

Parish Newsletter **September 2023**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I'm sure I'm not the only one who can feel the last days of summer slip away like sand through my fingertips. I don't mean to start this letter off on a melancholy note, it's just whenever one season ends and changes to the next, I can't help but think a bit about time. One thing's for certain: as summer leaves us once again, autumn is here to remind us that there's plenty of work to be done. In fact, by the time you're reading this letter, the youth (and teachers and school staff) of our parish have already been in classes for a few weeks, already starting to acclimate to the new school year, the new books, the new teachers, the new possibilities before them. Meanwhile, the epic task of Harvest consumes the days and, often nights, of many in these parts. While some might be able to use this summer's last long weekend, Labor Day weekend, as an opportunity for a jaunt to "The Lake" to soak up the "getaway", farm workers might not get such a break if the machinery is rolling and the fields are calling for laborers

Rally Sunday in many churches will be September 10th, it will be for Bethany and for UCC another happening worship :). September 10 is the designated date for the 10th anniversary of the ELCA of God's Work, Our Hands. The year before I started at Mayville Rural Hatton Parish, the MayPort churches picked their own date and name for a Sunday of service. I heard stories of service and saw pictures of ecumenical teams working. Then Covid hit, and that ecumenical service connection was sadly shuffled to the back burner, with hopes by the Ministerium to eventually revive it.

Last year, Rally Sunday at Bethany was later in the month, as that was when it worked best for most of the families with kids. Schedules can be flexible even though we can count on the seasons changing. We are a parish with fewer school age kids, but as children of God of all ages – whether we are Bethany or Mayville UCC – God does God's work and uses all of our hands and hearts and minds for the work of schooling the world about hope and grace and joy. Laboring and learning together. 24/7, 365 - the Holy Spirit never rests, it's all Labor Days of the God of Grace. Come and join us live into the mottos of our denominations God's Still Speaking (UCC) and All are Welcome (ELCA)

Blessed Labor Day and Autumn to all,

Pastor Deb Stave

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 Newsletter deadline is usually the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. October newsletter deadline is 9-19-2023.

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SUNDAY READINGS FOR READING AND WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 2023

RCL READINGS - TOP LINE – ELCA; BOTTOM LINE - UCC

- September 3rd - 14th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Jer. 15:15-21; Ps. 26:1-8; Rom. 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28
 - Ex. 3:1-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26,45b; Rom. 9:1-5; Matt. 14:13-21
- September 10th - 15th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Ezek. 33:7-11; Ps. 119:33-40; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20
 - Ex. 12:1-14; Ps. 149; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20
- September 17th - 16th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Gen. 50:15-21; Ps. 103:(1-7) 8-13; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt 18: 21-35
 - Ex. 14:19-31; Ps. 114; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt 18: 21-35
- September 24th - 17th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Jonah 3:10-4:11; Ps. 145:1-8; Phil. 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16
 - Ex. 16:2-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil. 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16

COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The group will not be meeting this summer.

PASTOR DEB ATTENDING CONFERENCE

Pastor Deb will be attending the EaND Fall Theological Conference September 11th – 13th. She can be reached by phone for emergencies.

LUTHER MEMORIAL HOME ANNUAL MEETING

The Luther Memorial Home annual meeting will be September 28th at the LMH chapel at 2:00 pm.

TEXT SCAM

Last month I was grateful for 2 parish members who let me know that a scam text was sent out claiming to be from me (Pastor Deborah) 1st asking for a return text, then asking for gift cards. It originated from an “856” number. I don’t know how many members received this but again I am so thankful for the 2 that contacted me about it, otherwise I would not have known about it. PLEASE be careful with emails and texts from whoever asking for money or information. Let’s help each other.

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SEPTEMBER READERS

September 3 – Dave Anderson

September 10 – Dalton McMahon

September 17 – Jackee Lerol

September 24 – Kraig Lerol

NORTHERN PLAINS CONFERENCE

Northern Plains Conference of the UCC Fall Retreat is open to all – September 8th – 9th at Maryvale. Check your email that Sarah forwarded or get the info from the bulletin board at church.

Bethany News

BETHANY WOMEN’S RETREAT

The yearly women’s retreat took place at Christy’s Lakeview on August 2nd and 3rd. Thirteen ladies attended the two-day event. Patty had prepared many readings, activities and discussions that related to the theme, **TIP YOUR GLASS TO KINDNESS.**

Linda had organized service activities. The ladies prepared Christmas cards that will be given to veterans at the Veteran’s Hospital in Fargo and the Soldier’s Home in Lisbon. They also decorated Christmas ornaments to be used for the Angel Project in Traill County. Six tied blankets were also completed and will be given where they are needed. Pastor Deb joined us for Bible study both days. Christy and Ali spoiled us with delicious lunches and breakfasts!

THANK YOU, PATTY, LINDA, CHRISTY AND ALLISON, for all the preparation and work you did! It was another fun, fulfilling and blessed time together!

SEPTEMBER READERS

September 3 – Loretta Larson

September 10 – Linsey Naastad

September 17 – Steve/Sandy Christiansen

September 24 – Joel Foss

SEPTEMBER USHERS

- Open

BETHANY COUNCIL

Bethany Council will meet at 5:30 Wednesday, September 20th at the church.

BETHANY CIRCLE

There will be no circle on September 13th. It is to be decided if it will take place at a later date.

CHURCH TELEPHONE LAND LINE.

The land line for the church has been discontinued. The pastor and council members can be reached via their cell phones.

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 or by leaving a message at 543-3806. Deadline for the bulletin is Thursdays.

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