

Have A
Blessed
New Year!

JANUARY CHURCHLETTER

Happy New Year!!! First, let me take a moment to

say "Thank You!" to all of you who blessed my family's

Christmas with the many cards, goodies, and gifts. It was very generous of all of you for

thinking of us as you did. We appreciate it very much!

January...it's a time to look back over last year and look ahead to the future. As we look at this past year, we remember the changes that have taken place at the

Nerstrand United Methodist Church and St. John's United Church of Christ, the many ministries that we continue to support, and most importantly how we have celebrated and supported each other. I would say that our time together has been very good!

2023 is here and only God knows what's truly in store! We pray for a great year...for great guidance from our Lord and for a time of growth within our churches and within our own faith-filled hearts. It's at this time of year that people also make resolutions

for the upcoming year. The most common New Year's resolution is that a person loses weight or gets in better shape. For teens, it may be that they get better grades in school. Still for others, their resolution is to deepen their relationship with God. All these are good resolutions...if we can keep to the resolution. The fact is just because

we make a resolution does not mean we will achieve it. According to a Franklin Covey poll, approximately 75% of those surveyed will break their New Year's resolutions within three months. Good intentions carry us only so far. We may try with all our might but trying is not enough. We have to establish and follow a disciplined routine to succeed with our resolution. The same is true when we try to follow our Lord...trying will get us only so far. Instead, we have to follow a disciplined routine to be in that right relationship with

God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. That includes time of prayer and devotion, reading the Word, sharing His love with others, and listening to what God tells us. For some of us, a resolution like this can be a whole new mindset. For others of us, it's just a continuation of something we're already doing. Either way, it's a great path to be on



with our Lord!!! May all our resolutions come to fruition in 2023!!!

We wish all of you a very blessed and Happy New Year!!!

Pastor Gary and Brenda

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 Hirschev 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

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



I WILL
CHOOSE
TO
find joy
IN THE
journey
THAT
GOD HAS
SET BEFORE
ME.

Our Christian Sympathy to the family of Glen Meyer. Glen, age 67, passed away in Rochester on Dec. 8. Funeral services were held Dec. 13 in Byron. Burial was at Meadow Ridge Cemetery in Faribault. Glen, a former member of St. John's was the brother of Paul Meyer.

Our Christian Sympathy to the family & friends of Mildred Tatge. Mildred, age 100, passed away at Abbott Hospital on Dec. 17. Funeral services were held Dec. 21 at St. John's. Burial in the St. John's Cemetery. Mildred was a lifetime, active member of St. John's.



To our church family,
Thank you for the love, support and sympathy as our friend and mother Mildred Tatge was called home to our Heavenly Father.
The Tatge family

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



St. John's UCC and Nerstrand UMC are doing an outreach program to help the Nerstrand Elementary

school. Using the Food Shelf collection bins at our churches, your help is needed to donate the following paper and cleaning supplies:

- Chlorox wipes
- Copy paper
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Floor cleaner
- Sink cleaner

Cash donations are also welcome. Donations can be left at each of the churches over the next several months. Let's help support the Nerstrand Charter Elementary School.

The Nerstrand Elementary School is so appreciative of the items that have been donated by both churches. This mission project will continue over the next several months. Items can be left at each of the churches.
Food Shelf donations can also be left in each of the church's bins.

MEMORIALS AT THE CHURCHES IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES:



Two white poinsettias are in memory of :
Delbert & Delores Bultman
Nancy Wesely
Melvin & Agnes Deike
Jim & Gladys Deike
Robert E. Deike

Duane Deike
Donald E. Bauer
Leonard & Florence Bultman
Wilfred (Fritz) Bultman
Given by Mary & Chris Bultman

Poinsettia given in memory of Luverne Hafemeyer by Carol and family

Poinsettia in memory of:
Earl Tatge
Ronald Tatge
Carol Tousignant
From Mildred Tatge

Poinsettia In Loving memory of:
Harold & Lois Homeier
Gordon, Wayne, & Terry Homeier
LeRoy & Shirley Foss
Paul, Ted, & Eric Foss
Love, Theron Homeier, Brian and Tasha Homeier & family, Chrissy Alexander & family, Michelle and Tim Otte & family

Poinsettia in memory of:
Earl & Gertrude Meese
Marlow & Ruth Kindseth
By Mark & Mary Kindseth

In memory of:
Elmer & Lorna Budde

Butch St. Martin
Gladys Anderson
Paul Budde
Phyllis Budde
From: Budde Family

A Poinsettia in memory of Howard, Jeanette,
Marilyn, and Grant Meese
Given by Robin Meese-Cruz

Poinsettia in memory of Kenneth Bauer and Elmer
& Selma Bauer
From Barbara Kleve, Shirley Bauer and Family

A monetary gift was given to the E.U.B. Cemetery
in memory of Brandyn Hildebrandt by Lisa & Bryce
Schmidtke and Verna & Morris Hildebrandt

Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Gary!

