

JUNE CHURCHLETTER



A Heart Bent on God

"He has shown you, O man, what is good and what does the Lord require of you but

to do justice, and to love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?". Micah 6:8

There is a question which believers must ask daily..."What would Christ have me do?" The answer to that question will provide us with an action, a word, a motive, or a priority which reflects the will of God.

The apostle Paul taught that in Christ all things hold together. In Acts 18, Paul, talking to the Athenians, quoted a Greek poet. He recited a line that he believed spoke about Christ. It said, "In Him we live and move and have our being."

So what does Christ ask of us today? What would our Lord have us do? What is the will of God for each of us? The way to begin, or continue, this journey and this questioning is by having a heart bent on God...a heart that desires to seek out that which pleases Him. In many respects we do not need to waste God's time in asking, for we have His word already. God speaks to us through His Holy Bible. Therefore, we know what we must do to be considered faithful in His holy name.

Now, we know full well that He wants us to love one another. However, we may find that a challenge at certain times in our lives. There is no question, though, that He has commandments that we are to

obey. He is faithful to us...we must be faithful to Him!

Gracious God, we wish that on this day we are clay in the Potter's hands. As the prophet of old said, "Here I am, use me." May that be our prayer to You this day, Holy Lord. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 Hirscheby 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

All are welcome to celebrate Oren Alexander's graduation from Randolph High School on Sunday, June 7, 2026 from

3-6 pm at his home, 711 Home Street Kenyon, MN 55946

On Sunday, June 14th, we will be recognizing our graduates in our churches during the worship services. If you have a high school or college graduate in your family that you would like recognized on this special "Graduation Recognition Sunday", please let Pastor Gary know either by text (651-280-0150) or email (pastorgary2020@gmail.com). Thank you!

On Sunday, June 28, the VBS will have a short presentation during the worship service at St. John's. A brief time of fellowship with refreshments will follow the service.

Sunday School at St. John's

Sunday School is on summer break! We will resume in September. Enjoy your summer!
Please contact Carrie Hess with any questions: 651-775-5594 or littlehesshouse@gmail.com.

St. John's annual Vacation Bible School

The annual Vacation Bible School at St. John's is scheduled for June 22-26. As of this printing, we have 31 enrolled. Our Theme this year is "Wonder"-I was created by God & for God. Our mission offering will again go to our local Nerstrand Fire & Rescue Dept. We are looking forward to a great week as we study about God's Wonderful creation and also other related Bible

Stories. We will have extra student books, so if someone decides to come for VBS, you are more than welcome to join us.



St. John's U.C.C. Council Meeting Notes 5.12.26
Council meeting called to order by Brian Bauer at 7:00 p.m.

Reports:

Pastor Liker opened with devotional reading.
Brief presentation by Becky Tatge about "The Chosen." A Christian tv/video series dramatizing the life of Jesus Christ. Proposing to show series at St. Johns. Discussion on timing options— summer vs. fall; possibly after church. Council supportive.

SPRC – No report.

Secretary - Minutes from 4.12.26 read and approved.

Treasurer – April financial report read and approved.

Discussion that income has not been keeping up with expenses since first of year. Current general fund balance -\$311.10. Suggested that quarterly update on finances be included in newsletter. Discussed upcoming insurance expenses -plan for insurance rep. to attend a council meeting to consider potential cost savings.

Trustees – Bell tower light switch repaired. Tree removal in process-release of liability signed. Burn permit secured. Road dust treatment arranged. Thank you to Jim Purfeerst for lawn sweeping.

Old Business: Big thank you to Steve Wille for his work on the kitchen ceiling. It looks fabulous!

New Business: Reviewed upcoming events schedule.

June 13th church has been rented for wedding – elder will need to be present. June 22-26 VBS 8:30-12noon.

July 10-19 Pastor vacation. Summer Wednesday evening events being arranged. 170th anniversary celebration being planned by events committee for.

Next council meeting.

Motion made and approved to adjourn at 7:50 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



Second Saturday Quilters

Second Saturday Quilters is done meeting for the season. We will let you know when we

start up again in the Fall.

Second Saturday Quilters is open to people from all churches & their friends.

Contact Deb Wille 507-323-

4813 or 83159deb@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 7th Sacrament of Holy Communion in both churches

Thursday, June 11th through Saturday, June

13th -UCC Annual Conference Session

Sunday, June 14th-Recognition of Graduates Ceremony

June 14 SJ council meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 16th through Thursday, June

18th -UMC Annual Conference Session

June 22-26 Vacation Bible school 22-26 8:30-noon

Wednesday, July 1st-Nerstrand UMC

Administrative Board meeting, , at 11am

Wed. July 15-midweek service -SJ-Cory Becker

July 10-19 Pastor vacation

Wed., August 12- midweek service -SJ-Doug Spike

Oct. 11 SJ 170th Anniversary Celebration

December 5th-Christmas dinner and concert

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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

