

# **Parish Newsletter**

## **March 2024**



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

First of all, THANKS for these years together. To leave you with “God Bless you each and every one”..what more? Oh so much! I have a little fortune piece I pick up every once in a while with these words *“Never place a period where God has placed a comma.”*

Those words were said by Gracie Allen, the comedienne, in her last love letter to her husband George Burns. At a retreat a few years ago, a pastor was wearing a t-shirt on with a comma on it but not the above words. I had never seen it or heard that saying. When I heard the explanation, it stuck with me and as I think about the promise of the Easter story it says so much more.

March takes us through our Lenten Journey, being “altered”, remember the theme of our Lenten resource - “Altered by the spirit”. And we are, as we can claim every day, a new life through the story of Jesus Christ. Grace, forgiveness, resurrection. One blog I read about the Gracie Allen quote said that that blogger needed those words one night. Words to say God wasn't done with them yet, words that continued hope in what the new day would bring,

After Lent, then Easter, then Pentecost. God is not finished with any of us until our work is completed this side of heaven. May you claim new life every day, may you continue to bring it to others as you have done and I'm sure you will continue to do, in worship or as you cross another's path in some consolation or in some joy. Indeed, God Bless you everyone. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Grace to you, Pastor Deb Stave

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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.

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### **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY from the UCC Northern Plains Conference : Prophets By Dr. Julia O'Brien TUESDAYS at 5:30PM CST Feb. 20, Mar. 5, and Mar. 26

Register at <https://npcucc.fillout.com/lentenbiblestudy>

## LENTEN SERVICES

UCC meets at 5:30 for supper and worship, Bethany supper 5:30 ish, worship at 7PM  
Bethany Lenten suppers and worship March. 6th, 20th. UCC - 6th, 13th and 20th

### *Altered by the Spirit*

- Wednesday Mar. 6th - Altered Alongside Our Enemies - Acts 9:1-22
- Wednesday Mar. 13th - Altered by Disruption - Acts. 10:1-16, 34-5,44-47
- Wednesday Mar. 20th - Altered through Stories We Don't Trust - Act. 12:6-17

## SUNDAY READINGS FOR WORSHIP – MARCH 2024

- March 3rd - **3rd Sunday in Lent**
  - Ex. 20:1-17; Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
- March 10th - **4th Sunday in Lent**
  - Numbers 21:4-9; Ps. 107:1-3, 17-11; 2 Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
- March 17th - **5th Sunday in Lent**
  - Jer. 31:31-34; Ps. 51:1-12; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
- March 24th - **Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday**
  - Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Mark 14&15
- March 31st - **Easter**
  - Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 25:6-9a; Ps. 118:1-2,14-24; I Cor. 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8 or John 20:1-18

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## Pizza & Possibilities

**Sunday March 3rd**

**5pm-7pm**

**Immanuel Lutheran, Buxton**

Mayville Conference congregations are invited to share a meal and have conversation together with Deacon Erin Power, Eastern North Dakota Synod.

Join us to explore the current landscape of congregational life, leadership, and how we move into the future together.

Help us plan for numbers by letting us know you are attending! Email: [deaconsin@eandynod.org](mailto:deaconsin@eandynod.org)

## **SOUP'S ON FOR HUNGER**

Benefit Dinner for the Northlands Rescue Mission, 11am to 1:30pm at the Hatton Community Center, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP**

March 29th - MayPort ministerium will have Good Friday worship at Luther Memorial, all are welcome - 2PM

## **NEWSLETTER**

Newsletter items can be sent to Tracy Foss at [Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com](mailto:Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com) Newsletter deadline is usually the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. April newsletter deadline is 3-26-2024.

# **Mayville Congregational-UCC News**

## **MARCH SCRIPTURE READERS**

March 3 – Paul Batesel  
March 17 – Jackee Lerol  
March 31 – April Hastings

March 10 – Sarah Batesel  
March 24 – Kraig Lerol

## **5 for 5 Offering**

This month is One Great Hour of Sharing March 10<sup>th</sup> – but we'll collect it all month – grab an envelope by the bulletins any week.

## ***Bethany News***

## **MARCH READERS**

March 3 - Abram Naastad  
March 17 - Lorrie Aamold  
March 31 - Karen Naastad

March 10 - Laura Foss  
March 24 - Loretta Larson

## **MARCH USHERS**

Peter and Karen Naastad.

## **LENTEN SERVICES**

March 6 - Supper at 5:30. Men will serve. The service will begin at 7:00.  
March 20 - Supper at 5:30. Women will serve. The service will begin at 7:00.

## **BETHANY CIRCLE**

Circle will be at the church at 2:00 pm Wednesday, March 13th.

## BETHANY COUNCIL

Bethany Council will meet after Lenten Service on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the church.

## GOING AWAY PARTY FOR PASTOR DEB AND LUTHER

All members of the UCC Church and Bethany Church are invited to a Going Away Party for Pastor Deb and Luther. It will take place on Sunday, March 24 at Bethany and will begin with services at 11:00. There will be a potluck meal following the service. Please note that the 11:00 service is a joint service for both churches and will be the only service on March 24.

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

All Women of the ELCA are invited to attend a Spring Roundup to be held at Riverbend Farm, Valley City, ND on Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. The event is free and includes noon lunch, speakers, vendors, and entertainment by Triiplicity Trio and more. Please come and enjoy this inspirational event!

RSVP by March 23 to [jbhuso@hotmail.com](mailto:jbhuso@hotmail.com)!

**Women of the ELCA  
SPRING ROUNDUP**

**RIVERBEND FARM, VALLEY CITY, ND  
4.20.24 SATURDAY 10-3 PM**

**Encouraging women of all ages to attend this  
free, fun, and inspirational event.**

**Chapel**

- Jess Gulseth - RWM/PRBC Camp Dir.
- Bethany Krepela - LP Global Ministry
- Sawyer Anderson - WaterWorks
- Interview with Katie Luther
- Triiplicity Trio

**Vendors**

- Urban Couture - Quilting Merch
- Eagles Nest - Pride of Dakota
- White Dragon - Holistic Raindrops
- Color Street Nails
- Thirty-One Totes
- WaterWorks books and bags
- Joceyln J Boutique - Jewelry, Home Decor & Clothing

**Event Center**

- Free Registration
- Free Food
- First 50 Favor Bags
- Quilting Fun and Demonstrations

**School House Child Care**

**Deadline 3.23.24**

**RSVP**  
[jbhuso@hotmail.com](mailto:jbhuso@hotmail.com)

## **A HUGE THANK YOU**

Thank you to Pete Naastad, Adam Naastad, and crew for the work on the lawn at the cemetery! It was a big project and we appreciate the donation of time, work, and everything needed to complete the project.

## **UPDATES TO THE FAMILY UNIT BOOK**

It is time to update the family unit book. If there are any changes or additions that need to be made, please contact Lorrie Aamold or Loretta Larson by the end of March. Thank you!

## **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 EaNSWO 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](mailto:Loaamold@hotmail.com) or by leaving a message at 543-3806. Deadline for the bulletin is Thursdays.

## **BETHANY NEWS**

News items can be sent to Charlotte Lee at [Charlottelee7@icloud.com](mailto:Charlottelee7@icloud.com) or Tracy Foss at [Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com](mailto:Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com) Newsletter deadline is usually the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. April newsletter deadline is 3-26-2024.