



# NOVEMBER CHURCHLETTER

*BUILDING A FUTURE WITH HOPE BY REACHING OUT AND GROWING DEEPER:* Dear fellow image bearers of God, how goes it with your soul? I'm praying that every day you grow more in faith as you face new challenges. Are you giving thanks for those brave prayer partners in our midst who are volunteering to pray for our revitalized church and committing to pray with another person weekly? Imagine the lives being changed!

As a reminder for everyone, please pray with this as a guide covering the Body of Christ with prayer:

- For a joyful unified recognition of Jesus Christ as Lord
- For a hungering and thirsting after the Word of God and the Spirit of God in our local churches
- For pastors and leaders struggling to give leadership through this pandemic
- For a deepened appetite for prayer to arise and be mobilized in our churches
- For our churches to become agencies of all manner of healing in our communities
- For discipleship to take root and bring deep wholeness to people
- For the raising up of spiritually gifted apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers within our churches (Eph. 4:11)
- That churches would be awakened to their mission to make disciples who reach the lost

How is God inviting you to pray for one another, the world and all who live in it?

If you feel God's nudging you to be a prayer partner with a particular person, please let me know. I want this time to be renewing and life-giving to your spirit. Your prayers together make an impact beyond our human understanding. Your efforts are making disciples (the reason God placed us here.)

Part of the reason I am helping you get connected is because of the course I'm doing. This is my Applied Project for this semester. Not only will it help grow disciples, but a part of what I'm doing is improving communication for both churches. I've been busy gathering correct contact information to share with the leadership for each church. Eventually, all the data will be loaded to Mailchimp to facilitate quick notifications of prayer requests, emergencies and other pertinent information that each church could send. This will help set both churches up for the future by being able to be more flexible and faster in responding to the needs of

the communities and our world. It is very slow going and I greatly appreciate your support.

Good news, I've completed one of the classes for my **Non-Profit Church Leadership** certificate. I learned a lot about stewardship, and I plan to share some of the helpful information I learned with you.

Here is just a general topic for you to be aware of as you look to the future. You can make a huge impact not only to your church but your loved ones and save taxes by donating complex assets. What are they, you might ask- which I did. Thanks to Jeff Veltkamp, MBA, CFRE Director of Development South Dakota Community Foundation, here is an explanation: What is a complex asset?

➤ Charitable gifts of real estate

- Land
- Personal residence
- Commercial property
- Other real property

➤ Charitable gifts of business interests

- Closely held stock (S-Corp, C-Corp, LLC)
- Partnership interests

➤ Charitable gifts of personal property

- Artwork
- Royalties, copyrights, patents
- Valuable collectibles

➤ Other alternative asset gifts

- Life insurance policies
- Retirement plans
- Negotiable instruments (such as notes receivable)

- Oil and gas interests

Next month, I'll include further descriptions to help us grow in realizing the impact God is making on our lives. God's generosity changes our relationship with God and one another. Remembering everything we have comes from God, we give thanks with joy.

As you know, the first Sunday in November we remember especially those who have died within our church families since last **All Saints Sunday**. This year it lands on November 1, traditional All Saints Day. This year, we remember:

Delbert W. Bultman March 31, 1928- February 9, 2020  
Elaine Hafemeyer Miller Sept. 23, 1925-March 1, 2020  
Rita Mary Covert April 23, 1930-May 25, 2020  
Kathryn Marie Reinhardt Oct. 17, 1927- July 11, 2020  
**Be aware many dates and activities can be changed in a short time. Please watch for updates. Keep on praying.**

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

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

*Hello friends and family, On Nov 8, my dad will turn 90.*



*Because of covid, we are unable to celebrate as we want. We would love to flood him with cards. If you know him, please send him a card. You can send it to Kenneth Shaske, C/O Ivy Hill Senior Care,*

*607 2nd Ave NW, Faribault, MN 55021. In order for him to receive them on his birthday, the cards need to arrive at Ivy Hill 5 days before his birthday so they can be disinfected. Thank you for helping us make his day special in the days we are in. Irene*

Wallace Wille passed away on August 4th in El Paso, TX. His Celebration of Life was held on September 22nd in Alpine, TX with burial at Elm Grove Cemetery in Alpine.

