

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

April Worship Schedule

April 5

10:00a.m.

(9:00am Choir)

"The Defiant Sound of Life"

Today is Easter, celebrated in Christian tradition as a day of new life, with ancient roots connecting it to Passover, to goddesses, to spring and to the cycles of the moon. New life, emerging from the murk and the gloom. We will celebrate with stories of sandhill cranes, of dying and living, and what meaning we can find in resurrection.

Minister: David Kraemer

WSC: Sue Ann Lang Musician: Kristi Holler

Sound: Terry Lang

April 12

10:00a.m.

"A Dialogue on Palliative Care" (No circle discussion)

Dr. Eidsness, USD Internal Medicine Chair, will come to be in dialogue with us on this aspect of life. After a brief introduction she will lead a congregational discussion on palliative care. What is it? Who benefits from it? How does it help those who are in the final stages of life? How does it benefit families? What questions do you bring? Please note that there will not be the traditional Circle Discussion at 11:20 due to the dialogue format of the service. There will opportunity for extensive conversation.

Guest Speaker: Dr. LuAnn Eidsness

WSC: Sue Ann Lang Musician: Debbie Reid and violinist Emera Gurath Sound: Terry Lang

April 19

10:00a.m.

"Living In A World of Kindness" (Concert to follow services, see page 4)

In this delightful service, Joseph will emphasize ability awareness and inclusion for all, his work with Chris Burke, the actor with Down Syndrome who played "Corky" on the hit ABC-TV show Life Goes On, and how we can all work to make our congregation and community a more tolerant and loving world. This will be an intergenerational service- kids are welcome. Joe will share a few songs, as well, from his extensive repertoire.

Speaker: Joseph DeMasi

WSC: Chris Provance Musicians: Joseph & John DeMasi

Sound: Terry Lang/Ken Abbe

April 26

10:00a.m.

(9:00am Choir)

"Earth Day Celebration"

Come; join us with garden gloves and tools. Work clothes are suggested for this morning. We will gather in the sanctuary for opening ceremonies and then all will move to the gardens outside to clean out the water features and install the pumps, clean up the planting areas, do some planting of hardy spring plants, put down ground cover around the tether ball and much more. There will be work for everyone. We will finish up with the usual treats.

Guest speakers: the Worship Team

WSC: The team Musician: Kristi Holler

Sound: Terry Lang



From the Minister David Kraemer

Behind my house is a maple tree, still etched mostly in the grays of winter. But in mid-March, the tips of each branch began to turn red, itching to touch something. I imagine the tree can feel this. Its blood is pumping, life is returning. By now the bright buds are unfurling. From a distance, they are tongues of fire licking the fingertips of the tree. Up close, they are even more fantastical, tiny explosions of form, impossible, improbable shapes, Like something from sci-fi.

This month is a bud about to burst. This month is all about the return of life to the earth. Winter has pulled back its covers, the light is shining in, it is time to get up, get out, clean out the gutters and take care of whatever yard work didn't get done before the snow fell. It is time to start thinking about the garden. Open the windows. Air out the house. Life is returning.

In the past couple of months, we have talked a lot about what feeds our souls, what gives us hope. Especially in the dregs of winter, this has been a good mes-

sage. I'll tell you what gives me hope. It is the persistent, indefatigable, incessant, irresistible force of life, emerging each spring from the murk and the mud. It seems so unlikely. Somehow, some way, where once there was no life, suddenly, there is. It keeps popping up. Life, inside us and around us, recurring, eternal. This is what incarnation means to me. Life incarnate in blood and bone, in tree sap and bursting buds.

Our theme for April is "The Defiant Sound of Life." We begin with a celebration of Easter, an ancient celebration of life. Through the month we will continue to celebrate with singing and speaking, and we will engage in a little of our own green yard work in honor of Earth Day.

Come stretch out your own fingers. Touch the earth. Feel the life returning.



David's Schedule: April 5-10 (Easter)
Office hours: by appointment. (515) 231-2536
or email davek_27@yahoo.com



From the President Joy Hembel

April Message

Living in the Northern Hemisphere of this delightful planet, I find April to be a month of hope and new life. Since I can remember, I have always found great inspiration and pleasure in my natural surroundings, especially during my long walks through the sun-drenched cornfields and shady woods on the farms of my grandparents. Seeing and smelling the lovely early flowers--as they magically sprout in our gardens, lawns, fields and woods--brings me immense pleasure, especially after having survived the frozen landscape over the previous several weeks.

When I was in third grade I wrote my first poem. Admittedly, it is not great poetry, but I still feel this way about spring.

I Like Spring

The grass is turning green.
The sun is getting hot.
You can even pick flowers
In your own little lot!

Summer, Winter, and of course, Fall--
They're alright, but best of all,
I like Spring--
To hear the birds sing
And smell the fragrance in the air,
Which is so very rare!

