

Reflection: When God Made Fruit

by Sarah Dixon Young

A ministry called “On Eagle’s Wings” sends us interns every March. Each young man who has come has been saved by Jesus and OEW helps them learn to share their “hope story.” They spend the summer months traveling to different reservations across North America sharing the story of how Jesus saved them. Though each story is unique, the power of Christ has been evident in all of them.



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This weekend, our interns hosted an event at the local recreation center. Basketball, rap music, and prizes attracted the

teens in our area, desperately in need of hope. It was exciting to hear both of our interns tell their hope stories to the crowd whose only experience with Jesus may be in their expletives. However, it was more exciting to see how they interacted one-on-one with the people who attended. They walked around, talking quietly with first one person and then another, sharing the love of Jesus in conversation. As one of our interns approached a man who

has battled addiction for a long time, I wondered why I had not yet tried to talk to the man. I had chalked him up as a hopeless case because I have known him a long time, he was obviously impaired, and I didn’t see the possibility of any fruit coming from a conversation with him. But, our intern knew by the fruit in his own life to expect fruit from God even where none is yet visible. When God made fruit in Genesis 1, it had only

been three days since all was void. No tree existed. Yet, when God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed,” plants, trees, seeds, and fruit were spoken into existence from the mind of God. God brought forth fruit by His Word. It was exciting to see that happening in real time as our intern, who has himself been saved and changed by Jesus, planted those seeds in the

life of someone who so desperately needs God’s fruit in his life. Later, as I talked to the man, I thought about his life. It made me think of the fruit that was at the center of the first temptation as Satan corrupted the word of God to bring about a fruit of his own: death. One fruit competed against another within the man beside me. A seed planted may at any time be transformed from death to life.

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My Lent 2025

by Louise

Lent 2025 started on Wednesday, March 5 with Ash Wednesday. On that day Pastor Lori Pankratz and I visited friends and parishioners at Heartland #1, assisted living, and Eventide Heartland Nursing Home. It’s always fun to visit with them for us and we brought them ashes for their foreheads, scripture, prayer and communion for their spirits. It was a good visit at both places

with about 20 people participating between the two locations. Dodging colds and flu and Covid 19 - it has been a number of months since we were able to do this visiting together and it did my heart good to reach out to these beloved people. That same evening at St. Olaf we held our own Ash Wednesday service which started with mentoring meetings with our youth in various stages of Confirmation

and a hearty Lenten meal served by parents and youth. The remainder of Lent we’ll have the mentoring meetings, Lenten meals and Holden Evening Prayer services that feature dramatic readings by Youth volunteers. The meals begin at 5:30 p.m. and Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m. - you’re welcome to come join us any Wednesday evening of Lent.

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Some Notable Lenten Traditions



Easter is a significant day on the Christian calendar. Billions of Christians look forward to Easter Sunday each year, and that anticipation is amplified by Lent. Lent is a 40-day period preceding Easter that begins each year on Ash Wednesday. According to Campus Crusade for Christ International, also known as Cru, Lent is a time of preparation during which Christians reflect on their relationship with God and ready their hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter. Tradition features prominently throughout the Lenten season, and the following are some of the more notable customs during this significant period preceding Easter Sunday.

- Wearing of ashes on the forehead:

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD River of Life 1903 Hwy 20 Devils Lake 701-662-4582 www.riverlife.us Sunday: 10 a.m. worship	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 20th St. & Lincoln Ave. Devils Lake Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament at 11 a.m.	LIGHTHOUSE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Fort Totten, N.D. 701-766-4826 Sunday 10:30 a.m.	ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 515 Fourth St. Devils Lake 662-7558 Monday -Friday at 12:00pm Tuesday at 10:00am at Odd Fellows Wednesday at 10:00am at Eventide Friday at 9:30am at St. Joseph School Saturday at 8:30am & 5:00pm Sunday at 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am	ST. WILLIAMS CATHOLIC CHURCH Maddock, N.D. 438-2668 Wednesday: 7 p.m. Mass. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass. Mass at 5 p.m. on the first Friday of the month.
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