

# The “E Messenger”

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Notes and Comments by Wade

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On this third Sunday of Advent, we pray that the living presence of God might embrace the members of Zion United Church of Christ of Medina and their pastor, Karl Limvere. May they continue to be a source of hope and vision throughout their community and beyond and may God continue to grant clarity and strength to their message.

This coming Sunday I will have the pleasure of joining in the Rite of Ordination for Susan Lester, pastor of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Jamestown. All NPCUCC pastors and lay members are invited to share in this special celebration. The service will begin at 4:00 pm (ct) and will be followed by a time of fellowship.

You are invited to Revive, Rejoice and Resurrect as you share in the fellowship, celebration and praise of the Revival gatherings of the NPCUCC. You are invited to make plans to attend any of the following; January 18, at Jamestown, January 25 at New Town, February 8 at First Congregational, Fargo or February 15 at Bismarck. Each gathering will begin at 4:00 and conclude by 7:00 pm (ct). They will include music, sharing, fellowship, food and praise. It is time to make your plans to share in these events today.

If you have not already done so I would encourage each congregation to get their completed quilt piece into the Conference Office as soon as possible. These pieces will become part of a Conference Quilt project that will be displayed at the Annual Meeting in Minot June 5 - 7, 2009. Each quilt square is to be an opportunity to make a statement as to what you believe. This can be done in any medium you might choose.

It is with joy that we welcome Dawn Archer to the NPCUCC clergy family. Dawn will be starting January 3, 09 as the Christian Education/Pastoral Care Associate for Bismarck United Church of Christ. We celebrate her call and look forward to working with her in the wider ministry of the Conference.

If you have not already done so please take a moment and fill out the two surveys that have been sent to you. The one was an OCWM survey that asked who made decisions regarding OCWM support, and the second was a survey of the type and model of computer your office was using. Each of these is vitally important as we move ahead.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
12/13	11:00 am (ct)	ALWL #4	Grand Forks
12/14	1:00 pm (ct)	Birthday Open House for Vern Bader	Medina
12/14	4:00 pm (ct)	Ordination Service for Susan Lester	Jamestown
12/16	11:00 am (ct)	NDHRC Development	Fargo
12/17	11:00 am (ct)	Minot Cluster	Minot
12/18	10:00 am (ct)	Fargo Cluster	Moorhead
12/19	10:30 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Valley City