There will be **NO flu vaccine offered in the Nerstrand Area** this fall. Its important to get your flu vaccine that's being offered at various places including clinics, pharmacies, grocery stores, etc.

**Wednesday Wear is Open!** We do require masks and we only allow so many people downstairs at a time. But, you can shop in our fellowship hall for holiday décor. These items are yours for a monetary donation.



We are now taking donations (clothing and household items) again but, please don't bring a carload, maybe a bag or two at a time. Everything needs to be clean and ready to wear-No tears or stains.

We were closed for 3 months but yet through Aug., we have had 761 shoppers.

For a mission project, we just delivered 3 Welcome baskets to the Emma Norton Residence.

Thank you to our volunteers. Jackie and Jen are our newest helpers who came to help when we reopened. We are so glad and thankful to have them.

Thanks Everyone!

Come see us on Wednesdays 1-5 pm or Saturdays 9am to noon.

*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*

**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. November 10** is the date, **2 pm** is the time and I ask you to set aside time to pray. 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.

**Peace with Justice Sunday:** In today's world, communities face social challenges, nations are divided, human rights are violated, and slavery of all kinds still perpetuates our existence. As the United Methodist Church, we are moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image. We will not turn a blind eye to injustice. Because of the offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a

difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit—of peace on **November 8**.

At Nerstrand UMC, you are invited to give to **United Methodist Student Day**. Your support equips students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. Scholarships are provided for qualified United Methodist applicants from your gift the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, **November 29**.

*The above offerings have special envelopes for in person worship, but you can note in comments where you'd like the offering to go via check or online.*

Also, for the Minnesota UMC Annual Conference, there is a special **Love Offering** for people to contribute to specific missions. Nerstrand UMC is accepting donations **through November** to help support these missions: The theme of the 2020 Annual Conference session was "Be the Light—Live Hope!" The Love Offering provides the opportunity to be light and hope for those crying out for love, compassion, justice, and grace in their lives. Bishop Bruce R. Ough invites congregations 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). See below: **Simpson Housing Services'** mission is to house, support, and advocate for people experiencing homelessness. It began as an emergency overnight shelter in the basement of Simpson UMC in 1982. Simpson has since become a leading nonprofit helping people experiencing homelessness. In response to unmet community needs, its programs have grown to include emergency shelter, supportive housing, and developmental and educational services for children. It works across the Twin Cities metro area, partnering with landlords and developers to find affordable housing for all families and individuals. At any given time, Simpson provides supportive services to 100 individuals and 210 families. Its services have been in particularly high demand since the COVID-19 pandemic hit Minnesota in March. The 2020 Love Offering will support the construction of a new, modern, and dignified shelter on the property of the old Simpson UMC building. Learn more at [www.simpsonhousing.org](http://www.simpsonhousing.org)  
**Emma Norton** was founded in 1917 in St. Paul through a gift that Mrs. Emma Norton from Winona, Minnesota gave to the United Methodist Women. Today, Emma Norton's mission is to provide transformational housing for women and families on their journey of recovery. It serves homeless women, individuals, and families who have the additional challenges of mental health, chemical dependency, and/or a chronic health condition. Emma Norton provides safe, affordable housing with wrap-around services to facilitate stability, self-acceptance, empowerment, and wholeness for all. In the time of COVID-19, having a safe, affordable home is more important than ever.

Emma Norton helps nearly 300 individuals and children each year through its permanent housing facilities in St. Paul and Maplewood, a scattered-site housing program in the community, and its SOAR (Social Security Outreach, Access, and Recovery Technical Assistance) Program. It also serves nearly 80 children through home visits, after-school programming, social emotional learning, and tutoring. In 2020, Emma Norton is undergoing a major renovation of its family townhome community in Maplewood and launching a capital campaign for a new building in St. Paul that will better serve its clients. Learn more at [www.emmanorton.org](http://www.emmanorton.org).

