



The Grapevine

May 2025

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Cross or Empty Tomb

"... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

Last month in the Reflections I talked about Joy. We are now in Eastertide and the Joy of an empty tomb. I was reminded from a devotion I follow by Matthew Fox; do you follow the cross of salvation or the joy of the resurrection and the empty tomb. "The Empty Tomb as a symbol is very rich. The tomb of Jesus was carved in the rock, thus it was a cave. His resurrection does not mean that he stood up in such a cave, but that he exited it, leaving death and its shrouds behind. His tomb being empty and having been emptied, it is not a closed circle but an open circle. This obviously means that the Empty Tomb is primarily a symbol of creativity and liberation in the face of the absurdity and malignancy of evil, such as the evil that Jesus endured during his torture, and so many before and after him." We understand the cross and salvation of Jesus dying for our sins. But we often forget that it is the joy of the empty tomb and death defeated - that is where we are called. As Christians we are a "Resurrection People"! We are called to rebirth, recreation, and new life.

We are called to Be a Christ-centered community. That is the first point of WPCC mission statement.

What does it mean to you to be Christ-centered? For us to be in Christ. Being Christ-centered, encourages us to be a community

to live out the gospel through various initiatives. This includes creating new spaces for worship, engaging in local and global missions, and fostering relationships with those in need. The PC(USA) talks about being Christ-centered and stresses the importance of spiritual disciplines and practices to deepen faith and become more like Christ.

- 1) We are call to birth and foster spaces where people can encounter God and experience the transformative power of his love.
- 2) Engaging in Mission and Service: participate in various mission and service projects, both locally and globally, as a way to live out their faith in tangible ways.
- 3) Fostering Spiritual Growth: emphasizes the importance of spiritual disciplines and practices, such as prayer, scripture study, and participation in worship, as a way to deepen one's relationship with Christ.
- 4) The Great Commission: to actively spread the gospel message and cultivate followers of Jesus Christ. Provide relevant faith opportunities so others can learn of God's love.
- 5) Spiritual Formation: promote spiritual formation programs, including discipleship, Christian education, and spiritual guidance, to help individuals

grow in their faith and understanding of God's love.

- 6) Interfaith Dialogue: engage in interfaith dialogue, inviting leaders from other religious traditions to share their perspectives and build bridges of understanding.

This seems like an overwhelming list. We need to remember that we are not perfect and will not get all of them right. But we are called to community, whereas a community, we should have talent in all these areas. The thing that struck me was how God's love in this endeavor was emphasized. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16. And then 1 John 4:8 states, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love".

Jesus Christ is Risen Alleluia! Jesus has exited the tomb. It is empty. It is open. It is not a closed circle but more like a spiral going upward. The direction up is to increase love in the world. It is turning. It is rebirth, recreation, new life, and Resurrection.

"... we were like those who dream" Psalm 126: 1b

Mission, Vision, Values

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Paul
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Session highlights from April

- Approved Pastor Paul's continuing education and vacation May 12-23
- Approved Pastor Paul's vacation June 23-26
- Discussed community engagement results from meeting with Rev. Reikow
- Ask WPC members via Grapevine for theme ideas for a parade float and pics on church events for display at ice cream social during Summerfest
- RD Johnson and Molly Terveen will assist with communion on May 4
- Jess Forderer and Travis Forderer will assist with communion on June 1
- Session will meet June 1 with Pastor Sarah Bigwood from Fargo Presby. Church
- Next Session meeting: May 11 at 10:45 a.m. Angela Wheeler to lead devotions and closing prayer

May CALENDAR NOTES

- 2: 6:30 pm Totally Tables at Spirit of Life Center
 - 3: Empowering Women Conference at Baker Downer church
 - 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
 - 14: Sonshine Center graduation
 - 18: 9:30 am Worship; Deadline to register for VBS
 - 20: 6:30 pm Crochet Ministry
 - 24: Grapevine deadline for June/July
 - 25: 9:30 am Worship
 - 26: Memorial Day
- Pastor Paul on leave for continuing ed and vacation May 12 - May 22*

