



North Sidney Messenger

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This is Newsletter No. 38. North Sidney Messenger is sent to you once a year to bring you news since last Memorial Day to present time. If you are a first-time reader of the letter, we say “**WELCOME**”. Thank you to long-time readers for your continued support and interest.

North Sidney Church and Cemetery Historical Association is registered with the State of Michigan as a non-profit organization. Our purpose is to take care of the church and cemetery and to preserve it for future generations. Membership can be either by paying dues yearly of \$2.00 per year after the first fee of \$10.00 is paid or life membership of \$50 per person and is a one-time fee which is much easier. Dues are used for newsletter, postage and other general up-keep expenses. Cemetery up-keep is partially paid from the Perpetual Care Fund. If a lot has no perpetual care fund, a special fee is paid. If your lot is not under perpetual care you might want to consider it, one payment and you are done.

Please check out the North Sidney Church and Cemetery Historical Association website www.northsidney.com. There are links to other sites as well as information on how to purchase books and become a member. The newsletter will also be posted so if you have an email address and would like the information from the website instead of mailing the letter please let us know. If you have ideas on how to improve it or information that could be added, just send Krista a note. Also, if you have any news or information that you would like to share for next year's newsletter just send us a note or email.

If you know of someone that would enjoy the newsletter and currently doesn't receive it, let one of the officers know and we will make it happen. Also, if your address has changed, make sure we get updated information so our postage expenses aren't wasted with returns.

Thank you also to the following for donations for up-keep and expenses: Entrican Gleaners, Rex & Kathleen Rice, Gordon Andersen, Anna Hart, Shelly Belt, Linda Cannon, Dennis Poulsen, Kathern Hansen, Jeff Hansen, James Foster, Blaine Wittkopp, Jean Couch, Carol Maxfield, Barbara Hansen, Jack & Donna Jorgensen, Jeanne Corey and Louanna Clark.

Over the last year we lost Fern Jensen, Jack Emmons, Hazel (Sprowls) Harjer, Joanna Johnson and Gordon Jensen. You might remember Gordon Jensen who took many of the pictures that are displayed in the Church. Thank you to everyone who sent donations to North Sidney in memory of your friends and loved ones. Donations were received in memory of:

Ruth Reed in Memory of All our Friends
Leland & Alice Jensen in Memory of Peter & Hannah Jensen
Lavern & Jacquelyn Corfixsen in Memory of Emma & Oscar Corfixsen
Tania Brown in Memory of Charles D. Brown
Kathleen & Thomas Tiesner in Memory of Grant Tiesner & Billy Mathisen

COOKIN' CORNER

Dream Bars recipe from Marguerite Thompson

_ c. butter	_ tsp. baking powder
_ c brown sugar	_ tsp. salt
1 c. flour	1 tsp. vanilla
1 c. brown sugar	1 c. chopped nuts
2 eggs	1 c. coconut
2 Tbsp. flour	

Cream first three ingredients. Spread in pan. Bake about 15 minutes at 335 degrees. Spread the remaining ingredients over the first baked mixture in 8" pan. Bake about 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool and cut in bars or squares.

Please plan on attending the Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 30th at 2:00 p.m. Final plans will be made at the Annual Meeting on May 11^h. The meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the Church.

Luke Dudenhofer has again agreed to deliver this year's message. Luke and his wife Melissa grew up in the Stanton/Sidney area and now live in Chicago. Luke is pastor of the New Life Community Church in the Bridgeport neighborhood and they have three children, Josiah Wesley, Titus Charles and Ethni Aniah Rose.

When you visit the Church please check out the "Heritage Wall". There are many pictures of previous year's services as well as from the past. See how many faces you recognize!



Last fall Nels Hansen contacted us indicating Jim Veresh from Gowen had purchased an antique organ and wanted to donate it to North Sidney Church. Jim brought the organ to the church and a crew unloaded it and placed it in the church. The old organ which was loaned to the Church by Harriet Olson has been donated to the Danish Culture Center of Greenville in the former Danish Brotherhood Hall. Nels is very anxious to play the organ on Memorial Day.

(Wesley Thomsen, Jim Veresh, Marilyn Thomsen)



We were also contacted by the Entrican Gleaners who in order to fulfill their obligations to the community donated \$200 to North Sidney.

(Entrican Gleaner members with North Sidney Church & Cemetery Association officers)



In November during a wind storm a limb at the Cemetery broke and fell onto the fence. Thanks to Martin, Clare, Wes & Brian Thomsen for cleaning everything up and fixing the fence. Also thanks to Larry Ek for the use of his tractor and equipment.

In April the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodge in Greenville hosted the Michigan/Ohio/Ontario district convention. We opened the church on Saturday afternoon so the members could tour the church and cemetery.

We still have copies of the North Sidney Area 1884-1984 book. There is much information on the Sidney area and families in the area. Contact Jennifer Thomsen or pick one up at the Church on Memorial Day. You can also print order forms from the website.

If anyone else has memories that you would like to share in the Newsletter please let me know.

The officers and their addresses are listed on the last page of this letter. Please send dues or donations to Jennifer Thomsen, Treasurer. Due to the increase in the cost of stamps, receipts will no longer be sent if you pay dues by check. Donations will be recognized.

Please remember and pray for all of our men and women serving in the military. May they all return soon. Flags are placed on the grave of Veterans each year. A special thanks to Sidney Township for furnishing the flags and John and Lillian Christophersen for placing them on the grave sites.

The week prior to Memorial Day we are looking for volunteers to spend a few hours to keep the church open and greet visitors. Please let Jennifer Thomsen or myself know if you are willing to do this, so we can make sure the church will be unlocked. Thank you to the members that volunteered last spring.

As I close for another year, I want to thank everyone who assists with keeping the Association running smoothly whether it is with donations, volunteering to help during Memorial Day week, bringing cookies to share or helping with clean up. Thanks to all who attend the Memorial Day Service and hope to see you Memorial Day.

Marilyn Thomsen

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Meeting, May 11, 2016

Memorial Day Service, May 30, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

Fall Meeting, September 7, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

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