



OCTOBER CHURCHLETTER

October 2022

Greetings!

October finds us gazing at the beauty of the fall colors of the leaves, cheering on

our favorite high school sports teams, and enjoying the fall nip in the air. It is a wonderful time of the year!

I find it ironic that over the years people have come up to me and have used the words "that person has the gift of...". It is true that everyone has been given a gift from God. I would definitely say that there are those who have been given the gift of Biblical wisdom. Evangelism, or going out to tell others about Christ, is a great gift. Teaching is another gift while learning is a gift as well. Singing is a gift and even cooking is a gift from God. There are many gifts and we all have been blessed with at least one.

Some people think that they don't have any gifts. That is wrong. Everyone has been given at least one gift from God. In Galatians 5 we are reminded of the gifts/fruits of the Holy Spirit...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I believe it is up to us to find our gift.

Take time to be in prayer to ask our Lord what gift He has placed in you. And then, when you do find your gift...USE IT!!! We were not given gifts to put them aside or place them on a shelf. The gifts we have been given, whatever it may be, was given for us to use!

As I continue to get to know all of you all on a deeper level, I am seeing the gifts that He has blessed you with. I'm happy that some of you are already using your gifts. I'm excited to see the rest of you use yours! May our Savior give you the strength and courage to use your gifts!!! 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 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

Doris Hildebrandt

Arlene Shaske

Arlene Bultman

Kaye Spike

Marion Bailey

Dorothy Lang



Joys and Concerns

Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Gary!

Join the pastor for a nice visit at Boots & Lu's on Oct.12 and Oct. 27 at 10:00 am



Choir Practice continues at St. John's at 9: 50am

Its that time of the year to be getting your Flu Vaccine. It will be available at the Nerstrand Elementary School on Tuesday, October 18 from 3:30pm-4:30 pm on their school conference day. Rice County Public Health will be present to give the vaccine to those over 18 years. Be sure to bring your Medicare/Medicaid card. **NO COVID** vaccine will be available on that date. It is highly suggested that you get your Flu vaccine and also the COVID vaccine which is available at multiple sites.

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

September 13 2022

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

Pastor Gary shared some thoughts and led the council in prayer.

Kim Keller reported for the SPRC committee. She reported that pastor Gary will be on vacation on October 2nd and November 11th thru 18th . Thanksgiving Service will be held at St John's this year on November 23rd at 7:00 PM. The SPRC worked on the yoking agreement. The council agreed with most of the recommendations and made a few suggestions for the SPRC to consider. When the committee comes up with a final yoking agreement the council will decide to accept the yoking agreement.

Secretary and Treasuries reports were read and approved Trustees reported that a stump has been ground out and grass has been seeded in the yard by the parsonage. Plunkett pest control was here and sprayed for bugs at the church. There seems to be a rodent problem at the parsonage. Trustees will see if they can fix any cracks or holes where the mice may be getting in. The church sign is in need of repair or replacement and trustees are looking for a solution. Carpet in the parish hall will be cleaned this fall.

Gloria is working on getting some welcome visitor cards when they arrive they will be available for visitors when they come to our church.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 Next Council meeting will be October 11th at 7:30 pm.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Keith Keller Secretary

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

We will be meeting at St. John's on Saturday October 8th, from 9 - Noon. Cheryl will be teaching Quilted Placemats. Supplies needed are, 4 fat quarters of fabric, 1 yard for backing, 1 yard of fusible fleece, cutting mat & rotary cutter, thread to match for quilting, sewing machine and general sewing supplies.



History Bits and Tool of the month are open for anyone.

Rose will be bringing snacks.

SSQ is open to people from all churches and their friends. For more info contact Deb Wille 507-323-4813 or 83159deb@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 29-Oct. 2 Pastor Gary will be on vacation Rev. Rachel Morey from the Northfield UMC will provide coverage in case of any pastoral emergencies. Her contact information is: Rev. Rachel Morey, 507-403-0071, rmorey@northfieldumc.org Pastor Jef preaching Oct. 2nd

October 18 Flu vaccine at Nerstrand Elem. 3:30-4:30

November 11 thru 18 Pastor Gary will be on vacation

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Service will be held at St John's 7:00pm

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@scsm.org

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 Liker



Nerstrand United Methodist Church
Fall Festival
Saturday, Oct. 1st
10am - 1:00 pm

Home and holiday
décor/baskets



Lunch Menu:

Hot beef Sandwiches

Potato Salad

Chicken and wild rice
soup

Pie/Cake



Produce



Bake Sale

