

# The “E Messenger”

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For a century the communities of Hettinger and Reeder have been blessed by the ministry of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Hettinger and the Congregational United Church of Christ of Reeder. We pray that God’s grace might be with the members of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Hettinger as they have suspended regular worship services and with the members of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Reeder as they continue to seek pastoral leadership. May God’s grace continue to be with Pastor Ilo Madden as she enters fully into her retirement.

Last Sunday Peg and I had the pleasure of sharing in the installation service for Marilyn Levine, as the pastor of the United Church of Christ of New Town and Memorial of Parshall. We want to thank them for the opportunity to be a part of this exciting service and for the warmth of their fellowship during the worship and the fellowship which followed.

Our prayers are with the members of the Christus Congregational United Church of Christ of New Leipzig as they hold their final and closing service of worship. I want to thank them for their support of the ministries of the Northern Plains Conference as I pray that God’s grace might embrace them as they seek their Spiritual guidance elsewhere.

It is time to begin promoting the Christmas Fund. This special offering is an opportunity of all to support the pastors that have historically served the congregations of the United Church of Christ so very well. Throughout the year the money received through the Christmas Fund (Formerly Veterans of the Cross) helps elderly pastors with ongoing costs, as well as provide special assistance to pastors actively engaged in the ministry of the US.

Monday Afternoon through Wednesday Peg and I will be in the Twin Cities of Minnesota with our oldest Son as he continues to undergo treatment for the paralysis in his face. Please hold us in your prayers. The Conference Office will be closed but phone and email messages will be answered.

Saturday at 3:00 pm (ct) we will gather for the memorial service of Austin (Jim) Engel at Bismarck United Church of Christ. Our prayers for comfort and support are with Mary and the other members of the Engel family.

Let us hold in prayer Barbara Murray (formerly of the Gackle, Jud and Streeter parish, and Jamestown and St. John, Hebron) as she recovers from triple bypass and aortic valve replacement surgery. We pray that God's healing grace be with her as she recovers. We do not have word at this point on how the surgery went.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
10/24	-----	Fall Youth Rally	Valley City
10/25	-----	Fall Youth Rally	Valley City
10/25	3:00 pm (ct)	Memorial Service for Austin Engel	Bismarck
10/26	8:30 am (mt)	Service of closure	New Leipzig
10/27	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Jamestown.
10/27 - 29	-----	Schemmel's on vacation	-----
11/1	11:00 AM (ct)	ALWL #3	Fargo/First
11/2	9:30 am (ct)	Cm shares in worship	Mayville