

Parish Newsletter

August 2026

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." - Matthew 19:14

Wouldn't you agree that prayer is an important part of our lives as Christians? As people of faith, we believe that prayer is a conversation with God with no right or wrong styles and no right or wrong times. Prayers can begin as a thought, with words, or as a sigh when our needs are too deep for words. Prayers are for talking with God, sharing our joys and concerns, asking for help and guidance, thanking God, and unburdening ourselves. We also pray for others – for God's healing touch, for strength, for God's presence, for good days, for dreams fulfilled. Prayer is an important part of who we are and our faith in God.

With the beginning of the school year this month many minds are turning to the children, the teachers, and staff. Please keep them all in your prayers each day, and as events at the schools or MSU take place - whether they are tests, sports events, plays, or concerts - please offer a special prayer for them. May this coming school year be blessed for everyone!

Jesus had a passion for children and calls us to share this passion.

God bless you,
Pastor Bonnie

Parish News

AUGUST READINGS

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
AUG 2	Isa 55:1-5	Ps 145:8-9, 14-21	Rom 9:1-5	Matt 14:13-21
AUG 9	1 Kings 19:9-18	Ps 85:8-13	Rom 10:5-15	Matt 14:22-33
AUG 16	Isa 56:1,6-8	Ps 67	Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matt 15:[10-20] 21-28
AUG 23	Isa 51:1-6	Ps 138	Rom 12:1-8	Matt 16:13-20
AUG 30	Jer 15:15-21	Ps 26:1-8	Rom 12:9-21	Matt 16:21-28

PARISH WORSHIP/MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Parish Worship/Music Committee will meet at Bethany Church at 7:00 pm on August 13th.

NATIONAL MAKE-A-WILL-MONTH

It's important to have a will. The UCC Church is making freewill.com/ucc available as an easy and free estate planning tool and Thrivent has an estate planning toolkit online, downloadable, or printed at thrivent.com/insights/estate-planning/will-estate-planning.

ROCK'N R RANCH SERVICE

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

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.

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. September newsletter deadline is 8-25-2026.

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

AUGUST READERS

August 2 – Bob Meiss - Communion

August 9 – April Hastings

August 16 – Lora Cunningham

August 23 – Julie Lipsiea

August 30 – The service will be at the Rock'n R Ranch. Bethany Church will be the hosting church.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee (Sarah, Bob M., Laurie and Steve) will meet at Bethany at 7:00 pm.

COMMUNION SERVERS

Communion servers for August are Dave and Renee Anderson.

SHINGLING OF THE CHURCH

Shingling of the church is supposed to happen the week of July 20, pending Mother Nature's mood! Fingers crossed!

Bethany News

AUGUST READERS

August 2 – Brian Rice

August 9 – Karen Osland

August 16 – Lorreta Larson

August 23 – Laura Foss

August 30 – Joint service at Rock'n R Ranch 10:30 AM (Potluck following the service.)

BETHANY COUNCIL

There was no council meeting in July. The next council meeting will be at 4:30 pm Tuesday, August 18th at the church.

BETHANY CIRCLE

The ladies will meet at the church on Wednesday, August 12 at 2:00 pm.

RED WILLOW ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION

Online Auction: August 7 – August 14

Live Event: Saturday, August 22; Viewing Opens 10:00 am; Lunch 11:00 am – 12:15 am.

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.

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.

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.

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. Pictures are wonderful. Notifications of events, meetings, and gatherings are great. We are looking for someone who would like to help publish Bethany's news on Facebook.

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

News items can be sent to Charlotte Lee at Charlottelee7@icloud.com or Tracy Foss at Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com Newsletter deadline is usually the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. September newsletter deadline is 8-25-2026.