

# The "E Messenger"

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## Notes and Comments by Wade 011411

We embrace with prayer this day the ministry of the Gardner Congregational Lutheran Church. As we celebrate the two rich heritages that come together we give thanks for the ways that they have been able to embrace each other in the past and look forward to new avenues of service and praise in the future. AMEN

Last Sunday it was my pleasure to share worship with the members of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Valley City. I want to thank them for the opportunity to be a part of the service of praise and celebration and for the fellowship which followed. May God's richest blessing continue to be with them as they seek their path of service into the future.

The AWARE for February is in the final stages of preparation to be emailed and mailed to the NPC congregations and members. It is filled with many helpful and informative articles. Please watch for it to show up at your mail box, or computer early next week.

Our Congratulations go to Jim Moos who has been called to be the Executive Minister for the Wider Church Ministries of the National church. Jim's call will become official following a vote at General Synod. It is with a mixture of joy and sadness that we wish Jim and Sharon well as they begin to make plans to move to Cleveland and take up the duties of their new office. We thank Jim and Sharon for the many ways they have enriched the ministry of the Northern Plains Conference and assure them that they will be missed. We also look forward with enthusiasm to the many exciting ways that God's grace will empower and support them as they share their gifts with the wider church. May God's richest blessings be with Jim and Sharon and the members of Bismarck United Church of Christ as they begin the search for pastoral leadership.

This coming Sunday Peg and I are looking forward to the opportunity to share in the Annual Meeting and worship with the members of the Federated (UCC/UMC) of Carrington. We want to thank the members of this ecumenical congregation and their pastor, Susan Fandrich for their gracious invitation.

January 17<sup>th</sup> is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. A time when we not only remember a great American who called us to live our faith more fully, but also a day when we are called to celebrate the God given dignity of every person regardless of color, class, orientation, economic standing, personal gifts or whatever else we might use to measure our brothers and sisters in the human family. Let us embrace one another as in the family of God we move forward into the future.

Around the NPCUCC 011411 – 012311

Date	Time	Event	Location
1/16	11:00 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Carrington
1/17	10:00 am (ct)	NDCC Board	Bismarck
1/18	10:00 am (ct)	MV Cluster	Hebron/First
1/19	12:00 Noon (ct)	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
1/21	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Gackle
1/22	11:00 am (mt)	ALWL #2	Dickinson
1/23	11:00 am (ct)	Cm Shares in worship	Hankinson/Emmanuel
1/23	6:00 pm (ct)	NPC/SD Conversation	Watertown, SD