

# AUGUST CHURCHLETTER

*BUILDING A FUTURE WITH HOPE BY REACHING OUT AND GROWING DEEPER: Pastor Lora*

*Dear fellow followers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, We are still planning on our first in person in sanctuary worship on **August 30**. Thank you for your continued patience. The current protocols will be observed as best as we are able. We remain focused on loving God and neighbor.*

*The memorial service date for Elaine Miller is **August 22** at St. John's UCC. Please offer continued prayers for this family and the many grieving at this time. Your prayers are invaluable.*

*We are all in the midst of so much learning to do new things, especially in the technology realm. St. John's UCC has had their website,*

*<https://stjohnsunitedchurchofchrist.info> for a while now, where you are able to access the weekly recorded worship as well as other important announcements.*

*Nerstrand UMC just recently acquired a website, <https://nerstrandumc.org/> where you are able to access the weekly recorded worship as well as other important announcements.*

*Remember, both churches have had Facebook for a while so you can click like and follow their posts, which also link you to the worship services and other special announcements.*

*If you have no computer or internet access, perhaps you know someone who would be willing to offer a way for you to be connected 'virtually.'*

*God certainly is showing us new ways to be in ministry! I'm still learning as well. I've just started a Master degree class through Dakota Wesleyan University for Non Profit Church Leadership to innovatively lead us into a vibrant future. July 2021 I will complete the course, with your help, including lots of prayers.*

*Remember newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month.*

*Be aware many dates and activities are still uncertain. Please watch for updates. Keep praying.*

## Loving Thoughts and Prayers

### Surround:

#### **New Perspective**

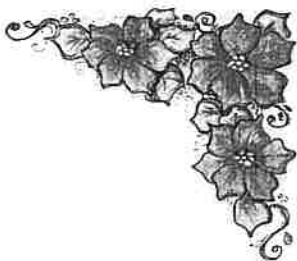
Joan Schwake

#### **Pleasant View Estates**

Ken & Shirley Bauer

#### **Faribault Senior Living**

Mildred Tatge



## **The Homestead of Rochester**

Lorry Wille

### **At Home**

Jean Pederson

Donovan Mueller

Doris Hildebrandt

Ken & Arlene Shaske

Arlene Bultman

Kaye Spike

## Joys and Concerns



Our Christian Sympathy to the family of Kathryn Reinhardt. Kathryn, age 92, passed away at Accura in Ames, IA on July 11. Private family service & burial was in Latimer, IA on July 16.

Thank you for all your prayers for our grandson, Henry. He is now home having received results of preliminary tests; he is now cancer free. Praise God! Pastor Lora and Rick.

If and when we do begin "in-person" worship at St. John's-there will be no choir this year-due to the fact that we represent different households and the need for social distancing would both make it impossible.

When I knew I needed Hip Replacement surgery, I wanted to make sure that my church faith community Prayer Chain members would remember me on the day of my surgery and now during my recovery. What a blessing to feel that support as I was going into surgery and now knowing that my recovery is going well. Thank you for all the well wishes and cards as I continue to recover.

Remember to use the prayer chain as our prayers are heard by God.

Mary Kindseth

*Just a friendly reminder, I send out prayer chain requests and other announcements via email. If you want to be a part of this valuable ministry, please email me your email to [pastorlora@live.com](mailto:pastorlora@live.com). Thanks so much for your prayers and help in building the kingdom of God here on earth. Pastor Lora*

*Thank you to Becky Tatge for filming and editing our on-line worship. Thanks also to Pastor Lora and Craig*

for their hard work and flexibility in producing the best possible video. I hope you have seen that we have recently added worship leaders from our congregations as a regular part of the service. Would you like to join us by reading scripture or the call to worship in a future service? We are looking for volunteers from both NUMC and SJUCC. Please let Doug Spike know and we will find a time to get together that works for you.

