



# The Grapevine

April 2025

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## Joy

“... we were like those who dream ...Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy” Psalm 126: 1b, 2

One of the magazines I subscribe to is ‘The Presbyterian Outlook’. The April 2025 issue is about “The state of Joy”, This coincides with the lectionary passages for the first week in April, and the passage from Psalm 126.

Terri McDowell Ott, the Editor of Outlook, wrote this about Joy. *“In a 1914 letter to Ilse Erdmann, the poet Rainer Maria Rilke meditates on the difference between happiness and joy. Happiness, Rilke writes, is a more superficial state, one that both engages and worries us because we know this feeling as fleeting. Happiness comes and goes, often tied to our circumstances in a moment. Joy, on the other hand, is a “marvelous increasing,” according to Rilke, a “pure addition” that has the power to change and transform. Joy is “timeless from the beginning, not to be held but also not to be truly lost again, since under its impact our being is changed.”*

### Joy Changes Us

Last month, on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> we had an open forum after worship, led by the Rev. Deanna Reikow, who is the connectional care pastor for the Presbytery of Northern Plains. The conversation around tables focused on how best to move the church forward, how best to grow the church, and how the church best can achieve those goals. We tried to have a session

member at each table. The session has been in discussion about visioning for the last several months. It is now time to open this to the whole congregation.

Deanna left us with some ideas. **Vision 25** is about exploring creative ways to sustain the Church’s ministry and purpose. We hope to find new ways to connect with our community, spark creativity, and strengthen our mission beyond Sunday mornings.

### “Our Mission Statement”

- Be a Christ-centered community
- Be welcoming and open to all
- Promote fellowship
- Rejoice in our faith
- Demonstrate care and love
- Enhance spiritual growth for all ages
- Provide meaningful worship
- Spread the Word of the Gospel

The primary objective of having a church vision is to set a clear direction for the church’s future. It helps align the efforts of leadership and members, ensuring that everyone is working towards the same goals. A well-defined vision provides a sense of purpose and motivates the church community to strive for collective achievements.

**“A well-crafted vision isn’t just about setting goals; it’s about creating a shared understanding**

**of where the church is headed and why.”**

As we head into the next 8 months it is now time for us to dream! Going forward with shouts of Joy, for who we are as a church in Casselton.

In a couple of weeks we will celebrate Easter and as a resurrection people will be given the opportunity to shout with joy. On Easter, the joy of Christ’s resurrection transforms the despair of Jesus death on the cross. The women who first encounter the empty tomb are forever changed by this good news and are told to go and share the joy. Easter Sunday, then, should be LOUD. JOYFULLY LOUD.

“Christ the Lord is risen today! Alle-lu-ia!” Easter joy is meant to be contagious, uncontained, shared and spread as a “marvelous increasing.” Easter joy should lead us to turn to our neighbor, no longer a stranger, to say, “Hey, Great to see you. I’m going to take care of you today. Don’t you worry. I got you covered.”

Let us go forward proclaiming the Good News, filled with laughter and with shouts of joy.

### **Mission, Vision, Values**

Grace and Peace,  
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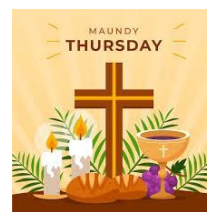
## Session highlights from March

- use of building on May 6 for Community of Care Pen Pals
- use of building on May 14 for Sonshine Center's preschool graduation
- Pastor Paul's absence on April 13
- an open congregation forum on March 9 with Pastor Reikow on community engagement
- Angela Wheeler and Anela Forderer to assist with communion on April 6.
- next Session meeting is April 6 at 11:15 a.m. Mike Faught will lead devotions & closing prayer



All Sunday School students are encouraged to the parade during worship on Palm Sunday, April 13, by carrying palms to the cross and singing for the congregation.

The Annual Easter Cantata will be on April 13 at 3:00 pm at St. Leo's.



Maundy Thursday Agape meal will be April 17 at 6:30 p.m. with communion in the TenPas Room. A sign-up sheet for the potluck meal will be posted.

On Good Friday, April 18, the church will be opened from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Spend some time in the TenPas Room walking the self-guided labyrinth.



Start your Easter Sunday, April 20, with breakfast at WPC from 8:30-9:15 a.m. hosted by our youth. The free will offering will go to One Great Hour of Sharing. Then stay after worship for the indoor Easter Egg Hunt for the younger elementary students.