Join the pastor for a nice visit at
Boots & Lu's on Jan. 11 and Jan.
25 at 10:00a.m.



St. John's UCC Cleaning Committee

The St. John's UCC cleaning committee
for the months of Jan./Feb. is: TBA



Sunday School at St. John's

St. John's Sunday School will resume Sunday, January
8, 2023, meeting weekly from 9:30-10:20am. Students
PreK through grade 8 are welcome, as are any adults
interested in being a teacher or substitute. Please
contact Carrie Hess with any questions: 651-775-5594
or littlehesshouse@gmail.com.



St John's UCC council

December 13th 2022

The December meeting of St John's council was
called to order at 7:30 pm by Moderator Gloria Karl.
Pastor Gary led the council in prayer.

Secretary and Treasures reports were read and
approved.

Trustees reported sign has been redone and looks
much better. They are looking into replacing the
globe lights on the north side of the church.
2023 budget was reviewed and will be presented at
the congregational annual meeting.

Annual meeting will be held January 15th at 12 pm
in case of bad weather it will be held January 22nd
at 12 pm. Council will be serving lunch.
New officers will be installed January 29th at the
church service.
The next council meeting will be January 10th at
7:30 pm.
Meeting adjourned at 9 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

To the members and friends of St. John's:

Please remember to get your 2022 contributions in
before the end of the year, as the Deacons will be
closing the 2022 church books on January 3rd.
Thank you! All of you for your continuing
generous support of your Church!

--- St John's Deacons

St. John's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held
January 15th at noon, in the case of inclement weather
the meeting will be held January 22nd at noon. Council
will provide lunch.

Nerstrand UMC council

Chairman-Duane Bailey
Secretary -Debbie Kerr

Second Saturday Quilters

We will meet on Saturday,
January 14th at St. John's
from 9 - noon for our
meeting & lesson, break for lunch and sew through
the afternoon on individual projects.



Vickie will be teaching the Sunburst Table Topper.
Cheryl will be bringing snacks.

On January 6,7,8 there will be a Quilt Show at
Sargent's Nursery in Red Wing, from 9am - 4pm
each day.

Second Saturday Quilters is open to people from all
churches and their friends.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 1 Joint New Year's Day service NUMC
10:00am

Jan. 11 Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Gary-
10:00 am Boots & Lu's

Jan. 14 SSQ 9-noon

Jan. 15 St. John's annual meeting-12:00pm

Jan. 20 newsletter deadline

Jan. 25 Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Gary-
10:00 am Boots & Lu's

Jan. 29 Installation of new officers -SJ

Support these Organizations:

Ruth's House

When you're out doing your holiday shopping, consider picking up a gift card to donate to Ruth's House. Your support gives us the opportunity to buy needed supplies for our shelter and offer hope to our residents. We appreciate giftcards from:

- Ace Hardware
- Aldi
- Amazon
- Cub foods
- Fareway
- Hyvee
- Kwik trip
- Menards
- Target
- Walmart

Mail to: PO Box 593, Faribault, MN 55021

Habitat For Humanity

Your gift to Rice county Habitat for Humanity will go directly to support home ownership opportunities for local families who are vital to our community. They are factory workers, day care providers, care givers to our seniors. They want what we all want, a place to call home. A place where dreams can be inspired and lives can be transformed.

Donations can be mailed to: 204 7th Street West, PMB 128, Northfield, MN 55057

Need Help Paying Your Energy Bills?

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program. This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs, may assist with furnace repairs and could offer energy efficiency home upgrades for income qualified customers. Please call 1-800-657-3710 for assistance.

Service Schedule for 2023: Sundays

(Communion on first Sunday of month)

9:00 AM WORSHIP AT NERSTRAND

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

12 Maple Street, Nerstrand, MN 55053

E-mail: st.johnsuccwheeling@gmail.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: st.johnsuccwheeling@gmail.com

Website: <https://stjohnsunitedchurchofchrist.info>

Phone: (507) 330-0025 alternate...651-280-0150 (Pastor Gary-personal).



Pastor- Gary Liker

