

# **Parish Newsletter**

## **March 2022**



### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

What a winter, right? School cancellations, canceled church services, and Bethany postponed the potluck & annual meeting. It's almost time to say goodbye to February and "Hello, March!" If March doesn't like our greeting and comes in like a lion, hopefully it goes out like a lamb. I was thinking about that saying this week, and turned to the tried and true tome of common sense and country wisdom, the Farmer's Almanac. "We can only hope that if March starts off stormy it will end on a calm note, but the key word is hope." The Almanac suggests that common sayings like this one, came about from careful observations by country folk, while others were merely clever rhymes or beliefs of the people who came before us. On March, the Farmer's Almanac ends with this: "This saying seems to be simply a rhyme rather than a true weather predictor." Will there be storms? During Lent, during life? Unfortunately, that's almost a given. But in the course of Your, Our Lenten journey this year, no matter the weather -- in reflection, in fellowship, in all the ups and downs: may the Spirit swirl around you with the hope that comes in the promises of Faith. Hope in the matters of the heart through the grace of the Lord of all nations. Lent is connected to springtime, and I hope both seasons greet you and give you the power of a roaring lion and the warmth of lamb's wool.

God Bless,

Pastor Deborah Grace Gulbro 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](mailto:Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com) Newsletter deadline is the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. April newsletter deadline is 3-22-2022.

### **SUNDAY READINGS FOR MARCH 2022**

- March 2022 March 6th - 1st Sunday in Lent (Wilderness Companions)
  - Deut.26:11; Psalm 91:1-2,9-16, Rom. 10:8b-13, Luke 4:13
- March 13th - 2nd Sunday in Lent (Strong and Tender)
  - Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27, Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
- March 20th - 3rd Sunday in Lent (Open Invitation)
  - Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9
- March 27th - 4th Sunday in Lent (Embracing Love)
  - Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## LENT 2022

### Lent 2022 - God's Got the Whole World in God's Hands & The Heart of the Matter

- Mayville UCC and Bethany Lutheran will host suppers and services for the Wednesdays in Lent designated below. Suppers begin at 5:30.
- **March 2 - Ash Wednesday** - Imposition of Ashes at both churches - supper will be at both as well
- **March 9** - Bethany & UCC will both have light suppers - UCC service follows supper, Bethany service at 7PM
- **March 16th** - Mayville UCC will have a light supper, service follows
- **March 23rd** - Bethany & UCC will both have light suppers - UCC service follows supper, Bethany service at 7PM
- **March 30th** - Mayville UCC will have a light supper, service follows
- **April 6th** - Bethany & UCC will both have light suppers - UCC service follows supper, Bethany service at 7PM
- **April 10th** - Palm Sunday - regular service times at both churches
- **April 14th** - Maundy Thursday - Mayville UCC will have a Tennebrae Service; Bethany will have a Holy Communion Service at 7 pm
- **April 15th** - Good Friday - honor this day with attending a service either online, on t.v, in person and/or with reflection with these readings - Heb. 10:16-25 or Heb. 4:14-16

## Mayville Congregational-UCC News

### COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Looking for grief support, or know someone who may benefit from it? Hi, my name is Renee Anderson, and I am from Hatton. I and my daughter have been interested in starting a grief support group in our local community, we have received some interest from those close to us and in our community (Hatton, Northwood, Finely, Mayville-Portland etc.) that this may be desired/needed. We will be holding an open community meeting on March 6th at 2 PM at the Hatton Community Center. All are welcome. We are trying to gauge the interest from the community on starting this support group, gathering ideas, feedback and resources from those who may have experience with such support groups. This grief support group is for anyone who has had a loved one, spouse, child, family member, friend etc. pass on. If a reasonable need is desired from the community, then we will go forward with pursuing this support group. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone you may feel this would benefit or may be able to provide resources/in-sight into grief support. If you are interested in participating but unable to attend this meeting, feel free to contact myself, Renee Anderson (701-430-1077) or Emily Anderson (701-430-3633).

Hope to see there,

Renee Anderson

# ***Bethany News.***

## **MARCH READERS**

- March 6 – Alicia Foss
- March 13 – Wayne Reinhart
- March 20 – Betty Reinhart
- March 27 – Laura Foss

## **MARCH USHERS**

- Peter and Karen Naastad.

## **BETHANY CONFIRMATION**

Bethany Confirmation classes – Except for EARLY RELEASE Days we meet – 3:45-4:30PM at the Hatton Community Center. In case of snow days, class will be canceled as well. Early Release class will be 2:-3:15. March dates – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> (EARLY RELEASE), 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **BETHANY CIRCLE**

Circle will be at 2:00pm Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at Bethany.

## **SPRING CLUSTER MEETING**

The WELCA spring cluster meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 2 at Mayville Lutheran Church. More details will be shared at a later date.

## **BETHANY COUNCIL**

The Bethany Council met on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Old Business: A shelf will be built for the speaker in the basement. We are still looking for someone to mow the church and cemetery. New Business: The lent schedule was determined. The budget for 2022 was presented and approved.

## **JANITOR/USHER SIGNUP**

Please check the Janitor/Usher signup on the bulletin board in the entry way. We have 3 open months to fill for the year.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL/NOISY OFFERING**

The Sunday School students will be collecting noisy offering on the second Sunday of each month. In March it will be March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.

## **MOWERS NEEDED**

The Bethany Church Council and Bethany Cemetery Board are looking for someone to mow next year. If you are interested in applying for this mowing position, please contact a council member.

## **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.

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

## **WEB PAGE**

Check out our new web page: [BethanyRuralHatton.com](http://BethanyRuralHatton.com) If you have anything you would like to put on the website contact Mark.

## **SUNDAY OFFERING**

During this time of the pandemic, if you will not be attending worship service in person, you can send your offering directly to Richard Moen at 15159 14<sup>th</sup> St NE, Mayville, ND 58257.

## **BULLETIN**

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

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