

All Souls is a welcoming spiritual community. We seek truth, practice love, and celebrate life.

February Worship Schedule

February 1
10:00a.m.
(9:00am Choir)

"Soul is a Verb"

Augustana professor Jill Storm will expand on the theme for the month, "Soul Work: What are you doing for your soul?" How is soul a verb? Does it take our action to have a soul? Doesn't everyone have a soul?

Guest Speaker: Augustana professor Jill Storm

WSC: Sue Ann Lang

Musician: Kristi Holler

Sound: Terry Lang and Ken Abbe

February 8
10:00a.m.

"A Soul of Your Own."

If Soul is a potential part of who you are where do you start, the inside or the outside? Are you internally open to things to fill you up? Rev. Dr. Peter Holland will help us explore "A Soul of our Own."

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Peter Holland

WSC: Chris Provance/Sue Ann Lang Musician: Debbie R.

Sound: Terry Lang and Ken Abbe

February 15
10:00a.m.

"Emotion in Motion."

Justice, it is said, is what love looks like in public. On this day after Valentine's Day, we will consider what it means to love and how we carry our love into the world.

Minister: David Kraemer

WSC: Scott Kunze

Musician: Debbie Reid

Sound: Terry Lang and Ken Abbe

February 22
10:00a.m.
(9:00am Choir)

"In the Care of Souls."

Is the soul, as Emerson writes in "The Over-Soul," immortal and connected to all other souls? Or is it more transient and fragile? How do you take care of your own soul? How do we take care of each other? How is it that we all share in ministry?

Minister: David Kraemer

WSC: Sue Ann Lang

Musician: Kristi Holler

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From the Minister David Kraemer

We moved the wood duck box to a different tree this year. It has been on a big oak on the other side of the lake for many years now. But it has been several years since it has attracted any nesting action, and even longer since it has produced young. I began to suspect that this tree, though it is on the edge of the woods, is still just a little too far away from the water, like maybe even just a few feet too far, so that the mama wood ducks worry that the ducklings, when they start testing their wings, will tumble down out of the nest not into the safety of the water, but instead into the gaping maw of some land creature—a fox or a turtle or maybe Andrew Zimmern.

The nest, I thought, needed to be on the edge. Edge environments are best. They are most fertile. Edge environments are where you find the most diversity. They are where all the life is.

So last month, when we could cross easily on the ice, we loaded up with the tools I thought we would need and went to move the box to a new tree, closer to the water.

The job turned out to be much more involved than I expected. Jobs always are. My wife jokes that it usually takes three trips to the hardware store to get one thing done. In this case, it was four trips, back across the ice, to the shed, for more tools. The bracket that held the box had grown into the tree, and the bolts that originally held

it were fused with the trunk so that when I turned them with a wrench, they just broke off. But the bracket stayed. It is amazing how set things can become, like they have always been that way.

Finally, we broke the bracket free. It left a crucifix-like stigmata on the trunk. Who knows how long that will be there, witness to my sins, before time and bark heal it over?

We fixed the box to the new tree, not quite as solidly as to the first, in case I change my mind again in a year. But solidly enough that I hope this year we will see some success. I stuffed some cedar shavings in the bottom to make a nice bed. Now we wait.

It did my soul some good, I think, to tend to the wood duck box this year. I had been neglecting it for too long. It's a job checked off my to-do list. But it's more than that. It tends to the creatures around us on the lake. And it makes me think of edge environments. Where all the life is.

Tending to your soul is our worship theme for February. We will talk more about what that term "soul" means—especially important for us here at All Souls! We will consider how we care for our souls. And for the souls of those around us.

I hope you find a way to do your own soul some good this month. And that the plans you lay, hatch.