## April CALENDAR NOTES

- 2: No confirmation class
- 6: 9:30 Worship w/communion; 10:45 am WM meeting; 10:45 am Sunday School; 11:15 am Session; Community Lenten Service at WPC meal at 6:00 pm, 6:45 pm service
- 9: 4:00-5:30 pm Confirmation class
- 10: 10:00-11:00 am Caregiver's Support Group
- 12: Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering in Langdon
- 13: Palm Sunday: 9:30 am Worship; 11:15 am Session; 3:00 pm Easter Cantata at St. Leo's
- 16: 4:00-5:30 pm Confirmation class
- 17: Maundy Thursday - 6:30 pm Agape meal with communion in TenPas room
- 18: Good Friday - 7:00 am - 3:00 pm Church will be open and labyrinth available to walk
- 20: Easter Sunday: 8:30-9:15am Easter Breakfast; 9:30 am Worship; Easter Egg hunt following Worship
- 22: 6:30 pm Crochet Ministry
- 23: 4:00-5:30 pm Confirmation
- 27: 9:30 am Worship; 10:45 Sunday School
- 30: 4:00-5:30 pm Confirmation class

## May CALENDAR NOTES

- 2: 6:30 pm Totally Tables at Spirit of Life Center
- 2-4: Presbytery Youth Spring Retreat in Bismarck
- 4: 9:30 am Youth Recognition Worship w/communion; 10:45 WM meeting; 11:00 Children's Appreciation Lunch by the Deacons
- 8: 10:00 am Caregiver Support Group
- 11: 9:30 am Worship; 10:45 Session
- 18: 9:30 am Worship
- 20: 6:30 pm Crochet Ministry
- 25: 9:30 am Worship

Worship services are available to view online through Facebook. Services will be streaming live on Sundays at 9:30 am on Facebook. Go to [www.facebook.com/WPCasseltown](http://www.facebook.com/WPCasseltown) to view the service. Each service is available to watch after the livestream on Facebook.

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP!!**

*Deacon for April:  
Don & Joleen Fraase  
Don - 701-541-4505  
Joleen - 701-799-2367*

If you or a member you know is struggling with loss, illness, or needs assistance, please share that person's name and contact information with one of our deacons for follow-up care.

**Deacons:**

*Mike and Pam Nelson,  
Don and Joleen Fraase,  
Craig and Linda Schultz*

**Need a ride to church or communion? Call us!**

Criag/Linda Schultz

261-5053

Don/Joleen Fraase

701-541-4505

701-799-2367

Mike/Pam Nelson

701-799-5247

701-212-3145

Lana Schultz

238-4538

**Anyone wanting to send a card/letter to extended family and friends, their addresses are listed below:**

<p><b>Ken &amp; Ilene McLean</b> 3300 28th St S #214 Moorhead, MN 56560</p>	<p><b>Sandy Cleveland</b> Eventide Fargo 3225-51st St. So., #112 Fargo, ND 58104 (701-541-4028)</p>
<p><b>Marjean Roden</b> 2890 Saffron Drive #5015 Fargo ND 58104 (299-9727)</p>	<p><b>Gloria Schneider</b> 201 University Drive #409 Fargo, ND 58013</p>
<p><b>Jane Ellison</b> 225 13th Ave W #2024 West Fargo, ND 58078 (701-799-2590)</p>	

**Let us remember these families and individuals in our prayers during the month of April:**



**April 6**

Erin Runck  
Carter & Lana Schultz  
Craig & Linda Schultz

**April 13**

Matthew Schultz  
Nathan & Emily Schultz, Eloise, Bethie & June  
Steven Schultz

**April 20**

Jayme & Katie Steig  
Madeline Steig  
Sam Steig

**April 27**

Molly & Joe Terveen, Tenley, Hadley & Bailey  
Judy & Steve Thordarson  
Kaylee Thordarson

*Our condolences to the family of Lindsey Runck.*

*Prayers for Mike Nelson and his upcoming surgery on May 6, and for Diane Moderow as she recovers from spinal surgery.*

*Prayers for Pastor Kari Jutila as she recovers from heart surgery. Her address is posted on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to send her a card.*

## Upcoming Fellowship and Service Groups

GROUP1 - May 2025	Home	Mobile	Mobile
<b>Kremer, Blaine, Megan, Audrey and Miles (group leaders)</b>		M)261-5038	B) 730-2981
Carley, Jon and Connie	347-5540		
Forderer, Travis, Jess, Anela, and Marjorie, Sandy Cleveland	347-5349	J) 238-4606	T) 238-7751
Halverson, Craig, Michelle, Jacob, and Devon	347-5606	M)238-8520	C) 238-6703
Halverson, Dale and Loree		L) 412-7439	D) 238-4610
Heck, Barry and Evelin		E)261-5060	
McLean, Jacki	282-4972	261-2024	
McLean, Jim and Karen	633-5142		
McLean, Ken and Ilene		I)371-8313	K)371-7355
Morken, Harvey and Mary		M)219-6060	H) 799-2811
Nelson, Grant, Shera, Alaina, Eliza, Coen			G) 388-6815
Nelson, Jim and Jody	347-4832	Jo)261-4760	J) 261-4728
Roden, Tom, Jill, Andrew, Alex and Adam, Marjean (298-9727)		J)261-4725	T) 238-4769
Schultz, Craig and Linda		L)261-5053	C)412-5216
Schultz, Steven		388-9134	
Terveen, Joe, Molly, Tenley, Hadley, Bailey		M)371-9575	
Toop, Sharon	347-4960	799-4960	