This is the season of renewal and rebirth. Our senses are reawakened to the joys of living and to new possibilities. It even inspires children to write poems! Our pledge campaign is ending Easter Sunday, April 5, and I am confident that, thanks to you, we will move forward into our 2015-16 fiscal year, having achieved our campaign goals and being able to implement our future plans. This is the time for a renewed commitment to our spiritual community. This April, may we find rejuvenation together, as we seek truth, practice love, and celebrate life!

REMINDER: Please submit your news articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month prior to publication.
Thank You!

In Gathering New Members Join All Souls

Six new members were ingathered during our worship service on Sunday, March 15. We welcome Matt and Shaylee Healy, JoAnn Huber, Wendy Guitian, Julia Tibbetts, and Gina Hale.

Right: Joining the new members for an official photo are (left to right, top row) membership chair Mark Sanderson, minister David Kraemer, and Path-to-Faith class facilitators Cheryl and Dave Squires. (left to right, front row) new members JoAnn Huber, Wendy Guitian, Julia Tibbetts, and Gina Hale.



Above: Mark Sanderson reads at the In Gathering Ceremony.



Above: David Squires offers congratulations to new members.



Children's RE

April's Journey

The children's RE shall be following the adult services. For the month of April, David Kraemer created the theme of Defiant Sound of Life.

April 5: Easter (Children's egg hunt and decorating).

April 12: Caring for life (discuss taking care of ourselves, other creatures, and the earth).

April 19: Multigenerational service with Joe DeMasi, concert after services.

April 26: Multigenerational service Earth Day, taking care of the earth.

Parents of children in Religious Education programming can obtain a registration form from an RE volunteer leader. All Souls Church holds a Sundae Sunday event at the end of every August, at which time many parents register their children for RE and volunteers are encouraged to sign up to teach RE classes. You can register your child at any time throughout the year.

**"The poetry of the earth is never dead."
~ John Keats**

DUST BUNNY HERDING:

**A FUN, HANDS-ON GAME YOU PLAY
WITH OTHER CHURCH MEMBERS.**

**April 11 & 25
at 10:00am
Church Cleaning**



JOIN THE FUN!

The DeMasi Brothers



April 19, 11:00am The DeMasi Brothers in Concert

Join us for "Worship – Part II" after services, 11:00 a. m., Sunday, April 19. In lieu of Circle Discussion, Joseph and his brother John will present a concert while folks enjoy their coffee, tea, and vittles. Brother John plays fiddle, guitar and sings and does a mean Orange Blossom Special! Check out them and their band's website, at: www.thedemasibrothers.org.

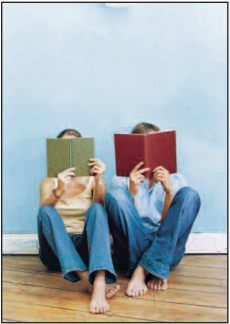


Seeking Leaders and Doers

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



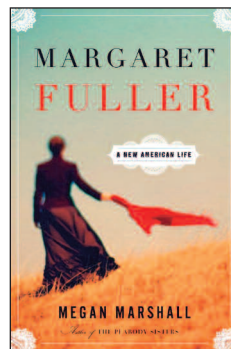
About the Book Club

July.

The club currently meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to share and discuss observations, insights and opinions about a book we read that month. Meetings are informal and usually held at the church except June and July.

Questions, comments or inquiries about All Souls book club can be asked of any club member or directed to Barb Peterson who currently coordinates club activities.

She can be reached at her e-mail at barbpeterson@sio.midco.net.



Book Club

Book Club will meet at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 27, to discuss "*Margaret Fuller: A New American Life*" by Megan Marshall (Biography). Discussion leader is Sally Scott.

The May 25 selection will be "*The Orphan Train*" By Christina Baker Kline

(book in a bag).



NPR Sponsorship



Do you already contribute to NPR? Please consider directing your donation to NPR through the church, so that All Souls can sponsor a program and receive some extra exposure. The \$800 contract for the radio show is paid January; a special fund is set up for this. If you would like to contribute, please contact Joy (605) 332-1587 or email joyhembel@gmail.com.



All Souls Women's Group
Tue., April 14th at 5:00pm
Bracco's, 5001 S. Western Ave. Sioux Falls





Fundraising Themed Dinners & Socials

The enthusiastic participation at all of the fundraising dinners and socials held so far indicates how well we have all worked together to continue our support of All Souls. Equally important is the enjoyment we have all gotten from getting to know one another better and the deepening of our sense of community.

Coming up Saturday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. is the **"Downton Abbey English Dinner"** hosted by member Marcy Reisetter. This event is sold out. Marcy generously opened up more dinner spots for several additional guests, but at this point the dinner is full.

However, look for details in next month's newsletter regarding a **"McKenna Park Area Progressive Dinner"**, hosted by Clara Jacob, Shaylee and Matt Healy, and Marsha Vickland and Janelle Lenser. A different course will be

served at each location. Distance between homes is short! See the May newsletter for details on date, time, cost and course information. Sign-up sheet will be out on the table soon!

Thanks to everyone who has hosted an event. They have been so much fun!



Climate Justice Month March 22 - April 22

From the uua.org website.

