

Parish Newsletter

April 2026



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Easter! This year we celebrate Easter on April 5 and the season of Easter continues through May 17. Although we celebrate year-round that we have a risen Lord and Savior during this time we especially say *Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!* These familiar words should make us all pause in wonder and in joy. Christ's death and resurrection is a promise to each one of us filled with love, forgiveness, compassion, and tenderness.

Romans 6:3-5 says ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.' These words bring us the assurance that Christ is with us and that since we share in a baptism and a death like his, we will also share in a resurrection like his.

In the season of Lent and through Holy Week we dwelt in the agony that Christ went through for our sakes, but the crosses in the church and the ones that we wear are empty, because Christ lives. He is resurrected!

May the promises of Easter assure you of the love that God has for you.

Blessings,

Pastor Bonnie

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HEALTH CARE DECISIONS MONTH

Health Care Decisions Month – April is observed as the National Health Care Decisions Month. You are encouraged to talk with your loved ones about your wishes in case of a serious illness and to put your wishes in writing. Five Wishes, a legal document in North Dakota and almost all states, is a document that you can complete yourself to state your wishes. Contact Pastor Bonnie for a packet including Five Wishes and information on giving the gift to your family of planning details for your funeral.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Feed My Starving Children – Spots are available to the Feed My Starving Children mobile Pack in Grand Forks! Our shift is 11:45am-2:00pm on Saturday, April 25. Sign up on the list at the church or contact Pastor Bonnie. It's fun! The time goes quickly! You'll be doing a good thing! The pack will take place at the Minnkota Power Company building on 32nd Ave in Grand Forks.

APRIL READINGS

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
April 2	Exod 12:1-4; 5-10	Ps 116:1-2; 12-19	1 Cor 11:23-26	John 13:1-17; 31b-35
April 3	Isa 52:13-53:12	Ps 22	Heb 10:16-25	John 18:1-19; 42
April 5	Acts 10:34-43	Ps 118:1-2; 14-24	Col 3:1-4	Matt 28:1-10
April 12	Acts 2:14a; 22-32	Ps 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
April 19	Acts 2:14a; 36-41	Ps 116:1-4; 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
April 26	Acts 2:42-47	Ps 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10

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. May newsletter deadline is 4-21-2026.

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

APRIL READERS

April 5 – Paul Batesel (Easter)

April 12 – Jackee Lerol

April 19 – Lora Cunningham

April 26 – Aprill Hastings

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Service will be at 5:00pm on April 2.

EASTER

Service will be at 11:00am at Mayville Congregational United Church of Christ Church, followed by a sanctuary egg hunt (mostly for children – but we're all children of God!!).

Bethany News

APRIL READERS

April 5 – Justin Foss (Easter)

April 12 – Eileen Holt

April 19 – Crystal Holweger

April 26 – Karen Naastad

BETHANY CIRCLE

Circle will meet at 2:00pm on Wednesday, April 8 at the church.

BETHANY COUNCIL

The Bethany Council will meet **Tuesday, April 21 at 4:30.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Service will be at 7:00pm on April 2.

EASTER

Service will be at 9:00am on April 5 at Bethany Lutheran Church, followed by a sanctuary egg hunt (mostly for children – but we're all children of God!!).

WELCA SPRING ROUNDUP

The 2026 WELCA Spring Roundup will take place Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The location is the Bagg Bonanza Historical Farm, 8025 169th Ave SE Mooreton ND. Pre-registration is required by March 28th and lunch is \$20. Walk-ins are welcome, but lunch is not guaranteed. The title of the roundup is WALKING IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS. Register at 701-230-8745 or Jeannemrswob@gmail.com

SOUP'S ON FOR HUNGER

Soup's on for Hunger. A benefit dinner for Northland Rescue Mission will be on Sunday, April 19th from 11am-1pm at the Hatton Community Center. Free will offering and Silent Auction.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR PERSONAL KITS

We are in need of wide tooth combs and soap (total 8-9 oz. – Zest and Dial are good) for the personal kits to be sent through Lutheran World Relief

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

This year the Synod Assembly is in Fargo on June 5-7. These days will be full of worship, learning and growth in faith, and making decisions that will guide the church including electing a Bishop for our Synod. Our church can have up to two delegates – one male, one female. If you are interested in attending, please talk with Pastor Bonnie or Loretta Larson. Anyone who has been confirmed is eligible to represent the church.

2026 WELCA TRIENNIAL GATHERING

The Triennial Gathering will take place in Des Moines, Iowa July 16-19, 2026. Registration before January 5th will be \$475 and after January 5th will be \$525. Find more information about the gathering at <https://womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>

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.

PRISON MINISTRY

The James River Regional Correctional Facility is still collecting yarn. They have also added a new project which is a knitted/crocheted heart pillow. So, in addition to the yarn, they are asking for donations of polyester fiber-fill to help them with this project. You can bring the yarn and fiber-fill to church and leave it in the basement.

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

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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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