



JUNE CHURCHLETTER



Greetings from your moderator! St. John's church continues with in person and online worship. I welcome you to worship however you want. The updates to the sanctuary look beautiful and we will be able to enjoy them for years to come. The new roof is a wonderful addition and looks like it has been there for years. If you haven't seen them yet, summer is an excellent time to get out and enjoy this beautiful setting. Speaking of summer, we will be offering mid week services again this year. We will be hosting the National Eagle Center on July 21st. This outdoor program is very educational and entertaining with several live birds. Matt Schwake has volunteered his wonderful musical talents in August. We are also hoping for a third musical program. They all sound very exciting and a nice option to get out and see people again! Keep an eye on the website, Facebook, newsletter and email updates for information on these events. The SPRC continues their diligent work on finding a candidate to fill the interim position. They are in the interviewing process so please keep them in your prayers. They have lined up pulpit supply in the meantime. Finally, I wanted to thank all of you for your patience, kindness and flexibility as we continue to find our way through the pandemic. It goes without saying that we never want to go through this again, but I believe we will come out of it as a stronger congregation and ready to plan for the future of our church and our ministry. Please feel free to contact me through the church cell phone with any questions or concerns.

Gayle Bauer

Moderator, St. John's UCC

Mailing or delivering copies of the bulletins and sermons continues for those who have requested it (please let Lynn know, if you're interested) for the people without the necessary technology to watch the service other than via in person worship. YouTube links are emailed as available, and Facebook live the morning of worship continues, as possible. Thanks for your prayerful support and financial assistance to continue offering options for more participation by a larger group of disciples.

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

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

Loving Thoughts and Prayers Surround:

New Perspective

Joan Schwake

Pleasant View Estates

Shirley Bauer

Faribault Senior Living

Mildred Tatge

The Homestead of Rochester

Lorry Wille

Ivy Hill

Ken Shaske

Milestone

Marjean Smith

At Home

Jean Pederson

Donovan Mueller

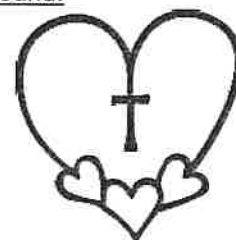
Doris Hildebrandt

Arlene Shaske

Arlene Bultman

Kaye Spike

Richard Hanson



Joys and Concerns

We hold Eric Hildebrandt in our prayers. Eric lives in Red Wing, and is a former member of St. John's and son of Doris Hildebrandt. Eric had major surgery in Rochester on May 11th. We ask for God's healing touch as Eric receives post-surgery care.



A memorial service for Kenneth Bauer was held May 8th at the Boldt Funeral Home in Faribault. Our continued prayers and thoughts for the family. Kenneth passed away January 19th, 2021.

Dear friends in ministry, thank you for the wonderful and wonder-filled days of my time with you. It was such a nice break from the unpacking to sit down and read your kind notes and cards. Such thoughtful gifts, reminding me of you and shared holy ground moments help me rejoice in gratitude for you and our time together in ministry. A special thank you to the SPRC members in leading the concluding activities: Becky Tatge, Kim Keller and Pauline Wiegrefe (St. John's UCC) and Mark Pearson, Kevin Wille and Lloyd Kispert (Nerstrand UMC) Not even the wind on the drive thru event slowed them down in their cheerfulness and steadfastness of hospitality for all. Holding you in my prayers as we continue in ministry. "So neither the one who plants nor

the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." 1 Corinthians 3:7. Lora

Prayer Chain:

The Prayer Chain will continue as it's currently set-up. Calls can be made to the church line [507-330-0025](tel:507-330-0025) or to Shirley Little [507-334-5325](tel:507-334-5325) or Mary Kindseth [507-789-6879](tel:507-789-6879). Messages can be left on any of the phones. If you want to make any changes on how you are contacted or add your name to the list, you can be on the email or phone list. Let's keep this available to our community.

Effective 5/14/21 masks and social distancing will no longer be required at St. John's UCC church. Church pews are no longer roped off. Attendance tracking will stop. The Church will resume business as usual. Please feel free to join in person worship with or without a mask. Unless there is a major change or concern there will be no further updates from the COVID committee.

Beginning May 18, 2021, the office phone number (507) 330-0025 will be monitored by SPRC chair Becky Tatge. You can also reach the churches by email at: St.JohnsUCCWheeling@gmail.com or NerstrandUMC@gmail.com Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition time.

