

# ***Parish Newsletter*** **August 2021**



## **FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DEB STAVE**

A picture is worth a thousand words. Vines/WEEDS/sweat, blood & tears...Good growth and deep roots and strong wings.

We have had August weather off and on it feels like all summer. Soon our three 2021 H.S. graduates will be off to college. Kids and teachers from our 2 congregations will be starting school. It feels like the summer has flown by! Many of the fields look lush and healthy from the road driving to Bethany yet I'm thinking about the conversation with an area farmer about their concerns. The backyard of the U.C.C. church is lush green and the flower beds lovingly tended are definitely feeling the intense heat and lack of rain at times.

I was gone for one week and this vining thing along with all the other weedy species were like Invasion of the Body Snatchers.

During these last few weeks before things really rev up - harvest and canning for some, school shopping and lesson planning, last weeks at the lake and trying to get in visits to and from friends and families whose calendar revolve around the school year, pace yourselves. Breathe and rest.

As I struggled to write this month's letter and work with the texts for the June 25th Sunday, this is the 5th rewrite, way less than 1000 words. I've included these two pictures for food for thought. Jesus knew about self-care and purposeful living....I haven't counted the words in the gospel text - John 6:1-21. There's a lot of action and three scene changes. Here's his response to the festival issues of supply and demand from 6:1-13 -V.15 - ***When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.***

What follows in vs.16-19 is a lake scene where the disciples are "terrified". Jesus' words here are ***"It is I do not be afraid"***

I can't physically do all I used to do. I ache more easily, I bruise way too easily, but if I pace myself I may get rid of the viny monsters in this small garden patch. I may even replant the current residents other places in the gardens around my Mayville house.



Here's an invitation - if anyone can tell me the identity of the plant with the blue flower (I propped it up with the butterflies, it's not a vine) - I'll offer a reward which I will negotiate. How's that for an end of the summer royal bonus treat?



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**

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

### **SUNDAY LESSONS FOR AUGUST 2021**

- August 1st - 10th Sunday after Pentecost
  - Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Ps. 78:23-29, Eph. 4:1-16, John 6:24-35
- August 8th - 11th Sunday after Pentecost
  - 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ps. 34:1-8; Eph. 4:25-5:2; John 6:41-51
- August 15th - 12th Sunday after Pentecost
  - Proverbs 9:1-6; Ps. 34:9-14; Eph. 5:15-20, John 6:51-58
- August 22nd - 13th Sunday after Pentecost
  - Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18; Ps.34:15-22; Eph. 6:10-20, John 6:56-69
- August 29th - 14th Sunday after Pentecost
  - Deut. 4:1-2,6-9; Ps.15; James. 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8.14-15,21-23

### **NEWSLETTER**

*Newsletter items can be sent to Tracy Foss at [Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com](mailto:Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com). Newsletter deadline is the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. September newsletter deadline is 8-24-2021.*

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

The Parish Council met on Wednesday, July 14th at Bethany Church. The parish budget is 44% spent at this time. Karen submitted for the second round of PPP funding and \$10,812 was approved as a loan. She has not heard if it was approved as a grant yet. Churches did not contribute their quarter 1 and 2 dollars this year due to the grants/loans. Council felt it was appropriate to have both churches contribute their 3rd quarter dollars and we can see where we are at later in the year. Fifth Sunday joint services were discussed again. A joint Rockin' R Ranch service will be scheduled for Sunday, August 29th at 10:30AM followed by a potluck lunch. Next meeting was set for Wednesday, October 20th at 6:00PM at Bethany Church.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST JOHN IN HATTON**

St. John Lutheran of Hatton will be having Vacation Bible School August 1-3. Sunday will be from 3pm-6pm. Monday and Tuesday will be 9am-3pm. Open to Ages 5 (entering Kindergarten) through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. It will be put on by Red Willow Bible Camp. It is open to kids from other congregations. Registration is open on their Facebook page.

# **Mayville Congregational-UCC News**

## **RUMMAGE SALE**

The UCC scheduled rummage sale for June 27th has been postponed - watch for the rescheduled date.

## ***Bethany News.***

## **AUGUST READERS**

- August 1 - Judy Stensland
- August 8 - Loretta Larson
- August 15 - Sue Rice
- August 22 - Justin Foss
- August 29 - Church at the Rockin R Ranch

## **AUGUST USHERS**

- Wayne and Betty Reinhart.

## **EaND ASSEMBLY IN AUGUST**

The Eastern ND Assembly will be held in house in Fargo from August 14-15th. This year's theme is "Live in Love". **Delegates are needed.** Pastor Deb will be attending.

## **BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Please call or text Linsey Naastad 701-226-6371 or Laura Foss 218-779-1031 if your children plan to participate in Sunday School at Bethany this year. We will start making plans for a fun year of church youth activities.

## **FAB ENG SISTERS TO APPEAR AT HATTON EIELSON MUSEUM**

The Fab Eng Sisters, originally from Portland ND, will present a program entitled FLYING. The program promises to be entertaining and hilarious, but maybe not educational! The event will take place on the lawn of the Hatton Eielson Museum at 2:00 PM, Sunday August 8. There will be an ice cream social following the program.

## **BETHANY CIRCLE/WELCA**

Bethany Circle/WELCA will meet at the church on Wed. August 11 at 2:30.

## **RED WILLOW QUILT AUCTION**

Red Willow Quilt Auction will be held Saturday, August 28, 2021. Activities will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Instead of donating a quilt for the auction this year, our WELCA will be donating 2 "theme baskets" to be put on the silent auction.

## **WELCA SWO**

The WELCA SWO will be held at the Park River Bible Camp on September 18, 2021 with Kevin Wallevand as main speaker. A Cluster representative is needed in the Mayville Cluster and all SWO positions on the Board are available. Anyone interested, contact Pat for form to fill out. Also, she has job descriptions for all positions.

## **BETHANY COUNCIL**

The Bethany Council did not meet in July. Joel Foss and Doug Osland will be interim council members until the next annual meeting.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> St NE, Mayville, ND 58257.

## **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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