

Parish Newsletter **May 2021**



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DEB STAVE

Have you ever been lost trying to find someone's house or took the wrong turn because your GPS voice said turn this way and it led you in circles? So do you pull over, ask for directions or continue and maybe happen to your destination after spending several more seconds or minutes or horrors even hours? The Staves have been there, done that. Or how about this...determined to do it on your own, you twist wrong, pulling a muscle, that reminds you that you haven't used that lately; when you could have asked for help and now you have a reminder that two are better than one? Been there and done that myself this past month.

I/we will and I/we ask God to help and guide me/us. Those are the words I said and you said this past Sunday when I was installed in the Mayville/Rural Hatton Parish. Those are the words that will be said and spoken to and from Byrnley Coleman and Shelby Johnson on May 30th when they affirm the baptismal faith that welcomed them as children of God into a community. Skya Brandon, Mitchell Coleman and Grant Mundahl, seniors at Hatton Eielson Public School will be guided through the line to receive their diplomas and be celebrated May 23rd. We lift them up and call on God to help and guide them.

That question I was asked "Will you..." and my response "I will and I ask God to help and guide me" echoes in my mind daily, some days often. As parents and aunts and uncles and grandparents and greats we guide our young folks so they can be independent and grow into the unique person they were called to be. There shall be wrong turns, maybe even some dead ends. But always, there is the promise from the God we are to call on daily, hourly, and always for help and guidance. To grow together with our neighbors and God. Where does that lead and guide us in this and in the days to come?

My ears perked up when Bishop Tessa in her sermon on Sunday asked us who is your neighbor or friend that would be ready for an invitation to join us on Sunday morning? To be invited into the company of folks trusting that God is still speaking. Speaking of grace and forgiveness and presence and peace. Hear the word, spread the word...be the word together.

God's Blessings,

Pastor Deb Stave



THANK YOU

A very humble and grateful thank you for the care given to my installation. The very lovely flower arrangement greets me when I enter my house in Mayville.

PASTOR DEB CONTACT INFORMATION

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

SUNDAY LESSONS FOR MAY 2021

- **May 2nd - 5th Sunday of Easter**
 - Acts 8:26-40; Ps. 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8
- **May 9th - 6th Sunday of Easter**
 - Acts 10:44-48; Ps. 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
- **May 16th - 7th Sunday of Easter**
 - Acts 1:15-17,21-26; Ps. 21; 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19
- **May 23 - Day of Pentecost**
 - Acts 2:1-21; Ps. 104:24-35,35b; Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
- **May 30th - Holy Trinity Sunday**
 - Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Rom. 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation schedule for Classes - May 5th - 3:45 to 5pm.

We meet in the Hatton Community Center after school. Confirmation lasts for minimally 1.25 hrs. If school is cancelled there will be no confirmation that day. PLEASE alert Pastor Deb via text or email if there will be an absence. 701/550-9830, deb.stave@gmail.com

Brynley Coleman and Shelby Johnson will be Affirming their Faith, May 30th - just another reminder to celebrate with and keep them in your prayers.

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. June newsletter deadline is 5-25-2021.

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

Bethany News.

MAY READERS

- May 2 - Sue Rice
- May 9 - Alicia Foss
- May 16 - Loretta Larson
- May 23 - Betty Reinhart
- May 30 - Tracy Foss

MAY USHERS

- Open – Please sign up if you are able.

BETHANY COUNCIL

Treasurers report was given and approved. New Business: Due to the grants received no parish fees have been paid. Brett Foss applied for the Arthur and Caroline Osland Scholarship. Three families are transferring out of the church.

EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNODIAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION (EaNSWOW) ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 33rd Annual Convention of EaNSWOW will be held at Park River Bible Camp on Saturday, September 18th, 2021. Guest speaker is Kevin Wallevand. More info to follow.

EaNSWOW BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

The EaNSWOW is in need of a complete set of board positions to be filled, as they did not hold elections last year. God will guide and provide the time and abilities for you to serve. You will also get on the job training for the positions. The Board, meets only two-four times a year, assists with cluster meetings, and plans and organizing the fall convention. Terms are for two years. A rep for our cluster is also needed along with six others. New ideas are welcome and necessary for the organization to thrive. Pat has the vita forms to fill out for any office you want to apply for. Step out of your "comfort zone" and get involved with the SWO of Eastern North Dakota.

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.

TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

There is NO Triennial Convention until 2023!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PICK UP

LWR will be at Midwest Motor Express to pick up quilts and kits for the spring collection drive on May 13th and 14th, 9:00am-4:00pm. The kits will be packed on May 12th in connection with Elizabeth Circle meeting. LWR no longer collects clothing or soap.

WELCA - LAKEVIEW RETREAT

June 15th and 16th have been set aside for the annual "WELCA" Retreat at Toby Lakeside. Bible study, business meeting, some "kit" assembling for fall pickup, lots of "socializing" (which have gone by the wayside since "pandemic" hit), games, great food, activities for the mind etc. sounds like fun? Come join us. More info will come closer to the date.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

Elizabeth Circle will meet at the church on Wednesday, May 12 at 2:30 PM.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Below is a list of items needed for Lutheran World Relief Kits:

Baby Kits

- gentle bar soap
- large socks. (Sizes 12, 18, and 24 months)

School Kits

- pencil sharpeners
- notebooks (wide or college rule - we need many because there are 4 per kit)
- crayons. (16 or 24)
- ball point pens

Personal Care Kits

- combs (large tooth)
- bath towels (dark colors)

The items need to be brought to the church by **May 9**. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Doug Osland for the spring clean-up on the church yard. It looks great and is much appreciated!

JR. CYO – FOSTER CARE COMFORT PACKS PROJECT

Children entering into foster care system are typically given a trash bag to pack up their belongings when they are removed from their home. St John's Mission Committee and Jr CYO teamed up to end this practice while providing the essentials for a child's first few days in foster care.

During the April 7 Jr CYO meeting students put together 24 backpacks. The age range for these backpacks were newborn to 18. Depending on the age, each backpack includes a change of clothes, pj, socks, underwear, bib/burp cloth, hygiene products, blanket, stuffed animal, book, coloring book, crayons, and journal.

St John's Mission Committee purchased backpacks, blankets and misc. items. Many donations were received from St John's Church, Bethany, and community members to fill the backpacks. Thank you for your generosity and giving us the ability to kick off this project!!

The St John's Mission Committee will continue to work with Traill County Social Services to keep this project on going. For more information, please reach out to a Mission Committee member: Donalee Strand, Tana Braaten, Wendy Dafforn, Ronda Hanson, Carol Vigen or Dawn Heskin.

The children and families in our community need our support now more than ever. Make a difference in the lives of others by becoming a foster parent. Contact the ND Foster Parent Recruitment/Inquiry Line at 1-833-378-4663.



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.

BETHANY QUILTING

There are no quilting dates scheduled for May through the summer. The ladies get time off due to good behavior. Although, it is possible that they might get a wild hair and quilt a day or two. Anything is possible. If that happens a text message will be sent.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

No Sunday School in May

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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