Attention NUMC!

Nerstrand UMC will not have online worship for the next few weeks. If you are not able to attend in-person worship, you are invited and encouraged to view the online service at St. John's UCC. Their service will continue to be posted live on the St. John's **facebook** page Sunday, 10:30 am and it will be posted online on **youtube** to view at your convenience. During the next few weeks there will be discussions as to whether this online worship experience from NUMC should continue and if so, who might be willing to take on this responsibility. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome.

Mark your calendar. NUMC is planning their annual garage sale for June 26th Details will be coming at a later date but we encourage you to start cleaning your closets of the items you no longer need but might be the perfect garage sale find for someone else. If possible, donations can be dropped off at church during regular Wednesday Wear hours, Wednesdays 1 - 5 and Saturdays 9 - 12.

Vacation Bible School: VBS packets are being prepared and will be mailed to students for an at-home study like was done last year. God willing, we will have an in-person regular Bible School session next year.

**Nerstrand
United Methodist
Church**



Sat. June 26th, 8 am - 2 pm



Part of
Nerstrand's
City-wide
Sale

Offering many very
nice clean household
items.

Facebook: Nerstrand United Methodist Church *** web page: Nerstrandumc.org

Have you tried the online way of giving yet? Check out each church's website: <https://nerstrandumc.org/> <https://stjohnsunitedchurchofchrist.info> for the link to give.

It is quite easy and very convenient. The company name is VANCO. #1-Select your fund, click the donate button, choose the amount and frequency, then proceed to payment. #2-Enter your credit card, debit card or checking account information, (if you sign up for a free account, you can save your payment information for future donations) #3-Review and submit your gift by clicking submit. From your Vanco Online account, you can review your giving history, manage recurring donations, or update payment information. Thanks again for your generous giving out of your gratitude for God's transforming love.

Wednesday Wear at Nerstrand UMC We will be keeping our hours as is for now. We are still amazed! We have been open 7 yrs. And still have new people coming. Come see us and bring along a friend!
Hours: Wednesdays 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Saturdays 9:00AM to Noon

Mark your calendar!

Nerstrand UMC Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 18th

4:30 - 6:30

We had so much fun last year we want to do it again.

Outdoors.....Rootbeer Floats..... Hot Dogs



St. John's UCC Sunday School

St. John's Sunday School will resume in September, 2021, for children ages 4 years through 8th grade. Please contact Carrie Hess with any questions or if you know of children or families who might be interested in Sunday School.



St John's UCC Council Meeting Minutes for May:

The May meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Moderator Gayle Bauer

Pastor Lora opened with prayer and reflections

SPRC report was given by Becky Tatge

Secretary report read and approved

Treasure report read and approved

Trustee report read and approved

Cleaning schedule for the month of June: Mary Bultman and Brian & Tasha Homeier

Updated membership: tabled at this time

Approved desktop computer will be available mid-June

Transition items: Becky Tatge will assume duties of church cell phone, prayer chain and email notifications at this time

Eagle program: awaiting date

Mid-week summer service is under review for possible dates and will be discussed at the June meeting

UCC annual meeting is June 11-12 and Doug Spike will be St. John's delegate

Congratulations to Pastor Lora on her retirement and a celebratory gathering will be held on Sunday May 16th from 2pm - 4pm at St. John's UCC

Next meeting will be Tuesday June 8th at 6:30 p.m. in person at St. John's UCC

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer

Elders: Gayle Bauer, Gloria Karl, Todd Lien

Deacons-Gordie Wiegrefe, Sarah Becher, Brian Homeier

Trustees-Jay Kindseth, Matt Schwake, Paul Meyer

Cemetery Board-Keith Keller, Brian Bauer, Al Meyer

The SPRC is happy to announce the following worship leaders for the next six weeks:

- May 30, 2021 - Rev Greg Ciesluk (at St. John's UCC)- service in cemetery (at NUMC)
- June 6, 2021 - Rev Gordon Orde
- June 13, 2021 - Rev Gordon Orde
- June 20, 2021 - Rev Gordon Orde
- June 27, 2021 - Gideons and lay leadership
- July 4, 2021 - Vacation Sunday

And

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St. John's UCC Cleaning

Committee The St. John's UCC cleaning committee for the month of June is: Mary Bultman and Brian & Tasha Homeier



