

Parish Newsletter

September 2026

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

²⁷ All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. – 1 Corinthians 12:27

There are moments in life when all you want is to belong. There's that group of friends that you want to be a part of so badly. Or maybe it's a school you're seeking admission to. Perhaps you're trying out for the football team or school musical. Whatever it is, there's something deep inside us that loves to belong.

The writer of Ephesians made a gutsy move when he wrote his letter to the church at Ephesus. In the midst of people drawing lines between Jews and Gentiles, between physical characteristics, between spiritual citizenship, we read this declaration: "You who once were far off have been brought near." (Ephesians 2:13)

That is good news of the highest order. You, no matter who you are, have been given a gift. Jesus Christ says once and for all that you belong. You are in. You didn't do anything to make it happen. That was his gift. Celebrate, because you belong. And don't hog this gift. Go today and remind someone of the best news ever: through Christ, they belong.

Writer: John Wood, [d365.org devotions](http://d365.org/devotions)

The above is so true. Belonging is important. Feeling like you are part of a group is important. And we are – we are all part of God's family. God claimed each one of us, and, no matter what happens, what you do, what you don't do, what you look like, how you walk, what color your hair is, what color your eyes are, you cannot be separated from God's love. That's a promise. You are part of God's family. So spread the good news! It's not up to us who belongs, it's up to God, and God says YOU belong. Thank be to God!

Blessings,
Pastor Bonnie

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SEPTEMBER READINGS

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
SEPT 6	Ezek 33:7-11	Ps 119:33-40	Rom 13:8-14	Matt 18:15-20
SEPT 13	Gen 50:15-21	Ps 103:[1-7]8-13	Rom 14:1-12	Matt 18:21-35
SEPT 20	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Ps 145:1-8	Phil 1:21-30	Matt 20:1-16
SEPT 27	Ezek 18:1-4,25-32	Ps 25:1-9	Phil 2:1-13	Matt 21:23-32

DACOTAH OYATE KIDS CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Thank you for helping with the Dacotah Oyate Kids Christmas Project! All the cards for the ten kids we adopted were taken, plus we had enough financial donations to adopt two more kids, ones that had not been adopted by anyone else. The items have been coming in. When we gather on Sunday, September 6 we'll assemble the bags and the next week they will be on their way. Each child will receive their gifts in a fabric bag. Bring ideas and supplies with you (some will be provided) on September 6 to add a little decoration to the bags in age-appropriate ways.

PASTOR WILL BE GONE

Pastor Bonnie will be gone September 14th to September 16th for the ELCA Fall Theological Conference. She will also be gone September 26th for the UCC Annual Meeting.

OCTOBER SPECIAL SERVICES

In October we will have several special services. On October 11 we will recognize World Food Sunday. On October 18 we will have a service of prayer for the harvest. Harvested items or garden-sized tools or toys are welcome to help decorate the sanctuary. October 25 is Reformation Sunday.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS LAW CHANGES

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, signed into law on July 4, 2025, changed the law regarding charitable donations. Starting this year, if you take the standard deduction for your federal taxes, your gifts to your church or other qualified charitable organizations qualify for a deduction. Individuals can deduct up to \$1,000 in charitable contributions, and married couples filing jointly can deduct up to \$2,000. Your deduction is based on the amount you actually give, so if you give \$600, you can deduct \$600. To qualify, contributions need to be made by December 31 each tax year. This deduction is applicable to those who itemize and those who do not. There will be further information available at the church, but for questions specific to your tax situation, we encourage you to speak with your tax advisor.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Mayville-Rural Hatton Parish If you have anything you would like to have added to our Facebook page please send it to Pastor Bonnie or Laurie Papenfuss. Pictures are wonderful. Notifications of events, meetings, and gatherings are great.

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter items can be sent to Tracy Foss at Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com Newsletter deadline is usually the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. October newsletter deadline is 9-22-2026.