**Look:** Nerstrand UMC now has a web site [nerstrandumc.org](http://nerstrandumc.org). This is another tool in our toolbox to get the word out to not just our members but also to the community at large about our mission and activities. Also, if you are a **Facebook** user, be sure to "friend" Nerstrand United Methodist Church. You will find announcements of church events, Wednesday Wear, links to Bob the Puppet and links to online worship.

**Notice:** A special St John's UCC congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, August 9 at 11:30 am. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a new roof for the parish hall. The meeting will be held via Zoom as well as by telephone conference call. Watch for a separate mailing with information on the project and also directions how to participate in the meeting.

**The National Eagle Center Program** scheduled for July 22 has been rescheduled for next summer. The new date is Wednesday, July 21, 2021 @ 7:00pm.

#### **Big Woods Race 2020**

The Big Woods Race has been cancelled for this year due to the concerns with Covid-19. The safety of our many volunteers and runners was the top priority in this decision. We are thankful for all our wonderful community members who made this event a success in the past. It is our hope we will once again be together in 2021.

The Big Woods Race Committee

**Please Remember Us:** The **Nerstrand United Methodist** church would like to remind everyone that even though there are no services, our expenses still carry on. If you want to keep the church going, please remember us. You may mail your giving to Gary Shaske 1000 Cannon Valley Dr # 106, Nfld 55057 or Lloyd Kispert 1281 420TH STREET, Nerstrand, 55053. Thank you to all who carry on in this time of uncertainty surrounding us all due to the threat of Covid-19 infections.

**P-P-P Remember 2-2-2, 2nd 2sday of the month 2pm.** August 11 is the date, 2pm is the time and I will coordinate a ZOOM meeting. Please join me as you are

able. Please keep setting aside time for pausing and praying for our communities and praising God for all that God gives us. If you know of a prayer concern or joy, please let me know and I will add to my prayer journal. Let me know if you'd like others to be in prayer.

Remember, your presence in prayer matters. That is what changes lives. Plan for at least a half hour, no longer than an hour. It makes a difference in the world and in your own life.

#### **Garage Sale August 15th, 8 am - 2 pm at NUMC**

We were not able to have this annual fundraiser in May as we usually do but we are planning for **August 15th**.

With a little luck and some nice weather, we will move several tables outside allowing ample space to social distance.

Face masks will be expected for any indoor browsing. We are grateful for the many very nice donations made to this sale.

Items include: various household, kitchen, toys, linens, dishes, glassware, home and seasonal decor, pictures and more.

**Come and check it out. Nerstrand UMC**

#### **St. John's UCC Cleaning Committee**

The St. John's UCC cleaning committee for the month of August is: Tim & Michelle Otte; Jim & Chrissy Alexander and Theron Homeier-Foss



**St. John's UCC Sunday School** St. John's Sunday School meets Sundays, 9:30-10:20am. All children ages 4 years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome! If you know of a child who would like to attend Sunday School or if you are interested in being a substitute teacher, please contact Carrie Hess ([littlehesshouse@gmail.com](mailto:littlehesshouse@gmail.com) or 651-775-5594).



#### **St John's UCC Council Meeting Minutes July 13, 2020**

The July 13th meeting of St John's United Church of Christ was called to order by Doug Spike President via Zoom.

Opening prayers by Pastor Lora

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Trustees report:

Tree has been removed with no signs of ash borer.

Zach will be in touch with Pastor Lora about any concerns she may have about parsonage.

Council has motioned and approved to move on collective bids specific to pitched roof

Pews have been sold

Quilters in church have been approached about making new banners for sanctuary.

Council motioned and approved that Trustees may update sanctuary to have internet access to allow live streaming of services.

New Business:

President Doug Spike delegated deacons to update the contact list.

