

Parish Newsletter

October 2023



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

September 10 for the ELCA was designated as God's Work Our Hands in 2013. It has morphed. Some congregations find a different Sunday to come together "one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor". The Mayville Portland parishes formed an ecumenical force and much fun and service was done across denominational lines. Then Covid. Hopes are maybe in a year...



When I asked Linsey N. when we should do Rally Sunday, Sept. 10th sounded like a plan. Bethany as a congregation has a whole list of places they chose to service both monetarily and in person going the extra mile outside of our immediate area. So, God's Work Our Hands is carried out over the year.

Rally Sunday on Sept. 10th at Bethany might not have the numbers but the Sunday

School folks made it fun and good. The balloons held a special message - a card attached to the balloons read "How far does the Word of God get Spread? Please return to Bethany Lutheran". The address was attached.

Several members of Mayville UCC were disappointed that the ministerium felt it was too soon to get things organized with Covid lingering and the transition of leadership in several of the churches. BUT watch for it. Service abounds in small town America.

What a Fellowship(WOV 780), What a Covenant(NCH471) what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

God Bless,

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.

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. November newsletter deadline is 10-24-2023.

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SUNDAY READINGS FOR READING AND WORSHIP – OCTOBER 2023 RCL **READINGS - TOP LINE – ELCA; BOTTOM LINE - UCC**

- October 1st - **18th Sunday after Pentecost**
 - Ek. 18:1-4, 25-32; Ps. 25:1-9; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32
 - Ex. 17:1-17; Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32
- October 8th - **19th Sunday after Pentecost**
 - Is. 5:1-7; Ps. 80:7-15; Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt 21:33-46
 - Ex. 20:1-4, 7-9; Ps. 80:7-15; Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt 21:33-46
- October 15th - **20th Sunday after Pentecost**
 - Is. 25:1-9; Ps. 23; Phil. 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14
 - Ex. 32:1-14; Ps. 106:1-6,19-23; Phil. 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14
- October 22nd - **21st Sunday after Pentecost**
 - Is 45:1-7; Ps.96:1-9; 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22
 - Ex. 16:2-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45; 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22
- October 29th - **22nd Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation**
 - Jer. 31:31-34; Ps. 46; Rom. 3:19-28; John 8:31-36
 - Duet. 34:1-12; Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17 OR Lev.19:1-2,15-18, Ps. 1; 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-46

GRANT FROM TRAILL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Last Spring each church received a \$500 grant through Traill County Public Health. The SOS (Sources of Strength) committee met at Hatton Eielson on September 19th and will be using Bethany's grant monies for a speaker for the school helping youth deal with tragedy and depression.

GIDEON SUNDAY

Gideon Sunday will be October 1st at both churches. A free-will offering for the Gideons will be held during each service.

CAREFUL FOR SCAMS

This summer, I was grateful for 2 parish members who let me know that a scam text was sent out claiming to be from me (Pastor Deborah) 1st asking for a return text, then asking for gift cards. It originated from an "856" number. I don't know how many members received this but again I am so thankful for the 2 that contacted me about it, otherwise I would not have known about it. PLEASE be careful with emails and texts from whoever asking for money or information. Let's help each other.

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OCTOBER READERS

October 1 - Lora Cunningham

October 8 - Tami Woxland

October 15 - Bob Miess

October 22 - Bob Brown

October 29 - April Hasting

NORTHERN PLAINS CONFERENCE

The Northern Plains Conference of the UCC Annual Meeting is open to all. It will be held Oct. 14th at Camp of the Cross, Garrison, ND. More information is located on the bulletin board at church.

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OCTOBER READERS

October 1 - Crystal Holweger

October 8 - Abram Naastad

October 15 - Alicia Foss

October 22 - Mandi Aamold

October 29 - Karen Naastad

OCTOBER USHERS

Brian and Sue Rice

BETHANY COUNCIL

The council will meet Wednesday, October 18 at 5:30 at the church.

BETHANY CIRCLE/WELCA

Bethany Circle will meet at the church at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, October 11.

The ladies have prepared and packed 12 quilts, 11 baby kits, and 23 school kits to send to Lutheran World Relief in October.

The following is a list of items needed for LWR kits:

girls jackets - size 6-24 months with hoods if possible

boys sleepers - size 6-24 months

receiving blankets

cloth diapers

diaper pins/large safety pins

spools of neutral colored, general purpose thread (250-300 yards each)

LEFSE BAKING

Ladies, get out your aprons and your supportive shoes because plans are being made to make and sell lefse again.

The following dates have been set for baking lefse:

October 18, 20, 25, & 27

November 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, & 17

Please bring griddles, rolling pins, lefse sticks, cooling racks, Tupperware, and any other needed items and come to join in the fun!

More details about the **WE BAKE - YOU TAKE** lefse sale will be in the November newsletter.

FOOD DRIVE FOR HATTON HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY

Bethany will again be holding a food drive for the Hatton Food Bank each Sunday in November. It is too early to know if the Thrivent “**Give Thanks And Give Back**” food challenge will be available. In hopes that it will still be available, our challenge will again be to collect 500 items. If we reach 500 items and there is a Thrivent challenge, the food bank will also receive money.

BELOW IS A LIST OF SUGGESTED GROCERY ITEMS FOR EACH SUNDAY IN NOV.

November 5 - boxed dressing, whole kernel corn, mixed vegetables, boxed pancake mix, syrup, pork and beans

November 12 - vegetable oil, flour (2 lb. bag), canned soup/chunky soup, brownie mix, cake mix cookie mix

November 19 - dish soap, laundry detergent, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta

November 26 - toothbrushes, paper towels, Kleenex, shampoo, packaged cookies

ADDITIONAL FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:

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

FALL GATHERINGS

If you were not able to attend the Fall Gathering in Harwood there are other opportunities:

“Bishop Tess Moon Leiseth invites all members of the Eastern North Dakota Synod to participate in this year’s Fall Gatherings! Join others from around the synod for an afternoon of connection, conversation, and prayer. Dates and locations are listed below.

If you are not able to attend the gathering for your conference, you are invited to attend a gathering in another location.”

- Fargo and Mayville Conferences: Sept. 24, 2-4pm at Zion Lutheran in Harwood
- Wahpeton and Jamestown Conferences: Oct. 8, 3-5pm at St. John’s Lutheran in Verona
- Prairie Rose and Spirit Lake Conferences: Oct. 15, 3-5pm at Dacotah Oyate Lutheran in Tokio
- Grand Forks and Grafton Conferences: Oct. 22, 3-5pm at Grafton Lutheran in Grafton

CHURCH TELEPHONE LAND LINE.

The land line for the church has been discontinued. The pastor and council members can be reached via their cell phones.

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.

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