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# July Newsletter

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sometimes I wish I could literally slow down time. It feels like I just was writing my piece for the June Newsletter and here we are already heading into July. I don't know if it's because we have finally got some of our normalcy and freedom back but I feel like I am running and spinning in so many directions day after day. Don't get me wrong – I am enjoying this beautiful summer weather and getting to do and see some amazing people and places. I just seem to forget at times to enjoy the moment, soak in my surroundings and be thankful for all that I have!

July always seems to be the month that most people find time to get away. I am thrilled to have my granddaughter with our family for the month so I know that we will be planning fun weekend and day trips. We really are blessed to have many opportunities close by and can spend as much or as little to create wonderful memories and adventures. Our summers are short and we need to enjoy all that we can so I urge you to find ways to appreciate God's beautiful creation and get outdoors.

OH and don't forget, when you are out and about you can still find church – whether a church at the lakes or in the town you are visiting or on our Facebook page each Sunday morning. I am so appreciative for those that continue to keep up with Perley Parish – Members, Friends and New folks – each Sunday and Wednesday. We are blessed that we can be on the go and “in church” both!

Enjoy your July and keep in touch – send pictures of your fun adventures to me!!

Blessings! - Pastor Michele

## July at a glance

- ❖ Sunday, July 4 at 9am – ON LINE Only
- ❖ Tuesday, July 6 at 6pm – Kirkebo Council
- ❖ Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am – Kirkebo
- ❖ Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am – Nora –  
**Outdoor service**
- ❖ Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – Nora Council @ 6:30
- ❖ Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9am – Kirkebo  
**Outdoor Service**

## Perley Parish Food Shelf New Day

Beginning Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> the Food Shelf will be open on **Mondays** from 5:30-7:30 instead of Thursdays.

## Old Fashioned Church Service

Join Kirkebo on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> for an Old Fashioned outdoor service with Testify. We will not only joy music from long ago but we will also be recognizing and remembering our dear friend Sherman Hoganson during the service. Many of the Hoganson family will be coming to join us.

Brunch picnic to follow the service. Please bring a chair if you are able and get ready for some singing, fellowship and foot tapping!

## Summer Worship

We will continue with one service at 9AM each Sunday:  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at Nora  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at Kirkebo.

The first and second Sundays each month will be held and streamed from inside and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> services will be held and streamed outdoors (weather permitting of course). Bring your lawn chair on the outdoor service Sundays to enjoy the weather and gather together in the sunshine – yes sunshine!

## In our thoughts and prayers

Sonja Meline, Roger Meline, Jeff Loe, Marlis Ziegler, Kirk Stevenson, Evonne Barnum, Byron Heckman and Whitney. *IF we have missed someone please let us know so we can update this list.*

## Things to start thinking about.....

Nora members would like to have us all to start planning and preparing for the following events:

August Rummage Sale – date is yet to be determined but start going through closets and storage to find things you are ready to part with. PLEASE price items as you are finding them. No electronics please! Questions can be directed to Errin Bjerke who has graciously agreed to take lead on this event.

December Bazaar/ Pancake Breakfast – tentative date of December 4<sup>th</sup> - start creating your craft masterpieces and begin to think about Christmas baking goodies you can make and donate. Questions can be directed to Claudia Cleveland who has graciously agreed to take lead on this event along with others who were involved in Bazaars in the past.

Kirkebo members –we've got a few fall things in the works but can you think of something else to try?? Contact Carolyn Nelson or Rose Goble

We will indeed need volunteers for all events planned so please consider not only donating your items but also your time to support our churches.



**Each Wednesday night through August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on Facebook Live.**

**What is it??** A 15-20 minute story time/devotional  
**Where?** Wouldn't you like to know.....??

Each week following our time together you are encouraged to email/message in where you believe I have been streaming from – I'll be visiting places that have unique and fun things to show you. All guesses throughout the summer will be put into a drawing for a gift card prize in August. All locations will be within a 40 mile radius of Perley/Gardner. Guesses can be sent to [perleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:perleyparish@gmail.com), [mjenson001@luthersem.edu](mailto:mjenson001@luthersem.edu) or call into the office at 218-861-6541.

## Giving Made Easy

As we continue to announce and hear through our correspondences – our churches need to get caught up on their budget shortfalls. COVID and not-meeting in person caused our budgets and savings to be depleted so it is imperative that we work on building them back up again.

During these summer months – when you may not be able to make it into the sanctuary – please consider making your offering donations by mail, or by simply going to <https://perleyparish.org/give/> and click on the links to make your offering and donations to Kirkebo and/or Nora Lutheran Churches online. Did you know that you can also donate to the Food Shelf there as well.

**Save the Date:** Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – 9am Nora will be blessed with an **Outdoor Old Fashioned Church** service. Enjoy great music by Testify. Bring a chair.

