



# MAY CHURCHLETTER



## God Loves A Cheerful Giver

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must

help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive". Acts 20:35

There are many ways we can give gifts. Some gifts are given from a sense of obligation. Other times we give gifts as a status symbol...it makes us look good. Or we give selfishly because we like the feeling it produces rather than thinking of the person in need. Paul instructed the Corinthians

to *thoughtfully* and *deliberately* make a decision about what was to be given and then to give it cheerfully. Young children are wonderful examples of cheerful givers. They draw pictures for their teachers, share their snacks with friends, and ponder what gifts to buy for their parents. This desire to give shines forth from their lives because of their love for those they are giving to. That's the kind of giving God wants from His children. He does not need the material value of our gifts, but it is our love and commitment that He treasures.

God, help us to become like little children and give cheerfully from our loving hearts. Grant us wisdom to be good stewards and help us to make good decisions about our giving. Give us a heart filled with love and

**compassion for others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Blessings...Pastor Gary**

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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)

## 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-20<sup>th</sup> of month)** information to: [st.johnsuccwheeling@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Loving Thoughts and Prayers Surround:

### **Faribault Senior Living**

Gerry Erickson

### **Pleasant View Estates**

Shirley Bauer

Norma Meyer

### **The Emeralds**

Judy Smith

### **At Home**

Doris Hildebrandt

Arlene Shaske

Arlene Bultman

### **Mill City Senior Living**

Kaye Spike

## 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



### Joys and Concerns

Last Supper Drama  
Once again, the Cast and Crew put on an amazing performance and fellowship following. We had a great in-person audience and on-line viewing with over 150 views.

Congrats and Thank You to all who helped continue this

meaningful tradition.

- The Events Committee

### Sunday School at St. John's

St. John's Sunday School meets 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](mailto:littlehesshouse@gmail.com).

### St. John's annual Vacation Bible School

will be held June 22-26. The theme this year is entitled "Wonder"-learning about all the days of the Creation-and also incorporating other Bible stories to go along with the different days of creation.

See enclosed Registration form. We look forward to a great turn-out of students.



### St. John's U.C.C. Council Meeting Notes

St. John's U.C.C. Council Meeting Notes 4.12.26  
Council meeting called to order by Brian Bauer at 11:40 a.m.

Reports:

SPRC – Brian reported that Pastor vacation dates/coverage has been arranged.

Secretary - Minutes from 3.8.26 read and approved.

Treasurer – March financial report read and approved.

Trustees – Lawn mowing outside bids received were over projected budget. Accepted offer from Jay and Mark Kindseth for lawn mowing/trimming at \$4,000, as budgeted. Mowing to be completed with robotic mowers. Electrical work completed for outlets/GPS unit to accommodate mowers. Water heater in church replaced with controlled unit.

Thanks to Al Meyer for assistance in obtaining a free unit through Steele Waseca. Bell tower light not working-will need switch repair. Tree removal: Private individual found who is interested in removal of the dead ash trees for wood, at no cost. Work to begin once liability waiver signed. Gravel road dust treatment approved for 400 feet at \$468.00

Old Business: None

New Business: Kitchen ceiling in need of some plaster repair. Thank you to Steve Wille for volunteering to complete this work. Spring clean-up date will be scheduled as soon as weather permits – email notice will be sent out with date.

Confirmation will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Will plan for communion to be held on that date to coincide with confirmation. Request received to rent sanctuary on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Walk through assessment will be done on April 19<sup>th</sup> 12 -12:30 p.m. UCC Annual Conference June 11-13; UMC Annual Conference June 16-18. Pastor Liker will be attending both.

Next council meeting May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made and approved to adjourn at 12:30 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 May/June is: People still needed to fill these months

### Wood Carving!



Steven Wille  
507-323-481



### Second Saturday Quilters

QUILTING GROUP Second Saturday Quilters will meet on Saturday May 9th at St. John's from 9:00 - 3:00. This will be our last meeting for the season. We will work on our own projects. Second Saturday Quilters is open to people from all churches & their friends. Contact Deb Wille 507-323-4813 or [83159deb@gmail.com](mailto:83159deb@gmail.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sat., May 9** -NerstrandUMC garage sale-8am-2pm

**Sunday, May 10th** -Confirmation Sunday at St. John's Church, at 10:30am.

**Sunday, May 10th** -Sacrament of Holy Communion in both churches

**Tuesday, May 12th,** --St. John's Council meeting, at 7pm.

**Wednesday, May 13th,** --Nerstrand UMC Ad. Board meeting at 11am.

**Wednesday, May 27th** -Coffee and Conversation, 10am at the Nerstrand UMC.



### Sunday Church Service Schedule for 2026:

(Communion on first Sunday of month)

#### **9:00 AM WORSHIP AT NERSTRAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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Pastor- Gary Liker

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