

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade

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As the gospel lesson, from the lectionary for this Sunday (Matthew 16:31 – 20) celebrates the clarity of Peter’s vision for Jesus’ ministry, so we pray that the members of First Congregational United church of Christ of Dickinson and their pastor M. Kathleen Chesnut, continue to share the mission and the message of the living Christ with conviction and commitment.

Last Sunday I was doubly blessed. The day began with the opportunity to share in worship with the members of the Congregational United church of Christ of Reeder, and their pastor, Ilo Madden. I do want to thank them for their care and understanding during worship and the fellowship they shared as we gathered after. Then in the afternoon I had the opportunity to join with our ELCA brothers and sisters as they installed Mark Naru as their Bishop. May the goodness of God’s grace and blessing be with him and the members of his congregations.

It is time for all NPCUCC folk to make plans to share in the annual Footin It For Fun”. All participants are asked to form teams and collect \$350 in pledges and join their friends for a special afternoon in the Bismarck out of doors. September 14th is the date. The money raised through this enjoyable time will go to support special programs at Charles Hall Youth Services. Each congregation is invited to plan to field a team. If you are not fielding a team of your own you are invited to support “TEAM SCHEMMEL” we will be walking and would appreciate your support. Please send pledges to the Northern Plains Conference United Church of Christ.

You should have received the Neighbor’s in Need Offering materials. Please look them over carefully and begin to make plans to share the information and vision of Neighbors in Need with the members of your church. This is a special offering through which we are able to make a difference in the lives of people that are often forgotten. If you have not received this information please contact the Conference Office and we will assist you.

Calling all the women of the Northern Plains Conference. You are invited to the Fall retreat that will be held at Maryvale (outside of Valley City) October 10 – 12. The theme for the retreat is “An Invitation to Prayer, Finding Your Peace shell” with Shirley Nelson of CHHSM and Gayla Sherman as guest presenters. You will find an informative flier on the NPCUCC website www.npcucc.org/form. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

The Schemmel's will be on vacation from August 26 through September 1. Should you need to get in touch with the Conference Minister please call the Conference Office number and it will be forwarded to our phones or leave an email and we will respond as soon as possible.

All NPCUCC members are invited to make plans to share in the installation service for Gaylund Olson at St. John's Church in Hebron, August 24th. This special service of celebration and recognition will take place at 3:00 pm (ct) at St. John Church. Then on September 7th make plans to share in worship and thought with Lento Rodriguez who will be installed as the pastor of the Filipino Community Church in Winnipeg...Since distance may make it difficult for many of you to share in this service please take a moment and send an email or a note to the congregation (check the leader's guide on the web site)..

Around the NPCUCC 082208 - 083108

Date	Time	Events	Location
8/22	6:00 pm (ct)	Pastor's Workshop	Medina
8/23	-----	Pastor's Workshop	Medina
8/24	9:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Glen Ullin
8/24	3:00 pm (ct)	Installation service for Gaylund Olson	Hebron, St. John
8/26 – 8/31	-----	Schemmel's on vacation Conference Office closed	-----