

# ***Parish Newsletter***

## **February 2026**



### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

*And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” -Matthew 28: 20b*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Change is something that's difficult for all of us. Jesus knew this and spent months talking to the disciples, training them, and preparing them to be able to continue his mission when he was no longer there. They were in denial, fighting the change to come, and grieving before they fully grasped what it was Jesus was actually telling them. Peter even tried to convince Jesus to avoid the whole thing, but change still happened, Jesus died and was resurrected. He was no longer walking beside them. The mission was now theirs. If you read the Gospel endings and Acts in the Bible you'll hear the stories of some of the problems and difficulties they had adjusting and working out how to continue with Jesus' mission. They disagreed with how things should be done. They couldn't figure out how to get along and carry-on. They had trouble remembering what Jesus had said, '*I am with you always, to the end of the age*'

Think of the changes that have come to your lives - the happy ones like getting your driver's license, graduation, marriage, children, new jobs, new places to live. We also have sad ones though too, like changes in relationships, health, the death of a loved one, transitions. Some changes we dread and some we look forward to, and some become the best things that have ever happened to us, and some of the happy ones don't turn out how we expected at all. Through all of these, God is with us – to pour our hearts out to, to listen to us, to comfort us, but also to help us move forward, to guide us, to remind us that '*I am with you always, to the end of the age.*'

Blessings,  
*Pastor Bonnie*

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## FEBRUARY READINGS

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
February 1	Micah 6:1-8	Ps 15	1 Cor 1:18-31	Matt 5:1-12
February 8	Isa 58:1-9a [9b-12]	Ps 112:1-9 [10]	1 Cor 2:1-12 [13-16]	Matt 5:13-20
February 15	Exod 24:12-18	Ps 2 or Ps 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matt 17:1-9
February 18 (Wed)	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa 58:1-12	Ps 51:1-17	2 Cor 5:20b-6:10	Matt 6:1-6, 16-21
February 22	Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Ps 32	Rom 5:12-19	Matt 4:1-11

## NEWSLETTER

Newsletter items can be sent to Tracy Foss at [Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com](mailto:Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com) Newsletter deadline is usually the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. February newsletter deadline is 2-24-2026.

## Mayville Congregational-UCC News

### SCRIPTURE READERS FEBRUARY

February 1 – Bob M

February 8 – Dave A

February 15 – Aprill H

February 22 – Paul B

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1 COMMUNION

Servers are Kraig and Jackee.

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15TH TIME CHANGE

NOTE TIME CHANGE! UCC will have their service at 9:00am (with coffee to follow) to allow Pastor Bonnie to attend the annual meeting at Bethany.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for UCC will be held on March 1, after worship service at 11:00am.

## **LENTEN GATHERINGS**

Our first Lenten gathering and meal will be Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. We'll gather downstairs and a soup supper will follow the service.

Sign Up - Please sign up on the sheet near the serving window to serve one of the Lenten meals.

Lenten Services – Lent services will be each Wednesday, February 25-March 25 at 5:00pm downstairs with a short service and then a soup supper.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Palm Sunday – March 29, 11:00am service

Maundy Thursday – April 2, 5:00pm service

Easter Sunday – April 5, 11:00am service, Easter breakfast before the service and a Sanctuary Easter Egg Hunt after the service.

## **FACEBOOK PAGE**

*Mayville-Rural Hatton Parish If you have anything you would like to have added to our Facebook page please send it to Pastor Bonnie or Laurie Papenfuss. Pictures are wonderful. Notifications of events, meetings, and gatherings are great.*

# ***Bethany News***

## **FEBRUARY READERS**

February 1 – Karen Naastad

February 8 – Sandi Christensen

February 15 – Linda Stromstad

February 22 – Lorretta Larson

## **QUILTING**

Quilting will continue to meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 unless there are not enough people available to meet. If they are not meeting a text message will be sent out. All women are welcome! You need to bring a lunch.

## **BETHANY CIRCLE**

Circle will meet at 2:00pm on Wednesday, February 11 at the church.

## **BETHANY COUNCIL**

The Bethany Council will not meet in February.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Annual Meeting – The Annual Congregation Meeting will be on February 15 after worship and followed by a potluck. During the meeting we'll be nominating up to three people for Bishop of the Eastern North Dakota Synod of the ELCA; and voting on a new proposed constitution. Copies of the constitution, and/or an executive summary of the changes of note, are available at the church by the stairs. The Annual Report is also available to review before the meeting. [Please note that worship will be at 11:00am that day so that Pastor Bonnie may join us for the meeting]

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Our Ash Wednesday service is on Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00pm.

## **LENTEN SERVICES**

Services – Lent services will be each Wednesday, February 25-March 25 with a soup supper at 5:00pm and a vespers service at 7:00pm.

Sign Up - We can serve soup and sandwich on 5 of these days, not including Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. The women will serve 2 of these Wednesdays. If there are any other groups that would like to serve, let Charlotte Lee know which dates you would like to serve. We will put the dates for soup and sandwich in the bulletin.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

Council Meeting – March 17 at 4:30pm

Palm Sunday – March 29, 9:00am service

Maundy Thursday – April 2, 7:00pm service

Easter Sunday – April 5, 9:00am service

## **2026 WELCA TRIENNIAL GATHERING**

The Triennial Gathering will take place in Des Moines, Iowa July 16-19, 2026. Registration before January 5th will be \$475 and after January 5th will be \$525. Find more information about the gathering at <https://womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>

## **T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, AND KNIT SHEETS NEEDED**

If you have any t-shirts, sweatshirts, or knit sheets that you are getting rid of please give them to Linda Stromstad. They will be given to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Crookston. They use them to make diapers which are given to 3rd world countries.

## **PRISON MINISTRY**

The James River Regional Correctional Facility is still collecting yarn. They have also added a new project which is a knitted/crocheted heart pillow. So, in addition to the yarn, they are asking for donations of polyester fiber-fill to help them with this project. You can bring the yarn and fiber-fill to church and leave it in the basement.

## **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.

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## **WEB PAGE**

*BethanyRuralHatton.com* If you have anything you would like to put on the website contact Mark Aamold.

## **BULLETIN**

Bulletin announcements can be sent to Lorrie Aamold [Loaamold@hotmail.com](mailto:Loaamold@hotmail.com) or by leaving a message at 543-3806. Deadline for the bulletin is Thursdays.

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