission  
from the person needing  
prayers to have their name printed.**



### **Special dates August**

- Aug. 6, Hymn Sing Sunday
- Aug. 6, 2:00pm  
Taggart Concert
- Aug. 10, 8:30am  
Canoe/Kayak at Andersons
- Aug. 17, 8-2pm  
Parking Lot Sale
- Aug. 31, 9:00am golf outing

### **Golf Outing at Whitetail Run**

Call Taggarts for  
details: 218-732-4239

### **Special dates September**

- Sept. 4, Labor Day
- Sept. 12, 5-7pm  
Water to Wine for  
Wellspring (Bella Café)
- Sept. 20, Women's Retreat
- Sept. 24, HUMC Charge  
Conference
- Sept. 27-29 Leadership Inst

### **Special dates October**

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- Oct. 1, World Communion
- Oct. 15, Laity Sunday
- Oct. 29, Reformation Sun.

## *We Need You!*

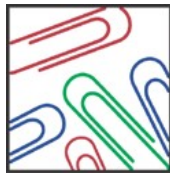
**Please consider volunteering. We are always looking for  
Ushers & Greeters & Tech people- whatever gifts you  
have or are willing to learn!**

**Thank you to all of our many faithful volunteers!**

## *Join the Hubbard Bike Group!*

Dust off your bike, fill the tires and join us on  
Mondays and Fridays beginning in May and into  
the fall. The schedule will be sent out via email. If  
you are not on the list, call Betty McCabe at 218-  
732-1038 or the church office  
at 218-732-0224





FROM THE  
CHURCH  
OFFICE

## *Northern Voice- Newsletter Deadline*

The Northern Voice newsletter is now published quarterly.

The deadline for submitting articles is the 15th of the month, so mark your calendar: the **Winter 2023 Issue deadline is Oct. 15th**. Thank you!!

### Trustee Topics:

First, we appreciate the on-going cleaning/organizing efforts of Linda Larson and Bobbi Zigmant. Lots of obvious and subtle improvements in our facility flow noted from their continuing efforts.

Secondly, we had a much better turn out for the May 20th Spring Clean-Up. Names are not listed because all do not appear on the Official Jobs List; but we appreciate everyone who helped. Also thank you to those who volunteered June 13th to fertilize our lawn, fighting weeds and finishing outdoor clean-up. These include Steve Steinborn, Randy Wimmer, Richard Anderson, Dave Thaelke, Jeff Hauger and Doug Warner.

Finally, our flower gardens are much improved over the last year to the point they will no longer need outside help. Caretakers are: Liz & Bob, Denise & John, Jackie & Dick, Shari, & Rich and Randy & Robyn. If any of you could use help in this on-going effort, please contact a Trustee. *Rich Perrine*



# BIRTHDAYS

## August

Emma Taggart	3
Bruce Bolton	7
Amy Lundstrom	7
Lou Schultz	8
Christopher Vargas	8
Roger Jorgenson	9
Cherilyn Sinner	11
LeRoy Martinson	12
Gail Manlove	14
Carolyn Bixby	15
Don Haagenson	15
Nancy Vogt	16
Marvel Haynes	19
Wren Bolton	19
Dolly Hallstrom	20
Paul Seaton	20
Dennis Greenawalt	21
Anne Carter	24
Jean Aronson	24
Jeanne Bergren	25
Karl Groth	27
John Kisser	27
Maggie Jorgenson	29
Jade Selander	30

## October

Ava Bolton	1
Joy Derr	1
Sue Harmon	4
Christopher Bolton	5
Nadine Wheeler	7
Fred Nordstrom	7
Bob Heggen	10
Betsy Roman	14
Gary Barrett	19
Arlene Zimmerman	20
Marion Hansen	20
Keith Hein	24
Wanda Mead	24
Marshall Kalm	26
Steve Steinborn	27
Judy Johnson	28
Kevin Berry	31

## September

Becca Dooley	1
Mary Barrett	7
MaJeana Hallstrom	7
Mari Gabrielson	9
Jacob Taggart	10
Doug Hed	14
Betsy Hill	15
Bill Sinner	15
Jane Boehmer	16
Julie Smith	16
Margi Taggart	22
Jan Landess	23
Bobbie Zigmant	25
Jim Gordon	26
Linda Lund	28

## August

Jack & Joy Derr	1
Karl & Boo Groth	5
Gary & Mary Barrett	7
Dale & Lois Captain	7
Melvin & Tonya Bolton	13
Tom & Sue Harmon	13
Jim & Pat Gordon	15
Mark & Betty Larsen	17
Rod & Marie Nordberg	20
Dennis & Eileen Bolton	21
Marcus & Nancy Knowles	21
Rob & MaJeana Hallstrom	23
Jeff & Lauren Hauger	28
Richard & Kaylyn Anderson	31

