



SEPTEMBER CHURCHLETTER



"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!"
Psalm 107:1.

Greetings to you all!! I pray that you all had a great summer and are now ready for fall! I pray that Christ was with you wherever you were during the summer months...at home, on vacation, with family, or simply enjoying the warm summer days.

A few of us had the pleasure of moving this summer...maybe into a parsonage, a new home, or a college dorm room! Regardless, I do pray that your summer was a very good one!

Fall brings with it many things. It can bring about many changes and while some changes may be difficult, change in and of itself can actually be a very good thing.

It can give us a new and different perspective on things...a new way to see and understand things. Changes that are before us? Well, a new school year is upon us. That's a change I hope the kids enjoy! Let's not forget school sports. And there are, of course, many activities that start back up at the churches also. We continue to worship on Sundays and small groups start back up including Bible study classes, Sunday school, the Fall Festival at the Nerstrand Church in October, and other activities and missions throughout the fall season as well. We are a busy bunch of people!

We are called to do what Jesus asks us to do...we heed His call and do all that we can in His holy name. One thing I've noticed in both churches that impresses me is how so many people step up to take care of different things. It's a variety of people taking care of a variety of ministries and activities. The more hands that are involved means less work and less stress for everyone! "Thank you" to the many who are taking on the various roles in these churches!

I am very happy to see that our churches offer so much for so many people so that they may have a deeper relationship with Christ. That is what every church should be about...bringing Christ to others so that they may know Him well! May He continue to bless the missions, the ministries, and the love of the Nerstrand UMC and the St. John's UCC!
Blessings...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 Hirscheby 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

Doris Hildebrandt

Arlene Shaske

Arlene Bultman

Kaye Spike

Marion Bailey

Dorothy Lang



Joys and Concerns

Our Christian Sympathy to the family of James Schmidtke. Jim, age 83, passed away at the Faribault Allina Hospital on Aug. 11. Funeral services will be held Sept. 26th in Faribault with burial in Maple Lawn Cemetery. James was the father of Sarah Miles.

Our Christian Sympathy to the family of Donavon Mueller. Donavon, age 90, passed away in Faribault on Aug. 22nd. Funeral services were held Aug. 27 at St. John's with burial in the St. John's Cemetery.

Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Gary!

Join the pastor for a nice visit at Boots & Lue's on Sept. 14th at 10:00 am and/or on Sept. 29th at St. John's at 10:00am.



We will try to begin choir again at St. John's. Start date is Sun., Sept. 18th. Practice will be at 9:50 a.m.-(maybe some Sundays we will need to briefly practice after church).

Sunday School at St. John's

St. John's Sunday School will resume for the 2022-23 school year on Sunday, September 25, for any students Pre-K through 8th grade. We will meet each Sunday from 9:30-10:20 am, and we invite parents/families to stay and join us the first week. Please contact Carrie Hess with any questions, or if you know of a student or teacher who would like to be part of our Sunday School this year; 651-775-5594 or littlehesshouse@gmail.com. We look forward to a fun year, learning about God's love for us *and* about how we can share that love with others!



St John's UCC council

The next meeting will be held September 13th at 7:30.

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

Bible Study

A Bible Study is beginning on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00pm at St John's. The 11 session study will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings. "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 see Doug Spike (952-239-8671 call or text) to sign-up and receive your manual.



St. John's UCC Cleaning Committee The St. John's UCC cleaning committee for the months of Sept./Oct.is: Pauline & Gordie Wiegrefe and Kim & Keith Keller



Nerstrand UMC council

Chairman-Duane Bailey
Secretary -Debbie Kerr

Second Saturday Quilters

SSQ will began our 10th year with a gathering & year planning meeting on Saturday September 17th (3rd Saturday) at St John's from 9:00 - Noon.

Bring your ideas for projects and techniques you're interested in. We'll have show and tell to share your summer projects.



For more information contact Deb Wille 507-323-4813 or 83159deb@gmail.com

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 13-SJ Council-7:30

Sept. 14 Coffee &Conversation with Pastor Gary-10:00 am
Boots & Lue's

Sept. 13 Bible study begins

Sept. 17 SSQ 9-noon

Sept. 18 Choir practice-SJ 9:50 am

Sept. 20 Newsletter Deadline

Sept. 21 NUMC Board-5:00

Sept. 25 SJ Sunday School starts 9:30

Sept. 29 Coffee &Conversation with Pastor Gary-10:00 am-SJ

On Saturday, October 1st, the 32nd Annual Faribault Area CROP Walk will take place. Registration starts at 8:10 a.m. in the cloister of The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour; the walk begins at 9 with a brief prayer. Church World Service will receive 75% of the money raised, and the Community Action Center Faribault will receive 25% of the money raised. Please encourage your parishioners to participate in the Walk. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 507-491-2695 (personal cell) or at henry.doyle@sm.org

Service Schedule for 2022: Sundays

(Communion on first Sunday of month)

9:00 AM WORSHIP AT NERSTRAND

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