

# ***Parish Newsletter*** **October 2020**



## **FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DEB STAVE**

REFORM - Reformation month for Protestants. Mid month, the 18th, Goose River will have a special service to honor their legacy of being the church together. The EaNDSynod Bishop Larry Wohlrabe will be preaching for what we labeled a Celebration of Ministry. They'll be having church services through to the end of 2020 and then will be officially closed as a congregation. They may gather together when Co-Vid is deemed under control inviting, re-forming as it were, with past congregants, pastors and friends. May it be so. But that leads the Mayville UCC - Rural Hatton Parish to re-form. When we had our first confirmation meeting of this school year this past week, we looked at how Martin Luther was considered a miscreant, someone who needed to stop being such a troublemaker.

As I repeated the word Re-Form in my head the last few weeks, I wondered what God will be calling us to do and be in this new year and parish configuration. I found myself thinking of my youth and those few troublemakers that I knew who found themselves sentenced to reform school. To give the future a hopeful outlook we claim the heritage of the church being able to change and re-form itself to turn from past mis-steps and be made anew.

One of the members of our current parish wondered what kind of action might be taken in the light of the BLM even though they do not feel called to that. Would it be important for us to recognize past wrongs and make intentional moves to see what we are called to be and do in Re-Forming our culture, our institutions? Re-forming past relationships so that all, to borrow some words from the Apostle Paul, there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free male or female, but to see anew (Gal. 3:28). The conflict in our country around issues of race and privilege doesn't seem to touch us so much here in our corner of the world. Yet each day beckons us to be made new and to tend to this kingdom of God on earth. Re-forming. Listen for the spirit...Blessed to be a blessing...

### **PASTOR DEB CONTACT INFORMATION**

*To contact Pastor Deb Stave – 701/550-9830, deb.stave@gmail.com .*

## **NEW EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD BISHOP**

The Eastern North Dakota Synod elected their first woman Bishop. Bishop Larry Wohlrabe will finish his interim position at the end of this month and Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth will be installed on October 31st.

## **SUNDAY LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER**

- **October 4th**- Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46
- **October 11th**- Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14
- **October 18th**- Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9, I Thess. 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22
- **October 25th**- Jer. 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36 =  
Reformation Or Pent. 21 - Lev. 19:1-2, 15-18, Psalm 1, I Thess. 2:1-8, Matt.  
22:34-46

## **MAYVILLE-RURAL HATTON PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE**

**PLEASE** check out our parish FB page - Mayville-Rural Hatton Parish. You don't have to have a FB account - google FB and put in the name of the page above.

We know that some folks still are accessing this page. So this fall we've thought of recording in the churches. What do you think? Make suggestions for postings, I've been picking the hymns and blending the UCC and Lutheran services some weeks. If you'd like to be a reader, leave me a message and I will coordinate with you. I hope to find readers for each week, please let me know if you are interested and I will arrange it. There may be some weeks we can't post a service but there will be something. Please "like" the page, it helps somehow.

### **NEWSLETTER**

*Newsletter items can be sent to Tracy Foss at [Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com](mailto:Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com). Newsletter deadline is the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. November newsletter deadline is 10-20-2020.*

### **UPDATING NEWSLETTER LISTS**

*We are updating our list of individuals who would like to receive their newsletter through e-mail instead of hardcopy/mail, would no longer like to receive the newsletter, or would like a hardcopy of the calendar and the rest sent via e-mail. If you would like to make any changes, please contact Tracy Foss: e-mail [Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com](mailto:Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com), cell phone 701-430-0065.*

## **Mayville Congregational-UCC News**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF**

Mayville UCC will kick off their Sunday School on October 4th.

# Goose River News

## **SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

On October 18th, 2020 Goose River is inviting Bethany and Mayville UCC members who would like to come to worship together at 10:30am/ PLEASE NOTE THAT different time. Presiding Interim Bishop Larry Wohlrabe will be preaching to honor the faithful service in this closing year of their congregation. PLEASE WEAR MASKS The Service will be Service of the Word. Pray for nice weather and we can spread outside for fellowship. There will be a lunch distributed in a to go box, safely prepared and shared with joy.

## ***Bethany News***

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY NIGHT**

The start date for Sunday School at Bethany was September 20th at 6PM, Rally Day/Night was a fun and successful kickoff. WATCH FOR further news.

### **CONFIRMATION**

October dates for confirmation for the 6 students – (2) 2nd year and (4) 1st year will meet at the Hatton Community Center. Schedule for October are Oct. 7, regular time, Oct.14, 2PM (early out), Oct. 21 - NO CLASS, Oct. 28 - regular time.

### **OCTOBER READERS**

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Linsey Naastad
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Betsy Brend
- 25<sup>th</sup>: Mandi Aamold

### **CALLING ALL BETHANY WOMEN - MEETING OCTOBER 7TH AT 7:00 PM AT BETHANY**

Please plan to spend an evening together to visit, catch up with each other, and to pick each other's brains. Of course refreshments will be served. Because our lives have gone in a different direction due to the Corona Virus, there is a need to implement some new ideas for fund raisers. Kindly put your creative thinking caps on and bring ideas of how we could raise funds without face to face contact. Excited to see everyone on October 7th.

### **ELIZABETH CIRCLE**

Elizabeth Circle will meet Wednesday, October 14th at Bethany Church at 7:00 PM.

## **QUILTING DATES**

October 9, 10, 23, & 24 - Quilting will began around 9:30 AM (whatever time works for you) at the church. Please think about joining us for fellowship as well as quilting. Bring your own sack lunch.

## **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.

## **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank the Bethany Quilters for the beautiful quilt. It is literally everything I love wrapped into one awesome memento. College is going really well for me so far, and I enjoy it very much! Thank you again for remembering me with such an awesome gift! I love it! Love, Brett



## **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**

*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 the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. November newsletter deadline is 10-20-2020.*