Second Saturday Quilters

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

Contact Deb Wille 507-323-4813 or 83159deb@gmail.com



Special notices, Save the dates, Surround in Prayer:

Jun 7-12 MN UCC Conference Annual Meeting

Jun 22-24 MAC UMC 167th Annual Conference

Jun 26 Garage Sale-N

Jun 20 newsletter deadline

Jul 21, 7pm Eagle Center program-SJ

Aug 31-Sep 10 UMC General Conference-Mpls

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

National Eagle Center Coming to St John's

Have you ever visited the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN? It's an experience you will never forget. On Wednesday, July 21 at 7:00 pm, the National Eagle Center brings their incomparable program, including a live Eagle, to St John's. Mark your calendar and make sure to invite your friends and neighbors to this not to be missed event!

50 Ways to

Welcome Your New Pastor

From the Lewis Center for Church Leadership Prepared by Robert Crossman

Prepare to welcome your new pastor

1. Open your hearts and decide that you are going to love your new pastor.
2. Begin praying daily for the new pastor and family, even as you continue to pray for your departing pastor and family.
3. Invite church members individually to send cards of welcome and encouragement to the incoming pastor.
4. Know that welcoming your new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the ground work for a healthy and vital relationship and the development of stable, long-term ministries together.
5. Plan for the transition. Occasionally important welcoming gestures are missed with everyone thinking someone else is handling these details.
6. Appoint a specific liaison person to whom the pastor can go for help and information during the transition.

Say goodbye to your current pastor in a healthy way

- 7. Show love, regard, and even grief, for your departing pastor. This is one of the best things you can do for the new pastor.
- 8. Acknowledge the change in public ways. Especially in the case of a much-beloved pastor, this allows the congregation better to let go and receive the new pastor.
- 9. Provide the congregation the opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to the outgoing pastor, even if things have not always gone well.
- 10. Find appropriate occasions — in worship and at other times — to thank the outgoing pastor.
- 11. Express appreciation in ways that are consistent with what you have done in the past.
- 12. Consider giving the pastor the last two weeks off. This helps the pastor enter the new situation rested and gives an emotional buffer between one pastor's last Sunday and another pastor's first Sunday.
- 13. Plan goodbye celebrations prior to the beginning of the two weeks off.
- 14. Provide information to the local media about the outgoing pastor's accomplishments and future plans.
- 15. Do not invite the former pastor to return for weddings, funerals, or baptisms. This allows your former pastor to engage fully with his or her new congregation, and it establishes your new pastor as everyone's pastor from the beginning.

Make things move-in ready

- 16. Make sure the parsonage and pastor's office are clean and ready. Offer to provide help or a cleaning service if needed.
- 17. Determine if the parsonage is in need of repairs or painting. Consult the outgoing and incoming pastors about timing so as not to disrupt the lives of either party. Do not ask a new pastor to move into a parsonage "under construction."
- 18. Consult the new pastor on any paint, design, or furnishings issues.
- 19. Offer to have someone cut the parsonage grass.
- 20. Make sure the new pastor and church officials are clear on how moving expenses are paid and all matters related to compensation, benefits, and reimbursement policies.

Welcome your pastor on moving day

- 21. Stock the parsonage refrigerator and pantry with some staples.
- 22. Make sure there are kid-friendly foods and snacks in the refrigerator if children are arriving.

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churchleadership.com □ 23. Have a small group on hand to

greet the new

pastor and family when they arrive and to help

as needed.

- 24. Offer child care if there is an infant or toddler in the household.

- 25. Invite children in the household to do things with

others of their same age.

- 26. Welcome any youth in the household by having church youth group members stop by and offer to show them around.

Continue the welcome during the entry period

- 27. Take food over for the first few days. Many churches continue the practice of having a "pounding" for the new pastor when persons bring food items.

- 28. Provide a map with directions to local dry cleaners, grocery store, drug store, veterinarian, etc., and information on local options for internet and cable television providers.

- 29. Give gift certificates to several of your favorite restaurants in the community.

- 30. Give the pastor and family a welcome reception on the first Sunday.

- 31. Plan a worship celebration of the new appointment.

- 32. Invite the new pastor to any social events held by Sunday School classes or other groups in the early months.

- 33. Make sure the pastor's spouse and children, if applicable, are invited to Sunday School and other appropriate small groups.

- 34. Continue to remember your new pastor and family in your daily prayers.