June CALENDAR NOTES

- 1: 9:30 am Worship w/communion; 10:45 am Session w/Pastor Bigwood, Fargo Presbyterian Church
- 2-5: 1:00 - 4:00 pm Mountaintop VBS @ Martin's
- 8: Pentecost - Wear Red: 9:30 am Worship; Special Offering for Sonshine Center
- 12: 10:00-11:00 am Caregiver's Support Group
- 15: 9:30 am Worship
- 22: 9:30 am Worship
- 29: 9:30 am Worship

Pastor Paul on vacation June 23 - 26

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. Room for anyone to take home. Right now there are some t-shirts, a mirror, sunglasses, pencil box, dehumidifier and metal storage box. Help yourself and check back frequently.
- ◇ Think Spring! There is a sign up sheet in the Ten Pas room for mowing the church grounds. Please consider signing up!
- ◇ The next Grapevine will be combined for June/July with the deadline on May 24.
- ◇ WPC's SUMMERFEST FLOAT NEEDS A THEME! Tell a Session member or call the church office about your great theme ideas. Walkers, riders, and decorators of every age are needed on July 26 to make this summer parade outreach a huge success.

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/WPCasselton to view the service. Each service is available to watch after the livestream on Facebook.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!!

*Deacon for May:
Craig and Linda Schultz
701-261-5053*

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!

Craig/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>Ken & Ilene McLean 3300 28th St S #214 Moorhead, MN 56560</p>	<p>Sandy Cleveland Eventide Fargo 3225-51st St. So., #112 Fargo, ND 58104 (701-541-4028)</p>
<p>Marjean Roden 2890 Saffron Drive #5015 Fargo ND 58104 (299-9727)</p>	<p>Gloria Schneider 201 University Drive #409 Fargo, ND 58013</p>
<p>Jane Ellison 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 May:

May 4

Sharon Toop
David Warrey
Angela Wheeler. Gallagher

May 11

Bruce Wheeler
Elizabeth Wheeler
Fischer Wheeler

May 18

Jan & Kris Aasmundstad, Lauren
Joyce Aasmundstad
Ryan Aasmundstad

May 25

Brian & Robyn Buhr
Josie Buhr
Connie & Jon Carley

Prayers for Mary Morken for a speedy recovery after knee surgery and for Mike Nelson on his upcoming back surgery on May 6.



Upcoming Fellowship and Service Groups

GROUP 2 - June 2025	Home	Mobile	Mobile
Johnson, RD (group co-leaders)	347-4750		
Faught, Michael & Ann (group co-leaders)	701-896-3404	A)361-7577	M)361-0835
Aasmundstad, Jan, Kris, Madison Foss, Ryan & Lauren	347-6296	J) 261-9924	
Aasmundstad, Joyce		701-891-1599	
Buhr, Brian, Robyn and Josie		R) 371-7004	B) 388-9368
Discher, Larry and Ronna	896-3434	R) 238-2519	
Donegan, Ryan, Jess, Harper, Finn and Jones		J) 388-8133	R) 269-0581
Ellison, Todd, Ann, Joe, and Will		A) 361-3229	T) 361-3230
Hetterscheidt, Terry and Jennifer		J) 799-5899	T)719-330-6299
McConnell, Ed and Janet	347-0077	J)388-9926	E)238-0847
Norgard, Roger	347-5372		793-2586
Nesemeier, Dallas and Jackie	347-5269	J)261-3004	D)412-5171
Pyle, Marlyce		388-8250	
Rinde, Travis, Kara, Caleb and Collin			T)866-5561
Schultz, Carter and Lana		L) 238-4538	C) 261-5464
Schultz, Matt			M) 866-5269
Steig, Jayme, Katie and Samuel, Madeline		K)367-0582	J)376-0703
Wheeler, Angela, Elizabeth, Fischer, and Gallagher		367-0650	

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

Sunday, May 4:

Coffee & Lemonade:
Hecks, Kremers, Terveens
Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes:
Barry & Evelin Heck and
Blaine & Megan Kremer

Sunday, May 11::

Coffee & Treats:
Dale & Loree Halverson and
Jody Nelson

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes:
Dale & Loree Halverson

Sunday, May 18:

Coffee & Lemonade:
Forderer family and Sharon Toop
Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes:
Forderer family
Scripture Reader:
Anela Forderer

Sunday, May 25:

Coffee & Treats:
Tom & Jill Roden and
Mary Morken
Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes:
Tom & Jill Roden
Scripture Reader:
Tom Roden



May Birthdays

5/5	Jessica Forderer	5/12	Marjorie Forderer
5/6	Pam Nelson	5/15	Josie Buhr
5/7	Bethie Schultz	5/16	Jan Aasmundstad
5/11	Robert Runck, Jr.	5/25	Ronna Discher

May Anniversaries

5/8	Joe and Molly Terveen
5/16	Jon and Connie Carley

UPCOMING EVENTS

Totally Tables

WPC is sponsoring a table at Community of Care's Totally Tables' annual fundraiser on Friday, May 2 at the Spirit of Life Center with dinner at 6:30 and a live auction to follow. Reserve a seat at the table and enjoy some fun, food and fellowship with your church family. A sign-up sheet is posted in the TenPas Room.

Empowering Women Conference

Empowering Women to Become Spiritual Leaders Conference will be held at the Baker Downer Presbyterian Church, 11927-123rd Ave. S., Baker, MN on May 3 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Cost is \$20. Carrie Lauber and Kelly Meyer will lead the conference with purpose and spirit. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board for more info. Register online at www.eventbrite.com/e/1261604074749

Youth Sunday

Youth will lead worship on May 4, Sunday School recognition day. Class pictures will be taken during worship on this last day of Sunday School. Deacons will be hosting a taco-in-a-bag lunch that day around 11:00 a.m. for Children's/ Teachers' Appreciation Lunch.

Caregiver Support Group



Caregiver Support Group will meet on May 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Crochet Ministry

Crochet ministry will meet on May 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Day

"On This Memorial Day" by Emily Toma

- Remember those who served before.
- Remember those who are no more.
- Remember those who serve today.
- Remember them as we eat and play.
- Remember our protectors who are not home today.
- Remember them all on Memorial Day, May 26, 2025

Vacation Bible School

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.

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

Ice Cream Social

WPC is hosting its indoor ICE CREAM SOCIAL at the church on July 25 during Summerfest. To welcome the community in, we are planning a photo/art gallery display both in the church entrance and the TenPas Room. If you have pictures from WPC events, Sunday School activities, fellowship together, confirmation or recognition Sundays, please write your initials or name on the back of the pictures and put them in the red box in the TenPas Room.



Treasurer's Report

Balance 03/31/2025	\$(11,824.21)
Income	\$11,489.00
Expense	\$(6,316.94)
Balance 04/28/2025	\$(6,652.15)

OGHS Total **\$1,060.32**

	<u>Jan - Apr 25</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
301 · PLEDGES	30,921.84	96,478.00	-65,556.16	32.05%
302 · LOOSE OFFER- ING	340.00	1,000.00	-660.00	34.0%
303 · CHURCH SCHOOL	26.00	40.00	-14.00	65.0%
304 · INTEREST CHECKING	1.63	10.00	-8.37	16.3%
304.1 · INTEREST ON PASSBOOK / CD	108.52	1,390.00	-1,281.48	7.81%
Total Income	31,397.99	98,918.00	-67,520.01	31.74%
Gross Profit	31,397.99	98,918.00	-67,520.01	31.74%
Expense				
510 · MINISTER	18,659.32	59,678.00	-41,018.68	31.27%
515 · BENEVOLENCE	6,300.00	8,550.00	-2,250.00	73.68%
520 · WORSHIP	603.97	2,150.00	-1,546.03	28.09%
530 · EDUCATION	130.00	1,830.00	-1,700.00	7.1%
540 · ADMINISTRA- TION	2,927.64	9,610.00	-6,682.36	30.47%
550 · BUILDING	9,429.21	17,100.00	-7,670.79	55.14%
Total Expense	38,050.14	98,918.00	-60,867.86	38.47%
Net Ordinary Income	-6,652.15	0.00	-6,652.15	100.0%
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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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 Members: Grant Nelson, Mike Nelson, Dale Halverson, Tom Roden, Pastor Paul Campbell

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

*WM meeting 5/4 @ 10:45 am
 Session meeting 5/11 @ 10:45 am*

Meals on Wheels Schedule



5-7 Larry and Ronna
 5-14 Dale
 5-21 Larry and Ronna
 5-28 Dale



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.