

The "E Messenger"

Notes and Comments by Wade 032511

Our prayers this Lenten Sunday are with the members of Salem United Church of Christ and their pastor, Ron Hildahl. We pray that God's gracious loving care continue to be with them throughout the year as they proclaim the fullness of a Divine love that knows no bounds and as they live out a hospitality that is radical. AMEN

I want to thank the members of Ebenezer United Church of Christ and their pastor, Hazel Behrens for the opportunity to share with them in worship last Sunday, It was truly a joy to join them in a service of praise and celebration and then to share in the "Breakfast" which followed.

Our prayers are with Karen and Perry Engstrom as they mourn the passing of Karen's mother, Rita Leinen. Mrs. Leinen was called from the church militant to the church triumphant Wednesday morning March 23 at the St. Francis Nursing Facility in Breckenridge, MN. The funeral service will be Saturday at 10:30 am in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Breckenridge. Let us enfold the Engstrom's and their family in our prayers.

Our prayers are also with Teresa and Paul Heupel Buckhaus as they mourn the passing of Paul's mother, Sadie Buckhaus. Mrs. Buckhaus was called from the church militant to the church triumphant Thursday, March 24. All funeral arrangements are still in the planning stages. As soon as we hear of the arrangements, we will send an email out to you all. Let us also enfold the family of Sadie Buckhaus and their families in our prayers.

This is to inform all registrants to the Lenten Retreat in Jamestown, that all reservations at the Quality Inn and Suites are confirmed. You may have received a message that your reservations may be cancelled. This is to inform you that all reservations are confirmed and in effect for the Retreat. If you have any questions, please contact the Conference Office.

The time and date for the Lenten Retreat is fast approaching. A week from Sunday, April 3rd at First Congregational Church in Jamestown, we will be gathering with Jennifer Kottler, Editor from Sojourners to discuss the subject of "The Church in the 21st Century". The retreat will go from 5:30 pm (ct) on April 3rd until 12:00 noon on April 5th. For the agenda, registration information and a picture of the presenter please go to the NPCUCC Web Site www.npcucc.org and type Lenten Retreat in the search area. If you have any questions please accept our invitation to call the Conference Office.

This coming Sunday it will be my pleasure to join in worship with the members of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Jamestown. Peg and I look forward to this time to share with them in worship, fellowship and planning as they look to their future.

Please be mindful of the call for camp helpers for the NPCUCC youth camping program this summer at Camp of the Cross. If you are interested but need more information before committing please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office.

Please give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. A portion of your gift will be used to support disaster relief and rehabilitation work in Japan. Approximately 17% of the annual OGHS offering is utilized for disaster preparedness and response. The UCC responds to a disaster, somewhere in the world, on an average every 2.5 days. Your gift also will provide clean water, food, seeds and tools, education and health care in communities overcoming poverty, violence and inequity all around the globe. This all church offering is to be received on April 3rd.

Around the NPCUCC 032511 – 040311

Date	Time	Event	Location
3/25	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Carrington
3/27	10:00 am (ct)	CM Leads Worship	Jamestown
3/27	11:00 am (ct)	Strategic Planning	Jamestown
3/29	1:00 pm (ct)	NPC/SDC WebEx meeting	Computer
3/31	10:00 am (ct)	VOAD meeting	Devil's Lake
4/3	11:00 am (ct)	Strategic Planning	Jamestown
4/3	5:30 pm (ct)	Lenten Retreat begins	Jamestown