

# ***Parish Newsletter*** **December 2021**



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

Hope, Love/Faith, Joy, Peace

These are the labels given to the four Sundays in Advent or at least for our two denominations. In the mystery of the web, you can't just read one website and get THE Answer. What name connected to which week may vary. The name and meaning to each week depend mostly on the denominational family. The color of the candles and paraments differ as well.

This year Advent starts our journey through the Gospel of Luke - Year C. Many of us use the Gospel of Luke for the telling of the birth of Christ, a well-known story of a census and travel, work and shepherds who are fearful of the Heavenly host and get a reassurance from them it's "all good". So, they go and see....

This month we travel from the last part of the Gospel in Chapter 21 to the beginning in Chapter 1. We start with doom and gloom as 21:26 reads - "People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world." In our last Advent reading we can picture Mary and Elizabeth and feel wonder and awe as the baby leaps for joy. Will we leap with hope and joy when the Spirit moves for us?

It certainly has been a time of tumult. These last 18 months give or take depending on the websites and circles you travel in have taken us on a very rocky road littered with death-dealing illnesses, economic upendedness, and doldrums where many are questioning their life choices of work and home. These are the times when we come together in faith (Love) to claim the truth of the Good News. "It is then that we look for the coming of the Son of Humanity, the Christ whose promised future makes all the difference for today." (Aubrey West)

"It's all good" has never been a favorite saying for me. Hard stuff happens to "good" and "bad" people. Advent is a time of looking up, expectant, reflective waiting. A time of preparation for the new birth. So, in all your moments this month keep the reason for the season central. In fear, in crazy business and busyness, our Good News story is about hope and faith-love, JOY and peace. Need some? Let someone know. God bless you, everyone.

In the Light of the Season, Pastor Deb

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.

## **PASTOR DEB CONTACT INFORMATION**

To contact Pastor Deb Stave – 701/550-9830, [deb.stave@gmail.com](mailto:deb.stave@gmail.com) .

## **SUNDAY READINGS FOR DECEMBER 2021**

- December 5th - Second Sunday of Advent
  - Mal. 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79, Phil. 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6
- December 12th - Third Sunday of Advent
  - Zeph. 3:14-20, Isa. 12:2-6, Phil. 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18
- December 19th - Fourth Sunday of Advent
  - Micah. 5:2-5a,13-14; Ps. 93; Rev. 1:4B-8, John 18:33-37 (Lutheran)
  - 2 Sam. 23:1-7, Ps. 132, Rev. 1:4B-8, John 18:33-37(UCC)
- December 26th - 1st Sunday after Christmas
  - 33:14-16; Ps. 25:1-10; 1 Thess. 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

## **SPECIAL WORSHIP DATES**

Worship Times for **Christmas Eve** service are 4:30 PM - Bethany Lutheran 6:00 PM - Mayville UCC.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC REQUEST**

Pastor Deb would love to have special music for the Christmas services – please consider this!

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Parish Council met Nov. 15th at Bethany and worked on the 2022 budget. Proposal will go to both church councils for approval. Bethany still needs one member for Parish Council.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Newsletter items can be sent to Deb Stave at [deb.stave@gmail.com](mailto:deb.stave@gmail.com). Newsletter deadline is the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. January newsletter deadline is 12-21-2021.

# **Mayville Congregational-UCC News**

## **CRANBERRY CAKE AND BAKE SALE**

Cranberry Cake and Bake Sale is Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **STONE SOUP POSTPONED**

Please note that Stone Soup is postponed in light of the uptick of Covid numbers in our counties. Watch for updates.