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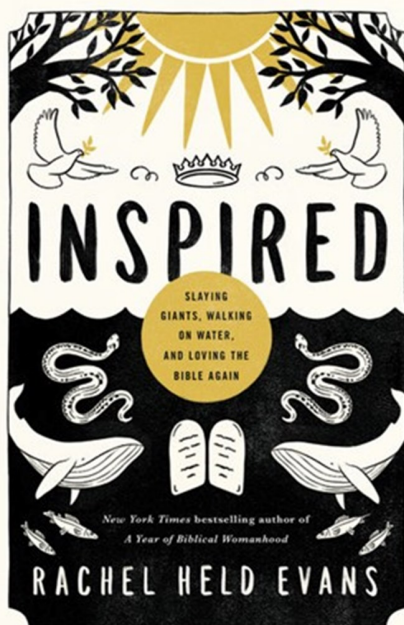
## 4-Week Online Discussion Via Zoom

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WEDNESDAYS at 10:30am  
August 16, 23, 30 and  
September 6

Based on Rachel Held Evans' Book:

"Inspired: Slaying Giants,  
Walking on Water, and  
Loving the Bible Again."



To register, sign up in the  
church or call the church office at 218-732-0224

## ANNIVERSARIES

### September

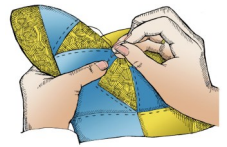
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| Donald & Janell Saunders   | 5  |
| Richard & Sharilyn Perrine | 14 |
| LeRoy & Nancy Martinson    | 17 |
| Dennis & Terry Greenawalt  | 21 |
| Aaron & Juliann Kjenaas    | 23 |
| Jim & Jill Eisele          | 27 |
| Glynn & Pam Davis          | 29 |

### October

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Bill & Edye Olson        | 10 |
| Tom & Noel Moore         | 12 |
| Paul & Jenny Seaton      | 15 |
| Larry & Karen Odegard    | 16 |
| Douglas & Maxine Rathbun |    |
|                          | 23 |
| Don & Deb Haagenson      | 25 |



# Care And Comfort



Threads of Love

## **Quilting to Resume September 12**

*"Beautiful things come together one stitch at a time."*

The Threads of Love Quilters will resume quilting on Tuesday, September 12, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, offering members of the congregation an opportunity to serve those in need while providing a time of "faith, fun and fellowship."

The group breaks at noon for lunch, devotions and a time for sharing.

The ability to sew is not a requirement, as you may prefer to bring your knitting, or sit and tie a pre-cut fleece blanket. The finished quilts and fleece blankets are given to those in need of "care and comfort," from members of our congregation to organizations and schools in the community.

Why quilt? There are as many answers as there are quilters!

In the past, people quilted out of necessity. They made quilts to keep themselves and their families warm. Today we have many options to keep safe and warm, but we still quilt.

Quilting has many benefits. Stress relief is one, along with socialization and a sense of accomplishment. Quilters enjoy time spent with other quilters, even if they are only talking about quilting! Quilters love to create beautiful things to nurture our own creativity and to bring joy to those they give their quilts to.





# United Women in Faith

## RESHAPED THROUGH UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

As Pastor Lauren has been guiding us through our current “Reshaped” sermon series, I have been reflecting how United Women in Faith has reshaped not only my life but the lives of United Women in Faith is shaped out of the Mission of the United Methodist Church. We are the official women’s group of the UMC and stand along side the church both via the Discipline of the Church and the mission of the Church. We support our church missions **as well as** the missions supported by UWF.

Within our Purpose and Mission, our purpose is to know God. As United Women in Faith we attend church regularly and expand our Spiritual Growth through the experience of regular spiritual practices such as personal devotion, Bible study, and prayer. We, as an organization, have “reshaped” ourselves many times to meet the needs of the people we serve over the last 150+ years. It is our intent to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ continuing to bring Christ’s love and ministry to people around the world.

As Sisters of Grace, we have developed a creative and supportive fellowship with each other, the planet and the needs of it’s people. Our missions are present within the United States and around the world.

**I would invite you to join our Hubbard United Women in Faith group which meets monthly** (usually the first Wednesday at 1pm in the Wesley room). Your participation can help us expand our impact in our local community as well as within the USA and Globally. The local Unit is the grassroots organization of the UWF. District and Conference teams serve a broader purpose within our state as well as connecting us with the National organization. For questions about UWF or membership, please contact Marion Hansen, our current president, or one of our current UWF members.



**UWF Parking Lot  
(Yard) Sale  
Hubbard United  
Methodist Church**

**8:00am - 2:00pm  
Broadway Rd, Park Rapids**

***(in the community of Hubbard)*  
Thursday August 17th**

*The  
Taggart Siblings  
August 6, 2023  
2:00 PM*

Please join us for this  
wonderful tradition  
at HUMC, featuring four  
classically  
trained and talented  
pianists.

