



JUNE CHURCHLETTER



Greetings and happy June to you all! As we move into the summer months, it can be a whole different life for the church.

Many activities and ministries are put on hold as we want to get our vacations in, go to the lake, and go see family and friends. Needless to say, it is very important to take time to relax and rejuvenate for our health and well-being.

As we move into the summer months, though, I'm thrilled to see that we aren't putting everything on hold. Both churches continue to reach out to the people all around us to remind them that we are here. As an example, or two or three, the St. John's Church will be having their Vacation Bible Study the week of June 12 th -16 th from 8:30am to 12noon. We are anticipating that we will get a good turnout for that. St. John's will also be having their mid-week "music on the lawn" worship-type services in June, July, and August. We anticipate that these evenings of music will draw our neighbors to come to listen as they have in the past.

Also, as we have come off a very successful annual garage sale, the Nerstrand Church is already planning for their annual Ice Cream Social which will be held on July 9 th . They are even putting things away for the Fall Festival that will be held in October. In the summer, the Nerstrand Church also likes to change things up a little bit by having a Saturday evening worship service the last Saturday of the month at 7pm. Sometimes it can be a little easier for people to attend worship on a Saturday evening, especially during the summer, rather than on a Sunday morning. Finally, I will have a Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, June 21 st , at 10am at Boots and Lu's in Nerstrand. Anyone from all the area churches and the community are invited to come join the group to have a cup of coffee, a latte, or some hot chocolate and fellowship with one another. This is one more outlet where we meet our neighbors and greet them in His holy name.

So, as we move into these beautiful summer months, may the presence of our Lord continue to be with us and bless us as we continue His wonderful ministries!

Pastor Gary

The office phone number is 651-280-0150
You can also reach the churches by email

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

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

st.johnsuccwheeling@gmail.com
m (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 June and June at
10:00 am



Joys and Concerns

Our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Heggedahl. Mary, age 77, passed away April 30 in Rochester. A visitation was held at Boldt funeral home on Sunday, May 7. A memorial was held May 19 at Valley Grove church with burial in the valley Grove Cemetery.

Our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Janet Bauer. Janet, age 67, passed away May 4 at the United Methodist Hospital in st. Paul. Funeral services were held at st. John's on May 12, with burial in the St. John's Cemetery.

Our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Lori Hildebrandt. Lori, age 64, passed away May 10 at the Mayo clinic in Albert Lea. Graveside services were held at Meadow Ridge Cemetery, Faribault, May 22, with a Celebration of Life gathering held following brial at the Boldt Funeral Home.

Our christin Sympathy to the family and friends of Bob Olson. Bob, age 78, of Nerstrand passed away May 13. Funeral services were May 23 at the Boldt funeral Home. Burial was at Rice Lake Cemetery at Braham.

NUMC & St. John's UCC Friends

Beyond words...we are so grateful for your many acts of kindness in the recent passing of husband, father, and brother-in-law, Steve Scherer. For your cards, words, phone messages, hugs, Memorials, invitations for offers of coffee and help, attending the interment service at Fort Snelling, and a whole lot more...thank you, so much.

In addition, we were blessed by the very special addition to the "Celebration of Life Service"...by the participation from Pastor Gary Liker; our cousin, Pastor Dean Wolf; and Hillcrest UMC Church Pastor, Eric Pone. Their presence was a blessing to the family and friends who gathered.

Beyond measure...so grateful for you.
Blessings and thanks,
Lynne (Wille) Scherer & Eric
Kevin & Jackie Wille

The Hildebrandt family would like to thank our church family for supporting us after the passing of Lori Hildebrandt. Your prayers were felt and your cards, gifts, and sympathy were greatly appreciated. Thank you all so much!

Doris Hildebrandt and family

We would like to say thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, and memorials at the time of Janet's passing. A special thanks to those who helped with the lunch and to Pastor Gary for his spiritual guidance.

The family of Janet Bauer.

Graduation:

Congratulations to Josey Homeier on her graduation from Medford High School on June 2nd.

Birthday Party

All are invited to a joint 80th birthday party for Lloyd Kispert and Rodney Rauk on Saturday, June 3rd, 1:30-4:30 pm at the Nerstrand City Park. Everyone is welcome and your presence is your gift.

Thank you
Leann Kispert



Thank You!

The 2023 Nerstrand UMC Garage Sale was a huge

success...because of you!

We would like to take the time to give thanks for the "ingredients"

needed for this masterpiece:

Donations + donors + communication creators + movers + cleaners + arrangers + pricers + kitchen staff + greeters + cashiers + wrappers + wait staff + yummy food + Wednesday Wear Volunteers + smiles + customers + cleaner uppers + a host of incredible volunteers = a very successful and fun event! (Thanks to God for the beautiful, 'top 10 Weather Day', too.)



God is good and we are grateful for you!
Nerstrand UMC Members & Friends"

Vacation Bible School at St. John's is planned for the week of June 12-16. As of the deadline, we have 26 students enrolled. We plan on having our regular opening devotion, class Bible time, recess, snacks, & crafts each day from 8:30 am to Noon. "Jesus is my Rescuer" is our theme, so our mission offering is going to the Nerstrand Fire and Rescue Dept. Plans are to have a closing program during the Sunday worship service at St. John's on June 18th with refreshments to follow.

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 month of 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 was May 7, 2023.

Questions can be addressed to Carrie Hess (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 May 4, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Pastor Liker opened with readings from 1st. Corinthians followed by another reading, The Nature of Love.

Reports:

S.P.R.C. Nothing currently

Secretary's report: read and approved.

Treasurer's report: read and approved.

Trustee's report: Paul Meyer had an update regarding the sound systems bids. It was decided to set another appointment for more precise information and comparisons of quotes. No other business.

Old Business: Benevolent explanation will be reviewed this summer and presented at the annual meeting. As well as updated rental charges.

New Business: There will be no confirmations this year. Our graduation recognition Sunday is to be decided and posted when confirmed.

Summer events. Tuesday June 20th at 7:00 p.m. The Lil Fun Band of Rice County will be playing. Followed with treats.

Tuesday July 25th at 7:00 p.m. Matthew Schwake will be singing. With treats to follow.

Tentatively on Tues. August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. A vocal group will be singing. Included in this group is Quinn Hess. That evening we will be serving Sloppy Joes, Chips, Root Beer floats.

The Big Woods Race will be held on Saturday Sept. 30th.

Next council will meet on Tues. June 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 Closing with the Lord's Prayer.

(Report subject for approval)

Secretary Joan L. Schwake

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, June at 5pm.

Chairman-Duane Bailey
Secretary -Debbie Kerr

Second Saturday Quilters

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 or 507-323-4813

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 24 NUMC Board meeting-6:00pm

June 13 St. John's council 7:30pm

June 20 The Lil Fun Band -SJ 7:00pm Treats following

June 21 Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Gary-10:00 am Boots & Lu's

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

June 24 Saturday Evening Worship Service at Nerstrand UMC

July 25 Mathew Schwake-SJ 7:00pm.Treats following

Aug. 22-tentative Vocal Singers-SJ 7:00pm

Sept. 30 Big Woods Race

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 7th 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

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Website: <https://nerstrandumc.org>

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10:30 AM WORSHIP AT ST JOHN'S

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Website:

<https://stjohnsunitedchurchofchrist.info>

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



Pastor- Gary Liker