

# SEPTEMBER 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.

Originally, we'd planned to meet every other Sunday, but after more discussion, we plan to **worship every Sunday at our regular worship time**. It will certainly look and feel different from what we remember the last time we met in person. The Spirit of God is present and reminds us we are called Beloved by the Lord and so we gather to worship the one who promises life abundantly.

Typically, we celebrate communion the first Sunday of the month. The first Sunday in September may be a 'spiritual' communion only, depending on availability of prepackaged elements. As always, in life, flexibility is a gift from God and practicing grace is a growing edge for everyone. Thank you.

Last month, I mentioned the information about the church websites and being able to connect with worship virtually. This month, I want to help you understand the phones to contact me on. The landline phone of 5077895766 is discontinued. The office phone 5073300025 is the cell phone provided by the churches. This is a flip phone and works great for phone calls and short texts. It doesn't work in the valleys of the Winona area.

You will be able to reach me anywhere by my personal cell phone 5075254483 via text message. This is a smart phone, so I can see the cool things including photos you include on texts. For emergencies, when I'm at home on Fridays, you may call 5074521448. A landline is the only phone that works in Homer valley.

Remember newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month.

Be aware many dates and activities can be changed in a short time. Please watch for updates. Keep on praying.

Dear St. John's UCC, for Confirmation Sunday, on Sep. 13, you may be asked to be seated in the balcony or fellowship Hall so families and guests of confirmands may be in the sanctuary. Thanks for your understanding.

## 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

### **Ivy Hill**

Ken Shaske

### **At Home**

Jean Pederson

Donovan Mueller

Doris Hildebrandt

Arlene Shaske

Arlene Bultman

Kaye Spike



## Joys and Concerns



Our Christian Sympathy to the family of Myrtle Peterson of Ellendale. Myrtle, age 100, passed away Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>. She was the mother of Gloria Karl. Visitation was held in Ellendale and private burial in Geneva on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Maddox Ordean Kispert was baptized into the family of God on August 1, 2020.*

*Congratulations to the St. John's UCC confirmation class being confirmed together on September 13, 2020 at 10:30am at St. John's UCC.*

### **St. John's UCC Roof update:**

The votes are counted: 63-yes to go ahead with the roof project! We are working with the contractor to initiate the contract. Thanks to all St John's UCC members who submitted their ballots.

*Thank you for generously supporting your faith community so that ministry continues changing the world God has placed us in. Your tithes, gifts, talents, witness, prayers and time contribute to the healing of the world. You make a difference!*

**Wednesday Wear is Full!** We will not be taking any donations until the end of Sept. Thank You for

helping us out. Our hours are: Wed. 1-6pm and Sat. 9 to noon.

A special thank you to Jennifer and Duane Bailey for keeping us working ladies with eggs. It is very much appreciated.

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

*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*

#### **ATTENTION ST JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD LADIES:**

The officers have decided that there will be no September meeting for Women's Guild due to the continuing Covid-19. Some decisions will need to be made as to the status of the guild in the coming months. The November meeting is yet to be determined, but there WILL NOT be an Operation Christmas Child project this year. We had plans to do something locally, but with Covid-19, that causes issues also. We have NOT had a meeting this year, and with no bake sales or funerals, there has been no income, or much of any business transacted. Watch for updates in the October Newsletter!

Thank You-Officers of Women's Guild

**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.

**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. September 8** 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 it to my prayer journal. Let me know if you'd like others to be with you 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.

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

The St. John's UCC cleaning committee for the month of September is: Don & Sue Katra and Bob & Becky Vukelich



#### **Mary's Memo Sept./Oct. 2020**



The Pandemic has been with us now for several months. It's meant changes in our lives that we never anticipated. Most people now long for the good old days, however we're finding that change is good and apparent in our lives. It's how we look at and manage these changes that really matter. Somehow, we may find ourselves not always dealing with these changes and feel that life is getting us down.

Feeling down and dealing with depression can be like trying to walk on your hands. It takes lots of effort to keep upright and moving. How can we find the energy to recover and get back on track with life? By taking very small steps at a time, you may want to try some research supported self-care strategies.