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to assist with Fellowship & Service Group in April:

Sunday, April 6:

Coffee & Treats:

Joe & Robin Morken family

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes:

Joe & Robin Morken family

Scripture Reader:

Joe, Hayden & Corbin Morken

Sunday, April 13:

Coffee & Treats:

Lorna & Fran Mougey and Dave Warrey and Jane Ellison

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes:

Lorna & Fran Mougey and Dave Warrey

Scripture Reader:

Lorna Mougey

Sunday, April 20:

Coffee & Lemonade:

Don & Joleen Fraase

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes:

Don & Joleen Fraase

Sunday, April 27:

Coffee & Treats:

Don & Joleen Fraase

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes:

Don & Joleen Fraase

Typically received during the season of Lent, (March 5-April 20), each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Consider giving generously to OGHS at the Youth Breakfast on April 20, to the children's fish boxes, and through your OGHS envelope in your offering packets or the designated envelopes in the pews. WPC's goal for OGHS is a \$1,000 gift.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Presbytery Meeting

The next Presbytery meeting will be at the University of Jamestown on Saturday, April 5, both in-person and by Zoom. If you can attend as a Commissioner, please contact Pastor Paul. The Zoom link and agenda for the meeting will be posted at [northernplainspresbytery.com](http://northernplainspresbytery.com) under Presbytery meeting. The meeting is open to everyone.

## Community Lenten Services

WPC is hosting the Community Lenten Supper and Service on April 6. The meal starts at 6 p.m. with Lenten service at 6:45 p.m. A sign-up sheet is posted for bringing soup, sandwiches, and/or bars. The supper and service is open to all area churches. Volunteers are needed to bring and serve food, clean up and ushers are needed to hand out bulletins/collect the offering.

## Caregiver Support Group

Caregiver Support Group will meet on April 10 at 10:00 a.m.

## PW Spring Gathering

Presbyterian Women are invited to a Spring Gathering in Langdon, ND on April 12. Together we will learn about: (1) the adventures at Clearwater Forest this summer, (2) two leadership workshops to be offered in the Presbytery, (3) what is happening at Churchwide, (4) what this year's Synod Gathering on June 12-15 at Watertown, SD is offering and (5) how PW groups around the Presbytery are serving the greater church. Registration is \$15. Please RSVP to Donna Preston before April 5<sup>th</sup> via email [preston@gra.midco.net](mailto:preston@gra.midco.net) or by phone at 701-238-7414. Contact Lana Schultz (238-4538) for transportation needs.

## Crochet Ministry

Crochet ministry will meet on April 22 at 6:30 p.m.

## Graduate Recognition

April 27 is recognition day for our college graduate, Elizabeth Wheeler. If there are other graduates to be recognized, please contact the church office. We look forward to hearing about our graduates' future plans during worship.

## Totally Tables

Totally Tables, an annual fundraiser for Community of Care, is set for Friday, May 2 at the Spirit of Life Center with dinner at 6:30 and a live auction to follow. WPC has been invited to sponsor a table of 8. Sign up on the sheet posted in the TenPas Room to save your place around WPC's table.

## Youth Sunday

The Youth will be leading Worship on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Deacons will be hosting lunch at 11 a.m. for Children's/Teachers' Appreciation Lunch. This is the last day of Sunday School until the fall and class pictures will be taken during worship.



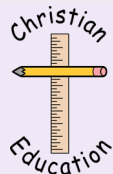
## April Birthdays

- 4/1 Lana Schultz
- 4/5 Joseph Ellison
- 4/9 Steve Thordarson
- 4/12 Kaia Johnson
- 4/29 Fischer Wheeler
- 4/29 Zach Fraase
- 4/30 Nicholas Pyle

## April Anniversaries

- 4/6 Ed and Janet McConnell
- 4/6 Terry and Jennifer Hetterscheidt
- 4/23 Brad and Mary McIntyre
- 4/27 Dale and Loree Halverson





The Presbytery Youth Connection Team is leading a Presbytery Youth Spring Retreat on May 2-4 at First Presbyterian Church in Bismarck. The "God Loves You Just As You Are" retreat is open to students in grades 6-12 with lots of games, a talent show, movie, service project, food, snacks, time with small and large groups. Registration of \$50 will be reimbursed to you by the church. Registration forms are on the front table at the church. The deadline to register is April 15. An itinerary for the weekend is online at [northernplainspresbytery.com](http://northernplainspresbytery.com) under "Missions" and "Youth Connection"

June 2nd-5th from 1pm-4pm  
PreK thru completed 4th grade

Capacity is 150 hikers for this adventure!

