

Parish Newsletter **April 2022**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



GOOD FRIDAY.... GOOD...BAD Some years ago when our kids were in high school, I remember asking why there were saying *that was bad*, when really you mean you think *that was good, even great*? I have been asked by other kids (at many different points through my life) why is Good Friday called Good Friday? I spent some time once again through the wonder of the world wide web reading about that name for THE Friday in Holy Week. After several articles the bottom line is — Holy Friday would fit better, and other words were Long, Sorrowful, or God's Friday. Does *Good* really mean *good*?

For the March 17th bible study at Luther Memorial, I focused on St. Patrick. I again learned a lot thanks to the web. An interesting piece of historical context, *Saint* Patrick was never canonized as a saint but was instead a Bishop. His favorite color was blue, and his followers wore blue — not green. Green became the color for March 17th only after it became the color to represent Ireland many a century after St. Patrick's death date, which did in fact fall on March 17th. His death was a holy day of obligation reflecting on dedication to spreading the gospel. Within the last century, Irish immigrants in the United States were ostracized and treated poorly, which prompted them to organize and reclaim March 17th with celebration and the parades we know today. This celebration morphed to leprechauns ready to pinch if you're not wearing green and tankards of green beer — not only in the U.S. but other countries as well. A day for *good* merriment and perhaps reflection on St. Patrick's stewardship. I was surprised in my one on one visits with several residents who said they had not celebrated St. Patrick's day as a young person.

Community Good Friday services are not held as frequently now. Changes in congregations and staff, work schedules, and often Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are condensed into one service in many places. My two point parish 30 years ago found those different Holy days alternating yearly only a limited number of parishioners who attended both.

Often in community services, pastors take a last word from the cross. I wonder at times if our kids have experienced a Good Friday service with those words — like "Father forgive

them they know not what they do”, or “Woman behold your son..” or “Today, you shall be with me in Paradise.”

Those words tell the story of relationship, relationships, and tradition. Of life continuing on this earth for those still here. Honoring the solemn and sacred relationship that God has for us in other words from John 10:10b. 10:10a continues this story. In many traditions there is both Bad and Good...Spring has sprung, April showers bring May flowers. Green is replacing the snirt. He is Risen Indeed!

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 Newsletter deadline is the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. May newsletter deadline is 4-26-2022.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR APRIL 2022

- April 3rd - 5th Sunday in Lent
 - Isa. 43:16-21; Psalm 126, Phil. 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8
- April 10th - Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday(also called the 6th Sunday in Lent)
 - Isa. 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16, Phil 2:5-11; Luke 23:1-49 (Processional - Lk.19:28-40)
- April 17th - Easter
 - Acts 10:34-43; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18
- April 24th - 2nd Sunday of Easter
 - Acts 5:27-32; Ps. 118:14-29; Cor. 5:16-21, John 20:19-31

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 5:30pm.
- **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 at 5:30pm; Bethany will have a Holy Communion Service at 7pm
- **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

COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grieving the loss of a loved one? Join our local grief support group!

Have questions or would like to connect with us:

Renee Anderson: (701-430-1077)

Emily Anderson: (701-430-3633)

WHO:

Anyone, of any age who has had someone significant to them (family, children/infants, friends etc.) pass on

WHEN:

Every third Monday of the Month from 7-8 PM

WHERE:

Hatton Community Center
Railroad Ave E. Hatton ND

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

SPRING CLEANING

- Spring cleaning will happen on April 30th. Watch the announcements for further details.

MAYPORT FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

- If you would like to make further donations for the MayPort food pantry, please do so in the next few weeks.

BLANKET FUND

- Lenten offerings for the Blanket Fund will be sent after Easter. If you have been collecting quarters using the Lenten offerings cards, please remember to bring those to church by April 30th.

TEDDY BEAR PROJECT

- The Teddy Bear Project for the Traill and Steele County Sherriff's department has been completed. Thank you for your work!

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

- Please remember to save things for the FALL rummage sale. Watch for details.

STONE SOUP

- Stone Soup is on hold until Fall.

Bethany News.

APRIL READERS

- April 3 – Linda Stromstad
- April 10 – Justin Foss
- April 17 – Loretta Larson
- April 24 – Karen Naastad

APRIL USHERS

- Linda Stromstad

APRIL 6TH LENTEN SERVICE

April 6th Lenten Service will have guests from Park River Bible Camp. Rebecca Kjelland will be here to let us know what will happen with Park River summer camp and VBS opportunities for our youth.