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

SEPTEMBER READERS

September 6 – Paul Batesel

September 13 – Sarah Batesel

September 20 – Bob Meiss

September 27 – Dalton McMahon

OCTOBER READERS

October 4 – Julie Lipsiea

October 11 – Kraig Lerol

October 18 – Lora Cunningham

October 25 – Jackee Lerol

COMMUNION SERVERS SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Communion servers for September are Paul and Sarah Batesel.

Communion server for October is Lora Cunningham.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

In the beginning of October envelopes for donations to Neighbors in Need, a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ, will be available near the bell tables. We will be collecting donations for the month of October. Our offering will go to the United Church of Christ where one-third will go to support the Council for American Indian Ministry, and two-thirds will be used to create special events and education on justice, advocacy, bible studies, economic justice, and immigration justice. In addition, a portion of the collective funds will be used to fund congregational or community justice projects. More information can be found on the website: www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-offering-faqs

Bethany News

SEPTEMBER READERS

September 6 – Linda Stromstad

September 9 – Layla Naastad

September 16 – Isabelle Naastad

September 23 – Justin Foss

THANK YOU

Thank you to whoever put up the new mailbox at Bethany. It is very nice to have a mailbox that has a cover that closes and stays closed! Thanks again.

BETHANY COUNCIL

The next council meeting will be at 4:30 pm Tuesday, September 15th at the church.

BETHANY CIRCLE

The regularly scheduled circle meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9th at 2:00 at the church. Pastor Bonnie will begin a study on Women of the Bible.

SPECIAL BETHANY CIRCLE MEETING SEPTEMBER 16TH

Luther Simley will be sharing a Bible study with the ladies on Wednesday, September 16th at 2:00. It will take place at the Hatton Eielson Museum.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY WITH THRIVENT

On September 18 from 11:00am-2:30pm MT the Northland Thrivent Member Network is offering members with tickets for admission to the library for a self-guided tour and lunch for \$10 per person. There is a limited quantity of tickets so sign-up as soon as possible if interested. Further information and the tickets can be reserved at www.thrivent.com/member-network/northland/events.

FALL SYNODICAL WOMEN OF THE ELCA CONVENTION

The fall convention will take place on September 26, 2026 at Zion Lutheran Church, #1 2nd Ave SE, Kulm, ND. Registration will be at 8:30 AM and the meetings will begin at 9:00 AM. Please sign up before September 13th so they can get a head count for the noon meal. You can sign up by calling 701-230-8745(Jeanne Wobbema), email: mrs wob@gmail.com, or go to this web site: eandwelca.net. Meals will be paid for at the door. The cost is \$15.00.

BETHANY FOOD PANTRY DRIVE – GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS PROJECT

The food drive will take place every Sunday in October and the grocery items will be given to the Hatton and MayPort food banks.

Below is a list of suggested items for each Sunday in October:

OCTOBER 4 - boxed dressing, whole kernel corn, mixed vegetables, boxed pancake mix syrup, pork and beans

OCTOBER 11 - vegetable oil, flour (2 # bag), canned soup/chunky soup, brownie mix, cake mix, cookie mix

OCTOBER 18 - dish soap, laundry detergent, canned fruit, canned tuna, cabbed chicken, pasta

OCTOBER 25 - toothbrushes, paper towels, Kleenex, shampoo, packaged cookies

ADDITIONAL FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Paper Towels	Cereal	Canned Pinto Beans
Peas	Fruit Cocktail	Canned Kidney Beans
Mandarin Oranges	Green Beans	Canned Black Beans
Crackers	Fruit Juice	Whole/Diced Tomatoes
Potato Chips	"Treats"	Oatmeal
Tuna	Toilet Paper	Hygiene Products

T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, AND KNIT SHEETS NEEDED

If you have any t-shirts, sweatshirts, or knit sheets that you are getting rid of please give them to Linda Stromstad. They will be given to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Crookston. They use them to make diapers which are given to 3rd world countries.

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.

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WEB PAGE

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

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.

BETHANY NEWS

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