

Parish Newsletter **September 2020**



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DEB STAVE

Old Normal? New Normal? When will there be a normal routine and rhythm?

Often bible verses go floating through my mind - sometimes I have to get out my unabridged concordance to find the book, chapter and verse, sometimes it works to use a search engine but usually I can find what I'm thinking of after a while.

I often ask folks if they have a favorite verse, or in some circumstances if they had a verse for confirmation they chose or was given them. Hebrews 13:8 - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." That one has been on a continuous loop in my head the week I'm writing this. It was the confirmation verse of a septuagint World War II vet that held his confirmation verse in his heart despite not finding the established church to be his community. When I asked what that meant to him he said God is God and Jesus never changes. God is Good, God is great. God is God...

We have had the gift of meeting in person and being the church together for a little while now when some still are not gathering except through the air waves. Outside some meet or safely as they can meet inside being the church together. As the weather gets colder and the roads maybe more challenging, we are church together in a building or in Spirit. We are asked to pick up our cross and follow - to be all we are meant to be. Those gifts are differing, some well honed, some growing into them but our gifts together let the world know the church is never closed. The church is us and we got a story to tell. So the new normal may not come for a while. But there is one thing I know..the Holy Spirit will give us the words to pray, that nothing will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. And in Christ we can agree to disagree and use what we have to let God still speak. If those things sound familiar they're from Romans chapter 8 that we went through this summer. Chapter 8 - pretty much all of it, is worth saying/reading a few or a hundred times so no matter what, you'll know it in your insides even if you forget everything else. Prayer and relationship that is certain...in a God who came in flesh and blood, fully human, fully God to show us what it is to be humane and beloved of God. Thank God, Jesus is the Messiah and we get to be the ones to follow. Grace, growth, forgiveness and the abundant life to you All.

PASTOR DEB CONTACT INFORMATION

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

SUNDAY LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER

- **September 6th** - Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20
- **September 13th** - Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:1-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35
- **September 20th** - Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16
- **September 27th** - Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

MAYVILLE-RURAL HATTON PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

PLEASE check out our parish FB page - Mayville-Rural Hatton Parish. You don't have to have a FB account - google FB and put in the name of the page above.

We know that some folks still are accessing this page. So this fall we've thought of recording in the churches. What do you think? Make suggestions for postings, I've been picking the hymns and blending the UCC and Lutheran services some weeks. If you'd like to be a reader, leave me a message and I will coordinate with you. I hope to find readers for each week, please let me know if you are interested and I will arrange it. There may be some weeks we can't post a service but there will be something. Please "like" the page, it helps somehow.

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. September newsletter deadline is 8-25-2020.

UPDATING NEWSLETTER LISTS

We are updating our list of individuals who would like to receive their newsletter through e-mail instead of hardcopy/mail, would no longer like to receive the newsletter, or would like a hardcopy of the calendar and the rest sent via e-mail. If you would like to make any changes, please contact Tracy Foss: e-mail Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com, cell phone 701-430-0065.

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

Goose River News

SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 18TH

Goose River is inviting Bethany and Goose River members who would like to come to worship together at 10:30am (PLEASE NOTE the different time). Presiding Interim Bishop Larry Wohlrabe will be preaching to honor the faithful service in this closing year of their congregation.

NORMAL ROTATION TIMES

Goose River will keep on their normal rotation times and will be meeting this month (September 20th after church) to make plans for the rest of the year. Please watch for news.

Bethany News

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY NIGHT – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th 6:00PM

We will be starting Sunday School on Sunday, September 20th at 6:00PM. To start out the year, we plan on having 1 face to face offering a month, with more options on-line. More information about the beginning of the year will be handed out on the 20th. We will be practicing social distancing. In case social distancing cannot be reached we do ask that all students coming to Sunday School have their own mask. If they do not have a mask, one can be provided.

CONFIRMATION

Because of the restrictions for care facilities, Hatton Prairie Village will not be used for Confirmation. The 6 students – (2) 2nd year and (4) 1st year will be able to meet at the Hatton Community Center. That date is tentatively set for September 23rd at the usual time of 3:45.

SEPTEMBER READERS

- 6th: Karen Osland
- 13th: Karen Naastad
- 20th: Betty Reinhart
- 27th: Karen Osland

UPDATE: WELCA ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY SHOPPING TRIP

A huge thank you to Laurie and Mandy Aamold and Karen Osland for acquiring Thrivent cards for our Bethany WELCA to purchase school supplies for the Traill County School Drive. Three women went shopping for multi-subject notebooks, USB flash drives, scientific calculators, ear buds, sharpies, Expo markers, glue, scissors and BOOK BAGS (all sizes). A tote of pens, pencils erasers, rulers, crayons and boxes of paper had been collected over the past year and donated two weeks prior to the "shopping spree". All supplies were distributed August 6th at two locations in the county and made a lot of kids, as well as parents, happy to have "new stuff" to begin their school year. Thank you to everyone involved.

BETHANY WELCA

WELCA has completed a large number of quilts since the beginning of the year, including 11 in August. They have sent 19 quilts to Lutheran World Relief as well as 9 baby kits and 5 sewing kits. Quilts were also distributed to CVIC, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Churches United, Northland Mission, Prairie Harvest, Altru Hospice (Camp Good Morning), and the Kayla Ness family. The Ness family recently lost their home in a fire.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

Elizabeth Circle will meet Wednesday, September 9th at Bethany Church at 7:00 PM.

IN-HOUSE WORSHIP GUIDELINES

- Please keep social distancing in mind when you come to the church and watch for others to give them time to get into the sanctuary following 6 ft. recommended distancing.
- We encourage everyone to bring their own mask and have it ready to wear as you enter the building.
- You will be given sanitizer and a wipe to use, please listen for further instruction with the announcements to keep our worship and worship space safe.
- You will be ushered in and out and are invited to have fellowship with good distancing outside after the service.
- We will be recording who is in attendance for follow up in case of the need of contact tracing. Those lists will only be used for that purpose.

QUILTING DATES

Watch for a text for dates for quilting.

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 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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