- **Get Physically active.** Exercise may be as effective as antidepressant medications for some people. It's well worth the effort, so start small and stick with it.
- **Listen to Music.** Music can help regulate mood and give your mind a diversion from negative thoughts.
- **Be Grateful.** Appreciate the opening of a flower as in yellow sunflowers, your cat's purr or your child's laughter. You may not be joyful, but you can be thankful.
- **Find Support.** Tell loved ones in clear words what would help, such as a daily phone call, an

invitation to coffee or lunch at your favorite place.

- **Smile.** You may have to fake it to begin with. Studies show that the simple act of smiling can help improve your mood.
- **Write in a journal.** Take a few minutes to write down a few sentences about how you are feeling. Track small improvements or look for patterns in your mood.

Choose one small goal to work towards. Write it down, meet it to the best of your abilities, and congratulate yourself for making the effort. Include prayer as one of your best resources.

### Influenza Clinic

At this time, its unknown if there will be any on site clinic as we've had in the past. Watch for further information. Current recommendations indicate the month of October as the best protection time for getting the shot for anyone over 6 months.

### St. John's UCC Sunday School

*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.* 2 Peter 3:18 -- Details are still pending, but we hope to resume Sunday School at St. John's UCC the week of September 20, 2020. Children ages 4 years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are always welcome, and substitute teachers are also appreciated. © Contact Carrie Hess with questions or for more information: 651-775-5594 or [littlehesshouse@gmail.com](mailto:littlehesshouse@gmail.com).



### **St John's UCC Council Meeting Minutes**

August 10, 2020

President Doug Spike called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Opening devotions by Pastor Lora Sturm  
SPRC- Doug shared 3 key points and motions were made and approved on the following.

No changes will be made in the membership breakdown. Percentages will remain the same.

St Johns will request to strike portion of agreement regarding phone for United Methodist church Parsonage monthly rent total will remain \$900. No changes for the year of 2021.

Pastor Lora spoke about her leadership class and a goal December 27th for having her project completed.

Oct 11th meeting will review the yoking agreement.

Secretary's report was read and approved

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

#### Trustees report

LP furnace scheduled for service by BetterAir

Moving forward on wireless access to sanctuary for live streaming of services.

Garage door opener in the parsonage has been repaired.

#### Spiritual Council

Trustees asked to explore hand sanitizing stations.

Will work with Pastor Lora to plan a date and how confirmation will look at this time with restrictions on worship.

August 30th will start in person worship weekly.

#### Old Business

Trustees continue to work on organizing roof projects. Members of Second Saturday Quilters are researching banners for sanctuary.

#### New Business

The Spiritual Council will explore confirmation with Pastor Lora.

#### Future Business

Dedication of Sanctuary upgrades

Exploring options for pricing for site rental.

Meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

St John's Elders:

Doug Spike

Gayle Bauer

Gloria Karl

**Spiritual Council Update:** As we prepare to return to in-sanctuary worship, the Spiritual Council of St John's would like to thank all members for their patience. The recommendations for in person worship have been revised and updated. Please review them carefully. We have no experience during a pandemic and continue to rely on the CDC and local authorities for guidance. Things can change quickly. We will communicate any future updates through the monthly newsletters, while also using emails and phone trees as appropriate. Thank you again for your patience and understanding.

St John's Spiritual Council

Pastor Lora

Doug Spike

Gayle Bauer

Gloria Karl

### 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 September or October

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

No meeting in December

## Minnesota Walk to Emmaus: ONLINE

**MODELS IN THE MAKING:** As has been the case with families, local churches, and businesses ... the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we do life together in local Emmaus Ministries communities. Indeed, around the world, we are seeing Boards of Directors, small groups, and communities gathering online where persons are able to meet and share without having to worry about transmitting or contracting the virus. Unfortunately, when it comes to team formation and events, the present Walk to Emmaus model does not offer these securities. This reality and our lack of certainty about the future have been received as divine invitations to seek new ways to continue to fulfill our mission.

In response, an international team of Emmaus Ministries lay and clergy leaders began work on developing an online model for Walk to Emmaus.

In addition, and in response to voiced concerns, another team is at work on a model for community renewal and encouragement.

We hope that both models will be available in Fall 2020, thus equipping leaders to contribute to the renewal of their communities and allowing them, although in new ways, to continue to partner with local churches and work with them in renewing their members in the Christian faith and, and developing new leaders for their ministries. 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.

