

OCTOBER CHURCHLETTER



"Gathering To Grow In Christ"

"The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer." Acts 2:42

I shared this devotion at the Council/Ad Board meetings at both churches. It reminded me of how both of our churches continue to try our very best to live our lives in His holy name and to grow in community as we keep expanding God's kingdom.

In Monterey Bay, California, a boat captain saw fifteen Pacific white-sided dolphins join a super pod of more than two thousand dolphins. Various types and ages of dolphins gather in pods to fend off predators, feed, and socialize. Still, the size and diversity of this super pod was a rare sight to behold.

The Bible records a rare gathering of diverse people that's foundational in our faith history. As the disciples celebrated Pentecost in Jerusalem, "a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting". They were "filled with the Holy Spirit" who enabled them to speak in different languages. People God created "from every nation under heaven" had also gathered for Pentecost. When they investigated the loud noise, each person "heard their own language being spoken" by the disciples. Then Peter proclaimed Jesus as "both Lord and Messiah". About three thousand believed and were baptized. As God's people lived in community like never before, He "added to their number daily those who were being saved".

By the power of the Holy Spirit, God's people around the world still gather to grow in community and proclaim Jesus as

Lord. Through us, He will continue expanding His kingdom. Help us to grow Your church as we gather to grow with others, gracious God. Amen.

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

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



Flu Vaccine Clinic will be held Monday, October 12 4:00 -5:30 at the Nerstrand School. Clinic is sponsored by Rice County Public Health, bring your Medicare or Health Insurance card and is open to anyone over 18 years. Vaccine is also available for uninsured. Rice County is not a Tricare or VA insurance provider. It's possible that there may be COVID vaccine available. It is highly encouraged that anyone get their yearly vaccine that is available at many sites.

St. John's Choir Rehearsals at 9:50 am. Any interested singers are welcome!

KENYON ALL SEASONS FOOD SHELF: The month of October will focus on suggestions for Thanksgiving Preparation. Items could include: Stuffing box or bag, Instant potatoes box or bag, Turkey/chicken gravy mix packet or jar, cranberries whole or jellied in a can, Yams/sweet potatoes, corn bread mix, pie crust mix, pickles, olives or anything related to the season. Thanks to everyone who brought items in September.

Any questions can be directed to Mary Kindseth at 507-330-1578.



St. John's U.C.C. Council Meeting Notes 8.31.26
Council meeting called to order by Brian Bauer at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor's Opening: "Gathering to Grow in Christ"
devotional reading and prayer

SPRC – no report

Secretary report – Minutes from 7.12.26 read and approved.

Treasurer report for July read and approved. Total on hand in check book for all accounts \$20,472.05. Awaiting Vanco report from August to finalize August report.

Trustees – Called Better Air for air conditioner check. Wireless extender added to boost connectivity. Batteries purchased for replacement in AEDs. Rick Story removed a few more trees; tree removal on hold now till fall with approximately 40 trees left. Will keep watch on pricing for LP contract.

A big thank you to Steve Wille for replacing discolored ceiling tiles in narthex.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Discussed suggestions for clearer online donation process with Vanco.

Michele will reorder donation areas on Vanco, with "events" listed first, followed by "general donations." Goal to streamline donations for events and outside donations.

Reviewed upcoming events:

Sept 20 Sunday school resumes; Sept 26 Big Woods Run; October 11 Anniversary celebration; December 5 Christmas dinner and concert.

Pastor will be gone October 16 – 21. Pulpit supply being secured.

Next council meeting October 4th at 11:30 a.m.

Motion made and approved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Deb Purfeerst, Recording Secretary

Subject to approval

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



Second Saturday Quilters

NO Oct. meeting at SJ

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

Wood Carving!

The Carving Group will meet on October 17th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. John's.

Anyone interested in learning or joining our group is welcome to attend.

Best regards
Steven Wille
507-323-481



Visit Brighton Hospice's beautiful Faribault office and learn what hospice care is really all about.

This one hour presentation will discuss how to prepare for end of life, have tender conversations, and care for those who remain after we're gone.

Presentation by
Elizabeth Damico-Carper
Director of Support Services

Hospice Social Workers, Spiritual Care Clinicians, and other team members will be available to answer your questions.



*"We're all just walking
one another home"*

Ram Dass

Hospice is active
hand's on care
focused on comfort
and symptom
management.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

1233 MN-60 FARIBAULT, MN 55021

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Sunday, Oct. 4-SJ Council-11:30

Sunday, Oct. 11 SJ 170th Anniversary Celebration (Joint service-10:00-SJ) Lunch to follow

Mon., Oct. 12 Annual Flu Vaccine at Nerstrand Elementary School 4-5:30

Bring Health card

Wednesday, October 14th Nerstrand UMC Administrative Board Meeting, at 5pm.

Oct. 16-21 Pastor Gary and Brenda vacation (joint service Oct. 18th at 10:00-NUMC)

Sunday, October 18th Combined Worship Service at the Nerstrand United Methodist Church, at 10am. Our guest Lay Speaker will be Sandy Emry from the Owatonna UMC.

Sat., Oct 17- The Carving Group-SJ 10-12

Saturday, October 31st Trick or Treat at NUMC from 5:30 to 7pm.

Sunday, Nov. 1 Holden All Saints Dinner 12-2 and 4:30-6:30

December 5th-Christmas dinner and concert

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

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10:30 AM WORSHIP AT ST JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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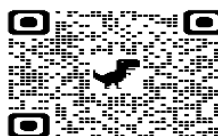
Phone: 651-280-0150 (Pastor Gary-personal).



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Pastor- Gary Liker

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



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

Nerstrand United Methodist Church Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct. 3rd
10:00 am – 1:00 pm



*Home and
holiday décor...*



Thrift Clothing

Silent Auction of select items

Puzzles, books and more....

Lunch Menu:

Hot beef Sandwiches
Pasta Salad
Chicken wild rice soup
Pie/Cake/Ice Cream



produce



Bake Sale



12 Maple St, Nerstrand

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