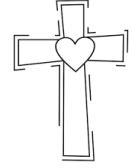


# MAY CHURCHLETTER



Welcome to May!! What's the phrase...April showers bring May flowers? I am looking forward to the beautiful flowers that will be blooming soon. In fact, there are a few that are in bloom even as we speak!!

In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, we are reminded that there is a season for everything under heaven. There is no doubt that this is a transitional time of year...winter to spring and spring to summer before too long. The farmers all around us will soon be in the fields to get ready for planting. Kids will be out of school for the summer soon. Over the winter we went from Advent to Christmas and not too long ago we were in the season of Lent and then into Easter. Also, as we know, it can be a time of transition in the life of the church. Churches go through a transition period with one pastor leaving and a new one coming in.

As we go through this latest transition time, I've learned to look at things with a broader lens. I've been reminded that any given church is going through a time of transition at any given time. Think about when a beloved church member or attender passes away. That is a time of transition as we grieve and adjust to not seeing him or her any longer. What happens when a person or a couple moves to a different town or state? That is a time of transition as well. And aren't we absolutely thrilled when a couple has a new baby? That is an addition to the family and to the church...another time of transition. Even as we make changes to our various church committees...new people coming onto the committees as other folks go off...even that is a time of transition. So, you see, we go through times of transitions far more often than you may think. Realizing this, it helps us to remember that God is always working with us and through us and sometimes that means changes. As we continue to follow God's ways, even during times of transition, let us have faith in Him and be as open to His plans for us. Blessings...Pastor Gary

The office phone number is 651-280-0150

You can also reach the churches by email

at: [st.johnsuccwheeling@gmail.com](mailto:st.johnsuccwheeling@gmail.com)

or [NerstrandUMC@gmail.com](mailto:NerstrandUMC@gmail.com)

Please send **bulletin (deadline-9am Thurs)** and **newsletter (deadline-20<sup>th</sup> of month)** information to:

[st.johnsuccwheeling@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## 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

Norma Meyer

Judy Smith

### **Traditions I- Owatonna**

Jean Pederson

### **At Home**

Doris Hildebrandt

Arlene Shaske

Arlene Bultman

Kaye Spike

Dorothy Lang

## **Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Gary!**

Join the pastor for a nice visit at

Boots & Lu's on May 10<sup>th</sup> and

May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am



## Joys and Concerns

Norma Meyer has moved to Pleasant View estates. Here is her address:

Norma Meyer  
41 Brand Ave. #210  
Faribault, MN 55021

Our Christian Sympathy to a couple of former members of St. John's that some may remember:

1. Shirley Johnson Westen, age 82, passed away March 30. She was a confirmed member in the class of 1955. Funeral & burial were in Fair Play, Mo. On April 7.
2. Word was received of the passing of Marvin Lee. Marvin & family were members at St. John's in the late 1960's to mid-1970's. Marvin, age 83, passed away suddenly Feb. 16, 2023. Funeral & burial was held Feb. 24 in Fosston, MN.

### **Graduations:**

Zachary Robert Vukelich will be graduating from Kenyon-Wanamingo High School on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. We will be celebrating Zach on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm-7:00pm. At our house 412 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Kenyon. All are welcome.

Kasandra Keller will be graduating from Luther College in Decorah Iowa on May 21st, 2023 with a major in Allied Health Sciences and a minor in Management.

Thank you to all the helpers that showed up for spring cleanup at St. John's even with the multiple rescheduling:

Brian Bauer, Keith Keller, Mark Kindseth, Gary Liker, Brenda Liker, Becky Tatge, Steve Wille, Denny Tatge, Al Meyer, and Paul Meyer. Your work and commitment was greatly appreciated.

### **It's Registration time:**

The St. John's annual summer Vacation Bible School is planned for June 12-16. Time is 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon each day. All students age 4 years through those going into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade are more than welcome to attend. Our theme this year, is "Jesus, is my Rescuer." So. Along with that theme, our daily mission offering will be going to our local Nerstrand Fire & Rescue Dept.

Each day will have opening devotions, Bible class time, snacks, recess, & craft time. We also plan on having a closing program during the morning worship service at St. John's on June 18<sup>th</sup> with treats following.

Please see the enclosed registration form. Invite grandchildren, friends & neighbors, too!

### **Special Note:**

We are in need of:

- 1) Volunteers to bring cookies for snack time. (No nuts or peanut butter in cookies-we may have students with allergies).
- 2) Also need a couple more teachers.

