



AUGUST CHURCHLETTER



Greetings!

Can you believe that our summer is almost over? July went by pretty quickly and August is nearly upon us. Soon it will be State Fair time and Labor Day and then fall will be here! Why is it that time seems to fly by so quickly, especially when we want it to go slowly?

Time was even fast for Jesus during his years of ministry. There were places he had to go, people he had to see, miracles to perform. He was like any well known person we know today...places to be and things to do. In other words, people then and now are busy, busy, busy.

One thing we need to remember, though, is that Jesus took time to be apart, to be alone, to be in prayer with His Father. He understood the demands put on him by the people, but he understood even better the time he needed to be alone and how precious it was for him to honor that time. Not only was it time to be in relationship with God, but it was also time to rest and rejuvenate so that he could continue his ministry. In our world today many people, including pastors, don't take the time apart that they should and they get burned out. Some pastors even leave the ministry, never to return. Imagine if Jesus never rested and got burned out...where would we be today? Jesus's ministry may not have developed as it did if he had not taken time to be alone.

Summer is a time for vacations, having fun, doing all those things we can't do during the rest of the year. However, it's also a time to rest, relax, and rejuvenate. Without taking this time to re-charge our batteries, we run the risk of burning out or simply not having the energy to do what we are meant to do. Take time to relax, take time to be in relationship with God, and rejuvenate yourself so that we can fully re-engage and respond to His calling!

Peace,
Pastor Gary

The office phone number is 651-280-0150 You can also reach the churches by email at: st.johnsuccwheeling@gmail.com or NerstrandUMC@gmail.com

Please send **bulletin (deadline-9am Thurs)** and **newsletter (deadline-20th of month)** information to: st.johnsuccwheeling@gmail.com (Lynn Hirschey will be monitoring this email). Phone number 507-330-1831. Notes in the mail are also welcome if you prefer.

Wednesday Wear at Nerstrand UMC

Hours: Wed. 1-5 pm Sat. 9-noon

Remember that donations are welcome!

Prayer Chain



Please direct all prayer chain requests to **Becky Tatge (507) 210-1214** or **Mary Kindseth 507-789-6879**. Messages can be left on either 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.

Prayer chain and worship service link emails:

Becky Tatge has been regularly sending emails with the worship service link and/or prayer chain requests. If you have not been receiving them and would like to, please contact Becky at (507) 210-1214

Loving Thoughts and Prayers Surround:

New Perspective

Joan Schwake
Pleasant View Estates

Shirley Bauer

Lois Bauer

Judy Smith

Faribault Senior Living

Mildred Tatge

Milestone

Marjean Smith

Traditions I- Owatonna

Jean Pederson

At Home

Donovan Mueller

Doris Hildebrandt

Arlene Shaske

Arlene Bultman

Kaye Spike

Marion Bailey



Joys and Concerns

Thank You to my family and friends for attending my 90th Birthday Celebration. Thank you for the greeting cards, gifts and lunch which made it one of the happiest days of my life.

Arlene Bultman



Our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Carole Hellebrand. Carole, age 62, passed away July 3 at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids. Carole & husband Chris were from the former Prairieville United Methodist church. Funeral services were held July 15 in Faribault, with burial in Forest Hills Cemetery in Owatonna.

The family of Ruth Smith would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy we received.

Don and Sue Katra and Family

Dear St. John's Church Family -

Thank you for the many ways that you showed your friendship and love for my birthday. I enjoyed reading all the cards and notes. Thank you for celebrating with me. It was wonderful to have the gathering at St. John's. I treasure your friendship and your love and am blessed to be a part of St. John's.

God bless you all,
Jean Pederson

Mildred Tatge's 100th Birthday celebration on Aug 7th at the Elk's club in Faribault from 2-5pm



Opportunities to enjoy the beautiful weather and fellowship with your family, friends and neighbors:

St. John 's evening entertainment **August 10th** at 7pm will be Matt Schwake. We will serve brats, sauerkraut, chips from 6pm to 7pm. All are welcome. Bring lawn chairs. A free will donation will be taken.

August 14th, at 10am, there will be a community worship service in the Nerstrand City Park put on by the Grace Lutheran Church, the Nerstrand UMC, and St. John's UCC. Grace Lutheran will be hosting it, Pastor Mike will give the sermon, and I'll help lead the worship service. The Nerstrand Fire Department will be serving a pancake breakfast. Free will offering will be taken. Bring your lawn chairs and your friends, family and neighbors.