Eagle Center rescheduled for July 21, 2021

Next Council Meeting August 10, 2020

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Sarah Becher, Secretary

**Next SJ council meeting: August 10 @ 6:30pm via Zoom**

St John's Elders:

Doug Spike

Gayle Bauer

Gloria Karl

**Do you sing along with the hymns during on-line worship?** We have received comments that is difficult to follow along with the music and lyrics as printed on the video. A small number of Chalice Hymnals are available as a "loan" for use during your home worship. Please contact Becky Tatge or Doug Spike if interested.

**To Members and Friends of St. John's UCC**

In the midst of the chaos going on, there continues to be "normalcy". Bills still need to be paid. Please keep our Church in your thoughts and prayers also. Checks can be mailed to the church. 19086 Jacobs Ave, Faribault MN 55021. The Deacons will be doing our count by the first of the month as usual.

May we all remember – Each and every one of us is loved and cared for by a God so wonderful that God sent his Son that we might know God's love for each of us! Your Deacons: Gordie Wiegrefe, Sarah Becher, Brian Homeier

**2020 SJUCC WOMEN'S GUILD**

No meetings in August

September 2, 2020 – Meeting at 1:30 PM Lois Bauer and Norma Monroe co-hosting

No meeting in October

November 4, 2020 Meeting at 1:30 PM Judy Meese hosting (program to be announced)

No meeting in December

**Wednesday Wear Update: We are open again!** Our hours are Wed. 1 pm to 6pm and Sat. 9am to noon.



We know that we have to keep people safe. We will ask people to stay in their cars and we will welcome you in. Please wear a mask and follow the 6 ft. distancing. Please don't come if you don't feel well-temp., cough, etc.

For questions, please contact us by phone, e-mails or Facebook. Linda 789-5376 or Marlene 334-2143



**Bible Study: "postponed until further notice-watch for details"**

**Minnesota Walk to Emmaus: postponed!** Registration Information available online at [www.mnemmaus.org](http://www.mnemmaus.org) Help us pray for the Walks coming in 2021 and navigate successfully and peacefully through the current COVID-19 pandemic.

**Second Saturday Quilters**

SSQ will not be meeting in August due to the changing COVID-19 restrictions. We will meet up again in September.



Contact Deb Wille at 507-323-4813 or [83159deb@gmail.com](mailto:83159deb@gmail.com) SSQ is open to people of all churches and their friends.

**Special notices, Save the dates, Surround in Prayer:**

**Aug 9** joint worship/ breakfast in Nerstrand City Park **canceled** (-remember to send donations for fire department, as this is a fundraiser for them.)

**Aug 10** 6:30pm SJ council via ZOOM

**Aug 11** PPP 2pm via ZOOM; 6:30pm RVACUMC trng

**Aug 12** 6:30pm N council in person and ZOOM

**Aug 15** Garage Sale-N 8am-2pm

**Aug 16-9am** Prayer Service-N

**Aug 19** 9am procedural training

**Aug 22** Elaine Miller's service at St. John's UCC

**Aug 28** UMC MN all clergy session afternoon online

**Aug 29** UMC MNDK conference online

**Aug 30** first in person worship (follow protocols)

**Oct 3** Fall Festival-N

**Oct 9-10** Reach 2020 Messiah UMC Plymouth

**Oct 10** Big Woods Run-canceled

**Oct 11** Big Woods Worship 10am-N, followed by meal served by Big Woods 4-H, SPRC mtg

**Jul. 21, 2021** 7pm Eagle Center program-SJ

**Aug. 31-Sept. 10, 2021** UMC General Conference-Mpls

**Nov. 10-12, 2021** North Central UMC Jurisdiction Conference: Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Election and assignment of bishops occurs.

