



FEBRUARY

CHURCHLETTER



Remembering

"This is my body which is given for you...do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

I grew up in a small town in Wisconsin...Chetek, Wisconsin. I have been back "home" several times over the year. What I have found interesting is that very few people there remember me anymore. It almost seems like I'm a stranger in my own hometown. We all like to be remembered, don't we? We can feel hurt if old friends don't know us anymore.

Jesus wanted to be remembered, too. More than the fact that He wanted to be remembered, His friends needed to remember Him too. They needed to remember how He had lived among them, what He had taught them, and what He had told them to do. More than that, they needed to remember that He gave His life for them. At His last supper with the disciples, He gave each of them a little bread to represent His body and a sip from a cup to represent His blood. After He was gone, they ate bread together and remembered that Jesus had let His body be killed for them. They drank from a cup together and remembered that Jesus had shed His blood for them.

Jesus died for us too. He gave His life that we would live forever. We remember that every day, but we have a special reminder whenever we share the Lord's Supper with all believers.

Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to give His life for us. We promise to remember Him always, try to do what He calls us to do, and to do so in His holy name. Thank You, holy Lord! Amen!

Blessings...Pastor Gary

The office phone number is 651-280-0150
You can also reach the churches by email
at: st.johnsucctruewheeling@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**. 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.johnsucctruewheeling@gmail.com (Lynn Hirshey 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

Judy Smith

At Home

Doris Hildebrandt

Arlene Shaske

Arlene Bultman

Mill City Senior Living

Kaye Spike



Joys and Concerns

Our Christian sympathy to the family & friends of Wallace (Wally) Caron. Wally, age 70, passed away December 25th as a result of a farm accident. Wally was a brother-in-law to Berdell Berquam and Richard & Linda Wille.

Our Christian sympathy to the family & friends of Richard Hanson. Richard, age 95, passed away January 20. Memorial services will be held at the Nerstrand United Methodist Church on February 10

at 2 p.m. Interment will be at Meadow Ridge Memorial Park, Faribault, on February 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

- Men's Community Choir rehearsal will be on Feb. 9th @NUMC for Richad's funeral.

Our Christian sympathy to the family & friends of Rose Becker. Rosie, age 86 , passed away January 21 at the Three Links care Center. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, January 27, at Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Faribault. Interment at St. Lawrence Cemetery. Rosie was the mother of Deb Wille and Ed Becker of St. John's UCC.

Pancakes!

St John's will be having a Valentines pancake dinner February 8th after the service. Attached is a flyer, please share the date with friends and family. Bring your sweet heart ❤

Lent

To kick off the season of Lent, we have our Combined Ash Wednesday Service on February 18th at the St. John's UCC at 7pm. Along with that, we will be having our Community Lenten Services on Wednesdays at 7pm. Church locations are yet to be determined.

Community Men's Choir

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season, is February 18th. If all goes as planned, the Community Men's choir will have a rehearsal Monday, Feb.23. Time and place will be announced later.

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.

Wednesday Wear

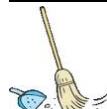
Hours: Wed. 1-5 pm Sat. 9-noon
Remember that donations are welcome!
Any questions about being open or on donating,
Call-Linda 507-789-5376
Or Marlene 507-334-2143
Church phone 507-332-4089



St. John's Annual Meeting was held on January 18, 2026

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

St. John's UCC Cleaning Committee

 The St. John's UCC cleaning committee for the months of Jan./ Feb. is: St. John's Council.

Nerstrand UMC Administrative Board

Chairman-Duane Bailey
Secretary -Debbie Kerr



QUILTING GROUP

Second Saturday Quilters

We will meet on Saturday February 14th at St. John's from 9 - 3:00. Deb will teach the Dresden Plate block. Bring 6 assorted Fat Quarters, one should be a solid for the center, a 12 1/2" block for the background and fusible interfacing. You will need your sewing machine, and general sewing supplies. If you plan to stay for the afternoon bring your lunch.

Barb is providing snack. History Bits and Tool of the Month are open.

SSQ is open to people from all churches and their friends. Contact Deb Wille 507-323-4813.

Wood Carving!

Carving will be February 21st at 10:00.
I will have a project for all.
See you then



Steven Wille
507-323-481

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 8th St John's will be having a Valentines pancake dinner after the service (flyer)

Wednesday, February 11th -Nerstrand UMC Ad. Board meeting, at 11am

Thursday, February 12th-St. John's Council meeting at 7pm

Saturday February 14th -Second Saturday Quilters-St. John's from 9 - 3:00

Wednesday, February 18th -SJ and NUMC Combined Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's UCC, 7pm.

Saturday, February 21-Woodcarvers, 10:00 am

Monday, Feb. 23- Community Men's choir rehearsal. Time and place will be announced later.

Wednesday, February 25th -Lenten Bible Study, at 5pm-N

Saturday February 28

Grace Lutheran's Family Fun Night at the Faribault Community Center 5-8pm

Sunday Church Service Schedule for 2025:

(Communion on first Sunday of month)

9:00 AM WORSHIP AT NERSTRAND

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

12 Maple Street, Nerstrand, MN 55053

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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

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Website: <https://stjohnsunitedchurchofchrist.info>

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



Pastor- Gary Liker



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