David's Schedule: Available in Sioux Falls Feb. 15-22, March 3-8 & 15-21, April 5-10
Office hours: by appointment. (515) 232-2536



From the President Joy Hembel

February Message

February is definitely a month in which I want to be cheered and comforted. Having lived here in the northern states for most of my life, the cold winds, ice, and storms of February have consistently inspired me to seek comfort for my soul during this period. And so I often turn to a little poem that I discovered when I was in 7th grade. I consider it my "soul food." I was so delighted with it when I was in middle school that I copied it for an art project. I still have this poem in a frame on my wall. It is by an early 20th century poet named Thomas Grant Springer, and I share it with you now.

May you find comfort for your soul this February!

Giving and Forgiving

What makes life worth the living
Is our giving and forgiving;
Giving tiny bits of kindness
That will leave a joy behind us,
And forgiving bitter trifles
That the right word often stifles,
For the little things are bigger
Than we often stop to figure.
What makes life worth the living
Is our giving and forgiving.



Prairie Moon CUUPS Winter Solstice Celebration

Written by Julia Tibbetts

On Sunday, December 21 the Prairie Moon CUUPS group gathered with members from the All Souls congregation to celebrate the Winter Solstice, shining lights in the darkest and longest night to welcome again the lengthening of days.

Aundrea Dybing-Jorgenson, Clara Jacob, Deb McIntyre, David Kraemer, and Julia Tibbetts hosted the gathering at Julia's house. Almost 30 were in attendance, filling the dining and living room with souls bringing warmth to the blustery and gray day. The potluck was filled with delicious variety: brownies with dried mango representing the fire, dessert bars, chips and dip, hummus, cheese and crackers and beverages galore. It was a festive feast to partake in!

As the CUUPS chapter waited for guests to arrive, we discussed the meaning of solstice to us and read tarot while sipping on tea and wine. David and his wife Mary were the first to arrive, and then more and more trickled in through the door. The children played downstairs as the adults made themselves comfortable and obtained beverages and foodstuffs. Terry had to help Julia bring up extra chairs from the basement to accommodate all the people!

Once everyone was situated, David called the group to order and Julia proceeded with the opening:

Come we now out of the darkness of our unknowing
Come we now out of the darkness of our unknowing
and the dusk of our dreaming;
Come we now from far places.
Come we now into the twilight of our awakening
and the reflection of our gathering.
Come we now all together.
We bring, unilluminated, our dark caves of doubting;
We seek, unbedazzled, the clear light of understanding.
May the sparks of our joining kindle our resolve,
brighten our spirits, reflect our love,
and unshadow our days.
Come we now; enter the dawning.
~ Annie Foerster

The CUUPS group called the quarters, recognizing the four directions and the balance necessary in life. Each direction coordinates with elements and associations. David shared important words relating how the solstice celebration tied to All Souls: "Today as Unitarian Universalists, we gain inspiration from the Paganism view of a Universe that is a living being. Everything in the world is living and is part of the living body of the Universe. And each living part of the Universe is important and sacred. Animals and plants are part of the living spirit of the Universe, but so too are mountains, rocks, streams, stars, and clouds."

The gathering continued with more readings, a litany, and a ritual of burning away the things we wish to let go while holding onto those we wish to grow into the new year. Following the closing, everyone gathered, ate, drank, conversed, and were merry. The laughter, joy, and community warmed the cockles of hearts while energizing the home in positive glow of the light of extending days to come.

CUUPS is one of many active groups in the All Souls congregation. Everyone is welcome to join the Prairie Moon Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS) chapter and/or to attend our public events. To learn more about us, please visit and like our Facebook page (search "Prairie Moon CUUPS") or email prairiemoon.cuups@gmail.com.

Blast from the Past!

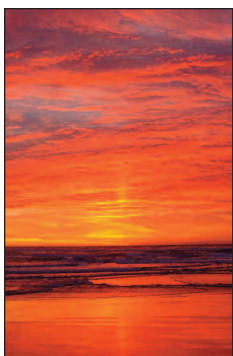


The Pink Church

Above is "The Pink Church," our former building at the 9th and Cliff location. We sold our old home in 2005 after serving us for nearly 25 years, when it no longer met our needs and was not accessible to all.

