

# Parish Newsletter

## January 2023



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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Have you ever done an I Spy puzzle? In this picture, what are there 7 of and why? They're a little hard to spot being so tiny. 2 are very close together. (Hint: Have you put all your Christmas decorations away?) The Day of Epiphany is Friday January 6th. Some years I didn't put away the Christmas dishes until Fat Tuesday.

Since we're not having worship on January 1st, I included our mostly used hymnals. What songs would you like if we have a hymn sing worship service for the 5th Sunday of this month – January 29? You've got more than a month to pass on your suggestions to Pastor Deb, Mark at Bethany or Sarah & Bob at Mayville UCC. I still love Cold December Flies Away. May the deep freeze and the mountains of snow not last past March or April is my current prayer.



If you get the newsletter via technology that can enlarge parts of the picture to read more details. One is a book my daughter gave me some time ago and that's the one I'll for sure get back into this month. A fun find when I was looking for another book in our basement storage – the small tilted red one was my in-laws, given to them by their pastor when they were married in 1953 – Today with God, Daily Meditations.

See the coffee cup? TAKE SOME TIME, stay safe and warm. 1 last connection to the picture – what's your favorite version of scripture? Here's some of the OT lesson for Jan. 29th from the NRSV:

*Micah 6:8 "O, Mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

GRACE HAPPENS - that's the bumper sticker my seminary internship supervisor gave to me in 1988 in the pic. That message is one to remember over and over this year.

Joy & Blessings,

Pastor Deb

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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.

### **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. February newsletter deadline is 1-24-2023.

## **Parish News**

### **SUNDAY READINGS FOR READING AND WORSHIP – JANUARY 2023**

#### **RCL READINGS ARE THE SAME FOR BOTH CONGREGATIONS**

- January 1st - 1st Sunday after Christmas Day (**Name of Jesus - in bold & italics**)
  - Isa. 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Heb. 2:10-18; Matt 2:13-23
  - ***Num. 6:22-27, Ps. 8, Gal. 4:4-7 or Phil. 2:5-11, Luke 2:15-21***
- January 8th - 1st Sunday after the Epiphany or **The Baptism of Jesus**
  - Is. 42:1-9; Ps. 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt 3:13-17
- January 15th - 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
  - Is. 49:1-7; Ps. 40:1-11; I Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:329-42
- January 22nd - 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
  - Is. 9:1-4; Ps. 27:1, 4-9; I Cor. 1:10-18; Matt 4:12-23
- January 29th - 4th Sunday after the Epiphany
  - Micah. 6:1-8; Ps. 15; I Cor. 1:18-31; Matt 5:1-12

### **JANUARY 1, 2023 – NO SERVICE**

There will be no services on Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Communion will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> for both congregations.

### **THANK YOU**

Pastor Deb and Luther (and kids) thank you for your cards and generosity in this season of giving. You show your generosity in so many places and ways, Pastor Deb loves telling EaND synod and No. Plains Conference about the Mayville Rural Hatton Parish's heart of giving.

## **COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Grieving the loss of a loved one? Join our local grief support group! **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. Have questions or would like to connect with us: Renee Anderson: (701-430-1077) or Emily Anderson: (701-430-3633)

## **Mayville Congregational-UCC News**

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who participated with the Cranberry Cake fundraiser and Pot Luck dinner. The Nations decorated tables will be missed in the new year.

### **ANNUAL MEETING DATE**

Please note the Annual Meeting date of January 22, 2023. David Anderson is commended for his service both to the congregation and to the Parish serving as president of both.

## ***Bethany News.***

### **JANUARY READERS**

- \* January 1 – No Church Service
- \* January 8 – Alicia Foss
- \* January 15 – Brian Rice
- \* January 22 – Wayne Reinhart
- \* January 29 – Judy Stensland

### **JANUARY USHERS**

- Ray and Lorrie Aamold and Richard Moen

### **BETHANY CIRCLE**

Bethany Circle will be on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at the church.

### **BETHANY COUNCIL**

Bethany Council will meet at the church on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

### **WELCA - IMPORTANT DATES**

On April 29, 2023, the Cluster meeting will be held at Christi's Lakeview Restaurant. Dates have been set for the third annual "Tea Party" to be held June 14, 2023. Dates have been set for the retreat on August 2 and 3, 2023.

## **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Thank you to the Sunday School and the adults who helped with the Christmas program, The Gift of Love, which was presented on December 11! The students brought us the message of the Messiah through music and recitation. It was a reminder to us all to share our love and understanding with everyone. It was inspiring, touching, and so much fun to watch and listen to the Bethany kids of all ages! ❤️❤️❤️

Thank you also to everyone who brought Christmas goodies for coffee afterwards!

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK AND APRIL AAMOLD**

Congratulations to Mark and April who were married on December 17th! It was a beautiful wedding and a good number of the Bethany congregation made it to Fargo to celebrate with them. We enjoyed sharing this very special day with you, Mark and April!

**BEST WISHES ON THIS WONDERFUL JOURNEY AS YOU BUILD YOUR LIVES TOGETHER!**



## **DUNCAN PHYFE TABLE**

The Duncan Phyfe table has found a home. It's pleasing to know it has gone to a great home where it will be well taken care of.

## **WINTERFEST BAZAAR**

Bethany ladies, thank you for the delicious Christmas baking you made and brought to the WinterFest Bazaar at the Mayville Armory on December 9th and 10th. The amount and the variety of baking was quite impressive! Your generosity resulted in a very successful day.

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

Thank you to those who donated to the basket for CVIC. They certainly appreciated the items that were given!

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATING AND TAKE DOWN**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped put up the tree and decorate both upstairs and downstairs at the church! It was beautiful and very festive and was enjoyed by all!

We will be taking down the tree after church on January 8th. We would greatly appreciate help from those that are available.

## **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.

## **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.

## **WANT TO UPDATE HOW YOU RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER?**

*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.*

## **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**

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