Enjoy music, snacks, games, story, & crafts

Register by Sunday, May 18th  
\$ 10 per child or \$ 20 per family

"Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night." Luke 6:12 NLT

Join Martin's Lutheran Church and Westminster Presbyterian as we welcome you to come on an expedition up the mountain where we'll sing, worship, pray, learn, encounter

God and be transformed like the people in our Bible stories! Our capacity is 150 hikers for this adventure so register early to hit the trail with us. Registration forms are on the front table. VBS takes place at 502 Martins Ave N, Monday through Thursday, June 2nd – 5th, 1pm-4pm. The closing program will be Thursday, June 5th from 4pm-4:20pm. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE WITH WPC.

CENTRAL CASS SCHOOLS PRESENTS

# SHREK

# THE MUSICAL

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig

**BANKNORTH THEATRE | CASSELTON, ND**  
**APRIL 10 @ 7PM | APRIL 11 @ 7PM | APRIL 12 @ 2:30PM & 7PM**

**STUDENTS \$5 | ADULTS \$10 | TICKETS AT THE DOOR**

## Tidbits

Reminder: We are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Collection box is on the table in the TenPas Room.

Session is spring cleaning. Any extra items will be placed on a table in the TenPas Room for anyone to take home. Right now there are some t-shirts, a wicker basket, cross necklace and a pencil box. Help yourself and check back frequently.



to Fischer Wheeler and the Wild Squirrels Robotics Team for its return to the World Championship playoffs in Houston on April 16-19.

Think Spring! There is a sign up sheet in the Ten Pas room for mowing the church grounds. Please consider signing up!

# Treasurer's Report

Balance 02/28/2025	\$(11,636.57)
Income	\$ 6,496.84
Expense	\$ (6,719.99)
Balance 03/31/2025	\$(11,859.72)

	Jan - Mar 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>301 · PLEDGES</b>	19,584.84	96,478.00	-76,893.16	20.3%
<b>302 · LOOSE OFFERING</b>	203.00	1,000.00	-797.00	20.3%
<b>303 · CHURCH SCHOOL</b>	11.00	40.00	-29.00	27.5%
<b>304 · INTEREST CHECKING</b>	1.07	10.00	-8.93	10.7%
<b>304.1 · INTEREST ON</b>	73.57	1,390.00	-1,316.43	5.29%
<b>Total Income</b>	19,873.48	98,918.00	-79,044.52	20.09%
<b>Gross Profit</b>	19,873.48	98,918.00	-79,044.52	20.09%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>510 · MINISTER</b>	13,994.49	59,678.00	-45,683.51	23.45%
<b>515 · BENEVOLENCE</b>	6,300.00	8,550.00	-2,250.00	73.68%
<b>520 · WORSHIP</b>	453.97	2,150.00	-1,696.03	21.12%
<b>530 · EDUCATION</b>	130.00	1,830.00	-1,700.00	7.1%
<b>540 · ADMINISTRATION</b>	2,267.89	9,610.00	-7,342.11	23.6%
<b>550 · BUILDING</b>	8,586.85	17,100.00	-8,513.15	50.22%
<b>Total Expense</b>	31,733.20	98,918.00	-67,184.80	32.08%
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-11,859.72	0.00	-11,859.72	100.0%
<b>Net Income</b>	-11,859.72	0.00	-11,859.72	100.0%

## CHURCH

### COMMITTEES

We are thankful for our members who serve through a committee. Please consider becoming a part of service ministry by visiting with any of the committee leaders and/or members. For any questions, concerns and/or interest about the areas of ministry listed below, please contact:

#### Christian Education Committee

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Members: Ann Ellison, Angela Wheeler, Pastor Paul Campbell

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#### Building & Grounds Committee

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Members: Grant Nelson, Mike Nelson, Dale Halverson, Tom Roden, Pastor Paul Campbell

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#### Worship & Ministry Committee

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Joyce Aasmundstad 891-1599

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Members: Jill Roden, Pam Nelson, Linda Schultz, Lana Schultz, Katie Steig, Anela Forderer, Pastor Paul Campbell

*WM meeting 4/6 @ 10:45 am*

*Session meeting 4/6 @ 11:15 am*

## Meals on Wheels Schedule



4-2 Harvey and Mary

4-9 Larry and Ronna

4-16 Tom and Jill

4-23 Dale

4-30 Ann



We always have a basket in the entry of the church for donations to the food pantry. Check out their Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/RuralCassCountyEmergencyFoodPantry/>

where they regularly update their current needs.