**Joyce Uptown Foodshelf** is committed to serving anyone experiencing food insecurity in a large area of South Minneapolis. Its mission is to distribute food to those in need with respect and dignity, as an expression of the love of God. The foodshelf, started 50 years ago by the former Joyce UMC, is now a ministry of Lake Harriet UMC and relies on its many partners who donate time, food, and money. In 2019, Joyce Uptown Foodshelf served 12,684 individuals, 4,358 of whom were children, and distributed 239,556 pounds of food. The economic challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic have created great need, and the foodshelf has been struggling to keep up with demand. In 2020, the foodshelf is focused improving its physical space for its clients. Part of living out its mission of serving with respect and dignity is becoming a fully accessible space. An improved space will also provide participants the ability to choose their own food options, as they might at a grocery store. Learn more at [www.joyceuptownfoodshelf.org](http://www.joyceuptownfoodshelf.org)

**The Minnesota Conference Committee on Native American Ministry (CONAM)** is coordinating a diaper drop that will provide diapers to families on each of the 11 reservations in Minnesota. Due to the COVID-19 shutdowns, many Native American people have lost income. For families that were already struggling, the pandemic has exacerbated economic hardship. This drive will help native families meet a vital need during this worldwide health crisis. Love Offering funds will be used to purchase diapers, store them, and travel to each reservation to distribute them in partnership with tribal governments and leaders.

*Thank you in advance for your faithful sharing of God's abundance for the healing of the world. To God be the glory.*

**The 2020 Nerstrand UMC charge conference will be 3pm Tuesday, November 17** led by Laurie Boche to elect church leadership, approve inactive/unresponsive membership report, approve pastoral compensation, approve parsonage allowance resolution and receive additional reports. All interested in planning for the future are invited. After completed, Nerstrand UMC council meets.

#### 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 have resumed Sunday School at St. John's UCC. 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

October 4, 2020

The October council meeting for St. John's United Church of Christ was called to order by President Doug Spike at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Opening devotions by Pastor Lora Sturm.

With Pastor Lora and a representative of the SPRC present, Council opened discussion on the congregation's needs for a pastor. Full-time vs. part-time pastor pros and cons were discussed as the current full-time scenario is not a financially sustainable model. It was brought to light that the current yoking agreement with the Nerstrand United Methodist Church was first drafted over 50 years ago. A decision was made to open the conversation with the United Methodist Church at the next SPRC meeting.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Year to date to be shared in the next newsletter.

#### Trustee's Report

Furnace to be serviced on November 6th.

Access point continues to be worked on with Northfield WiFi with the goal of being able to live stream services from the sanctuary.

The roof project is scheduled to begin the second week of November.

Trustees will begin collection bids for next year's lawn mowing contract.

It was noted that the flag is in need of being replaced.

#### New Business

Options are being explored for Christmas Eve Service. Also being explored is how Christmas Eve bags can be distributed.

#### Old Business

Roof project on track.

Next council meeting is scheduled for November 9th at 6:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary

Sarah Becher

St John's Elders:

Doug Spike

Gayle Bauer

Gloria Karl

St John's Spiritual Council

Pastor Lora Sturm

Doug Spike

Gayle Bauer

Gloria Karl

Answers to anagrams

### Second Saturday Quilters

SSQ will meet on Saturday November 14 at St. John's from 9:00 am to Noon. Bring a project to work on. This will be a day to finish up or start a new project and get input and questions answered by fellow quilters. Our tables will be spread out to allow for Social Distancing, also remember a mask, and your own beverage container. Coffee, Tea, & Water will be provided.

We will continue discussion on Banners and Christmas. Annette will bring snack.

SSQ is open to people of all churches & their friends.

