

Parish Newsletter

July 2022



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Both/And... those two words were used often when I was in seminary.

2022 - It has been a strange year of weather. It felt like winter hung on and then we were blown into summer. Both/and - spring would try to show up and the cold weather would come back. And then the rains. And the rains. And the RAINS. Water - both/and to clean and to drown, we need it every day, it makes us refreshed in good amounts.

I heard several people say and I said myself it seemed so strange how quickly the dust swirled around after the fields had standing water on them for weeks. As we move into the last months of the summer, we claim God's presence as powerful as the mighty winds that keep showing up. Strength for workers in the fields, stamina for those on ball fields and mowers and thanks for God's promises to see us through all the seasons. We had both winter snow needing to still melt and summer heat and winds making planting and yard work hard going.

We're flying (it feels like to me) through the Pentecost season that started late this year. And as powerful as the winds have been may the Holy Spirit encourage you with the gifts you've been given to share with others and trust in them for yourselves.

Here's a little from a devotion I read recently by Anthony Robinson. *"Paul affirmed a two-sided truth: individual gifts and their expression are really important ... and the life of the group, the community or congregation, is really important too. It's not either the sacred individual or the sacred community; it's both/and."*

In writing— *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit"*—Paul affirmed that each and every person in the congregation is given a gift of the Spirit. Amazing! No one is gift-less, unimportant, or less than. In writing— *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit"*—Paul reminds us that individual gifts and their expression aren't the point. The point is a *"common good," building up the church and its witness to God.*

Ponder the amazing gifts of the Spirit given to those in your life. Imagine the possibilities when all are invited to use their gifts to build up the church, to build up the community. *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."*

Prayer

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God. Remind those who think too little of themselves of the gift you have given them; remind those who think too much of themselves of the common good all gifts are meant to serve. Amen.

In the Living Word of our God,

Pastor Deb Stave

P.S. If you would like a pastoral visit whether in the hospital or at home, please let me know. My cell phone is currently 701/550-9830, please leave a voicemail or text if you don't get an answer. There is a message machine at Bethany. There is not a message machine at Mayville U.C.C.

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter items can be sent to Tracy Foss at Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com Newsletter deadline is the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. August newsletter deadline is 7-26-2022.

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SUNDAY READINGS FOR JULY 2022

- July 3rd - 4th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Isa. 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Gal. 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- July 10th - 5th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Deut. 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37
- July 17th - 6th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Gen. 18:1-10a; Ps. 15; Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42
- July 24th - 7th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Gen. 18:20-32; Ps. 138; Col. 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13
- July 31st - 8th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Ecc. 1:2,12-14, 2:18-23; Ps. 49:1-12; Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

JULY 3RD - COMMUNITY WORSHIP

A Community Worship will be held at the Hatton Park Shelter at 10:00 am. BRING a lawn chair or two. There will be a few chairs and picnic tables provided for seating. The Park Board will be serving breakfast at 8:30 am. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Hatton High School gym.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

The Theme is God's Abounding Love led by community members and staff from our bible camps - Red Willow and Park River... need info? Call these churches that will be the hosts or Pastor Deb or Park River

In Hatton - July 17-19th at St. John's Lutheran

In Mayville - Aug. 4-5 at Aurdal Lutheran

COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grieving the loss of a loved one? Join our local grief support group! **Who:** Anyone, of any age who has had someone significant to them (family, children/infants, friends etc.) pass on. **When:** Every third Monday of the Month from 7-8 PM. **Where:** Hatton Community Center; Railroad Ave E. Hatton ND. Have questions or would like to connect with us: Renee Anderson: (701-430-1077) or Emily Anderson: (701-430-3633)

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

- Please remember to save things for the FALL rummage sale. Watch for details.

STONE SOUP

- Stone Soup is on hold until Fall.