## Special notices. Save the dates. Surround in Prayer:

**Sep 8** PPP via ZOOM

**Sep 13** Confirmation Sunday 10:30-SJ

**Sep 14** council 6:30pm-SJ

**Sep 16** council 6:30pm-N

**Sep 20** Sunday School resumes-SJ newsletter deadline

**Oct 3** Fall Festival-N **CANCELLED!** Cropwalk in

Faribault-more details coming

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

**Oct 10** Big Woods Run-cancelled

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

**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.

**Community Café Update:** Greetings! Covid-19: Masks are now required in Minnesota. There is something reassuring to know that we are all a little bit safer and being safe towards others. Masks alone will not make things perfect. We still need to socially distance when possible, wash our hands and avoid crowds. Please be safe. Our plan: We will continue to serve meals to anyone in our community who wishes one! Currently our plan is curbside and delivery. But,



what will it mean in the future? That's what we are working on... "the future". We're not sure when we will alter or add to the current plan but we do have hope that we will get the opportunity to dine with others at some point. The Board is discussing how a transition back to meal service in the Guild House might be accomplished safely. We will not rush this step and we would love your input. Send me a note to [davec1953@gmail.com](mailto:davec1953@gmail.com) or call me at 507 210 4066. You can also share your thoughts with any Board member.

We do want to be ready with a plan as we know many of our diners dearly miss the face to face and conversations each Tuesday as do all of our awesome volunteers!

**Financial Partners:** We have truly been blessed. There have been checks coming in, money left at curbside pick-up and our historical partners have been super! This month we also received a \$500 grant from Edina Realty. They have been an annual supporter for years. In addition, The Faribault Foundation awarded us a \$500 grant. This is the 2nd time they have shown their support and generosity to us.

Perhaps morning prep is your thing, or assembling meals for takeout, or delivering to our sites or even "clean-up". You know all the jobs are manageable at the CC and you're among good friends. We practice safe and hygienic measures. Send us your thoughts on our future and how or what makes sense for our hopeful transition.

**Curbside Handout:** So.... are you looking for a way to help out in a safe, open-air atmosphere? Every Tuesday at 4:30pm a tent is already set up, boxed up meals are readied and brought to the tent and cars start driving by for curbside pick-up. You hand out the number of meals requested and see the appreciation and happiness we deliver. Service is done by 6:00pm Let us know if you can help! What else do you have to do??? Thank you! We all help in our own ways, which is why we can be so successful! One of our volunteers Mark Zentner, has been delivering meals to various points in Faribault for distribution to folks who have difficulty coming for curbside pick-up. Mark has been doing this every Tuesday since we changed our process in March! It would be hard to imagine that we could have delivered over 1,000 meals without people like Mark. Huge "Thank- You" to Mark Zentner!!! We also want to continue to say.... Thank you to our health professionals, public servants and grocery stores! We love you all! \*\*\* All meals are take-out only CC Board: We would like to welcome two new Board Members! Bobbie Jones comes to us with experience working with food shelves and other philanthropic groups. Carolyn Hanson was recently the Council Chair at Hope United Methodist and a career Nurse. We're excited to have them join the Community Cafe! Are you looking for a chance to help guide the Community Cafe? We are open for more new members! Just saying...give me a call, it's not that hard!  
Dave Campbell

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

**Food assistance is at The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**, Divine Mercy Chapter, located at 617 3rd Avenue NW in Faribault for food assistance. If you are willing to volunteer call Kevin at SVdP at 334-2100.

**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)

**Habitat for Humanity** Rice County Habitat for Humanity [www.habitatricecounty.org](http://www.habitatricecounty.org) 507.323.5167 Jonathan Reckford, Habitat for Humanity International CEO, reminded us that "Hope is in Habitat's DNA". Yes. That's true! If we weren't hopeful, we wouldn't spend our time doing this work. We are hopeful that when a family is able to attain an affordable house, their future will be better. The future of their children will be better. Our community will be better. Indeed, the short-term accomplishments of building one house, then another house, then another (in Rice County's case 51 houses!) – that's great. But the collective work and accomplishments build a better future for the next generation. That hope gives me goose bumps! Clarence Jordan, founder of Koinonia Farms, the birthplace of Habitat said this: "The good news of the resurrection of Jesus is not that we shall die and go home with him, but that he has risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick, prisoner brothers with him." Yes! Jesus has risen and comes home to us! Jesus brings the hungry, naked, thirsty... and those with insecure and unstable housing. And Jesus also brings us. Jesus compels us to see the needs in our community and to respond to them. Nowhere that I know of in the Bible does it say, "you shall not be irritated along the way". The irritations will come. Let us be lifted up by knowing that Jesus accompanies us along the way. My prayer is that my gratitude is greater than my irritation. I'm grateful to the Americorps members who have helped us to continue to build; I'm grateful for our site supervisors (Larry Narhi, Larry Menzel and Jim Frederick); I'm grateful for great sub-contractors; I'm grateful for a great Board of Directors and Committee members; I'm grateful for Partner Families who share their excitement about their new home. Look around - what are you grateful for? Dayna Norvold Call 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)

