

Parish Newsletter

May 2024



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I was asked to think about what we could do to replace the "From the Pastor's Desk" section of the newsletter, in the interim when we do not have a fulltime pastor. I did not come up with any brilliant ideas, so I am putting the question to the congregation. If anyone has any ideas please let me know.

Parish News

SUNDAY READINGS FOR WORSHIP – MAY 2024

- **May 5th:** Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, and John 15:9-17
- **May 12th:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, and John 17:6-19
- **May 19th:** Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:22-27, and John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
- **May 26th:** Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, and John 3:1-17

PARISH COUNCIL – MARCH

The council met on March 18th to gather information to help in developing a plan going forward. Information was given on the current state of pastor vacancies. There are quite a few in the area in both the Eastern ND Synod Conference and the UCC. Representatives from the Synod and UCC offices talked about the idea of thinking "outside the box" and looking at collaborating going forward. There was discussion on who can perform the different types of duties such as communion, funerals, and weddings. Profiles will be submitted for review by Pastors that are looking for a call. There was mention of interest by someone in helping out at LMH during the interim. Parish council members discussed some local people to contact for possible partnerships and calls were divided.

PARISH COUNCIL – APRIL

The council met on April 24th. There was discussion on the person that is interested in providing chaplaincy services at LMH one day per week. This will be pursued. Loretta Larson has worked hard to secure pulpit supply and worship leaders for the summer months. Most Sundays are covered through August. Compensation was agreed upon. Congregation members will fill in the days not covered. Both congregations will submit their normal quarterly contributions to the parish until further notice. Congregational profiles written by Jackee and Laura were reviewed. And will be submitted. Both churches have at least two members for a call committee and are looking for a couple more. That group will lead the process going forward.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

Area High Schools will be having graduation on May, 26th 2024. MPCG will be at 2:00 pm. Hatton Eielson will be at 2:30 pm.

FILL-IN PASTORS

The following is the Fill-In Pastor schedule for May.

May 5, 2024	David Moellur
May 12, 2024	Congregational Volunteer UCC – To Be Determined Bethany – The Laura Fosses
May 19, 2024	Jana Kontz (with Communion)
May 26, 2024	Congregational Volunteer UCC – To Be Determined Bethany – The Tracy Fosses

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. May newsletter deadline is 5-28-2024.

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

Bethany News

GOOD NEWS - PRAISES TO GOD

Dave Naastad is doing well and is on the mend. He is back to work part time and is enjoying his rehab.

Happy Belated Birthday to Marion Davidson. Who celebrated her 96th Birthday in April.

Congratulations to Austin Foss and Ryan Raguse who were married on April 8, 2024.

[This is a new section that we have added to the newsletter. If you have any good news that you would like to share with the congregation, please let Tracy Foss know and she will add it here.]

MAY READERS

May 5 - Lorrie Aamold

May 12 - Joel Foss

May 19 - Mandi Aamold

May 26 - Tracy Foss

MAY USHERS

Linda Stromstad

USHER/JANITORIAL DUTIES

Thank you to the volunteers that have signed up for usher/janitor duties for the 2024 year.

Please check this sheet for open slots. We are currently looking for volunteers for September in 2024. The list is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you are willing just add your name. The sheet also lists the duties. Here is a copy of what is listed.

Duties:

- Usher the weeks during your month
- Turn heat up before Sunday – turn heat down after church
- Turn lights on before and off after church
- Put hymn numbers on the board
- Check and clean bathrooms – upstairs and downstairs
- Shovel and sweep front steps – ramp – walk
- Take out garbage (office, entry, kitchen, dining room, & bathrooms)
- Check floors & vacuum carpets (upstairs and entry)
- Lock Doors

If you are unable to fulfil duties, please find a substitute for the weekend or the month

2024 WELCA SPRING ROUNDUP

This event took place on Saturday April, 20th at the Sheyenne Riverbend Farm. Six ladies from Bethany attended and agreed that it was a very uplifting and inspirational day.

There were several speakers including Sawyer Anderson from Water Works who we had as a speaker at Bethany about 5 years ago. She was 8 years old when she was at Bethany and now at the age of 13 she has accomplished even more and given over a million dollars to Wellspring for the World!

We were also entertained by Triplicity, served a delicious lunch, and could shop at several vendors.

This event took place instead of the Cluster meeting and possibly will continue in the future depending on how it was excepted by all WELCA members.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Pete Naastad for donating the new cordless vacuum. It is working great!

BETHANY COUNCIL

NEEDED: One more person is needed for the Bethany call committee. Please contact Loretta if you would serve on this committee. Loretta's phone number: 701-430-1367.

BETHANY PICTURE DIRECTORY

Hi Bethany Church Members -

As you are all aware, we are entering a time of transition as we look for a new pastor. We will likely be having some pulpit supply pastors and would like to put together a little picture directory of our congregation so they have an idea who we all are.

If you have a good picture of your family, please email or text it (along with correct spellings of your family members) to Laura Foss at lauraleefoss@hotmail.com or text to 218-779-1031. Or bring an actual picture to church and we will scan it and get it back to you 😊 If you don't have a picture to use, Laura can take one at church too.

Please send photos by **Sunday, May 12th** if possible so we can have it ready for our summer pulpit supply pastors.

Thank you!

Laura Foss

BETHANY CIRCLE

The circle will meet at 2:00 pm at Karen Osland's on Wednesday May 15th. It will be a time to celebrate the farm and to have one last Bible study there before Karen and Doug move to Mayville.

BETHANY SENIOR RECOGNITION

Senior Recognition for Brynley Coleman, and Shelby Johnson will be on Sunday May 19th during the church service.

BINGO TRIPS

The women of the church are planning trips to Sun Center for bingo. Bingo will be from 2:30 to 3:30 pm on the days they go. Look for more information to come.

BETHANY WELCA RETREAT

There will be a retreat for Bethany women on Wednesday and Thursday, June 19th and 20th. It will begin each day at 9:00 am. More information will be in the June newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT LUTHER MEMORIAL HOME

The Luther Memorial Home no longer has an auxiliary. There will be times they need volunteers to assist with activities. If you are interested in doing this, contact Karen Osland or Sue Rice for more information.

JANITOR/USHER SIGNUP

Please check the Janitor/Usher signup on the bulletin board in the entry way.

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.

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 EaNSDWO convention in September, and from there it goes to prisons of ND, where they knit things to give or send away.

WEB PAGE

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

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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