From World Water Day to Earth Day (March 22 to April 22, 2015), Unitarian Universalists and other people of faith and conscience will begin a spiritual journey for climate justice organized by Commit2Respond, the new climate justice initiative led by groups across the Unitarian Universalist (UU) faith movement.

Individuals, families, groups, and congregations will get faith-filled resources, engage in powerful practices throughout the month, learn together, and figure out how to best shift to a low-carbon future, advance human rights, and grow the climate justice movement. Get the details and sign up for Climate Justice Month. If you're part of a congregation, sign up your congregation or group and save the dates for Climate Justice Sunday and Earth Day events.

Be inspired, get connected with other people of faith and conscience committed to climate justice, and commit to long-term actions that will help save our world. This is your movement. You have the power to make a difference. How will you respond?

Read the full article here:

<http://www.uua.org/environment/climate/climate-justice-month>

Earth Day 2015

Wednesday, April 22, 2015



UNDER CONSTRUCTION: RENOVATION SCHEDULE

- **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!

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.

The Facilities Management Committee



Above: Strong arms, skill, and grit got the demolition completed. Among the volunteers were (left to right) Sue Ann Lang, Mark Sanderson, David Kraemer, and Nelson Vollink. Photo Credit: Susan Randall

Renovation Underway

Submitted by Susan Randall

Your patience is needed as we stumble over plastic and cope with construction dust during the phase 2 renovation of the east end of our church building. By the end of April, the following changes will be nearly complete:

- A push-button handicap-accessible front door
- Expanded welcome foyer with member alcove
- A library/conference room
- A small kitchenette and coat-hanging alcove
- Janitor's closet with mop sink
- Privacy office for the minister
- Committee/staff workroom
- Office for administration

Thank you to these volunteers for yeoman's work on moving and demolition: Joy Hembel, David Kraemer, Sue Ann Lang, Terry Lang, Susan Randall, Mark Sanderson, Holly Thompson, Paul Thompson, Nelson Vollink.

Stay tuned for volunteer requests to paint, clean, and move in the last weeks of April.



Above: President Joy Hembel and minister David Kraemer confer with Next Inc. architects Steve Larson (seated center) and Chris Larson (seated left) on final adjustments before building commences. Photo Credit: Susan Randall

Pledge Campaign Fundamentals for Next Year

Laying the groundwork for a vibrant year at All Souls requires money: yup, pledges that make it possible for the Board to plan with reasonable accuracy for adequate revenue to pay for ongoing expenses and aspirations of our members.

THANK YOU to all members and friends who have submitted a pledge indicating what they expect to contribute for the work of All Souls church. If you have the intention to pledge but have not yet responded to your pledge ambassador, please finalize your decision and submit your pledge card (mail to PO Box 400, Sioux Falls, SD 57101 or place it in the collection plate on Sunday morning).

With appreciation,
2015 Pledge Ambassadors
Joy Hembel, Janet Kunze,
J.A. Murphy, Susan Randall,
Mark Sanderson,
Paul Thompson



CUUPS Covenant of UU Pagans

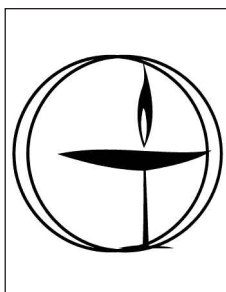
There will be a meeting of the Prairie Moon CUUPS at 12:15pm on Sunday, April 19.

The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) is an organization dedicated to networking Pagan-identified Unitarian Universalists (UUs), educating people about Paganism, promoting interfaith dialogue, developing Pagan liturgies and theologies, and supporting Pagan-identified UU religious professionals.

We practice "Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature."

Learn about the national organization at www.cuups.org.

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 priariemoon.cuups@gmail.com).



Kraemer to be Ordained April 12 in Rochester, MN

A contingent of All Souls members will be traveling to Rochester, MN on April 12 after Sunday services to attend the ordination of Interim Minister David Kraemer into the Unitarian

Universalist ministry.

We would like to offer our congratulations to Minister David Kraemer on this wonderful accomplishment, which has required years of dedicated study, work and personal conviction to achieve.

The event will be at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2015, at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1727 Walden Lane SW, Rochester, MN.



Why so serious?



Men's Un-Group

5:00p.m., Wednesday, April 15
Monk's House of Ale Repute,
420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls

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

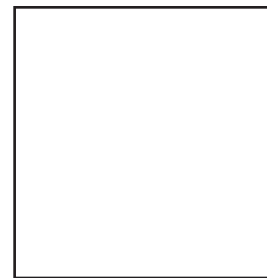
Get involved in the many groups and committees here. There is something for everyone.



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April 2015

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			1	2 7:00 pm COC	3	4 6:00 pm Downton Abbey Fundraiser
5 Easter Sunday 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am The Defiant Sound of Life 12:00 pm Pledge Drive ends	6 5:30 pm Membership Mtg	7	8 7:00 pm OWL	9 7:00pm Board Meeting	10	11 10:00 am Cleaning Morn
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