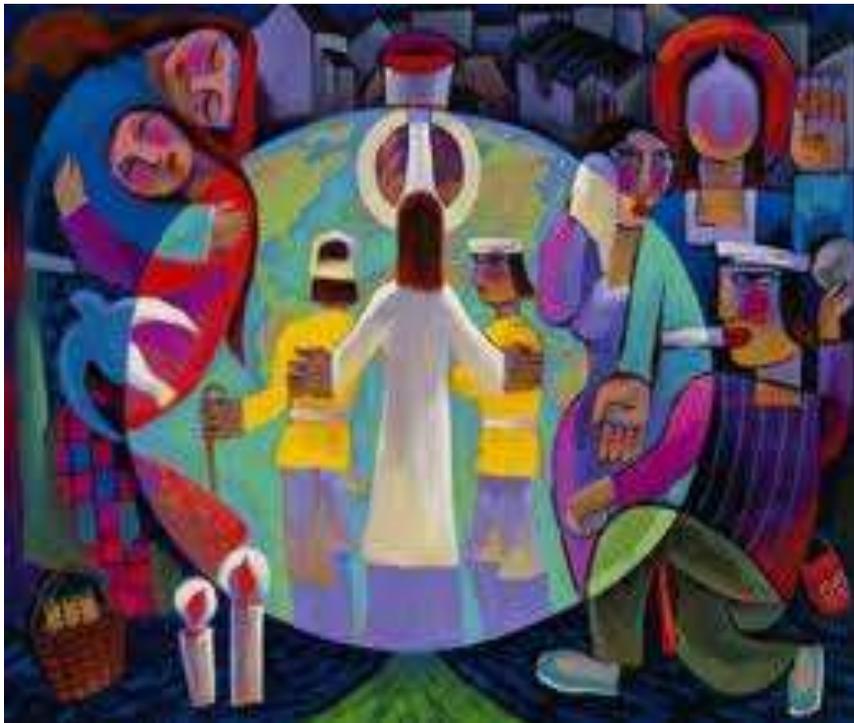


Wesley United Methodist Church
Grand Forks, ND
April 15, 2018



Our purpose is to make new disciples
of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Welcome to Worship at Wesley

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Wesley! If you have questions or special needs, please speak to an usher.
Worship activity bags for children are hanging on a rack at the back of the church.
Our ushers have large-print hymnals available.
Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers in Room 202.
Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Gathering Music

Near to the Heart of God
by Lani Smith

Marge Myrold

Greetings of Christian Fellowship

(Please register your attendance in the folders in each pew)

* **Call to Worship:**

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

**Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."**

* **Opening Hymn**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (vv. 1-4)

Red Hymnal 302

* **Opening Prayer:**

**In fact, Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.**

**For this perishable body must put on imperishability,
and this mortal body must put on immortality.**

**When this perishable body puts on imperishability,
then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:**

"Death has been swallowed up in victory!"

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

Offering Ourselves to God in Prayer

Choir Anthem

Not to Us, O Lord
Arr. By Jack Schrader

Women's Choir

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Children's Conversation

Pastoral Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer*

Offering

Yes, I Know My Savior Lives
by Lani Smith

Marge Myrold

* **Doxology**

* **Prayer of Dedication:**

Almighty God,

**through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.**

**Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,
by the renewing of your Spirit,**

**arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior, our Lord.**

Amen.

Opening Ourselves to God's Word

First Scripture Reading

Acts 3: 12-19

New Testament, p. 113

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 36b-48

New Testament, p. 85

Scripture Hymn

We Meet You, O Christ

Red Hymnal 257

(sung to the tune of *Away in a Manger* – 217)

Sermon

Discipleship Is Believing

Pastor Jerry Bass

Going Forth to Serve

* Closing Hymn	<i>Thine Be the Glory</i>	Red Hymnal 308
* Benediction		
* Musical Response	<i>He Lives (Refrain only)</i>	Red Hymnal 310
* Closing Song	<i>Enter His Courts with Praise!</i> by Adam Mason	Marge Myrold

Thanks to all who have helped with today's worship service!

Welcome Team:	9:00	Andrea, Lily & Amelia Snortland
Acolyte:	9:00	Jayna Polries
Lay Reader:	9:00	Bill Kerzman

FIFTY DAYS – FIVE YEARS - \$250,000

Between now and Pentecost – May 20, the 50th Day of Easter – we plan to receive your pledges of financial support for our church buildings. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 over the next five years, with the funds to be used for the mortgage on the new parsonage, replenishment of a contingency fund for future building needs, and money for the next round of renovations in our church building. We will be holding congregational meetings this morning during the Sunday school time and tomorrow evening at 7:00 to provide additional information and hopefully answer your questions. Please keep this project in your prayers and joyfully consider your pledge toward the future of our church.



Bears, Blankets, and Books: A New Spirit Lake Mission Project

Members of Wesley UMW are coordinating a new mission project for the Spirit Lake Ministry Center starting this spring. Our plan is to assemble items for comfort kits to be given to children of families who are dealing with challenging issues such as a serious illness or a death in the family. The kits will be for children ages preschool through elementary age and each kit will contain a **B**ear, a throw-size **B**lanket, and a **B**ook (or coloring book with crayons). We are asking members of the church to help by contributing items for the kits. One idea is for families with children to have their children help shop for the bear and/or other items and bring them to church on Mothers' Day. We are planning on putting the kits together the following Sunday. If you cannot be in church on Mothers' Day, there is a collection bin in the main floor Fellowship Room where you can leave your items. Our hope is that this can be all-church family project. Below is a short message from Mike Flowers as to how the comfort kits can meet a need at Spirit Lake.

