

Parish Newsletter

June 2026



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

'The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control' (Galatians 5:22-23)

When you think of kindness, what comes to mind? An encouraging note sent by a friend? A caring shoulder to cry on? A lawn mysteriously mowed while you are in the middle of dealing with a family tragedy? Maybe it's as simple as a plate of cookies from someone who knows you love them. Whatever you think of, it most likely brings a warm feeling in your heart. Kindness is a fruit of the Spirit that not only nourishes and gives joy to the recipient, but also to the giver. When we're kind or when we receive kindness from others, we are experiencing God.

What is most special about kindness though is that we rarely deserve it or have done anything to earn it. It is pure gift - just like God's love for us. In Romans 8 the Bible teaches us that there is nothing that can separate us from God's love. No matter how we feel, or what we do, or what we say, or how messed up our lives are, or how messed up we are, nothing can separate us from God's love. That is an example of pure kindness. It's a gift that we're given that we can't earn and we don't deserve, yet we are blessed with it. It's pure gift.

So, the next time you experience a kindness from someone you know or don't know, remember that warm feeling, share it – pay it forward, and give thanks to God for bringing out that kind of love in us and for us. Then, may that kindness that you experienced become infectious and spread to others!

Blessings,
Pastor Bonnie

'We need to find God, and God cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass-grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. . . .We need silence to be able to touch souls.'

- Mother Teresa

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JUNE READINGS

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
June 7	Hosea 5:15-6:6	Ps 50:7-15	Rom 4:13-25	Matt 9:9-13, 18-26
June 14	Exodus 19:2-8a	Ps 100	Rom 5:1-8	Matt 9:35-10:8 [9-23]
June 21	Jer 20:7-13	Ps 69: 7-10 [11-15] 16-18	Rom 6:1b-11	Matt 10:24-39
June 28	Jer 28:5-9	Ps 89:1-4, 15-18	Rom 6:12-23	Matt 10:40-42

PASTOR BONNIE ATTENDING ELCA ASSEMBLY

Pastor Bonnie will be attending the ELCA Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly June 5-7. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time, please call or text her at 701-303-0489.

SAVE THE DATE – HATTON COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

On Sunday, July 5 there will be a Hatton Community Worship Service at the Park in Hatton which Pastor Bonnie will share in leading. All are welcome to come! Coffee will be ready at 9:00am and the service will be at 10:00am. You're welcome to come in a golf cart or bring lawn chairs. There will be no service at Bethany Lutheran or Mayville Congregational UCC on that Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE – ROCKIN 'R RANCH SERVICE

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

PASSION PLAY

Experience the greatest story ever told at the Passion Play on July 3-5 and July 10-12 beginning at 7:30pm in the beautiful Pembina Valley, Oak Valley Outdoor Theatre in La Riviere, MB! Gates open at 5:30pm and you are invited to bring a picnic or purchase food there to enjoy outside. It's a little over 3 hours from here and is definitely worth the trip. This beautifully performed play is outside and takes place across a panoramic view of a hillside. Featuring a live orchestra, the play traces the story of Jesus' life from birth through resurrection. Advance tickets are only \$20 per person. Reservations can be made online at www.passionplay.ca . Bring lawn chairs or sit in grandstand seating. Stay overnight in nearby towns to forego rushing to cross the border to get back home. You'll need a passport. Ask Pastor Bonnie for more information.

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. July newsletter deadline is 6-23-2026.

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

JUNE READERS

June 7 – April Hastings

June 14 – Dalton McMahon

June 21 – Lora Cunningham

June 28 – Bob Meiss

Bethany News

JUNE READERS

June 7 – Tracy Foss

June 14 – Karen Osland

June 21 – Wayne Reinhart

June 28 – Linda Stromstad

BETHANY COUNCIL

The Bethany Council will meet Tuesday, June 16th at the church at 4:30 PM.

BETHANY CIRCLE

Bethany women will have a meeting and Bible study at the Women's Retreat.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

This year the Synod Assembly is in Fargo on June 5-7. These days will be full of worship, learning and growth in faith, and making decisions that will guide the church including electing a Bishop for our Synod. Our church can have up to two delegates – one male, one female – in addition to the pastor. If you are interested in attending, please talk with Pastor Bonnie or Loretta Larson. Anyone who has been confirmed is eligible to represent the church.

WOMEN'S OUTING

The women are planning a trip to Walhalla to go to the Frostfire musical entitled "Come From Away" on Wednesday, July 29th at 2:00. We will be having lunch on the way. A list of women that would like to go has been started. If you would like to join us please contact Charlotte by June 5th.

BETHANY WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Retreat will be at Lakeview on Wednesday and Thursday, June 10th and 11th. Each day will begin with breakfast at 9:00 followed by Bible study, service projects, games, and socializing. Please bring the following Items: -Bibles,-Bible Study books, -Scissors, -"United States of Kindness" handout (Eileen handed these out and asked us to do some of the acts of kindness listed on it.)

All Bethany women are invited to join in the fellowship and activities.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND FAMILY FUN DAY

On June 14, 2026 at 1:00pm to 4:00pm

there will be a fundraiser for the Hatton Eielson Museum.

It will be an ice cream social and family fun day at the Hatton Community Center.

There will be homemade toppings and frozen treat options, vocal entertainment, games, and face painting.



SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR PERSONAL KITS

We are in need of wide tooth combs and soap (total 8-9 oz. – Zest and Dial are good) for the personal kits to be sent through Lutheran World Relief

2026 WELCA TRIENNIAL GATHERING

The Triennial Gathering will take place in Des Moines, Iowa July 16-19, 2026. Registration before January 5th will be \$475 and after January 5th will be \$525. Find more information about the gathering at <https://womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>

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.

PRISON MINISTRY

The James River Regional Correctional Facility is still collecting yarn. They have also added a new project which is a knitted/crocheted heart pillow. So, in addition to the yarn, they are asking for donations of polyester fiber-fill to help them with this project. You can bring the yarn and fiber-fill to church and leave it in the basement.

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.

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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

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