GET INVOLVED! Make the most of your experience at All Souls.

Get involved in the many groups and committees here. There is something for everyone.



Adult RE - 10am, Feb. 19 Lectio Divina with David

Lectio Divina is a spiritual practice borrowed from the Benedictines that traditionally uses biblical passages, meditation, and prayer for deep reflection in a group setting. We will adapt it according to our "open canon" to read from a selection of poetry and share insights of our lives. If you are interested in deepening your sense of spirituality, if you are willing to try something new, come join us. Join us at 10:00a.m., February 19. This class will last one hour.

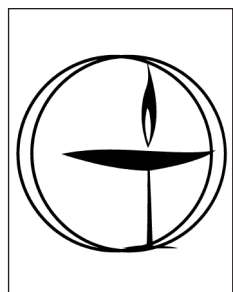


Seeking Leaders and Doers

The search is on for candidates to fill officer, board, and committee leadership positions that will be changing in May. If you have an interest in serving, please let members of the Leadership Development Committee know. Training opportunities are available to help prepare our church's leaders.

Looking forward to hearing from you . . .

The Leadership Development Team: Lisa Gallaini, Susan Randall, Terry Lang

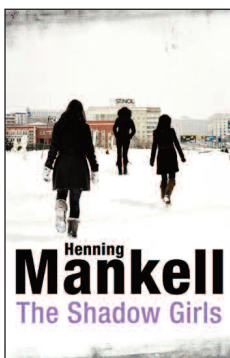


Kraemer to be Ordained April 12 in Rochester, MN

Interim Minister David Kraemer is pleased to announce that he will be ordained into the Unitarian Universalist ministry at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2015, at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1727 Walden Lane SW,

Rochester, MN.

All Souls members and friends are invited to attend this joyous celebration. Watch for an email and a more detailed article in the March newsletter.



Book Club

Book Club will meet at 7:00p.m., Monday, February 23, to discuss *The Shadow Girls* by Henning Mankell. Discussion leader is David Squires.

The March 23 selection will be *A Man in Full* by Tom Wolfe with leader Bob Vrchota.

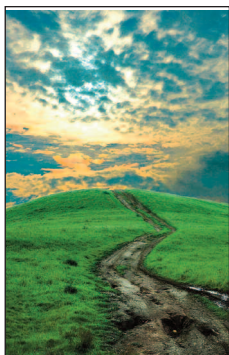


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**KEEP
CALM
AND
JOIN US**

**Women's Group
5:00pm – 6:30pm, Tue., February 10
Bracco's, 5001 S. Western Ave. Sioux Falls**



Path To Faith Classes Starting Feb. 16

Our All Souls orientation classes are (1) a path to better understanding of our UU tradition, and (2) a path to membership at All Souls UU.

If you know of an interested friend, or if you are a recent visitor to All Souls, we invite you to participate in our next series of classes. They will be held from 7pm-8:30pm on Monday, Feb. 16; Wednesday, Feb. 25; Monday, March 2; and Monday, March 9. David and Cheryl Squires will be the co-facilitators

There will be an **ingathering of new members** at the Sunday morning service, March 15, for those who choose membership following the classes, and for those who are transferring membership from other UU congregations.

About the Path to Faith Class:

Our orientation program will discuss the All Souls Church local history heritage, we'll review our organization's covenant agreement and bylaw articles, and view the historical and informational DVD *Our American Roots: Unitarian-Universalism in North America* hosted by Rev. Marlin Lavanhar and narrated by Tom Brokaw. Learn how this free, liberal approach to religious understanding played an important role guiding our founding leaders. We'll next read and discuss *A Chosen Faith* by John A. Buehren and Forrest Church and review a study guide which allows an honest review of both your learned and current faith belief practices.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Cheryl Squires, Membership Committee, at 251-2420 or csqui55@aol.com



Fundraising Themed Dinners & Socials

The first two fundraising dinners of the season were hugely popular and the committee is looking forward to the **Super Bowl Gathering** at the home of Walker Wynkoop and Yoshi Sato, **5:00pm, Saturday, Feb. 1.** Cost is \$15 per person.

