

Parish Newsletter

July 2023



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

July 1st-4th, will find many families gathering together and celebrating the freedoms we cherish in our homeland. July 2nd will be the usual Hatton community service at the Park for our two congregations. I am looking forward to the special part of this usual service with the baptism of Ava Isabella Gunderson. She will become the newest member of Bethany Lutheran when she is given the promise of new life in Christ through the waters of baptism and the word. Her parents, Ivan and Danielle and her sponsors, Jake and Andrea will make promises as we will also, to pray for her to grow into who she was created to be with the new life and freedoms opened to us by the cross of Christ.

Then at the end of the month we'll be the church together down in the valley of Rockin' R, relishing God's creation and enjoying the work of many hands with fellowship and potluck after worship. The night before, Jordan and Emily (UCC member) will make promises to each other as they join their lives to be Mr. and Mrs. It will be through the bonds of love that the promise of having freedom to grow together and into each their own so as to be for others the best possible of who they were created to be will blossom and grow in the mundane, the dramas and extraordinary moments of everyday life.

SO - A July sandwich of promises and celebrations. As July gets filled up with work and travel, take time to consider the freedoms we give thanks for and sometimes might take for granted in the busyness of everyday life. There are 26 weeks in Pentecost this year and this month we're not even to the middle by the time August rolls around. It's the long green season where we put down our roots of faith deep into the soil of the Living Word of God so the free will (FREEDOM) we are given gets us through each season by the power of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth of the EaND has challenged us to study the book of Acts. I'm waiting for more word on that so we can do that together. Let's help each other read the story of the church's beginning and have our eyes wide open to where the Spirit is calling our churches to be now 20 centuries later. Making Things New was the theme of the UCC General Synod June 30-July 4th - what a gift to live in a country where we can freely live out our faith and indeed make things new with the power of the Holy Spirit in faith, love, and service. Sometimes fireworks and sometimes working our fingers to the bone. Keep the balance with the leading of the Spirit of God.

God Bless, Pastor Deborah 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. June newsletter deadline is 7-25-2023.

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SUNDAY READINGS FOR READING AND WORSHIP – JULY 2023

TOP LINE – ELCA; BOTTOM LINE - UCC

- July 2nd - 5th Sunday after Pentecost - **REMEMBER - Hatton Community Service for church today**
 - Jer. 28:5-9; Ps. 89:1-4, 15-18; Rom. 6:12-23; Matt. 10:40-42 Gen.22:1-14; Ps. 13; Rom. 6:12-23; Matt. 10:40-42
- July 9th - 6th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Zech 9:9-12; Ps. 145:8-14; Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt 11:16-19, 25-30 Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Ps. 45:10-17; Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt 11:16-19, 25-30
- July 16th - 7th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Is. 55:10-13; Ps. 65:(1-8) 9-13; Rom. 8:1-1; Matt 13:1-9, 18-23 Gen. 25:19-34; Ps. 119:105-112; Rom. 8:1-1; Matt 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 23rd - 8th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Is. 44:6-8; Ps. 86:11-17; Rom. 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30,36-43 Gen. 28:10-19a; Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24; Rom. 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30,36-43
- July 30th - 9th Sunday after Pentecost - **OUR Parish will worship at Rockin' R Ranch**
 - 1 Kings 3:5-12; Ps. 119:129-136; Rom. 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-3, 44-52 Gen. 29:15-28; Ps. 105:1-11,45b or Ps. 128; Rom. 8:26-39; Matt 13:31-3, 44-52

COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The group will not be meeting this summer.

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ANDERSON/HOFFMAN WEDDING

Emily Anderson and Jordan Hoffman will be getting married on July 29th in Fargo.

SUMMERFEST

During Summerfest over 30 folks, volunteers and participants gathered in the UCC basement for Little Brain games. With the threat of rain, we gathered in the fellowship hall of the UCC church. Kids were invited to take home a game by the event planner Lora Cunningham as the event ended. Monies from a Trail County Grant were spent and a great time was had.



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JULY READERS

July 2 – No Service

July 9 – Betty Reinhart

July 16 – Loretta Larson

July 23 – Linda Stromstad

July 30 – Rockin' R Ranch

JULY USHERS

- Eileen Holt and Cindy Allen

BETHANY CIRCLE/WELCA TEA PARTY



Once again, the Bethany Tea Party provided a delightful time for 75 ladies. Great Hats, Great Food, Great Fellowship. Pat Osland had us all in stitches sharing a story from local author Doreen Rosevold's book Farmwife Diary about her trying to order a cup of coffee. Find out what it means to put a smack in your coffee order.

BETHANY CIRCLE/WELCA

There will be no Circle in July. Bible study will be at the retreat in August.

BETHANY LADIES RETREAT

Ladies are you ready for the WELCA retreat? AUGUST 2nd and 3rd are reserved at Christy's Lakeview for two days of fun and (for some of us) challenging activities and projects, Bible study, some taking care of business, and most fun of all – fellowship! Each day will begin at 9:00am. Please remember your Bibles and your Gather magazine for Bible study.

Retreat Theme: “TIP A GLASS TO KINDNESS”.

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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