Help the new pastor become familiar with the congregation

- 35. Introduce yourself to the pastor repeatedly! You have one name to learn; your pastor has many names to learn.

- 36. Wear name tags. Even if name tags are not a tradition, the congregation can wear them for a few weeks to help the pastor learn names.

- 37. Provide a current pictorial directory of all the church members, if available.

- 38. Provide an up-to-date list of all church committees and officers.

- 39. Provide the new pastor with a tour of where things are kept inside the church and perhaps a floor plan of the facilities.

- 40. Orient the new pastor to information systems and the way records are kept.

- 41. Make sure the pastor has a list of home bound or nursing home members, a list of those struggling with long term illness, and a list of those still in grief over recent deaths in the family. Better yet, take the pastor for an introduction to each of these households.

- 42. Have an appropriate person offer to go with the pastor for introductions and support if there are particularly urgent pastoral situations (a member near death or the family of a member who has just died).

- 43. Have a lay official offer to take the pastor to meet church members in their businesses or other work settings, if they are easily accessible.

- 44. Offer to help arrange small group sessions to meet and talk with the congregation.

- 45. Create a "church yellow pages" (a list of people

in the church who have specific skills that a newcomer may find beneficial.... auto mechanic, doctor, dentist, dry cleaners, book store, office supply, etc.). Help the new pastor connect to the community

□ 46. Provide local media with information about the new pastor.

□ 47. Provide a list of hospitals, nursing homes, and community service agencies.

Discover more information, resources, and strategies at churchleadership.com □ 48. Introduce your new pastor to other clergy in the

community. Provide information on any ecumenical activities or associations.

□ 49. Introduce the new pastor to public and community leaders.

□ 50. Ask church members in civic clubs to take the new pastor to one of their meetings.

Dr. Robert Crossman, Minister of New Church Starts and Congregational Development for the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, is the primary author of this document. The Lewis Center staff and others provided suggestions and editorial assistance.

MAC UMC Annual Conference 2021: June 22-24. The theme of our 167th Annual Conference is "Jesus. Waymaker." Registration will open May 1. June 22 and 24 will be entirely virtual and June 23 will be in small (50) in-person groups at various sites across the state. It will include a virtual presentation from Rev. Rachel Billups—an author who serves as pastor of Ginghamburg Church in Ohio—followed by a live virtual Q&A. There will be group conversations at the sites and ZOOM breakout rooms will be available for those not comfortable meeting in-person. This will allow some face-to-face conversation and provide an opportunity to be in community. The business session, where we discuss legislation, will be Thursday, June 24 and conducted through a ZOOM webinar.



Minnesota UCC Conference Annual Meeting 2021: June 7-12 The theme is "Courageous Church" The Annual Meeting Planning Work Group, in

collaboration with Conference staff, is working hard to create an experience that will be educational, supportive, collaborative, and enjoyable — balanced by our sincere desire to keep everyone safe and healthy. To that end, the decision was made that the entire Annual Meeting will be virtual this year. Like the rest of the world, our team simply does not know when it will be safe to gather in-person, or even how that might look in June. That said, we have a lot of exciting plans to share with you!

The activities and learning sessions for the Annual Meeting will be spread out throughout the week of June 7, with the bulk of the work conducted on Friday and Saturday. Monday through Thursday we will have two workshop sessions each day, one mid-morning and the other mid-afternoon. We are accepting workshop proposals now! All workshops will be open to all

delegates and visitors and will be recorded for later viewing by those registered for the Annual Meeting.

The business meeting, when we will vote on various business of the Conference (budget, compensation guidelines, etc.), will take place Friday afternoon and will be open to delegates only (to ease difficulties with online voting) but will be recorded and available later for public viewing.

On Friday evening, June 11, we will formally kick-off the Annual Meeting with a worship service, Rev. Shari Prestemon's State of the Conference, and some fun surprises. Saturday will begin mid-morning with a keynote address from author Susan Beaumont, author of *How to Lead When You Don't Know What You Are Doing*. Virtual "tabletop conversations" will follow her keynote address. The afternoon of Saturday, June 12, we will reconvene for a virtual panel of congregational leaders across the state who have engaged in the vital task of racial justice work. Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, Associate General Minister of the United Church of Christ, will moderate the panel, which will be followed by small conversation circles. Saturday will conclude with a virtual concert and social "chat" to visit with friend across the Conference.

