

Parish Newsletter

November 2025



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

With harvest winding down and Thanksgiving coming this month we start thinking about all the things we are thankful for – family, friends, health, food, shelter, etc. Giving thanks though is not just an activity to be taken up at certain times of the year and set aside at other times. Studies show that when you live your life with gratitude you'll find that your life is actually happier. Thankfulness is a way of living. It's a way of life that the Bible encourages us to embrace. Colossians 3:16-17 says *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* Gratitude/thankfulness is part of the foundation of our relationship with God whose constant love and faithfulness are celebrated in the Bible from beginning to end. Happy thanks-giving!

Thank you so much for welcoming Tom & I to your churches and the area. We appreciate your open hearts and your encouraging words! God bless you!

Pastor Bonnie

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NOVEMBER READINGS

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| Sunday, November 2, 2025 All Saints Sunday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ephesians 1:11-23 • Luke 6:20-31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 • Psalm 149 |
| Sunday, November 9, 2025 (22nd Sunday after Pentecost) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 • Luke 20:27-38 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job 19:23-27a • Psalm 17:1-9 |
| Sunday, November 16, 2025 (23rd Sunday after Pentecost) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 • Luke 21:5-19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malachi 4:1-2a • Psalm 98 |
| Sunday, November 23, 2025 Christ the King/Reign of Christ (24th Sunday after Pentecost) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colossians 1:11-20 • Luke 23:33-43 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremiah 23:1-6 • Psalm 46 |
| Thursday, November 27, 2025 Day of Thanksgiving | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philippians 4:4-9 • John 6:25-35 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deuteronomy 26:1-11 • Psalm 100 |
| Sunday, November 30, 2025 (1 st Sunday of Advent) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 13:11-14 • Matthew 24:36-44 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah 2:1-5 • Psalm 122 |

ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 2ND

Pastor Bonnie has a tradition of recognizing who has passed away and who has been baptized. She invites anyone to light a candle to honor these individuals.

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. December newsletter deadline is 11-25-2025.

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

SCRIPTURE READERS NOVEMBER

Thanks for signing up for a Sunday!

November 2 - Lora Cunningham

November 9 - Sarah Batesel

November 16 - Paul Batesel

November 23 - John Woxland

November 30 - Kraig Lerol

NOVEMBER 2ND CHURCH SERVICE

Remember we will have our church service at 9:00 am on November 2nd. (Daylight Saving Time Ends – Remember to set back your clocks.)

THANK YOU FROM MARLEY AND LAURIE...

Thank you so much to those who made contributions to our Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday, October 17. It was Rhett's first walk with us!

Bethany News

NOVEMBER READERS

November 2 – Tracy Foss

November 9 – Elaine Enger

November 16 – Karen Osland

November 23 – Wayne Reinhart

November 30 – Linda Stromstad

COMMUNION

Communion will be the first Sunday of each month.

BETHANY COUNCIL

The Bethany Council met on Wednesday, October 15th at the church. There have been great comments on the new lights in the sanctuary. The new pastor signs are up outside. A thank you letter was received from Alicia Foss for the scholarship. Windows have been washed by Bright Way Window Company. The weather stripping on the front door will be replaced. The Christmas tree will be put up the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Discussion about All Saints Day. Next council meeting will be Wednesday, November 19th at 5:30 pm at Bethany.

NOVEMBER 2ND – MISSION SUNDAY – POTLUCK – CHANGE IN SERVICE TIMES – DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Mission Sunday will be on November 2nd; the speaker will Mark Ostgarden. The service will be at 11:00 followed by potluck. UCC will have church at 9:00. (Daylight saving time ends, remember to set back your clocks.)

CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree will be put up and decorated following the church service on Sunday, November 23. Brunch will be served when the decorating is finished. The help of all who are available will be appreciated.

ANNUAL “WE BAKE - YOU TAKE” LEFSE AND FLAT BREAD

Bethany ladies will be busy mixing, rolling, and frying lefse and flat bread on the following days in November: November 5 & 7; November 12 & 14

Ordering will begin Wednesday, October 15th and end Friday, November 7th. Place an order by calling: **EILEEN HOLT. 218-779-3090**

1 package lefse (3 rounds) \$7.00; 1 box flat bread (2 rounds) \$7.00

Pick up (no deliveries) will be Monday, November 24th between 3PM - 6PM. Pick up will be at the following locations:

Mayville - 23 5th Avenue NE
Hatton - 520 Jersey Avenue

BAKE SALE DURING MAYVILLE WINTERFEST

Bethany ladies are planning a bake sale at the vendor show that will take place during the Mayville Winterfest. The dates for this are Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7. All baked goods will be very much appreciated! They can be brought to the armory either Friday evening or Saturday morning.

CARL BEN EIELSON TOUR OF HOMES

The museum Christmas Tour of Homes is scheduled for Sunday December 7. More details will be in the December newsletter.

2026 WELCA TRIENNIAL GATHERING

The Triennial Gathering will take place in Des Moines, Iowa July 16-19, 2026. Registration before January 5th will be \$475 and after January 5th will be \$525. Find more information about the gathering at <https://womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>

T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, AND KNIT SHEETS NEEDED

If you have any t-shirts, sweatshirts, or knit sheets that you are getting rid of please give them to Linda Stromstad. They will be given to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Crookston. They use them to make diapers which are given to 3rd world countries.

REMINDER TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Osland Scholarship is available to seniors that are members of Bethany Church. Seniors need to write a letter of application which includes the name of the school they will be attending. The letter should be given to a council member. If you have questions about this you can ask a council member.

PRISON MINISTRY

The James River Regional Correctional Facility is still collecting yarn. They have also added a new project which is a knitted/crocheted heart pillow. So, in addition to the yarn, they are asking for donations of polyester fiber-fill to help them with this project. You can bring the yarn and fiber-fill to church and leave it in the basement.

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.

BETHANY NEWS

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