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JULY READERS

- July 3 – no church
- July 10 – Judy Stensland
- July 17 – Sue Rice
- July 24 – Steve Christiansen
- July 31 – Wayne Reinhart

JULY USHERS

- Cindy Allen & Eileen Holt

BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE FOR DELORES MASTRUD

An open house celebrating Delores Mastrud's birthday will take place on Sunday, July 3rd. The hours are 1:00-4:00 and will be at St. John's Church in Hatton.

ANNUAL BETHANY WELCA RETREAT

The annual Bethany WELCA Retreat was held June 15th and 16th at Lakeview. The theme of the retreat was LOVE IN ACTION. Each day was filled with readings, bible passages, crafts and projects having to do with the theme. Linda instructed us in making favors for Hatton Prairie Village and ornaments for the Traill County Social Service's Angel Tree. We also tied blankets for Churches United in Moorhead. Many poems and readings illustrating and encouraging love through action were shared by Pat. Pastor Deb led us in interesting and thought provoking devotions both days. Christie spoiled us with wonderfully delicious food. Needless to say no one went home hungry but were



promising themselves not to eat for at least 2 days.

All who attended agreed we had a very fun and valuable 2 days. We went home feeling renewed, relaxed, and blessed to have spent the time together! Thank you Pat for planning another successful retreat!

GRATITUDE AND WELL WISHES

Doug and Janna Kontz have transferred their membership to Calvary Lutheran in Perham, Minnesota. They will be retiring there. God-Speed - we are grateful for their time at Bethany.

BETHANY CIRCLE

Circle will meet at 2:00 Wednesday July 13 at Bethany.

WELCA – MAYVILLE CLUSTER

Bethany Women will be hosting the Mayville Cluster at Lakeview in April 2023. We will be in charge of the program which includes a speaker and musical entertainment. Please let Pat or Linda know if you have any suggestions.

WELCA - LEFSE AND FLATBREAD

Plans are being made to tackle the lefse and flat bread sale again in the fall. Exercise



those arms so you are ready for the rolling, the flipping, and the fun!

WELCA – MONEY FOR BIBLE CAMP

WELCA has money set aside for kids who would like to attend Bible Camp. Contact Judy Stensland for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting planned for Sept. 14th.

SAVE USED GREETING CARDS

The Caring Club will be creating again beginning in April. The group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. The members of The Caring Club cut up used cards and recycle them to design new greeting cards. The cards are sold in the lobby of Sanford Hospital in Mayville and also at Sun Center. The proceeds are used to purchase items for Sanford Mayville Medical Center. The ladies are especially in need of Christmas cards, Easter cards, and male oriented cards, but will take cards from all occasions. Please bring used card to church and give them to Char Lee.

JANITOR/USHER SIGNUP

Please check the Janitor/Usher signup on the bulletin board in the entry way. We have 1 open month to fill for the year.

COFFEE AFTER CHURCH

If you have a certain Sunday sometime this year you would like to bring something to have with coffee after Church - please put your name on the list on the bulletin board in the entry.

WEB PAGE

BethanyRuralHatton.com If you have anything you would like to put on the website contact Mark.

USED T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS

Linda Stromstad knows of an outlet for used sweatshirts and t-shirts. They are used in making diapers and sent to orphanages overseas. They use all sizes in any condition. If you have any you would like to donate, please deliver them to Linda.

YARN DONATIONS

If anyone has yarn, any type, that you want to get rid of, bring it to church, we will send it to the EaNSWO convention in September, and from there it goes to prisons of ND, where they knit things to give or send away.

REQUEST

If you would like to update the way you receive the newsletter, or if you are a member of another church and you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please contact a church council member or Tracy Foss. Your options for receiving the newsletter are: e-mail, hard copy through the mail, or read it on the website.

BULLETIN

Bulletin announcements can be sent to Lorrie Aamold Loaamold@hotmail.com or by leaving a message at 543-3806. Deadline for the bulletin is Thursdays.

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