### **Easter Memorials:**

Easter Lily In memory of Earl and Mildred Tatge, Ronald Tatge and Carol Tatge Tousignant -----Given by Becky Tatge

A monetary Easter memorial in memory of:

Earl & Gertrude Meese,  
Marlow & Ruth Kindseth-----Given by Mark & Mary Kindseth

Easter Lily In memory of:

Elmer & Lorna Budde  
Gladys Anderson  
Richard Budde  
Paul Budde  
Phyllis Budde  
Butch St. Martin-----given by Martin & Sally Budde and Linda St. Martin

Plant in memory of Wally (Wallace) Hildebrandt

Eric Hildebrandt  
Walter & Esther Hildebrandt  
Herman & Frieda Ganske----given by Doris and family

Easter Lily In Loving Memory of:

Harold & Lois Homeier,  
Gordon (Gordy) Homeier  
Terry Homeier  
Wayne Homeier  
LeRoy & Shirley Foss  
William (Bill) Foss  
Paul Foss  
Theodore (Ted) Foss  
Eric Foss  
-----Given by their families

### **Wednesday Wear at Nerstrand UMC**

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

Remember that donations are welcome!

Any questions about being open or on donating,  
Call-Linda 507-789-5376  
Or Marlene 507-334-2143  
Church phone 507-332-4089



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

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

#### **St. John's UCC Cleaning Committee**



The St. John's UCC cleaning committee for the months of May and June is Gloria K. & John C. and Norma Monroe

#### **Sunday School at St. John's**

Children age 4 through 8th grade are welcome to join us for Sunday School each week, 9:30-10:20am. If you know of a child or family who may be interested, please feel free to invite them!

The last week of Sunday School for the 22-23 school year will be May 7, 2023.

Questions can be addressed to Carrie Hess ([littlehesshouse@gmail.com](mailto:littlehesshouse@gmail.com) or 651-775-5594).



#### **St John's UCC council**

St. John's U.C.C. council was brought to order by Todd Lein on Tues. April 11, 2023. At 7:30 p.m. Paster Liker opened with quiet reflections on the past weeks of Lent and Easter. And opened with prayer.

Reports:

S.P.R.C. Reminder of joint service with U.M.C. this Sun. April 16<sup>th</sup>. At 10:00 a.m.

Secretary report was read and approved.

Treasurer report was read and approved.

Trustee report. Still waiting for two more bids regarding the sound system. Only have one out of three so far.

Quote received for dust control. Motion made and passed to have application done.

Spring clean up dates were set. Sat. April 15, 9:00 am weather permitting with the following week of April 22, 9:00 a.m. for back up date.

Church rental fees need to be updated and will be posted Jan. 2024.

Old Business. The Lenten soup dinner was a great success! Serving @ 70 guests and donating \$621.00 to the Nerstrand School .

The Council would like to thank all who donated time and food for this event.

Last Supper Drama was yet again very successful. It was brought to our attention that we had 549 views on YouTube. AND

The Men's Lenten Choir had 97.

Gloria Karl is working on setting up a date to have the singing group 29:11. Hoping for a date in 2024.

Mano e Mano Rehab equipment. It was decided to have a set date per month for drop off at the church. (**addendum\*\*bring medical supplies to church first Sunday: if unable to bring items to church, call Gloria at +1507-351-3542. I can also take any other medical items. For questions, call me. Thank you)** The first Sun. of the month. More information will be in our news letter.

New Business. Pastor's vacation Sept. 8-18.

Vacation Bible School is set for June 12-16.

Council is working on summer gathering/entertainment again in June, July, Aug. Next council meeting set for Thurs. May 4, 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Closing with The Lord's Prayer

(report subject to approval)

Joan L. Schwake secretary

Elders:, Todd Lein, Barb Kleve, Gloria Karl

Deacons: Gordie Wiegrefe, Keith Keller, Joan Schwake

Trustees: Paul Meyer, Dennis Tatge, Al Meyer

Cemetery Board: Al Meyer, Kyle Keller, Brian Bauer

### Nerstrand UMC Administrative Board

The next Administrative Board meeting at the Nerstrand UMC will be on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm.

Chairman-Duane Bailey  
Secretary -Debbie Kerr

### Second Saturday Quilters

Our next Meeting will be on Saturday, May 6th at St. John's starting at 9:00.



We will sew into the afternoon, working on our UFO's. For those wanting to make the iron caddy, I will go through that pattern with you.

This will be our last meeting for the season. We will not meet in June, July or August. Our 1st meeting of the fall will be on September 23rd. Mark your calendars.

SSQ is open to people from all churches and their friends. Contact Deb Wille at [83159deb@gmail.com](mailto:83159deb@gmail.com) or 507-323-4813

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 3** NUMC Board meeting-5:00pm

**May 4** St. John's council 7:30pm

**May 10** Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Gary-10:00 am  
Boots & Lu's

**May 20** NUMC Garage Sale

**May 21** Big Woods race meeting -SJ after service

**May 24** Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Gary-10:00 am  
Boots & Lu's

**June 12-16** Vacation Bible School 8:30-noon

### 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

- Glass cleaner
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Bathroom surface cleaners
- Fabuloso floor cleaner
- Lysol spray

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 7<sup>th</sup> Street West, PMB 128, Northfield, MN 55057

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:st.johnsuccwheeling@gmail.com)

Website:

<https://stjohnsunitedchurchofchrist.info>

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



Pastor- Gary Liker