**The North Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops announces the plan for episcopal leadership for 2021 in light of the vocational retirements of Bishops Sally Dyck and Bruce Ough (¶408.2b), and the inability to gather and engage in episcopal elections during the current COVID-19 pandemic. The retirements of Bishops Dyck and Ough have been approved by the NCJ Committee on the Episcopacy and become effective**

January 1, 2021. To serve the Dakotas/Minnesota Area, Bishop Laurie Haller, Iowa, and Bishop David Bard, Michigan, will be assigned as a team. Bishop Bard will assume primary supervisory responsibility for the Minnesota Conference. This assignment begins January 1, 2021, and continues until another bishop is assigned, but no later than December 31, 2021.

**Participate in the 2020 Love Offering!** Each year, churches in the Minnesota UMC Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with the Annual Conference Session. The theme of the 2020 Annual Conference session—taking place virtually on Aug. 29—is "Be the Light, Live Hope!" The Love Offering provides the opportunity to be light and hope for those crying out for love, grace, compassion, and social and racial justice in their lives. Bishop Bruce R. Ough invites congregations to begin praying about and preparing to participate in the Love Offering as a miraculous expression of the abundant life we have in Christ Jesus, even in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic and social upheaval. The funds from this year's offering will go to four projects: Simpson Housing Services (40 percent), Emma Norton Services (40 percent), Joyce Uptown Foodshelf (10 percent), and the Committee on Native American Ministry Diaper Drive (10 percent). *Please send your donation to Nerstrand UMC to share it.*

**Are you seeking to be a more effective and spiritually grounded leader in your congregation?** Nuts and Bolts For Laity: Aug. 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Aug. 8, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., online. This workshop, led by the Lay Ministries Team, will explore many ways laity can engage in ministry in their own church. Phone 218-770-9573 Email [tntdlake@prtcl.com](mailto:tntdlake@prtcl.com) Contact Terry Sullivan

**Fare For All 2020 Pick Up Dates: canceled for now**

**Faribault Area Food Shelf, located in Faribault West Mall, closed in May.** Food shelf patrons will likely turn to The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Divine Mercy Chapter, located at 617 3rd Avenue NW in Faribault for food assistance. Needed are volunteers at the Center. Larry Muehlenbein is asking for adults age 30-65 to volunteer not only with distribution and packaging but to provide some extra help with special projects around the facility. If you are willing to volunteer call Kevin at SVdP at 334-2100. Financial support is preferred over food donations given their ability to leverage dollars through organizations like Channel One out of Rochester. Second, they are on a yearly schedule with a group called Hunger Solutions that provides matching funds to food shelves. SVdP has three challenge grants throughout the year - March, July, and October.

**Food Shelf Items always welcome.** Each church has a location where you may bring items. Your help by delivering those items to our local food shelves is greatly appreciated. Your gifts witness to our mission focus for anyone coming to our churches! Thanks for your ministry. Together, we help feed our communities. In times of need, our help is needed even more.

**Ruth's House** thanks the Rice County community for their generous donations, which go to provide basic needs to local families. Donations may be dropped off at Ruth's House in Faribault on Tuesday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm and Saturday Noon - 2:00 pm. If you would like to offer other items please contact Ruth's House Donations Coordinator, Sandy, at 507-581-1374 or [psvarley@gmail.com](mailto:psvarley@gmail.com), before dropping off. Please contact Suzanne for volunteer opportunities! [suzannef.ruthshouse@gmail.com](mailto:suzannef.ruthshouse@gmail.com)

**Faribault Area Hospice Foundation** is committed to supporting Faribault Area patients receiving Hospice Care. For more information or to apply for assistance, please contact: [www.faribaultareahospicefoundation.org](http://www.faribaultareahospicefoundation.org) or [info@faribaultareahospicefoundation.org](mailto:info@faribaultareahospicefoundation.org) or call 1-866-506-7049 Or write Faribault Area Hospice Foundation 200 State Avenue, Faribault, MN 55021

**Habitat for Humanity Rice County** Habitat for Humanity [www.habitatricecounty.org](http://www.habitatricecounty.org) 507.323.5167 Questions? Call Jodi, our Volunteer Coordinator, 507-403-7868 Thank you for giving to Rice County Habitat for Humanity!