**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

**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** There is no cost for this service. To request our involvement: Email: [honoringchoices@allina.com](mailto:honoringchoices@allina.com) Phone: 507-977-2330 - 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 Follow us on Facebook: [@honoringchoicesFaribaultOwatonna](https://www.facebook.com/honoringchoicesFaribaultOwatonna)

**Upcoming scriptures, read and reflect to prepare for worship:** September 6, 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, year A Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20 Colors: Green; Sep 13 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Exodus 14:19-31 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35 COLORS Green Sep 20 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16 COLORS Green Sep 27 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32 COLORS Green

## Service Schedule for 2020: Every Sunday

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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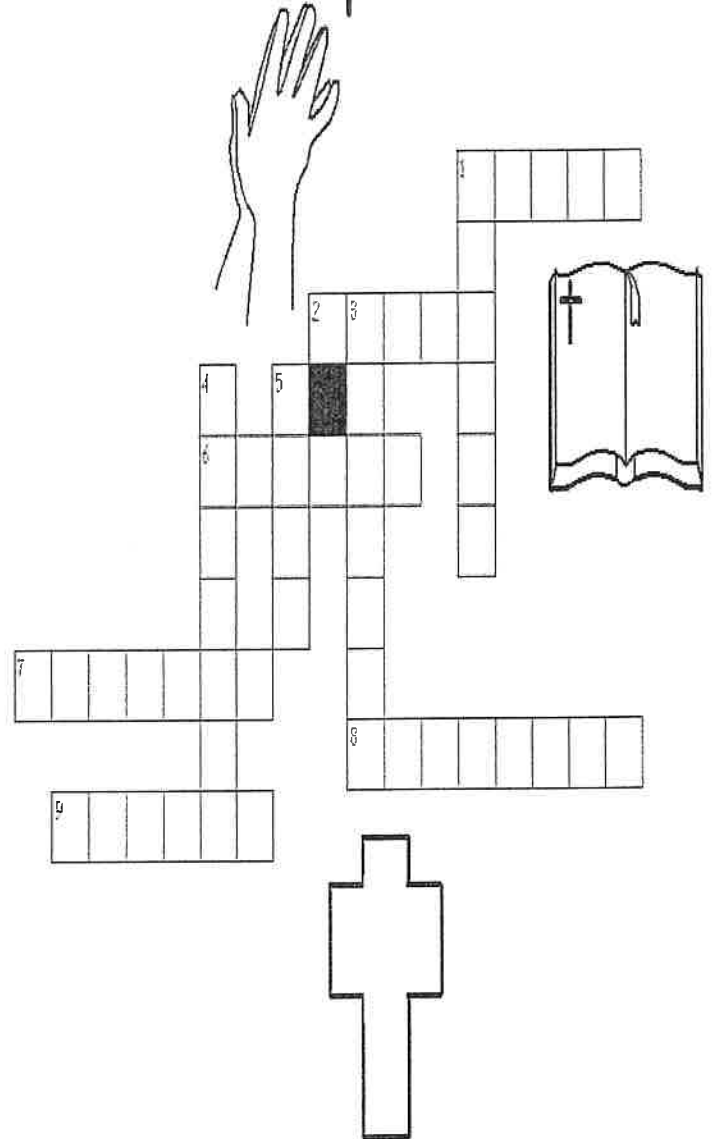
Sabbath on Friday

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 including the scripture before the sermon and announcing a hymn. 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 Let me know, so I can send the information ahead. You may choose the scripture translation that you prefer. Thank you!