Contact Deb Wille 507-323-4813

or [83159deb@gmail.com](mailto:83159deb@gmail.com)

### 2020 SJUC WOMEN'S GUILD

November 4, 2020 The St. John's U.C.C. Women's Guild will be meeting at 1:30 PM on November 4th in the parish hall. Face masks and social distancing will be required. It will be a short meeting to finalize the year's finances and make plans for 2021. Lunch WILL NOT be served. Any thoughts or questions may be directed to Judy Meese, Berdell Berquam, or Shirley Little.

St. John's Women's Guild Officers

**No meeting in December**

### St. John's UCC Cleaning Committee

The St. John's UCC cleaning committee for the month of November is: Jason & Sarah Miles, Linda St. Martin and Craig & Sue Mueller



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

**Nov 4** 1:30 PM Women's Guild-SJ

**Nov 9** 6:30pm council-SJ

**Nov 10** 2pm PPP please pray at least 30 minutes-thx

**Nov 14**-SSQ 9am-noon-SJ

**Nov 15** 11:30am SPRC-SJ

**Nov 17** charge conference 3pm-N followed by church council-N

**Nov 20**-newsletter deadline

**Nov 26** Faribault Community Thanksgiving meal

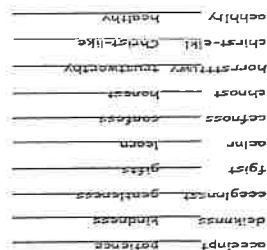
**Dec 8** 2pm PPP please pray at least 30 minutes-thx

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

**Dec 20** newsletter deadline

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

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



QUILTING GROUP

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



Come ye thankful  
People come...

**Faribault Community Thanksgiving Meal Nov. 26** call Buckham West at 5073327357, 10:30-noon home delivery; 12:00pm -1:30pm curbside pickup, more details to come.

**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 Suzzanne for volunteer opportunities! [suzzannef.ruthshouse@gmail.com](mailto:suzzannef.ruthshouse@gmail.com)

**Habitat for Humanity** Rice County Habitat for Humanity [www.habitatricecounty.org](http://www.habitatricecounty.org) 507.323.5167, 204 7<sup>th</sup> St. W, PMB 128, Northfield, MN 55057 Preparing to build a quad in 2021, thanks to Thrivent Faith Builds grant.

**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)

**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:** Nov 1 All Saints Day Rev 7:9-17 Ps 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matt 5:1-12 COLORS Red or White / Nov 1 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Josh 3:7-17, Ps 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thess 2:9-13 Matt 23:31-12 COLORS Green Nov 8 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25 Ps 78:1-7 1 Thess 4:13-18 Matt 25:1-13 COLORS Green Nov 15 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Judg 4:1-7 Ps 123 1 Thess 5:1-11 Matt 25:14-30 COLORS Green Nov 22 Christ the King/ Reign of Christ Sunday/ Thanksgiving Sunday Ezek 34:11-16 Ps 100 Eph 1:15-23 Matt 25:31-46 COLORS White or Gold Nov 29 Isa 64:1-9 Ps 80 :1-7, 17-19 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

Use the following as a litany of thanks prior to your Thanksgiving Meal:

Reader: Today is Thanksgiving Day. We are grateful to be together at this time of the year.

Reader: Hear these words from the Bible: "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters." (Psalm 24:1-2, NIV)

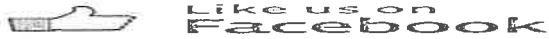
Reader: As we light the candles on this table, let them be a reminder to us of God's presence with us.

Reader: Let us pray, "O God for all the blessings we enjoy, we give you thanks. Help us look at the world around us in such a way that we see your hand in creation and in those we meet. Help us be a blessing today to those gathered around this

table and in all our days to those we meet at home, at school, in church, and in our community. AMEN.