On Sunday June 13, we will worship together across the state and hear a message from Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson. That virtual worship service will be live-streamed and we are working hard to make it as accessible as possible for every congregation in Minnesota to worship as one.

One important thing to note: there will be no resolutions this year. While resolutions are very important to the work of the Conference, the Board of Directors concluded that it added a level of complexity to a virtual meeting that will already be highly complex.

Finally, our registration costs. We will ask delegates to pay \$50 to attend the Annual Meeting, with delegates able to participate in all sessions. All visitors (non-voting delegates) will be asked to pay \$25 for all sessions except for those on Friday (open to voting delegates only). The Annual Meeting Planning Work Group is eager to engage with you and make this Annual Meeting the best experience possible. Questions? Contact: Rev. Danielle K Bartz Co-Chair of the Annual Meeting Planning Work Group 507-269-5424

Danielle.bartz@gmail.com

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

Or: The Northfield Community Action Center, see [Faribault Food Access Initiative](#) | [Community Action Center of Northfield \(CAC\)](#) offers food availability and other assistance through the **Faribault Food Access Initiative. To donate via mail, please send checks to: Community Action Center, Faribault Food Access Initiative, 1400 Cannon Circle Suite #8, Faribault, MN 55021 To ensure your donation supports Faribault's food shelf, please note 'Food Access' in the memo line. The teams/times with the most**

need are packing on Tuesday evenings or Saturday mornings, and assisting on Thursday and Fridays on distribution weeks. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45aaa629a1fec43-faribault>

Food Shelf Items always welcome. Thank you for your ministry of feeding the hungry. Each church has a box location where you may bring items. Your help by delivering those items to our local food shelves is greatly appreciated. Your gifts witness to the mission focus of our churches. The food shelves in Faribault and Kenyon can also use your financial donations to purchase food at best prices. Each has various options to donate directly, check with them.

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, before dropping off. Please contact Suzanne for volunteer opportunities! suzzanef.ruthshouse@gmail.com

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)

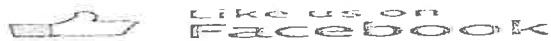
Faribault Area Hospice Foundation is committed to supporting Faribault Area patients receiving Hospice Care. For more information or to apply for assistance, please contact: www.faribaultareahospicefoundation.org

or info@faribaultareahospicefoundation.org or call 1-866-506-7049 Or write Faribault Area Hospice Foundation 200 State Avenue, Faribault, MN 55021

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

Service Schedule for 2021: Sundays
(Communion on first Sundays of month)
9:00 AM WORSHIP AT NERSTRAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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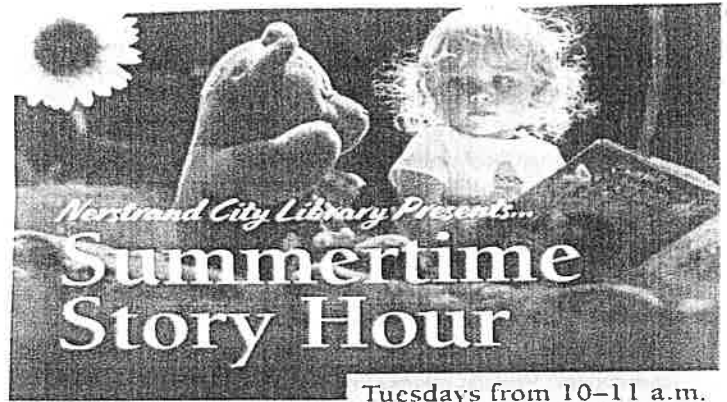


10:30 AM WORSHIP AT ST JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Website: <https://stjohnsunitedchurchofchrist.info>
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Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m.

JUNE 15 / 22 / 29 JULY 13 / 20 / 27 AUG 3 / 10 / 17

Please join us for books, stories, literature, crafts, songs and perhaps some science magic!

Check out books to read at home.

Children ages birth through Grade 5 are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

FREE FOR ALL.

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Nerstrand Women's club is taking on a recycle project! We are excited to invite everyone to take part in this project and help us earn a Trex bench! The Trex Company will Award a bench to us if we can save 500 pounds of plastic by November! There are collection bins around nerstrand check out Parkside for now and we will also have a collection bin in Dennison at the gas station! See the picture for what plastic is acceptable. Thanks for joining in on this environmental project we need everyone's help.

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG

Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!



Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue



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