

Parish Newsletter **February 2021**



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DEB STAVE

Dear Bethany and Mayville UCC,

We are all still waiting for a trusted and stable “new normal” Right? Sure... Well what will February bring?

Groundhog Day occurs on February 2 every year and coincides with astronomy's cross-quarter day, marking the midpoint between the winter solstice and spring equinox. Let's hope Punxsutawney Pete sees no shadow. Also, Feb. 2nd in the church calendar is **Presentation of Our Lord**. I had to look up more details on that besides what I remembered. * * **Transfiguration Sunday** is mid month coinciding with **Valentine's Day** (<3). * * *The next day is **President's Day** Feb. 15th. - Washington's & Lincoln's combined, great history behind that date being set. Then we swing into Lent with **Ash Wednesday** Feb. 17th. Ash Wednesday can be anywhere from Feb. 4th to March 10th...Bethany has their Annual Meeting on the 21st. Throw in **anniversaries, birthdays**, maybe **snow days** and before we know it we're almost on the tail end of winter.

Some of those special days vary as to date like Ash Wednesday and some are fixed like Valentine's day on the 14th. Whether we are having to look up a “movable feast” date like when Lent starts or which Day of the Week the fixed dates actually fall on like Monday, Tuesday, etc. here are a couple verses that I suggest you take time with - Psalm 118:24 or Eph. 4:26. Lent is usually an extremely reflective time for me. Days so often fly by too scattered, too filled, often wanting more than 24 hours. This year more goals are taking a day at a time, claiming new life, may it be so with you. God Bless,

Pastor Deb Stave

PASTOR DEB CONTACT INFORMATION

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Mayville-Rural Hatton Parish Council met on 12-16-20 and 1-27-21. Both Bethany and UCC churches voted on Jan. 24, 2021 to move forward with a pastoral call to Pastor Deb Stave. Karen has applied for PPP Covid loan money twice on behalf of the parish to cover salaries and lost income. The application in April 2020 for \$10,812 was awarded and approved as a grant, and another \$10,812 was applied for in Dec. 2020. Now that Goose River is no longer part of the parish, both churches will discuss percentages of parish contributions at their upcoming annual meetings. Both churches are also asked to consider how the 5th Sundays of the month will be handled going forward.

SUNDAY LESSONS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

- **Feb. 7** - 5th Sun. after Epiphany - Isa. 40: 21-31, Ps. 147:1-11,20c, 1 Cor. 9:16-23, Mk. 1:29-39
- **Feb. 14** - Transfiguration of our Lord/Last Sun. after Epiphany - 2 Kings 2:1-12, Ps. 50:1-6, 2 Cor. 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9
- **Feb. 17** - Ash Wednesday
- **Feb. 21** - 1st Sun. in Lent - Genesis 9:8-17, Ps. 25:1-10, 1 Pet. 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15
- **Feb. 24** - 1st Wednesday in Lent
- **Feb. 28** - 2nd Sun. in Lent - Gen. 17:1-17,15-16, Ps. 22:23-31, Rom. 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation schedule for February -

Feb. 3rd - 3:45 to 5pm.

Feb. 10th - Early Release Day 2pm to 3:30pm

Feb. 17th, Feb. 24th TBD - watch for announcements

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@gma

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. March newsletter deadline is 2-23-2021.

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

VIRTUAL CRANBERRY CAKE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

The UCC women's fellowship was not able to have their annual December fundraiser featuring Cranberry Cake, Coffee, and Baked goods. Just a reminder that Valentine's Day is our goal for donations. There are two different recipes - choose which one you want - let us know at the annual meeting.

Bethany News

FEBRUARY READERS

- Feb. 7 - Kayla Smith
- Feb. 14 - Betty Reinhart
- Feb. 21 - Jeff Foss
- Feb. 28 - Laura Foss

BETHANY COUNCIL

The Bethany Council met on Wednesday, January 20th. HIGHLIGHTS: Pastor Deb is now going to the home on a regular basis. New LED lights have been put in the basement. (Thank you to the men who put them in.) We will be looking into running a new speaker line into the basement speaker. Christ in our Home devotionals will be ordered. Went over the budget proposal for the 2021 fiscal year. The new copier is in. We will be having Lenten services every week. Next council meeting will be February 17th around 7:30pm following the Ash Wednesday service.

ANNUAL MEETING

Bethany will have their annual meeting February 21st following the 9:00am worship service. No meal.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

The Elizabeth Circle has permanently changed their meeting time from 7:00 to 2:30. The next meeting will be February 10 at 2:30.

BETHANY QUILTING

The quilters have been busy in January and have a good number of quilts to donate. We are looking for more charitable organizations who would be in need of them. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

February Quilting Dates

Feb. 5 & 6

Feb. 19 & 20

All are welcome to bring a sack lunch and join us at 9:00 or any time after.

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

Bethany Sunday School will resume for shortened sessions immediately following church services on Sundays every other week going forward. Meeting dates will be Jan. 31, Feb. 14 and Feb. 28th. We will do some music, followed by a short lesson socially distanced in the sanctuary. Kids will take their activities home to do with their families. For those families not comfortable in returning to Sunday School, we will leave copies of the activities at the church to pick up if they wish. Kids should wear masks, and we will text updates as necessary.

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.

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