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota** serve children ages 5-14 in Dodge, Rice, Steele and Waseca Counties. Our mission: Contact info: 545 Dunnell Drive, Owatonna 607-451-5922, 322 Central Ave., Faribault, 507-334-0258 202 W Main Str., Kasson, 507-634-4595, Waseca 507-451-5922 [www.bbbsouthernmn.org](http://www.bbbsouthernmn.org) [megan@bbbsouthernmn.org](mailto:megan@bbbsouthernmn.org)

**Remember that our NAMI Family Support group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday 7:00-8:30pm** in Room 220 at the Northfield Community Resource Center (1651 Jefferson Parkway). (NAMI is National Alliance for the Mentally Ill)

**Jesusfood is a mission project in the Faribault mall.** They have time available to pack meals for children around the world on the 1st Sat of every month starting at 10AM, done before noon. Cost averages about \$60 per person, if you can afford it. But there is not a minimum, so as people can afford, it's what we'll pack. Call for info: 507-469-4357, or email: [info@JesusFood.org](mailto:info@JesusFood.org)

**Faribault Community School** at Jefferson Elementary and Faribault Middle School Monday-Thursdays, 3-4:30pm youth clubs, 4:30-5:30pm, community dinner \$4 at Jefferson Elementary, variety of programs 5:30-6:30pm, contact Maki Love [mlove@faribault.k12.mn.us](mailto:mlove@faribault.k12.mn.us)

**Volunteer Opportunities at Allina District One Hospital** Contact information for Sharon Jacobson: 507-497-3527 [Sharon.jacobson@allina.com](mailto:Sharon.jacobson@allina.com) Mail Route 77000, 200 State Avenue, Faribault, Minnesota 55021

**Honoring Choices.** This is a process to help you think about, talk about, and ultimately write down your wishes for health care decisions through a health care directive. A health care directive typically includes 2 sections: appointment of an agent

(a person who can speak for you when you are unable to participate in medical care decision making) and treatment choices (an opportunity for you to share information regarding your medical care goals, including consideration for when to start or stop medical care/interventions). Our program assists individuals with identification of their health care goals and wishes about what is important to them when faced with a medical crisis or end-of-life care planning. We can also facilitate conversations between individuals and health care agents. A health care directive is only used when an individual is unable to participate in their medical care decision making due to either a short-term or long-term health event. This is a living document meaning that it can and likely should change throughout an individual's life span.

I and a group of trained volunteer facilitators are available to assist individuals directly through facilitated conversations to complete their health care directives. There is no cost for this service. To request our involvement:

Email: [honoringchoices@allina.com](mailto:honoringchoices@allina.com)

Phone: 507-977-2330 - You may receive my voice mail as I am out of the office quite a bit. Please leave a message

To obtain an Honoring Choices Health Care Directive:

<https://www.honoringchoices.org/health-care-directives/english-directives/22-hcd-long-form-fillable/file>

Contact our office if you would like a health care directive mailed to you. Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions for program outreach. Pat Heydon

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Lora Sturm, Pastor All the People, Ministers  
 Phone: 507.330.0025 office/ 507.525.4483 cell/ 507.452.1448 home  
 E-mail: [pastorlora@live.com](mailto:pastorlora@live.com)  
 Sabbath on Friday

## Angels of the Bible Word Search

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### Upcoming scriptures, read and reflect to prepare for worship:

Aug 2 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Year A  
 Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Romans 9:1-5  
 Matthew 14:13-21 COLORS Green Aug 9 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 after Pentecost Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6,  
 16-22, 45b Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33  
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### Service Schedule for 2020:

**In-Person Services are cancelled until August 30 due to the Covid-19 virus.**

**9:00 AM WORSHIP AT NERSTRAND UNITED**

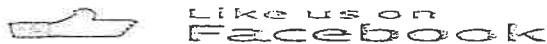
#### METHODIST CHURCH

12 Maple Street, Nerstrand, MN 55053

E-mail: [stjohnsuccnumc@live.com](mailto:stjohnsuccnumc@live.com)