"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)



# Church and Respect Crossword



### Across

1. At church we meet with others to worship and also to study or \_\_\_ about God.
2. The way we \_\_\_ can show respect on the outside of us.
6. When we \_\_\_ God we are telling him how much appreciate and love him.
7. When we sing and pray to God this is the way we do this for God.
8. These people care about you and spend time preparing a lesson for you to learn.
9. The church isn't about where we meet but about the \_\_\_ we meet with there.

### Down

1. It's important to do this to hear what the people at church are trying to teach you.
3. Treating others the way we would like to be treated can be called this.
4. Church is a \_\_\_ place to worship God together no matter where it is.
5. Instead of running and being loud it's better if you \_\_\_ and speak nicely to others.

August 2020

Following the CDC and local Guidelines, the following recommendations will be implemented for in person worship at St. John's UCC.

### **Recommendations:**

- 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.
- Please return to in person worship when you feel comfortable. This will be a personal choice based on your own health needs or those around you.
- Face masks will be required per current state of MN mandates. If you are unable to keep a mask on for the entire service, please adhere to social distances guidelines and respect those around you. There will be a supply of masks available.
- Hand sanitizers will be available throughout the church but please feel free to bring your own.
- Physical distancing (6 feet apart) must be practiced at all times. Signs will be posted as reminders.
- No singing. Singing produces a lot of aerosols making the spread of the virus easier.
- One family unit per pew. Every other pew will be available.
- Restrooms will be available. If you need to use the restroom, 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.
- 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.

- When you enter the sanctuary, please sit front to back. The first to arrive will 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. This record will be destroyed when no longer needed.)
- Bulletins will be available to pick up when you enter church.
- 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!
- 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.
- 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.

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

In person worship recommendations will be changing based on the status of the pandemic and guideline changes from the MN Department of Health and the CDC.

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





# Hegre's Annual Fall Swedish Meatball Supper TAKE OUT & CURBSIDE PICKUP ORDERS ONLY

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Call ahead or text orders are appreciated. Please include the number of meals and time of pickup. Picnic tables will also be available at the church for anyone to use. Call or text orders to Beth @ 507-330-4996, Roxanne @ 507-330-3127, or call Hegre Church at 507-527-2353.

### Menu includes:

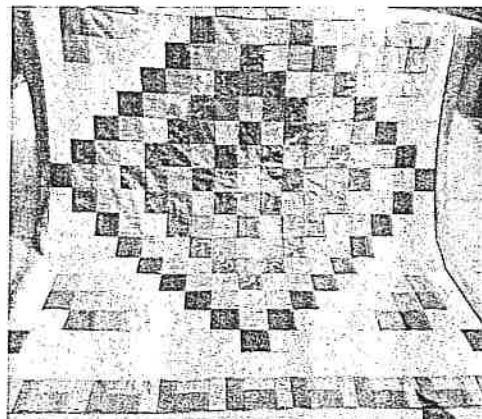
Swedish Meatballs, Ham,  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,  
Coleslaw, Corn, Dinner Roll, and  
Dessert Choice-Apple or Pumpkin

Take out meals are \$15.00 each.  
(Each meal is an adult sized portion)

### Quilt Raffle Tickets:

1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00

Hegre Lutheran Church  
51939 Hwy 56 Blvd  
Kenyon, MN 55946  
[hegrechurch@yahoo.com](mailto:hegrechurch@yahoo.com)



St John's UCC congregation meeting was called to order by President Doug Spike on August 9th at 1130am

In attendance via zoom were members

Pastor Lora Sturm

Shirley Little

Pauline and Gordie Wiegrefe

Becky Tatge

Mary and Mark Kindseth

Jay Kindseth

Paul Meyer

Judy and Don Meese

Kelly and Zach Hertle

Joan Schwake

Gayle and Brian Bauer

Meeting was opened with Prayer by Pastor Lora

Zach Hertle Trustee presented a plan for new steel roof and re routing of HVAC. This plan includes gable ends at entrances. The plan does not include gutters  
The estimated cost of roof is \$77,000.00

Treasurer Gordie Weigrefe reported the church will use existing funds to pay for the project with the intention of repaying itself at a 2% amortization.

The following balances were reported

Regular Improvement Fund \$15,848.90

Meese Fund \$71,146.17

Recent donations \$2650.00

Voting for the project will be done through email and paper ballot via mail.

Meeting Adjourned

Secretary

Sarah Becher