**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

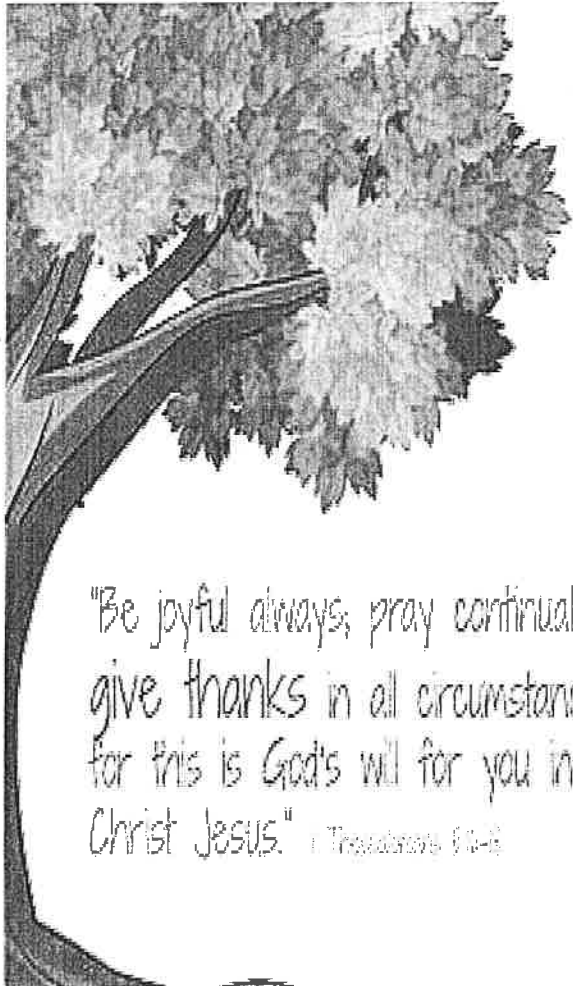


**10:30 AM WORSHIP AT ST JOHN'S UNITED**  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

19086 Jacobs Ave, Faribault, MN 55021  
E-mail: [stjohnsuccnumc@live.com](mailto:stjohnsuccnumc@live.com) Phone: 5077895766  
Website: <https://stjohnsunitiedchurchofchrist.info>  
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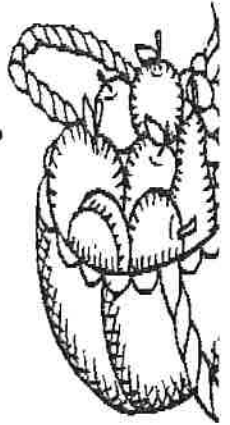


Lora Sturm, Pastor All the People, Ministers  
Phone: 507.330.0025 office/ 507.525.4483 cell/ 507.452.1448 home  
E-mail: [pastorlora@live.com](mailto:pastorlora@live.com)  
Sabbath on Friday



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

# Fruit of the Spirit Anagram



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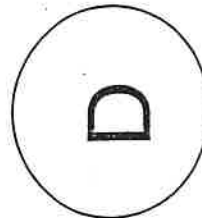
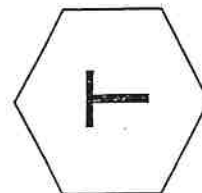
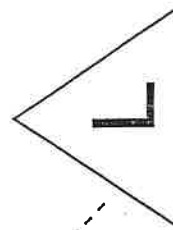
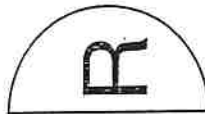
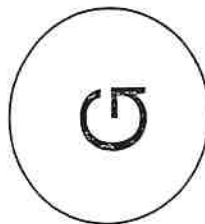
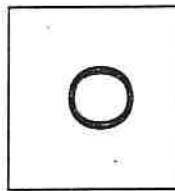
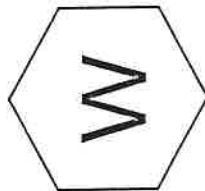
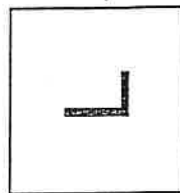
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Jesus is the light of  
the world!



Match the shapes.



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 9/30/2020			
	YTD Income	YTD Expenses	Balance
General	\$57,622.71	\$69,305.70	\$17,054.89
Benevolent	\$1,540.00	\$0.00	\$1,540.00
Improvement	\$89,910.47	\$23,134.49	\$108,092.76
Total	\$149,073.18	\$92,440.19	\$126,687.65