A choir rehearsal in preparation for the combined worship service on Aug. 14, will be held Wed. Aug. 10th at 8:00 p.m. All available & interested singers are welcome to be part of the choir!



St John's UCC council

July 5th 2022

The July meeting of St John's Church council was called to order at 7:30 by moderator Gloria Karl.

Pastor Gary shared some thoughts and led council in prayer.

Kim Keller reported that the S.P.R.C. will be meeting Sunday July 10 th to go over next year's yoking agreement.

Secretary and Treasurers reports were read and approved.

Trustees reported that they installed the trim on the south side of parsonage that had fallen off.

On Wednesday July 13th at 7:00 PM we will have an evening gathering with the musical group Chance Meeting performing for us.

On Wednesday August 10th Matt Schwake will sing for us at our evening gathering, please plan on joining us and bring a friend.

Discussion was brought up about church security on Sunday mornings. The way things are happening in the world it was suggested that maybe after church starts someone could lock the doors and be available to let any late comers in and watch so everyone feels welcome. No decision was made and more plans will be made.

Motion made and passed to have the carpet in parish hall cleaned.

The next meeting will be held August 9th at 7:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Keith Keller, Secretary

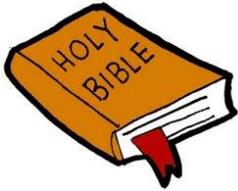
Note: August 9th meeting has been cancelled!

Elders: Gloria Karl, Todd Lien, Barb Kleve

Deacons: Gordie Wiegrefe, Brian Homier, Keith Keller
Trustees: Matt Schwake, Paul Meyer, Dennis Tatge
Cemetery Board: Brian Bauer, Al Meyer, Kyle Keller

Sunday school

St. John's Sunday School is on vacation for the summer. Students pre-K through grade 8 are welcome to join us when Sunday School resumes in September. Until then, we invite all local students to participate in Vacation Bible School at St. John's, June 13-17.



Bible Study

A Bible Study is being organized to begin in September. "Moses-Calling and Character" by Stephen D. Eyre will be our study guide. Other manuals from the LifeGuide Bible

Studies series have been used in several of our past Bible studies. Please watch the September newsletter for complete information.

Doug Spike

Wednesday Wear

Update for Jan. thru June

We have had approximately 678 shoppers.

For donations we took in \$1400.30.

In January we paid all our mission projects for 2022. We gave:

Camp Koronis	\$ 100.00
Cru	\$ 100.00
Food shelf	\$ 100.00
Emma Norton	\$ 65.00
Welcome Baskets	
Thank you gifts	\$ 70.00

And the church budget received \$1200.00

They will receive another \$1200.00 for the last 6 months.

Thank you to everyone who donates money and/or items to help make our project successful.

Have a great summer and Spread the word---

Come see us!

Nerstrand UMC council

Chairman-Duane Bailey

Secretary -Debbie Kerr



St. John's UCC Cleaning Committee

The St. John's UCC cleaning committee for the month of July/August is: TBA

Second Saturday Quilters

We will be taking the summer months off and meet back again in September.

Deb Wille 507-323-4813

or 83159deb@gmail.com

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



Ruth's House needs list includes-

- 13-gallon trash bags
- Caffeinated Coffee
- Chapstick
- Fabuloso Floor Cleaner
- Paper Towels
- Sandwich Bags
- Batteries (AA, AAA, C, and D)
- Disinfectant wipes and spray

Ruth's House has also created a Walmart gift registry.

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/RR/3bf507be-bcf0-41f4-b5df-b194e19d3513>

Donation Drop off Days are Monday 1:00 – 3:00 and Thursday 4:00 – 6:00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 7- Music at Nerstrand city Park-the Little Fun

Band-7PM

Aug. 10- Matt Schwake-evening performance-SJ

Aug. 10-Choir Rehearsal SJ-8:00pm(prepare for Sun.)

Aug. 14-Joint Service in the Nerstrand Park-10AM

***Pancake breakfast by Nerstrand Volunteer Fire Dept.

Aug. 20-newsletter deadline

Aug. 29-SPRC-N-7:00pm

Service Schedule for 2022: Sundays

(Communion on first Sunday of month)

9:00 AM WORSHIP AT NERSTRAND

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

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Pastor- Gary Like