Claudia Dail is hosting a "Wine and Beer Tasting with Nonalcoholic Options" with an array of snacks from **7-9 p.m. on Sat. Feb. 21.** Cost is \$25, and the ticketholder may bring a newer member or friend as a guest for no extra charge.

Saturday, March 7, it's back to Yoshi and Walker's and "Japanese Hors d'oeuvres and Sake." Cost is \$35 and the event begins at 7:00pm.

Downton Abbey wait staff will be serving an English dinner on **Sat., April 4.** There is space for 8 guests at \$30 per guest. Marcy Reisetter will be hosting.

Join in the fun and friendship--and support our church and its growth.

Join Us On Game Day!



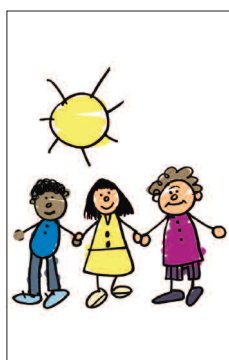
Wanted:
Volunteers to do
the
"Dirty Work"
Join Us for
Church Cleaning
February 7 & 21
at 10:00am



Children's RE

February's Journey

During February, the Sunday morning children's religious education programs will have themes similar to our worship services. These themes will focus on emotions and nurturing the soul.



February 1 - HOPE

February 8 - LOVE

February 15 - Care for Yourself

February 22 - Nature



Banquet Serving Success Friday, January 2

pen.

A special thanks to our cooks--Sue Ann, Holly, Lawrence, Mark S. and Mark B.--it was a full 3 hours preparing the feast.

"Never doubt a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead

**"I drink to
the general joy
o' the whole table."**

~ William Shakespeare,
Macbeth



Men's Un-Group

5:30p.m., Wed., February 18
Monk's House of Ale Repute,
420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls

Race: The Power of an Illusion 3-part PBS film series with facilitated discussion

Is Race for real? We all know that people look different. Anyone can tell a Czech from a Chinese. But are these differences racial? What does race mean?

This three-part film series from PBS explores the history and phenomenon of race as we have come to know it. There's less--and more--to race than meets the eye. Each segment runs approximately one hour. Each will be followed by facilitated discussion. There are still two episodes left in this series.

Episode 1 -- "The Difference Between Us" was enjoyed by many on January 14, 2015. Don't miss the next two episodes.

Episode 2 -- "The Story We Tell", 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Episode 3 -- "The House We Live In", 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Here's what Larry Adelman, executive producer, has to say about the series.

"Race is one topic where we all think we're experts. Yet ask 10 people to define race or name "the races," and you're likely to get 10 different answers. Few issues are characterized by more contradictory assumptions and myths, each voiced with absolute certainty.

"In producing this series, we felt it was important to go back to first principles and ask, What is this thing called "race?"--a question so basic it is rarely raised. What we discovered is that most of our common assumptions about

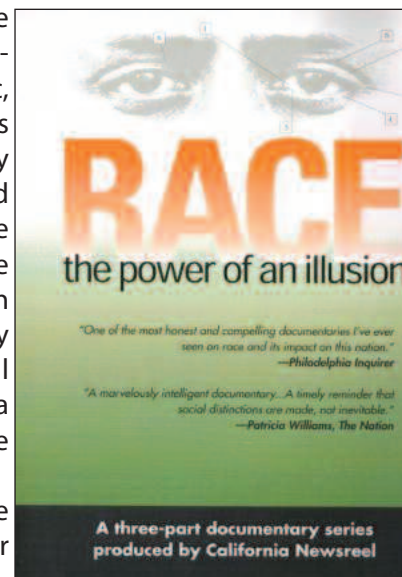
race--for instance, that the world's people can be divided biologically along racial lines--are wrong. Yet the consequences of racism are very real.

