

Parish Newsletter **November 2023**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

November isn't the end of our calendar year but it is the end of our church year. Pentecost - the almost half year length season goes through all of November this year of 2023. More years we start Advent the last Sunday in November but not this year. 27 weeks this church year to nurture our faith with deep roots to withstand the ebbs and flows that come to most of our lives.

We're finishing Year A, following the Gospel of Matthew. The very last line in this Gospel is, vs. 20b, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." We are at our church year end and then it begins again through the Gospel of Mark starting in December. God incarnate living our flesh and blood life on this earth. God earthbound, being a little babe, to a full-grown man showing us how to serve each other on this earth. The story for us to grow into every season, every day.

Stefani Osowski will be at Bethany Nov. 5th for Mission Sunday. As Mission Speaker she will talk about Foster Care in our area and ND. Through her many years working for and with social services and the foster care system and personal experience with her husband of opening their doors to over 20 kids we'll learn about the challenges and possibilities. She shared with me last year the huge need in our area and what we could do even without becoming foster homes as the system has changed.

As November comes and goes, we give thanks for our own families, we pray for safe homes and open doors and the power of the Spirit to be strong as the cold winds blow. We are foster families to welcome and invite others to the story of grace again and again. Who will you open the door of welcome to? All are welcome.

God Bless,

Pastor Deb Stave

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 11-21-2023.

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SUNDAY READINGS FOR READING AND WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 2023 RCL

READINGS - TOP LINE – ELCA; BOTTOM LINE - UCC

- November 5th – All Saint’s Sunday, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
 - Rev. 7:9-17; Ps. 34:1-10, 22; Jn. 3:1-3; Matt. 5:1-12
 - Josh. 3:7-17; Ps. 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thess. 2:9-13; Matt. 23:1-12
- November 12th – 24th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Amos 5:18-24; Ps. 70; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 25:1-13
 - Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25; Ps. 78:1-7; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 25:1-13
- November 19th – 25th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Zeph. 1:7, 12-18; Ps. 90:1-8; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30
 - Judg. 4:1-7; Ps. 123; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30
- November 26th – Christ the King, Reign of Christ
 - Ek. 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps. 95:1-7a; Eph. 1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-46
 - Ek. 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps. 100; Eph. 1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-46

SOURCES OF STRENGTH SPEAKER AT HATTON EIELSON SCHOOL

THANK YOU Bethany Lutheran! There have been several suicides and deaths from accidents in the last few years including some youth. The Parish Council members contacted the student group S.O.S. (Sources of Strength) at Hatton public school, to have a speaker come to talk about coping with stress in traumatic times. On Oct. 13, 2023 at an assembly for the 7th-12th grade classes as well as the public, the speaker, Hunter Pinke, shared his story and ways to deal with trauma. It was well received and benefited both youth and adults. This was very timely due to the accident that happened with the volleyball team.

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NOVEMBER READERS

November 5 - Lora Cunningham

November 12 - Sarah Batesel

November 19 - Dalton McMahan

November 26 - Paul Batesel

NORTHERN PLAINS CONFERENCE

Northern Plains Conference of the UCC Annual Meeting met Oct. 14th at Camp of the Cross in Garrison, ND. A highlight of the time together was Friday night when Martin Bluestone, Superintendent of the school in New Town, told the story of the dancers and his heritage. Some of the youth that are involved in the dances are in the following picture. Each are held to a high standard of their school work to be involved and allowed to travel during school hours to perform.



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November 5 - Laura Foss

November 12 - Karen Osland

November 19 - Lorrie Aamold

November 26 - Wayne Reinhart

NOVEMBER USHERS

Doug and Karen Osland

WINDOW TREATMENT PROJECT

The Bethany congregation would like to thank Eileen Holt and Lorrie Aamold for doing all the research, organizing, and ordering of new window treatments for the church. It was a big project and we appreciate all the work and time you put into it!

The project is complete except for the big windows above the entrance doors. Treatments that provide protection from the sun have been ordered for those windows but are on back order. They will be installed as soon as they arrive.

MISSION SUNDAY AND THANK OFFERING

Mission Sunday will be during the church service Sunday, November 5. Pastor Deb has organized a speaker, and Thank Offering will also be collected during the service.

