

Parish Newsletter **November 2022**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

All Saints "Sunday" and "Daylight Savings Time Ends" are on our calendar for November 6th this year. Remember that old adage: Fall behind, Spring ahead? Some time ago, a seminarian who had signed up to set up for the coffee hour arrived at church early to find the big coffee maker already full of hot liquid. The pastor had mixed up the adage and moved their clock ahead an hour instead of setting it back. With hours to wait until anyone else would probably show up, the coffee started way ahead of time.

We start this month remembering those who completed their life on earth (All Saints) and we end this month by starting a new Church year with The 1st Sunday of Advent. Those involved in worship planning and/or work try to think ahead for the many possible changes in the next few months, special things like candles lit or bells rung on All Saints for each name of those who have gone before us especially this past year. Changing the paraments happens several times as well as decorations with the movement though Pentecost's end to Advent & Christmas. Maybe if, and what and when will the special services be? What about Thanksgiving? How about the Hanging of the Greens or the Children's Christmas program? Community gatherings or joint parish or individual church times for Christmas, fundraising work and meetings for planning. Deep breath - We get an "extra" hour that first morning Sunday of November!

The long season of Pentecost is over for this year. Blowing fall leaves may be covered by the white of snow and the promise of new crops will be a dream and hope for the future. The harvest season hopefully is slowing or done for this year in the fields. The green of fields from sugar beets or sun flowers or corn stalks is gone. But the days will fly by and even the longest stretch of winter will move through the melting snows and land us again with green buds of promise.

Last month I included a picture of a collection of C. S. Lewis Books. I asked what you might recommend to watch or read or listen to since we will most likely have a lot more time inside whether in the car or home. Here's one offering - "I have read a very good series of books called Coming Home to Brewster by Roxanne Henke. She is a North Dakota author and still lives in rural North Dakota. In a nutshell the books are about friendship. I highly recommend this series" which include After Anne, Finding Ruth, Becoming Olivia, Always Jan, With Love, Libby Thank you Karen Osland :) a Bethany member. When I was visiting folks this fall I had some conversation about these books - This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger (I was very moved when I read this one) and The Language of Cottonwoods by Clay Jenkinson (I haven't read it yet but have it checked out of the library)

For the new church year we will have Matthew as the focus gospel. An overview of that Gospel that I read recently includes this; "Some weeks the lectionary serves up pure grace and calming reassurance, such as when Jesus kindly redirects people who possess only "little faith" or promises crowds that his "yoke is easy" and his "burden is light"(11:30) Other weeks we read frightening overtures of harsh judgment..."in this overview Dr. Matt Skinner says "To orient readers as followers of a merciful Christ who summons his people to make disciples in a world brimming with conflict and misunderstandings. Matthew issues consolations on some pages and warnings on others. The stakes are high."

Thank you for being the beloved people of God, giving & growing even in frigid weather and busy lives and weathering the storms together. Pass on those good reads or sites or series to take us through this winter especially from Nascar to reruns of the Waltons or documentaries, spread the good stuff and for sure share the Good News.

With Thanksgiving & 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 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 Newsletter deadline is usually the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. December newsletter deadline is 11-22-2022.

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SUNDAY READINGS FOR READING AND WORSHIP – NOV. 2022

Please note- the top line is the given RCL passages for Lutherans and the lower for UCC

- November 6th - *All Saints Sunday - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost*
 - Dan. 7:1-3;15-18; Psalm 149; Eph. 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31
 - **Hag. 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145-1-5, 17-21;**
- November 13th - *23rd Sunday after Pentecost*
 - Mal. 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19 Is. 65:17-25;
 - **Isa.; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10**
- November 20th - *Christ the King/Reign of Christ*
 - Jer. 23:1-6; Ps. 46; Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
 - **Jer. 8:18-9-1; Ps. 79:1-9; 1 Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13**
- November 27th - *First Sunday of Advent*
 - Is. 2:1-5; Ps. 122; 1 Rom. 13:11-14; Matt 24:36-44
 - **Jer. 32:1-3a,6-15; Ps. 91:1-6; 1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31**

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Mark your calendars. A Feed my Starving Children event is scheduled for December 2nd and 3rd at the Mayville Armory.

TEMPLE TALK

There will be a temple talk by Stephani Osowski on November 13th at both of our churches. This Sunday is Mission Sunday for Bethany as well as Thank Offering for the WELCA. She will share her professional and private work with Foster Care and the present need in the surrounding communities.

LUTHER MEMORIAL HOME TREE OF LIGHTS & DEDICATION

Luther Memorial Home is continuing the tradition of the Tree of Lights & Dedication. "Dedication ornaments may per purchased for the tree in memory of, in honor of, or as a greeting to a special friend or relative." "The proceeds from the Tree of Life and Dedication will go toward projects at Luther Memorial Home and is a great addition to the celebration of the holidays for our residents and the surrounding community." Forms will be available at both churches.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish council met Oct. 26th at 6:30 PM at Bethany. Discussed upcoming holiday services. Each church will get member input and decisions will be made about Christmas Eve service times. Both churches need updates to official records and ledgers. Parish budget is 71% spent and in good shape. Dave Anderson will contact LMH to update Chaplain agreement. It has not been updated since 2018.

