

Parish Newsletter **April 2023**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“To everything, turn, turn, turn. There is a season, turn, turn, turn. And a purpose under Heaven.”

The Byrds were founded in 1964 and underwent many changes to their lineup over the years, with names we might recognize like Gram Parsons and David Crosby, who passed away in January of this year. While Jim McGuinn might not be as recognizable a name as those two now, he was the Byrd instrumental in composing this song, “Turn! Turn! Turn!” in 1965, one of the few that many of us would recognize from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Originally adapted from the verses in Ecclesiastes by folk singer Pete Seeger in 1959, these words have undergone changes themselves over the years.

“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted;...A time to love, and a time to hate; A time of war, and a time of peace.” vs. 1-2, 8 NKJV

When you receive this we will be officially in the season of Spring. Despite mountains of snow, despite fears of flooding or heavy snow breaking roofs or gutters or roads, we will have officially turned over a new leaf and landed in Spring. In the church calendar we will either be fast approaching Holy Week, still the 4th season, or we will be in the 5th season of Easter. Or maybe you'll pick it up later in the last season of the church calendar of Pentecost. This year or the next...the promises of our faith remain for all seasons to bring light—with or without Daylight savings time.

Whatever season you are in in your life, in whatever season you read these words, may you be touched by the story of the Resurrection of Easter life. May you be empowered, moved, pushed, surrounded by the Holy Spirit held in the promises of Hope, Love, and new life. Wanna talk about it? Call a friend or even acquaintance. One of the promises of the Easter season is that we will not be left alone, Jesus said. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit is present, a cup of coffee shared, an admonition of correction lovingly shared, a celebration of family gathered.

May you be blessed, 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. MY newsletter deadline is 4-25-2023.

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SUNDAY READINGS FOR READING AND WORSHIP –

APRIL 2023 READINGS ARE THE SAME FOR BOTH CONGREGATIONS THIS MONTH

- April 2nd - **Palm/Passion Sunday**
 - **Gen. 12:1-4a**; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; **Matt 26:1-14-27:66** or **Matt. 27:11-54**
- April 9th - **Easter**
 - Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6; Ps. 118:1-2,14-24; Col. 3:1-4; **John 20:1-18** or **Matt. 28:1-10**
- April 16th - **2nd Sunday of Easter**
 - Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Ps. 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
- April 23rd - **3rd Sunday of Easter**
 - Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps. 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
- April 30th - **4th Sunday of Easter**
 - Acts 2:42-47; Ps. 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday – Regular Worship hours, no Communion.

Maundy Thursday – Mayville UCC 5:30 pm Supper and Tenebrae Service with Holy Communion. Bethany 7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday – Bethany 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion. Mayville UCC 9:30 am Easter Breakfast, 11:00 am Worship Service.

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

APRIL READERS

April 2 – Bob Miess

April 9 – Tami Woxland

April 16 – Aprill Hasting

April 23 – Steve Hastings

April 30 – Dave Anderson

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APRIL READERS

April 2 – Sue Rice

April 9 – Loretta Larson

April 16 – Abram Naastad

April 23 – Lorrie Aamold

April 30 – Betty Reinhart

APRIL USHERS

- Linda Stromstad

BETHANY CIRCLE

Bethany Circle will meet at the church at 2:00pm on Wednesday, April 12.

BETHANY COUNCIL

The meeting for Bethany Council is at 5:30 pm, April 19th at Bethany.

MAYVILLE CONFERENCE CLUSTER GATHERING

The Mayville Conference Cluster gathering of the ENDSWO will take place on April 29, 2023 at Christi's Lakeview Restaurant on Lake Tobiason, 13602 16th St. NE, Hatton, ND 58240.

Registration and brunch begin at 8:30-9:15am. Gathering immediately follows. Guest speaker is Mark Ostgarden, who works with Lighthouse Ministries and Genesis House of Fargo, ND. ***In-kind gifts of men's toiletries are welcomed.***

Come join us for fellowship, inspiration, music and communion and a welcome to SPRING!

Please let Judy Stensland know if you plan to attend before **April 19th.**

CHURCH TELEPHONE LAND LINE.

The land line for the church will be discontinued in the near future. The pastor and council members can be reached via their cell phones.

NO LONGER COLLECTING - USED T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS

Sady, a parishioner from Linda Stromstad's family parish in Beltrami would like to thank you for the many years of donations. We would also like to thank her and her husband, who recently passed, for their time and dedication to this mission of making diapers out of used t-shirts and sweatshirts and sending them to orphanages overseas.

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.

WELCA - IMPORTANT DATES

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.

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.

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

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