BETHANY CONFIRMATION

Bethany Confirmation classes - Except for EARLY RELEASE Days classes we meet- 3:45-5PM at the Hatton Community Center. In case of storm days, class will be canceled as well. Early Release class will be 2-3:15.

April dates - 6th*, 13th (EARLY RELEASE), 20th, 27th

April 6th - we will meet at church at 4 to prepare for serving the Soup supper. This is the last Lenten service and confirmands will be involved with the Lenten service at 7 pm

BETHANY CIRCLE

Circle will be at 2:00pm Wednesday, April 13th at Bethany.

SPRING CLUSTER GATHERING

Mayville Cluster meeting will be held at Mayville Lutheran Church on April 2, 2022.

The day will began at 8:00 AM with registration and breakfast. The program will follow at 9:15. We will hear from cluster president, Julie Hudson, and the guest speaker, Jerry Leach. Jerry is the Executive Director for Jail Chaplains in Cass County Jail in Fargo.

The meeting concludes at 12:00 PM.

They are asking attendees to bring "In-Kind" donations for the Cass County Jail. A list follows:

Female Supplies

6"X9" spiral notebook

Pen

Sticky notepads

Toothbrush & Toothpaste

Shampoo (full size)

Deodorant

Lotion (sample size)

Socks

Refillable water bottle

Comb and/or Hairbrush

Wash cloth

Hand towel

Laundry soap (6 load size)

Chapstick or Carmex

Male Supplies

6"X9" spiral notebook

Pen

Sticky notepads

Toothbrush & Toothpaste

Shampoo (full size)

Deodorant

Lotion (sample size)

Socks

Refillable water bottle

Comb

Shaving cream/disposable razor

Hard Candy (individually wrapped)

Laundry soap (6 load size)

Chapstick

(Registration was due March 15, but if anyone is still interested it could be checked into.)

ANNUAL BETHANY WELCA RETREAT

This fun filled Bethany WELCA event is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, June 15 & 16 at Tobiason Lake from 9:00 - 5:00 each day. Pat has the gears grinding in her creative mind and I'm sure she has more entertaining activities planned than we could ever imagine. She did share that the theme is "Love In Action" and asked that we be thinking of how we show or could show "Love in Action". More details will be in the upcoming newsletters.

TEA PARTY AT LAKEVIEW

Ladies: you are invited to a tea party that is being planned and has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 8 at Lakeview. You will be admitted by purchasing a ticket which will be sold by Bethany Ladies. Check upcoming newsletters and church bulletins for more information.

SAVE USED GREETING CARDS

The Caring Club will be creating again beginning in April. The group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. The members of The Caring Club cut up used cards and recycle them to design new greeting cards. The cards are sold in the lobby of Sanford Hospital in Mayville and also at Sun Center. The proceeds are used to purchase items for Sanford Mayville Medical Center. The ladies are especially in need of Christmas cards, Easter cards, and male oriented cards, but will take cards from all occasions. Please bring used card to church and give them to Char Lee.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Lutheran World Relief Kits need to be packed and ready to send by May 12th. We are in need of a few items for baby kits. This is a list of needed items and how many are needed if you are interested in donating to this cause:

boys shirts/ undershirts (8), boys and girls sleepers (25 of each), girls sweaters or sweatshirts (7), boys sweaters or sweatshirts (19), bar soap (46), diaper pins (40).

BETHANY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Bethany Lutheran Church was held following service and pot luck on Sunday, February 27, 2022. Reports were given and approved. Budgets were presented and approved. Elections were held. Business was discussed: Constitution discussion will begin again soon. A shelf will be made for the downstairs speaker. Locks have been taken care of. The old fuel tank was removed from the basement. Facia siding will need replacement on the front of the church. ABC Seamless will be contacted.

BETHANY COUNCIL

The Bethany Council met on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022. The shelf for the speaker was installed. The downstairs bathroom lock is fixed. Will check into water problem in the basement to see if it can be fixed. Confirmation is May 15th. Officer roles were chosen: Loretta Larson President, Joel Foss Vice-President, Justin Foss Secretary, Lorrie Aamold Treasurer. Lorrie Aamold was elected to the Parish Council. Council installation will be April 3rd.

THE RITE OF THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Looking ahead - The Rite of the Affirmation of Faith will be celebrated on May 15th.

JANITOR/USHER SIGNUP

Please check the Janitor/Usher signup on the bulletin board in the entry way. We have 2 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 April it will be April 10th.

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 EaNDSWO 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 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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