

Parish Newsletter **July 2021**



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DEB STAVE

PARADES, PICNICS and PYROTECHNICS Oh MY!

Will you be at The Lake? Will you be with family and or neighbors with a few dear friends? Will you be twirling sparklers and wondering if you will see your favorite firework light up the sky? Is it one of the noisy ones or the burst of colors one - silent after the initial igniting so you hear the collective ahs and ohs of delight?

The first Sunday of July is our Independence Day. And we will give thanks for the freedoms of a relatively young nation. Land of the home and the brave. Land of apple pie and baseball. Of opportunity and diversity in our God's big world. Thanks for all those blessings. So many to count.

Whatever you do on July 4th this year maybe you who know the hymn "Count your Blessings" will hum it, or request it for one of the hymns or play it on whatever electronic wonder gismo you use when you're doing tasks or something like exercising or sitting around enjoying family or neighbors or...or....or

That hymn was new to me in the last year. A beloved one, well known by several when I asked what folks would like to sing when I put my Chaplain hat on and am planning services at Luther Memorial. It is in 226 hymnals identified on Hymnary.org, it's not in the LBW or WOV or NCH but you can find it by the magic of the internet.

Freedom Isn't Free -- (an engraving on the Washington, D.C, Korean War Veterans Memorial)... "Freedom is just another word for nothing left to lose" -- (Janis Joplin). Freedom - there are lots of music videos as diverse as could be, many not so churchy yet resonating with one or another for so different reasons, the stuff of life - by Dierks Bently or by Reba McEntire or by George Michael and another by Pharell Williams or, or, or...

Just a few words from Count your Blessings.... "Count your blessings, name them one by one"that from the refrain, or "So, amid the conflict whether great or small, Do not be discouraged, God is over all; Count your blessings,"

FREE, FREEDOM.

Two more things I hope you're free to check out...the living free word of God for all - Romans 8:1-2 - here's vs. 2 "For the law of the Spirit in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death." OR Psalm 144 vs. 7 - "Stretch out your hand from on high; set me free from the mighty waters...." OR John 8:36 "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." OR, OR, OR

Free, freedom...this July 4th, or the 5th or the 30th or...give thanks, for there's time to count your blessings... Listening to all those music videos, some from artists I had not searched out before, I checked out Pharell Williams further - check out the video of him "What a Wonderful Life".

Have a wonderful safe and freeing month until next time,

Blessings, Pastor Deb

PASTOR DEB CONTACT INFORMATION

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SUNDAY LESSONS FOR JULY 2021

- July 4th - 6th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Ezekiel 2:1-5; Ps. 123; 2 Cor. 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13
- July 11th - 7th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Amos 7:7-15; Ps. 85:8-13; Eph. 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
- July 18th - 8th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ps. 23; Eph. 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
- July 25th - 9th Sunday after Pentecost
 - 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ps.145:10-18; Eph. 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

PASTOR DEB ON VACATION

Pastor Deb's tentative date for vacation is on July 11th.

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter items can be sent to Tracy Foss at Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com. Newsletter deadline is the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. August newsletter deadline is 7-20-2021.

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

RUMMAGE SALE

The UCC scheduled rummage sale for June 27th has been postponed - watch for the rescheduled date.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JULY

General Assembly 33 for the UCC will have a virtual assembly this year from July 11-18. Themed “Rooted in Love”, it offers business and multiple opportunities for learning during the week and then afterward if registered you can access the many, many workshops on line.

PASTORAL ACTS

Marley Papenfuss and Alex Hair were united in marriage at Naastad Acres on June 19th. Best wishes to Alex and Marley Hair. Dillon Anderson’s “Thanksgiving For One Who Has Died” service was held June 23rd. Condolences to the Anderson family.

Bethany News.

JULY READERS

- * July 4 - no church
- * July 11 - Judy Stensland (if we have service)
- * July 18 - Brian Rice
- * July 25 - Karen Osland

JULY USHERS

- Cindy Allen and Eileen Holt.