Website: <https://nerstrandumc.org>

Phone: 507.332.4089



### 10:30 AM WORSHIP AT ST JOHN'S UNITED

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

19086 Jacobs Ave, Faribault, MN 55021

E-mail: [stjohnsuccnumc@live.com](mailto:stjohnsuccnumc@live.com) Phone: 5077895766

Website: <https://stjohnsunitedchurchofchrist.info>

Phone: 507.330.0025

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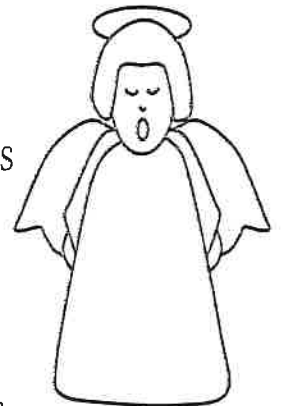
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Dear angels, we miss your voices and faces, please volunteer to lead worship for our virtual and in person worship. This includes the opening part before the sermon. It is great to see people from both congregations sharing the gifts of God so generously with one another. Imagine the joy it would bring family and friend to look online and see and hear you! PL

"I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus." —Philippians 1:6 (CEB)



## Jesus and the Children

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[Sermons4Kids.com](http://Sermons4Kids.com)

<http://sermons4kids.com/jesus-and-children-colorpg.htm>

7/12/2009

July, 2020

Following the CDC and local Guidelines, the following policies will be implemented for in person worship.

## **Policies:**

If you are feeling sick, have recently been sick, or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, please stay home and worship online with us or another way available to you.

We know that many of you can't wait to get back into the church and see people, but if you are a part of a vulnerable demographic or if you simply don't feel safe being in worship we encourage you to stay home and return when you are able.

When preparing to come to worship, please ask yourself

- Am I sick?
  - o If so, stay home
- Have I been in contact with someone who has COVID19?
  - o If so, stay home
- Do I have my mask?
  - o Masks will be required. Health authorities overwhelmingly agree that masks are one of the best ways to slow the spread of the disease. Jesus taught us to love our neighbors, and by wearing masks, we are saying that we don't want our neighbors sick. So please wear a mask at church. Thanks for the love you show for neighbors.
  - o If you don't have a mask, don't worry, we will have extras in case you forgot or need one.
- Do I have a bottle of hand sanitizer?

- o While hand sanitizing stations will be all around the church, it may be just as easy to use your own!
- Do I have to use the restroom?
- o The restrooms will be open, but we want it to be for emergency use only. If you need to use the restroom during worship, remember to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water and use the hand sanitizer after touching the door handle. For safety reasons, the service will be condensed to about 30 -40 minutes.
- Am I going to be early?
- o We ask that you try not to arrive more than ten minutes early to worship. There will be no fellowship/coffee time, and we want to limit the amount of time that we are in the sanctuary together. We know that the longer people wait around, the harder it is to maintain social distancing.

### **What to expect when I arrive to worship:**

When you arrive, the first thing you will notice is that the doors may be propped open. We will try to limit the number of surfaces that are being touched. Next, you will notice signs. These signs will be reminding you about our social distancing guidelines, which include staying six feet apart and wearing masks. Upon entering, please put on your mask. If you forgot yours or didn't have one right when you enter, there will be ones available.

When you enter the sanctuary, every other row will be unavailable for seating. Please sit front to back. The first to arrive will be expected to sit in the front and others will fill in from the front accordingly. A record of attendance will also be kept (for COVID-19 contact tracing purposes only).

To limit the amount of areas that need to be clean and sanitized, we ask that while in church you stay in the sanctuary and the narthex. Any time you touch a surface besides the pew where you are seated, please use hand sanitizer.