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

NOVEMBER READERS

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| * November 6 – Bob Meiss | * November 13 – David Anderson |
| * November 20 – Bob Brown | * November 27 – Paul Batesel |

ORNAMENTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The worship committee would like each family unit to create a personal ornament for the sanctuary Christmas tree. Please watch for further info in announcements.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

Women's Fellowship Business meeting will be Nov. 2nd 6:30PM - bring snacky food to share if desired

GUEST PREACHER – DEBORAH BLOOD



Rev. Deborah Blood was the guest preacher at Mayville UCC in October. She was installed October 29th at the No. Plains Conference annual meeting held at Camp of the Cross. Thank you to Lora Cunningham who went as delegate. We look forward to her coming to Mayville UCC again. The Northern Plains Conference website is ncpucc.org. Rev. Deborah Blood has come from the east coast, she enjoys talking to folks. You can find her contact info on the website.

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NOVEMBER READERS

* November 6 - Tracy Foss

* November 20 - Betty Reinhart

* November 13 - Linda Stromstad

* November 27 - Joel Foss

NOVEMBER USHERS

- Doug and Karen Osland

BETHANY COUNCIL

The Bethany council will meet November 16th at 5:30 pm.

BETHANY WELCA WE BAKE - YOU TAKE LEFSE AND FLAT BREAD

Orders are being taken until 8:00 PM, Friday Nov. 11 (no orders will be taken after this).

The prices are: 1 package lefse (3 rounds) ----- \$7.00

1 box flatbread (2 rounds -cut into pieces) ----- \$7.00

To order, contact Eileen Holt at 218-779-3090. Orders need to be picked up Tuesday, Nov. 22nd between 3:00 and 6:00 PM. Please pick up at the following addresses: Mayville -- 23 5th Ave NE; Hatton -- 520 Jersey Ave; We do not make deliveries.

LEFSE AND FLATBREAD BAKING DATES

Wed. Nov. 2 & Fri. Nov. 4

Wed. Nov. 9 & Fri. Nov.11

Baking will began at 9:00 am each day.

WELCA MEETING NOVEMBER 11

November 11 is a lefse/flatbread day at church, but we will also have a WELCA meeting to vote on slate, redo distribution if we have to, and to have election of officers. Better do it while we are still at church, all of you are making so many trips each week, this will be one less trip for you to make. 😊. Pat

THANK OFFERING

Thank Offering Service will be held at the end of regular services on November 13. Everyone should bring the monies they collected over the year and we will have a short program. Does Judy need to rent an armored car to take it to the bank? 😎 Pat

BETHANY FOOD DRIVE

Bethany will be collecting items for the May-Port Food Pantry beginning Oct. 23 through Nov. 6. We will be applying for the Thrivent "Give Thanks and Give Back" food challenge. If the application is granted and Bethany collects 500 items, the May-Port Food Pantry will receive \$500 from Thrivent as well as the groceries we collect. Below is a list of suggested items for each Sunday.

October 23: boxed dressing, whole kernel corn, mixed vegetables, boxed pancake mix, syrup, pork and beans, Kleenex, paper towels

October 30: vegetable oil, flour (2 lb. bag), canned soup/chunky soup, brownie mix, cake mix, cookie mix, packaged cookies

November 6: dish soap, laundry detergent, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, toothbrushes, shampoo

WELCA DONATIONS

This fall WELCA sent 45 school kits, 22 baby care kits and 18 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. They also gave quilts to CVIC, Churches United, the Grand Forks Mission, Hospice, and St Joseph's Thrift Store.

GARDEN PRODUCE BENEFITS GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK

Thank you to all who brought and/or purchased garden produce to support the Great Plains Food Bank. They serve those in need of food in North Dakota and Minnesota through local food pantries. This year we will be able to send \$210.10!!

Thank you ALL!

RED WILLOW QUILT AUCTION REPORT

The auction, raffle ticket sales, free will offering, and donations brought in \$28,500. The report did not tell how much each item was sold for. The "Ocean Waves" quilt sold for \$1100.00. Thank you to the donors, buyers, and assembly people for getting two baskets ready and delivered. What amazing ideas and time spent shopping.

MAYVILLE EaND CONFERENCE



The Mayville EaND Conference gathered for the first time in 3 years on October 23rd. Thank you to council members Loretta Larson and Lorrie Aamold for participating in

this event. The majority of the Synod Staff were there for the "Bring Your Baskets" event. It was a sharing and visioning time and has the synod staff putting on a lot of mileage going to each of the EaND conferences. The synod staff can be contacted by email at office@eandsynod.org or phone 701.232.3381. They are a great resource for our work together.

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. I'll work out more details during the winter, as YOU you will be quilting. I will be calling; just to check in and let you know I am still alive and missing you. 🥰. Pat

Put this date on your calendars, April 29, 2023, for the Cluster meeting we are having at Christi's Lakeview Restaurant. You all will be involved. Mark Ostgardenn is our guest speaker and I am working on the rest of it, so just about ready to go. It makes it harder to do things when you don't have a Cluster rep for our Mayville Conference. If anyone is interested, I do have the forms to fill out. 😊

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.

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 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 or by leaving a message at 543-3806. Deadline for the bulletin is Thursdays.

BETHANY NEWS

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