

Parish Newsletter

July 2026

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope - Psalm 130:5

Waiting is one of the hardest things we do – and we do a lot of it. Waiting for test results, waiting to get an acceptance letter for college, waiting for a baby to be born, waiting in line at the store, waiting for a special day to arrive. We get impatient with waiting all the time.

Most of the time our waiting is just our everyday kind, but sometimes it is the deep, soulful kind. If you have children, remember the waiting and watching as you anticipated your baby's birth and waited as your child grew, your thoughts ranging from enthusiasm and expectation to deep soulful wondering if you are ready to raise a child. Waiting can be the most important part of what we're doing. It's the time when we can plan and consider. It's the time when we can weigh past and future decisions. It's also the time when we can prepare ourselves with prayer. The waiting time can be the time when we really grow in faith and as individuals.

Our natural instinct is to want things to happen right away, but sometimes the waiting time is the most important part. The next time you have to wait try looking at the waiting as time to spend in that sacred space where God prepares us for whatever is coming down the road – it's a sacred space where we can grow, where God's grace will be revealed, and the Holy Spirit will move in amazing ways.

God bless you,
Pastor Bonnie

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JULY READINGS

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
July 5	Zech 9:9-12	Ps 145:8-14	Rom 7:15-25a	Matt 11:16-19, 25-30
July 12	Isa 55:10-13	Ps 65:[1-8] 9-13	Rom 8:1-11	Matt 13:1-9, 18-23
July 19	Isa 44:6-8	Ps 86:11-17	Rom 8:12-25	Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
July 26	1 Kings 3:5-12	Ps 119:129-136	Rom 8:26-39	Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

SAVE THE DATE – ROCKIN 'R RANCH SERVICE

On Sunday, August 30 we'll worship together as a parish at Rockin 'R Ranch The service will be at 10:30am, followed by a pot luck. Bethany Lutheran is the hosting congregation.

WORSHIP IN HATTON PARK

On Sunday, July 5 there will be a Hatton Community Worship Service at the Park in Hatton which Pastor Bonnie will share in leading. All are welcome to come! Coffee will be ready at 9:00am and the service will be at 10:00am. You're welcome to come in a golf cart or bring lawn chairs. There will be no service at Bethany Lutheran or Mayville Congregational UCC on that Sunday. The service will include communion.

DACOTAH OYATE KIDS CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Every year churches are invited to participate in the Dacotah Oyate Kids Christmas Project. This provides children, shepherded through Dacotah Oyate Lutheran Church on the Spirit Lake Reservation south of Devils Lake, with a Christmas Gift including specific practical gifts (gloves/mittens, socks, several hygiene products) as well as a fun (\$15-20) gift. There will be opportunities to provide an entire gift bag, just a couple items, a donation towards items, or even to festively decorate the provided gift bags. Stay tuned for more details later in the month. This will be a project in August.

PASSION PLAY

Experience the greatest story ever told at the Passion Play on July 3-5 and July 10-12 beginning at 7:30pm in the beautiful Pembina Valley, Oak Valley Outdoor Theatre in La Riviere, MB! Gates open at 5:30pm and you are invited to bring a picnic or purchase food there to enjoy outside. It's a little over 3 hours from here and is definitely worth the trip. This beautifully performed play is outside and takes place across a panoramic view of a hillside. Featuring a live orchestra, the play traces the story of Jesus' life from birth through resurrection. Advance tickets are only \$20 per person. Reservations can be made online at www.passionplay.ca. Bring lawn chairs or sit in grandstand seating. Stay overnight in nearby towns to forego rushing to cross the border to get back home. You'll need a passport. Ask Pastor Bonnie for more information.

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.

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. August newsletter deadline is 7-21-2026.

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

JULY READERS

July 5 – No Service

Pastor Bonnie will be helping to lead the Community Service in the Hatton Park.

We will not have communion in July.

July 12 – Aprill Hastings

July 19 – Paul Batesel

July 26 – Sarah Batesel

CHURCH UPDATES

The roofing project will be started in July. The elevator was evaluated by the “elevator people”, but it was determined it’s an electrical issue. Brad contacted the appropriate people to remedy that situation and the elevator has been fixed! Sarah reported the organ will be “worked on” August 3rd.

Bethany News

JULY READERS

July 5 – No Service - Church Service with Communion at Hatton Park at 10:00am

There will be no Communion at Bethany in July

July 12 – Judy Stensland

July 19 – Betty Reinhart

July 26 – Sandi Christensen

BETHANY COUNCIL

The council met on Tuesday, June 16th. Trees need to be removed at the cemetery. The church is being painted. The electrical conduit north of church was fixed.. Looking into a different down spout drainage system. Looking at replacing the fascia trim on the church. The top and bottom steps on the front are going to be painted for safety. Communion will be at the park on July 5th, no church at Bethany. There will be no council meeting in July. The next one will be August 18th.

BETHANY CIRCLE

There will not be a meeting in July.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Beginning in August Bethany Circle will begin studying the Women in the Bible with Pastor Bonnie. Each month we'll study one woman – second Wednesday of the month at 2:00pm.

CONDIT POTLUCK PICNIC SUPPER

Don and Nancy Condit are inviting you to a Potluck Picnic Supper at their Farm on Thursday, July 9th at 6:00pm Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, and Beverages will be provided! It will be a meet and greet with Jason & Maria–Clang and several other California families. They want their California Family to meet their North Dakota Families. Please bring food typical of what you grew up on to share our cultures. There will be containers available to help yourself to a meal to take home with you. So, you are very welcome to make more to share. This follows a Philippian family tradition. Please come and join us!!

Directions from Mayville: North on County Hwy 14; turn left, go west 5 miles on gravel (Buxton road); turn left go south 1/3 mile; house is on the right-hand side. OR Travel Hwy 200 continue towards Hatton on Hwy 18; turn right, go east for 1 mile on gravel (Buxton road); turn right go south 1/3 mile; house is on the right-hand side.

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>

WELCA AFTERNOON EXCURSION

WELCA ladies are all invited to tour the Larsgaard Wool Mill at Northwood on Thursday, July 23 at 2:00. They raise alpacas and use their wool in the mill. Christy invited us to come to Lakeview following the tour. It will be an interesting and fun afternoon. (Thank you Sandi for making the arrangements!)

WOMEN'S OUTING

The women have planned a trip to Walhalla to go to the Frostfire musical entitled "Come From Away" on Wednesday, July, 29th at 2:00. We will have lunch at the Frostfire Lodge and after lunch will continue on to the theatre in Walhalla for the musical. The musical is in the movie theatre that is located right in Walhalla. The tickets have been purchased and the meals are also paid for.

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.

YARN & FIBER-FILL DONATIONS

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 any type of 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.

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

BETHANY NEWS

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