

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade

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Our prayers for April 19 are with the members of Hope United Church of Christ of Streeter and their pastor, Chris Hogstad. May God's grace be with this small membership congregation that the Spirit of God might be a source of healing and promise to those within this community of faith and beyond.

Easter Sunday and the Sunday following it was my pleasure to join with the members of Emmanuel United Church of Christ of Hankinson as we gathered to celebrate the resurrection of our Redeemer. Peg and I want to thank them for the warmth of worship and for the fellowship which we shared. It was a pleasure to unite with them in praise and celebration.

For any that might need them there are clean up kits available. They have come to us through Church World Service. The kits include bleach and cleaning detergent as well as a bucket and sponge or rags. The clean up kits can be accessed by calling the NPCUCC Disaster Coordinator, Lindy Holt at 701 430 0727,

Our prayerful concern continues to be with the victims of the Spring flooding in North Dakota. Various parts of the state are moving into different phases of the flood response. Please keep in touch with the NPCUCC Conference as we will attempt to keep you updated on the various opportunities for help and support which will come our way. For now we ask that congregations anticipate financial support as well as identifying those who would be interested in helping with the clean up efforts that will be getting started. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

The Pastor's Post Lenten retreat will be taking place as scheduled but **NOT AT MARYVALE**. The high water has caused some conditions that make it impossible to hold our retreat at that location. Thanks to the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Jamestown we will be holding the event at the Church with hotel accommodations at the Days Inn, North of Highway 94, across from McDonald's in Jamestown. The schedule remains the same with few modifications because of the change of location. I want to thank Pastor Susan Lester for her quick response to our

situation and for helping set up accommodations for meals and lodging as quickly as she did. Any who would like to go to the retreat but have not already registered are invited to contact the Conference Office. Those already registered will be receiving a special email with information, but are invited to contact the Conference Office to answer any questions.

Around the NPCUCC 4/17 – 4/26

Date	Time	Event	Location
4/17	-----	CM returns from Solo Conf.Ministers meeting	-----
4/17	12:00 noon	CHYS donor lunch	Bismarck
4/18	11:00 am (ct)	ALWL #1 makeup	Wahpeton
4/19	10:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Hankinson
4/21	12:00 Noon	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
4/24	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Medina, Zion UCC
4/25	11:00 am (ct)	ALWL #2	Jamestown
4/26	4:00 am (ct)	Post Lenten Retreat	Jamestown