

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade

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Let us hold in prayer the members of the Josephburg United Church of Christ and their pastor, Deborah Hoekstra. It is our prayer that God’s divine grace continues to live and move among the fellowship of our most northern congregation as they struggle with the challenges of a declining rural population. This we ask in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus the Christ.

Last Sunday it was my pleasure to join the members of Emmaus United Church of Christ of Carson and their pastor, Ken Trana as they gathered for worship. I want to thank them for the fellowship of praise and worship as we gathered in celebration of God’s gracious presence.

NPCUCC congregations are invited to prepare for the upcoming Covenant Gatherings that will take place across the Conference. The focus for the Covenant Gatherings will be to outline a vision for a multifaceted stewardship program for the congregation and then to focus on the place of one of those facets a wills program. Pastors and lay leaders are invited to the Covenant Gatherings that will take place at the following dates, locations and times: 2/24, Fargo/Plymouth, 6:00 pm (ct); 2/26, Medina, 6:00 pm (ct); 3/3, New Salem, 6:00 pm (ct); 3/5, Elgin, 6:00 pm (mt); 3/9, Hebron/First, 6:00 pm (ct); 3/10, Hillsboro, 7:00 pm (ct); 3/12, New Town, 6:00 pm (ct); 3/16, Garrison, 6:00 pm (ct). If you are unable to attend the Covenant Gathering in your area, please do not hesitate to come to a one in a neighboring area.

“Where is your Treasure” is the theme for the 2009 One Hour of Sharing all church offering. This offering enables each of us to reach across God’s world with a helping hand at a time when it is most needed. It touches lives with the basic needs of life at a time when they most need that help. Let us be generous as through the ministries of outreach of the United Church of Christ we share God’s gracious gift of healing and hope. If you need more information or more materials to receive this offering please call the Conference Office.

We are starting to receive registrations for the upcoming Post Lenten Retreat April 26 – 28 at Maryvale, near Valley City. Luther Snow will be the guest presenter. For more information please check out the flier and registration forms which can be found on the NPCUCC web site at www.npcucc.org/form_or_flier.

There is still time to register for the next round of ALWL classes which will begin March 7th at 11:00 am (ct) at the United Church of Christ of Jamestown. Any who are interested are

invited to fill out the form which you can find on the NPCUCC web site www.npcucc.org/form and mail it into the Conference Office. Please feel free to contact the Conference Office if you have questions.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
3/20	-----	CM attends Consultation	Cleveland
3/21	-----	Consultation	Cleveland
3/22	-----	Consultation	Cleveland
2/23	4:00 pm (ct)	CHYS Finance Comm.	Bismarck
2/23	5:00 pm (ct)	CHYS Board	Bismarck
2/24	6:00 pm (ct)	Covenant Gathering	Fargo/Plymouth
2/25	-----	Ash Wednesday	-----
2/25	11:00 am (ct)	Minot Cluster	Minot
2/26	9:30 am (ct)	NDCC Executive Comm.	Bismarck
2/26	6:00 pm (ct)	Covenant Gathering	Medina
2/27	10:30 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Gackle
2/27	6:00 pm (ct)	Alternate Paths	Bismarck
2/28	9:00 am (ct)	Alternate Paths	Bismarck
3/1	9:00 am/11:00 am	CM shares in worship	Granville/Minot