# ***Bethany News.***

## **DECEMBER READERS**

- December 5 – Brian Rice
- December 12 – Sunday School Program
- December 19 – Loretta Larson
- December 26 – No Church

## **DECEMBER USHERS**

- Justin and Tracy Foss

## **ADVENT HAPPENING**



**You are invited to the  
Bethany Advent Happening!**

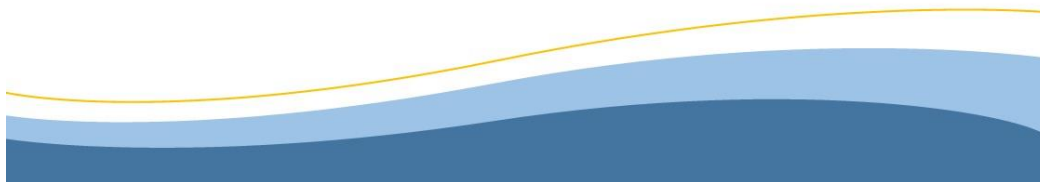
***All are welcome!***

**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at the church**

A light supper will be served.

Join us for some Christmas activities to get ready for the season. Kids and adults will decorate cookies and make some Christmas crafts. We will also practice for the Christmas program on Dec. 12th. Men are needed to put up the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

Please contact Linda Stromstad (701-335-3034) if you would like to do crafts so we can have enough materials available.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Bethany Sunday School program will be Dec. 12th during church service at 9:00 AM. (Will plan to resume Sunday School again on Jan. 9th after Christmas break.)

## **FOLLOWING SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Coffee and goodies will be served following the Sunday School Program on Sunday December 12th. We are asking each family to bring 1 dozen Christmas goodies/baking for the event.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL/NOISY OFFERING**

The Sunday School students will be collecting noisy offering once a month. In December it will be December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **LUTHER MEMORIAL TREE OF LIGHTS**

Luther Memorial will again celebrate the season with the Tree of Lights. Flyers for donations are available at church and on the last page of the newsletter. Please consider a donation in memory of, in honor of, or as a greeting to a special friend or relative of LMH.

## **BETHANY CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation Dates - Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 3:45pm-4:30pm, Dec. 8th 2:00pm – 3:00pm. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 3:45-5:00. No class on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **BETHANY CIRCLE/WELCA**

Bethany Circle/WELCA will meet Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm at the church. We will be installing officers and voting on our slate, so it has been moved for the December meeting only. We did this to accommodate working members who we hope would like to attend.

## **DONATIONS FOR COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION CENTER ( CVIC)**

Loretta will be placing a basket in the dining room at Bethany to collect items for the CVIC. She will put it there December 5th and will pick it up to deliver it on December 17th.

Below is a list of needed items:

toilet paper	shampoo	conditioner	body wash
lotion	hygiene products	cleaning supplies	diapers
laundry soap	garbage bags	baby wipes	

## **FALL PRODUCE MONEY GIVEN TO GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK**

Extra produce was brought to church by gardeners who had more than they could use. Free will donations were given for the produce. \$212.00 was collected and sent to the Great Plains Food Bank in Fargo.

## **GIDEON'S THANK YOU**

Thank you from the Gideon's. The special offering from November totaled \$296. Mr. Webster wrote that this will provide 246 scriptures for somewhere in the world.

## **BETHANY COUNCIL**

Bethany council met on November 17, 2021. Three letters were read from college students requesting scholarship money from the Carolyne Osland scholarship fund. The downstairs speaker will be tested and possibly replaced. A keylock box will be purchased for the outside door. Voted on a 2% increase for pastor's salary. Weather related decisions will be made by the council and sent out via group text messages. We will be looking for someone to take over compiling, printing, and sending out the parish newsletter. We will be looking for someone to mow the church and cemetery next summer. The next council meeting will be December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

## **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](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.*

## **BETHANY NEWS**

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Luther Memorial Home

TREE OF LIGHTS & DEDICATION

Dedication ornaments may be purchased for the tree in memory of, in honor of, or as a greeting to a special friend or relative!

Proceeds from the Tree of Lights & Dedication will go toward LMH Auxiliary Project Fund.



Ornaments:

Blue - \$ 5.00	Red - \$ 10.00
Green - \$ 20.00	Silver - \$ 50.00
Gold - \$100.00	

TREE OF LIGHTS & DEDICATION ORDER FORM

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

As Greeting to: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK AND MAIL TO:

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750 Main Street East  
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