

SEPTEMBER CHURCH LETTER



Some Plant, Some Harvest

I know it's not harvest time quite yet, but this devotion can speak to all of us in a number of ways.

"I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." John 4:38

In nature, God has set in motion a plan that replenishes the earth. Obviously, several trees cannot grow in the same spot of ground so the seeds that fall from an established tree are carried away by small animals, by wind and rain, or sometimes by people. When a new tree is planted, many elements of circumstance, climate, and care come together to help that tree grow. That new tree does not exist and mature solely on its own. You might say that its survival has been a "group effort".

So it is with the kingdom of God. We all do not perform the same task. Even when it comes to the salvation of others, many of us may have worked to win one soul. Some of us may set an example of Christianity. Others of us may have the opportunity to share our faith. Still others may point out God's plan of salvation. And still for others, we may experience the joy of sharing the moment when their soul accepts our Lord as their Savior. Who is more important? Each of us is important, for God uses all of us to do His work. We each have played a significant role in the salvation of this person...just as God has asked and expects from us.

We often become frustrated because we do not always see the results of our work. It is easy to feel like we are not doing enough for the Lord. We must remember that we work as a team in His holy name.

Heavenly Father, help us to always be willing to share Your good news with others. Help us to remember and to take pride in the fact that we work together in doing Your will. Amen.

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

Prayer Chain



Please direct all prayer chain requests to **Becky Tatge (507) 210-1214** or **Mary Kindseth 507-789-6879/507-330-1578**. 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

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

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

Loving Thoughts and Prayers Surround:

Faribault Senior Living

Gerry Erickson

Pleasant View Estates

Shirley Bauer

The Emeralds

Judy Smith

At Home

Doris Hildebrandt

Arlene Shaske

Arlene Bultman

Mill City Senior Living

Kaye Spike

Joys and Concerns



A heartfelt THANK YOU to all those who worked at and attended our church Carnival!!! We were blessed with a beautiful evening! There was good food, fun fellowship, music, and lots of bouncing!! To

see so many young families and children enjoying our last summer event was truly heartwarming! Thank you again to all who made the Carnival a huge success!!

Marlene and Norval Floren's new address:
1900 Ballington Blvd NW, Apt. #328
Rochester, MN 55901

St. John's Choir will begin singing on sept. 27th. Rehearsal at 9:50 am. Any interested "singers" are welcome!

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS: Its been suggested that our two Churches become more intentional in our donatioins to the Kwnyon All Seasons Food Shelf, by Specifically suggesting certain needs each month. Beginning in September, for the whole month,the following are some suggestions for Personal Care donations: Shampoos, Conditioners,Body Washes, Deodorants, toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Hairbrushes, Combs, Feminine products, etc. At the end of each month, items that have been brought to the church totes will go to the food shelf and a different focus will be suggested for the next month. Any questions can be directed to Mary Kindseth at 507-330-1578.

Big Woods Run at St. John's Church

St John's will again be having a **Bake Sale** at the race on **September 26th**. We hope for your support of **Baked Goods and Produce**. Produce is always gone in a snap, please bring what you can.

Please bring your items the afternoon or evening of **September 25th** to the church. Also, please spread the word that all are welcome to the bake sale, not just the runners.

Thank you for your wonderful support.

St John's Bake Sale Committee

St. John's Sunday School will resume on September 20, 2026. We will meet each Sunday from 9:30-10:20am. All children ages 4 years to 8th grade are welcome!

Please share the flyer attached to the newsletter with any families who may be interested; they need not be members of St. John's to attend Sunday School.

Questions may be directed to Carrie Hess or Michelle Otte. We look forward to seeing all the students back at Sunday School!



No Report for this newsletter.

Elders: Brian Bauer, Michelle Otte, Joan Schwake
Deacons: Gordie Wiegrefe, Sarah Miles, Deb Purfeerst

Trustees: Zach Hertle, Jay Kindseth, Matt Schwake
Cemetery Board: Al Meyer, Kyle Keller, Steve Becher

Nerstrand UMC Administrative Board

Chairman-Duane Bailey

Secretary -Debbie Kerr

St. John's UCC Cleaning Committee



The St. John's UCC cleaning committee for the months of Sept./Oct. is: Joan Schwake, Becky Tatge and Doug Spike



QUILTING GROUP

Second Saturday Quilters

Second Saturday Quilters will begin their 14th year, meeting at St. John's on Saturday September 12th, from 9:00-3:00. We will be planning for our year. Bring your own project to sew on and any supplies needed. Pack a lunch if you plan to stay the afternoon. Bring your 9-patch

challenge projects, as well as your show-n-tell pieces.

History Bits and Tool of the month are open.
Deb W. will bring a snack.
Open to people from all churches & their friends.

Contact Deb Wille 507-323-4813 or 83159deb@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., Aug. 29-Spirit Fest at Divine Mercy-all day

Sunday, Aug. 30th Events committee meeting after service-SJ

Mon., Aug. 31 SJ council at 7pm

Wednesday, September 2nd, --Nerstrand UMC Administrative Board Meeting, at 11am at Nerstrand UMC.

Sat. Sept. 12 Second Saturday Quilters-SJ-9-3

Wednesday, September 16th, --Coffee and Conversation, the Nerstrand UMC at 10am.

Wed., Sept. 3-Hegre Swedish Meatball Supper

Sunday, Sept. 20th-Sunday School at St. John's resumes at 9:30

Sat., Sept. 26 Big Woods Run at St. John's UCC, baked goods and produce are needed and welcome

Sun., Sept. 27th- St. John's Choir begins at 9:50

Saturday, October 3rd-Fall Festival, at Nerstrand UMC from 10am to 1pm.

Saturday, October 3rd-Vang Lutheran Lutefisk and Norwegian Meatball Supper

Oct. 11 SJ 170th Anniversary Celebration

December 5th-Christmas dinner and concert

When Women Pray Day Conference

Sunday, August 30, 2026

1:30-7:30 PM

25637 Falk Ave

Faribault, MN 55021

Registration is free

Registration and additional event information:
<https://hollybot.me/etn/when-women-pray-day-conference/>

Sunday Church Service Schedule for 2026:

(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

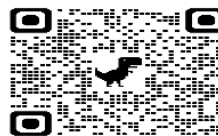
Website: <https://stjohnsunitchurchofchrist.info>

Phone: 651-280-0150 (Pastor Gary-personal).



Pastor- Gary Liker

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YS4K/home>



"Scan the QR code to give electronically-St. John's UCC

