

Parish Newsletter **September 2021**



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DEB STAVE

Troy introduced me to my husband when he was serving a multipoint parish in the Hatton area and I was in my first parish south of Fargo. Troy and I met at Seminary, he had been a teacher and left to pursue a ministry path. He is again a teacher. Last week he posted a complex math problem on Facebook. Both he and I came up with the solution of 4. When I read the others, who had responded there were different outcomes. I can't remember the first part of the equation, it was a series of multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. I don't remember if there were any parentheses amid the numbers and operations. He must of (like I did) started on the left side grouping numbers so that after what preceded the "...x 0" we ended up with the last step of $2 + 2 =$ thus both our answers of 4. Curious, I scrolled down to read the various comments.

A few folks answered 141 for that complex line of numbers and operations. One person gave a lesson on how 141 was THE correct answer. That led me to look up an article called "What Is the Answer to That Stupid Math Problem on Facebook". One tidbit I learned was PEMDAS - which stands for Parentheses Exponents Multiplication Division Addition Subtraction) and the way to remember it -(P)lease (e)xcuse (m)y (d)ear (A)unt (S)ally - PEMDAS. Oh boy!

I remember the "New Math" my kids, now 22 and 25, did when they were in grade school. A totally different way to do division, to estimate and calculate in steps that were foreign to me so quickly they didn't always ask me to help with homework.

I just spent an hour comparing the Sunday Lessons listed for our two denominations. The bulletin makers, readers and myself find those lists important for preparation for worship. Sometimes it's confusing, which is the right scripture for that Sunday??!!

Both the denominations of our Parish - ELCA and UCC call us to be lifelong learners, recognizing that we are called children of the Living Word. Inviting us to take our yesterdays and todays and walk into the tomorrows with good courage and hope. What's "The" right way to learn and grow in the faith? Which scripture book to read, in what order, what version of the bible?

As a new learning year flies by again whether in the classroom, kitchen, field, gravel or paved roads alone or with others it really does take a village. The living Word of God speaks through the likes of you and me and to the hearts and minds of you and me and sometimes we agree and sometimes we have to listen more.

Blessings, Pastor Deb

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 voice mail or text if you don't get an answer. There is a message machine at Bethany but I'm unable to retrieve messages remotely. There is not a message machine at Mayville U.C.C.

PASTOR DEB CONTACT INFORMATION

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SUNDAY LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

- September 5th - 15th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Isa. 35:4-7a; Ps. 146, James 2:1-10 (11-13)14-17, Mark 7:24-37
- September 12th - 16th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
- September 19th - 17th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Jer. 11:18-20; Ps. 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37
- September 26th - 18th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Numbers 11:4-6-10-16, 24-29; Ps. 19:7-14; James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

Readings for the UCC this month match in the lessons from the Book of James and the Gospel of Mark. The OT readings are different depending on the choice of the writer of Worship Ways for the weeks in September.

PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 20th at 6:00PM at Bethany Church.

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. October newsletter deadline is 9-21-2021.

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

SEPTEMBER 18TH RUMMAGE SALE!!

8:00 am to afternoon. Saturday,
September 18, 2021.

UCC Church (111 Center Ave. N), across
from the grocery store in Mayville.

Books, dishes, collectibles, household and
kitchen items, decorations, jewelry, clothing of assorted sizes, light furniture
pieces, toys, homemade jams, baking-to-go, and lots of miscellaneous “stuff”!

Proceeds go to UCC Women’s Fellowship for community support projects.



Bethany News.

SEPTEMBER READERS

- August 1 - Judy Stensland
- September 5 - Loretta Larson
- September 12 -
- September 19 - Linsey Naastad
- September 26 - Karen Naastad

SEPTEMBER USHERS

- We are in need of ushers for September.

BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rally Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 12th.

BETHANY CIRCLE/WELCA

Bethany Circle/WELCA will meet at the church on Wed. September 8th at 2:30pm.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation for Bethany 9th graders will again be held at the Hatton Community Center after school. The first class will be September 8, which is an early out.

LIFE LONG LEARNERS

(Pictured at Right) Brynley Coleman and Shelby Johnson at their Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism) Service May 30th, 2021.



THANK YOU – SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A "huge" thank you to Marin, Mandy, Karen O., and Troy for acquiring Thrivent cards to shop for school supplies for the **Trail County Back to School Program** and **LWR Kits**. It will make several children very excited to have these new supplies. Marin relayed a unique happening as they were shopping. Two people were inquisitive and asked, "Why so many supplies?" When Marin told the clerk and a fellow in line (checking out) where these supplies were going, he started crying. What a wonderful experience! "It was fun shopping", said Marin. I think we will send

them on another adventure next year! Here is a picture of just two of the cards supplies.



ENDSWO

ENDSWO meeting will be held on September 18, 2021 at the Park River Bible Camp. In kind offering is taken for a children's camp project. We will contribute stuffed animal toys towards this project. Kevin Wallevand is guest speaker in the afternoon. Registration is from 9-10 with meetings and Bible study to follow. Lunch is served at a cost of \$11 to any participant. Any extra yarn that you might have will be donated to the prison missions.



BETHANY COUNCIL

The Bethany Council met on Wednesday, August 25, 2021. Pastor Deb will be attending the Fall Theological conference September 12-15. Sometime in October area churches will be doing a Pastor swap. On November 14th the pastor from Red Willow will be here. This will coincide with Mission/Thanks Sunday. Discussion was had on looking into updating the cemetery plot book.

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 EaNDSWO convention in **September**, and from there it goes to prisons of ND, where they knit things to give or send away.

USED T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS

Linda Stromstad knows of an outlet for used sweatshirts and t-shirts. They are used in making diapers and sent to orphanages overseas. They use all sizes in any condition. If you have any you would like to donate, please deliver them to Linda.

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.

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.

BETHANY NEWS

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