Bulletins are laying on a table by entry. Please take the bulletin home with you. Hymnals will be available, but we will not be singing during worship. Singing produces a lot of aerosols making the spread of the virus easier. We will have music, but please hum along or listen in an attitude of praise and worship.

We will not be passing an offering plate. Offering plates will be set up at the exit of the sanctuary, and you can place your offering in the plate. Or the easiest and best method to give would be to give online!

If you need a drink a water, we encourage you to bring your own!

To limit contact, we will not be having a passing of the peace time during worship. We ask that you please refrain from hugging and shaking hands at all times while in the church.

After worship please exit from the back of the church first and work forward. This is to make sure that the aisles don't get crowded and so that people do not have to pass by each other. There will be no coffee time following worship and so we ask that after worship is over you promptly move outside.

As you leave worship, Pastor Lora will be maintaining a social distance to provide a greeting. Please respect everyone's safety and keep 6 feet of separation as you greet and go home. Please don't congregate outside or in the parking lot.

While we are doing our best to offer a safe environment, congregants are attending voluntarily. The church cannot be responsible for any consequences of their attending.

Thank you for following these policies so that we can gather and worship together safely.

# Wednesday Wear is Back!

Nerstrand UMC Welcomes You.

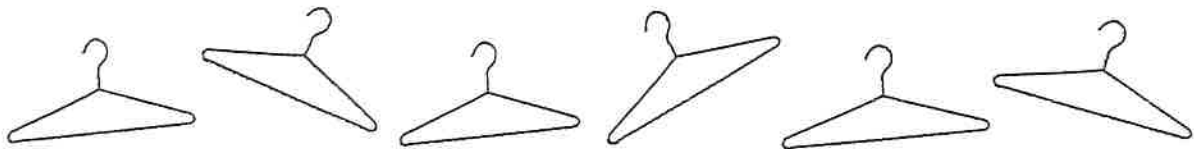
## We have missed you!

But because of covid-19, it will not be **business as usual**.

To keep you and our volunteers safe please follow these protocols:

- If you are having any of the **covid-19 symptoms** (fever, cough, aches etc.) do not enter and please go immediately home.
- **Limit of 4** customers at a time.
- All are expected to **wear face masks**. If you do not have one we will have some available for you to use.
- While shopping please keep a safe **6 ft distance** from others.
- For their safety, we discourage you from bringing your **children**.
- The **bathrooms** will not be available for use.
- All will be expected to use provided **hand sanitizer** as you enter and as you leave.
- If others are waiting to be admitted your shopping time will be limited to **15 minutes**.
- If you are **only dropping off** donated items you do not need to wait to enter.
- We will regularly **sanitize** doors, railings and surfaces throughout open hours.

Thanks for coming.



## St. John's: Updating phone/email list.

The St. John's council would like to improve our abilities to communicate with each of you. Our current list needs refreshing. We recognize the methods of daily communication have changed over the years; and specifically this year, the importance of e-mail/texts. We are asking you to share e-mail addresses as well as current phone number(s).

Please send an email to [gordiewiegrefe@gmail.com](mailto:gordiewiegrefe@gmail.com); or text or call 507-838-7581 with this updated information. If you would prefer to send this information by mail, please fill out the form below and return to St. John's UCC, 19086 Jacobs Ave., Faribault, MN 55021

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your preferred method of communication?

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To the Members of St. John's. The table below is a Year-To-Date view of the financial situation.  
This information is being shared on a quarterly basis.  
Gordie Wiegrefe, Treasurer

As of 6/30/2020			
	YTD Income	YTD Expenses	Balance
General	\$39,101.48	\$43,470.28	\$24,369.08
Benevolent	\$1,090.00	\$0.00	\$1,090.00
Improvement	\$9,159.00	\$23,134.49	\$27,341.29
Total	\$49,350.48	\$66,604.77	\$52,800.37