"Just last week we had a death in our community. This seems to happen more often than not and we adults are prepared, as best we can be, for the inevitable. For our children, this is another matter. Here at Spirit Lake Ministry, we try to help those grieving loved ones cope the best we can. We have churches around the conference provide us with Prayer Shawls to comfort the adults, but we have not had anything for the children. These comfort kits of a blanket, stuffed animal and book will provide us with a means to help those children who lose loved one cope in some small way. We want to thank you for thinking of our ministry and those who are affected by loss. Blessings. "

Suggested items for the comfort kits:



- ✦ A throw-size blanket – the size and fabric can vary (a purchased adult throw is about 50" x 60" but ours are for children so it is fine if they are smaller than this)
- ✦ A stuffed ("Teddy") bear
- ✦ A book – please consider a variety of ages from preschool to upper elementary children who read short "chapter books" or a coloring book and crayons or colored pencils.

Birthday Bags

The Northlands Rescue Mission received the birthday bags with "Thanks." Mary-Martha Circle thanks everyone who contributed to this mission giving of 72 bags.

Helen DeMaster
Mary-Martha Circle coordinator



THURSDAY, APRIL 19
EMPIRE ARTS CENTER
DOWNTOWN GRAND FORKS



It's a
FESTIVAL of ROSE'S!
the benefit for
Susan Rose Lamberson



Susan Lamberson is 15. A Grand Forks Central High School student. She has CANCER. Help Susan with medical and general expenses as she deals with Hodgkin's lymphoma.

5:30 p.m. — Silent auction & bake sale start
7 p.m. — Benefit concert (\$10/seat)
Choirs & classical 1st half | Classic & soft rock 2nd half
Auction closes at conclusion of 20-minute intermission
Winners announced before end of concert.

Additional free-will donations welcomed!

Learn more and
DONATE ONLINE to help Susan at
NDAD.org
Or, mail checks to: NDAD, c/o Susan Lamberson Fundraiser,
2660 S. Columbia Road, Grand Forks, ND 58201
Please make checks payable to NDAD
and write "Susan Lamberson" on your check's memo line.

North Dakota Association for the Disabled (NDAD) — Offices in Grand Forks, Minot, Fargo and Williston — (701) 532-8121 — NDAD.org

You are invited to a baby shower for Katie (Stoley) and Justin Kilmer as we celebrate the upcoming birth of their baby boy.

11:00, Saturday, April 21

Here at Wesley

Katie and Justin are registered at Target if you wish to bring a gift.

Please plan to come and wish them well as they get ready for the birth of their first child.

UM Camping in 2018

Even though the weather remains cold and snowy, it's not too early to begin thinking about summer camp. The United Methodist Dakotas Conference operates three camps: Wesley Acres on Bald Creek north of Valley City; Lake Poinsett south of Watertown, SD; and Storm Mountain in the Black Hills near Rapid City, SD. We will celebrate a variety of United Methodist connectional activities next Sunday, including camping and Native American ministries.

Wesley UMC Calendar
for April 15 – April 22

Sunday, April 15	8:30 a.m.	Coffee fellowship
	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages
	10:10 a.m.	Informational Meeting about <i>50 Days, Five Years, \$250,000,</i> Main Floor Fellowship Room
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Ignite</i> Praise Service
	1:00 p.m.	Nepali Worship Service
Monday, April 16	7:00 p.m.	Informational Meeting about <i>50 Days, Five Years, \$250,000,</i> Main Floor Fellowship Room
Tuesday, April 17	3:00 p.m.	Wesley Coffee Club, Panera
	7:00 p.m.	World Religions, Library
	7:00 p.m.	Wesley Book Club, Fellowship Room
Wednesday, April 18	1:30 p.m.	Worship in the Parkwood Place Chapel
	1:30 p.m.	Quilting, Room 305
	5:30 p.m.	Kids Bells (grades 2-8)
	6:15 p.m.	Adult Bells
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 p.m.	Wesley Leadership Team, Library
	7:30 p.m.	<i>Ignite</i> Praise Rehearsal
Thursday, April 19	8:00 a.m.	Wesley Breakfast Club, Denny's
Saturday, April 21	11:00 a.m.	Baby Shower for Katie (Stoley) & Justin Kilmer
Sunday, April 22	8:30 a.m.	Coffee fellowship
	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
	10:10 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Ignite</i> Praise Service
	1:00 p.m.	Nepali Worship Service

Last week's attendance:	96	Last week's giving:	\$5,344.
	Offering to-date:		\$65,904.32

We're glad you are here today! Thank you for your support!



Worship with our Praise Band at 11:15

Come Alive

Everlasting Arms

Peace Be Still

Wonderful Cross

Acts 3: 12-19

Luke 24: 36b-48

Pastor Jerry's Message:

Discipleship Is Believing