EaND ASSEMBLY IN AUGUST

The Eastern ND Assembly will be held in house in Fargo from August 14-15th. This year’s theme is “Live in Love”. **Delegates are needed.**

TOBY LAKE WELCA RETREAT

Our WELCA retreat at Toby Lake was held on June 15th 16th. Our gracious hostess, Christine, treated us to fresh cinnamon or caramel rolls, fresh fruit, juice and coffee each morning. Our lunches were hot beef sandwiches with lots of gravy and potatoes and taco salad one day. Our snacks for afternoon were root beer floats and banana splits (3 large scoops 🙄). Didn't think we could take care of all of that, but not a sip or melted cream were returned to the kitchen. We had so much fun with 16 ladies the first day and the second day we had 9. Bible study was led by Pastor Deb. The Bible study was taken from the Gather magazine and centered around Proverbs 9:10.

Our theme for the retreat was "Love in Action". We incorporated all of the activities to go along with the theme. Linda S. led the "pack" in making candy boxes to be put on the client's trays or tables at HPV and also making cards and envelopes to be pinned to pillowcases that hold a quilt (made by the quilters) to send off to various places in the area. Each card had a saying and who the quilt

came from. 😊 You could have stuck some of us together, as we had glue on our hands and some were ALL THUMBS! We could not have done this without Linda's guidance, patience and creativity. She must dream about all this creative stuff at night.....

Devotions were led by Pat each morning, to get us going! Psalm 107:31 and 1 Corinthians 14:1 (each having to do with love)

We cut 5 fleece blankets and had tied them all and they are now ready to send off.

We held a lengthy business meeting, sang a couple of songs in connection with each person reading a quote about love (taken from an inspirational day calendar). One never knows what Pat is going to have us do, so everyone waits for

"surprises" 😊. There were other short surprises and lots of storytelling, jokes, laughter and lots of "God's Hands, God's Work". We also got into Christine's kitchen to make some salads for her catering. 6 cutting boards came out, bags of broccoli, cauliflower, tomatoes, black olives, Christine took charge of giving us the

orders, and we do anything for 😘 her. She made the pasta, and the rest were washing the veggies, cutting, opening cans. Each had their job. Oh, it was so much fun coming together for our two days of learning, sharing, laughing and working to prepare ourselves to go out and be messengers of God's love through our hands. What will it be next year?

RED WILLOW QUILT AUCTION

Red Willow Quilt Auction will be held Saturday, August 28, 2021. Activities will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Instead of donating a quilt for the auction this year, our WELCA will be donating 2 "theme baskets" to be put on the silent auction.

NOVEMBER THANK OFFERING

November thank offering will be handled much the same way as last year, also the collection for the Food Bank will be collected in November more details later.

WELCA SWO

The. WELCA SWO will be held at the Park River Bible Camp on. September 18, 2021 with Kevin Wallevand as main speaker. Cluster representative is needed in the Mayville Cluster and all SWO positions on Board are available. Anyone interested, contact Pat for form to fill out,also, she has job descriptions for all positions.

NOVEMBER LEFSA AND FLATBREAD MAKING

We, as a WELCA group, will be making lefsa and flatbread to sell in November. Details later.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE JOINING WELCA

Elizabeth Circle voted to be joined to the WELCA and have Bible study and handle any business on the second Wednesday of every month at 2:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

DONATIONS

Two large bags of t-shirts have been delivered to the outlet that makes them into diapers for orphanages overseas. Keep them coming! Candy boxes have been delivered to the Hatton Prairie Village home and apartments.

JULY WELCA

Kids' Kits Kapers - a time in July will be scheduled to shop for school supplies. The date and time will be put in the church bulletin. The supplies will be put in backpacks and given to the Traill County Backpack Program to be used this fall. Extra school supplies will be bought to put in school kits and sent to Lutheran World Relief in the spring of 2022.

WELCA/ELIZABETH CIRCLE

WELCA/Elizabeth Circle will meet at the church on Wednesday, July 14 at 2:30.

BETHANY COUNCIL

There will be no church services at Bethany on July 4th. There will be a joint service at the park in Hatton at 8 am. There will be no service at Bethany on July 11th as Pastor Deb will be on vacation. (Pastor Deb's vacation days may change.) Starting June 27th communion will be back at the altar.

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

QUILTING REQUEST

The quilters are asking for donations of new or gently used pillowcases. They will be used to “package” the quilts before they are given away.

WEB PAGE

Check out our new web page: 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 14th St NE, Mayville, ND 58257.

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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