

# ***Parish Newsletter***

## **May 2023**



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

Just last week I heard folks saying April SNOW showers bring May flowers. It was said with sometimes a grimace. That last April storm dampened a lot of spirits for a few days. The fear from flood weather reports was setting folks on edge as much as watching the ditch and river water rise or start going across roads.

Today as the deadline for the newsletter loomed I was distracted and overjoyed by the numbers of walkers and bikers going by my Mayville house. Our dog Bernie and I spent some time in the morning throwing and retrieving sticks at Island Park. My husband Luther and I walked downtown for supper. I did not venture to Hatton and beyond but was amazed how the Goose River in Mayville was down from Sunday. Reading the two days of predicted rain for the rest of this week doesn't seem terribly alarming but eyes wide open is still a good plan.

We move to Pentecost at the end of May. In the book of Acts we hear in chapter 2 a dramatic story of flames and speaking and understanding in another's language. It's all about The Story of the power of the giving and receiving of the Holy Spirit. There are a lot of names for the shy member of the Trinity - Dove, comforter, intercessor, paraclete, presence of God, spirit of God, spirit of truth, Holy Ghost, the 3rd person of the Trinity, and advocate. Maybe you have another. Jesus' ascension is celebrated May 18th. His words of "I will not leave you desolate" is the promise we can call on through floods and fears, joys and celebrations.

Got thoughts, questions or just plain words of thanks? Let those tongues shout out. God is great, God is Good, God is the still speaking spark of life. May you be touched by the resurrection joy of our Easter season and right into the long stretch of the Pentecost fire and ordinary days of green growth.

Blessings, Pastor Deb

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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 voicemail or text if you don't get an answer.

### **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. MY newsletter deadline is 5-23-2023.

# Parish News

## SUNDAY READINGS FOR READING AND WORSHIP – MAY 2023

### RCL READINGS ARE THE SAME FOR BOTH CONGREGATIONS THIS MONTH

- May 7th - 5th Sunday of Easter
  - Acts 7:55-60; Ps. 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
- May 14th - 6th Sunday of Easter
  - Acts 17:22-31; Ps. 66:8-20; 1 Pet. 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
- May 21st - 7th Sunday of Easter
  - Acts 1:6-14; Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11
- May 28th - Pentecost Sunday - consider wearing Red or dress as a fireperson
  - Acts 2:1-21 or Num. 11:24-30; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Cor. 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; Jn20:19-23 or 7:37-39

## GRADUATION AND BACCALAUREATE SERVICES

Hatton Honors Night and Baccalaureate Service will be held at St. John Lutheran Church May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. MPCG Baccalaureate Services will be held at Mayville Lutheran May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Hatton Graduation will be at 1:00 pm on May 21<sup>st</sup>. MPCG Graduation will be at 2:00 pm on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## THINKING AHEAD

Pastor Deb will be attending the EaND Synod Assembly in Fargo June 3rd and 4th. There will be services at our churches but please watch for any changes via text or email or in the Bulletin announcements. Holy Communion will be celebrated on June 11th

## COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grieving the loss of a loved one? Join our local grief support group! **Who:** Anyone, of any age who has had someone significant to them (family, children/infants, friends etc.) pass on. **When:** Every third Monday of the Month from 7-8 PM. **Where:** Hatton Community Center; Railroad Ave E. Hatton ND. Have questions or would like to connect with us: Renee Anderson: (701-430-1077) or Emily Anderson: (701-430-3633)

## Mayville Congregational-UCC News

### MAY READERS

May 7 – Sarah Batesel

May 14 – Paul Batesel

May 21 – Jackee Lerol

May 28 – Kraig Lerol

## **BRIDAL SHOWER**

A Bridal shower for Emily Anderson will be held May 6th from 12 Noon to 2PM - more details are posted on the bulletin board in the entry

## **STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING**

Strengthen the Church offering is receiving May 28<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes are by the bulletins or mark your check.

## ***Bethany News***

### **MAY READERS**

May 7 – Alicia Foss

May 14 – Steve/Sandi Christensen

May 21 – No Church

May 28 – Betty Reinhart

### **MAY USHERS**

- Linda Stromstad

### **BETHANY CIRCLE**

Bethany Circle will meet Wednesday, May 10 at 2:00 at the church.

### **BETHANY COUNCIL**

Pastor Deb will be participating in Continuing Ed May 15-18. She will be on vacation May 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be no service at Bethany on that day. The outside of the church needs to be painted. It is not advantageous to go through insurance. A Thank You gift will be purchased for Mark Aamold. Shades will be purchased for the South windows. The Council will not meet in May.

### **BETHANY WELCA**

The ladies will be sending personal care kits and quilts to Lutheran World Relief the middle of May. Below is a list of the items that makeup the personal care kits. The items marked with the asterisk are most needed.

- \* light weight bath size towels (between the sizes of 20" X 40" and 27" X 52"), dark colors if possible
- \* metal nail clippers (attached file optional)
- \* adult size toothbrushes in original packaging
- bath size bars of soap
- sturdy combs

Any items you can contribute will be greatly appreciated! Please bring them as soon as possible and leave them in the entry of the church.

## **WELCA - IMPORTANT DATES**

Dates have been set for the third annual "Tea Party" to be held June 14, 2023. Dates have been set for the retreat on August 2 and 3, 2023.

## **CHURCH TELEPHONE LAND LINE.**

The land line for the church has been discontinued. The pastor and council members can be reached via their cell phones.

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT LUTHER MEMORIAL HOME**

The Luther Memorial Home no longer has an auxiliary. There will be times they need volunteers to assist with activities. If you are interested in doing this, contact Karen Osland or Sue Rice for more information.

## **JANITOR/USHER SIGNUP**

Please check the Janitor/Usher signup on the bulletin board in the entry way.

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

## **WANT TO UPDATE HOW YOU RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER?**

*If you would like to update the way you receive the newsletter, or if you are a member of another church and you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please contact a church council member or Tracy Foss. Your options for receiving the newsletter are: e-mail, hard copy through the mail, or read it on the website.*

## **WEB PAGE**

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

## **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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