"How do we make sense of these two seeming contradictions? Our hope is that this series can help us all navigate through our myths and misconceptions, and scrutinize some of the assumptions we take for granted. In that sense, the real subject of the film is not so much about race, but the viewer--or more precisely--the notions about race we all hold.

"We hope this series can help clear away the biological underbrush and leave starkly visible the underlying social, economic, and political conditions that disproportionately channel advantages and opportunities to white people. Perhaps then we can shift the conversation from discussing diversity and respecting cultural difference to building a more just and equitable society."

Facilitator will be David Kraemer, minister at All Souls Unitarian Universalist. Please come join us.

You don't fight racism with racism.
The best way to fight racism is with "solidarity".
~ Bobby Seale





Church Building Renovation Updates

The transformation of our church building into an even more handicap-friendly place with a new push-button handicap entry door, improved office configuration, and new library-conference room will begin next month. A team from All Souls will invest “sweat equity” to keep costs in line with our budget. Here’s the timeline:

- **March 2 to 15:** Offices move to temporary location in classroom 1, lower level; demolition of existing walls and removal of accordion folding divider (east end of sanctuary).

- **March 16 to April 15:** New walls, doors, electrical, and plumbing installed.
- **April 16 to April 30:** Painting, floor coverings completed.
- **May 1:** Move-in day!

No disruptions will occur in this month of February. When renovation does begin, everyone will do their best to keep disruptions to a minimum—but do expect several adjustments as we get through this.

With joyful anticipation,
The Facilities Management Committee
Susan Randall, Chair; Ken Abbe, Eric Berg,
Joy Hembel, Sue Ann Lang, Nelson Vollink.
Min. David Kraemer, ex-officio



Mid-America UUA Regional Conference

Mid-America UUA Regional Conference is set for April 17 to 19, 2015, in Naperville, Ill.

“The NEW in the New Era of Unitarian Universalism” is the theme as our newly formed 12-state Mid-America Region of the UUA gathers in

one place for the first time this spring in Naperville, Ill., (near Chicago). All Souls’ Leadership Development Committee encourages members to plan to attend this ground-breaking conference featuring two keynote speakers: Rev. Marlin Lavanhar, senior minister at All Souls UU, Tulsa, Okla. and Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt, president of Starr King Seminary.

Conference planners note:

Religious life in our country is undergoing significant change. Unitarian Universalism, with our heritage of working for justice, is also changing--especially as we observe and engage in the movements sweeping our country for racial equity. This is a liminal moment for us as a religious people--we have an opportunity to shape our future right now if we are willing to support and join those on the front lines; if we are open to the changes that will follow. The foundations for our “New Era” are being laid as you read this. With the well-publicized trends of “spiritual but not religious” and the different needs of younger generations in their embrace of faith and spirituality, how can we make our congregations ready to welcome, embrace, and engage all who seek us out? What do we need to pay attention to, to prepare for it? Our keynote presenters will tell their stories

and share their experiences in ministry, ministerial formation, and congregational life as they explore possibilities for the future.

Registration cost is \$175/adult. All Souls Church has some scholarship funds available. Contact Susan Randall at 605-941-4440 if you are interested.

For more information, visit
www.midamericauua.org/events/regional-assembly



The New Era of
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Keynotes:
Rev. Marlin Lavanhar
Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

April 17-19

One location: Marriott Hotel in Naperville, Illinois (near Chicago)
1801 N Naper Blvd, Naperville, IL 60563
An entire weekend full of events for everyone!

Enjoy outstanding worship, workshops addressing our theme,
and the Annual Business Meeting.



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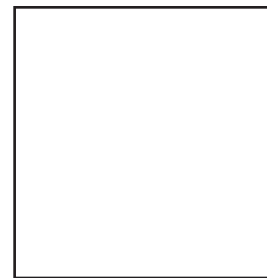




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