HATTON HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE

We received word from Thrivent that we were excepted to participate in the **GIVE THANKS AND GIVE BACK** food drive. The challenge is to collect 500 items for the food bank. If we reach that number, the food bank will receive \$500 in addition to the items collected. The food drive will continue through November 5.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 5 –

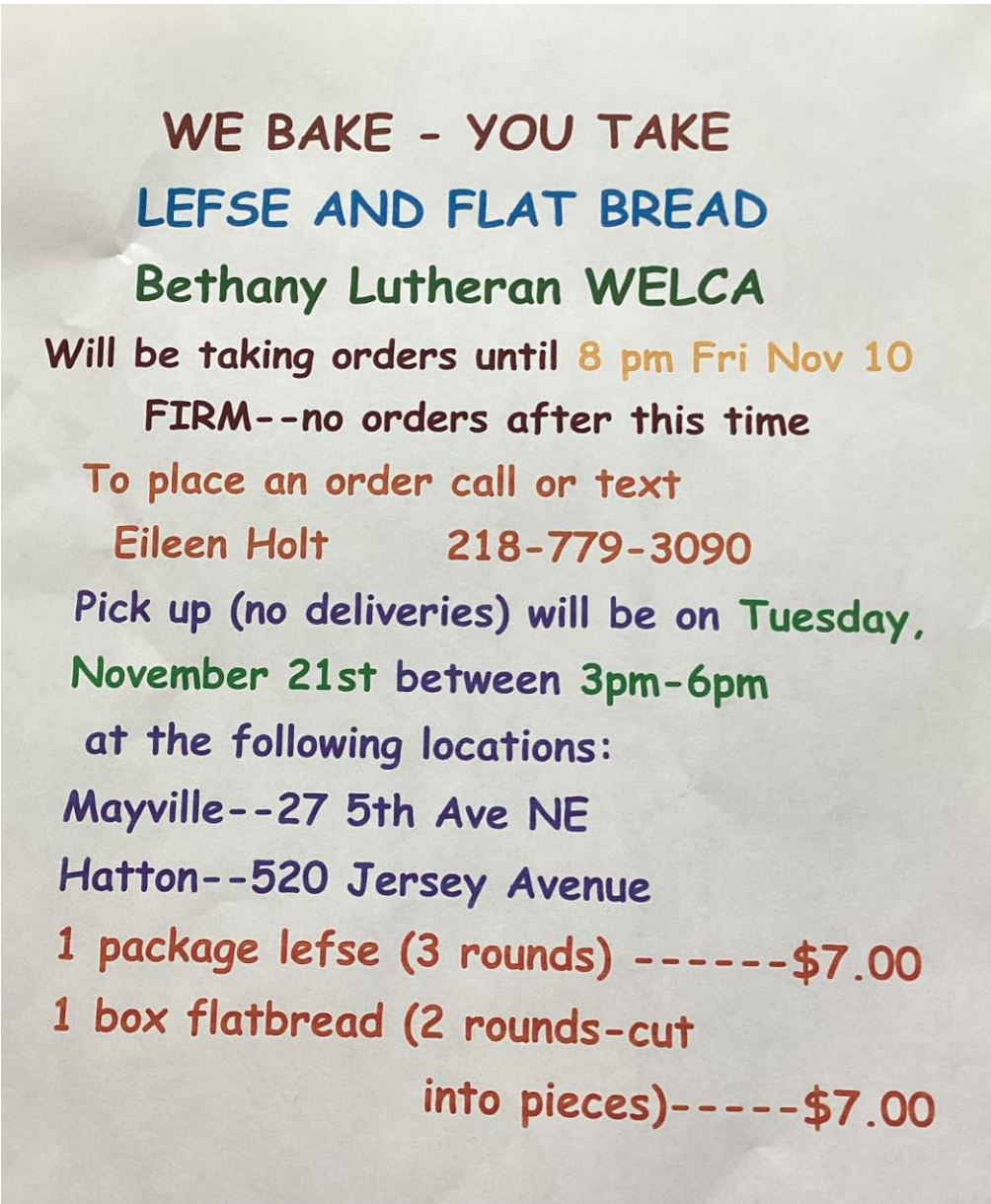
toothbrushes, paper towels, Kleenex, shampoo, packaged cookies

WE BAKE - YOU TAKE LEFSE AND FLAT BREAD

The making of lefse and flat bread is progressing nicely. These are the dates that have been set for making lefse and flat bread in November:

November 1,3,8,10, & 17 (9:00 AM)

Below is the information for ordering lefse and flat bread.



**WE BAKE - YOU TAKE
LEFSE AND FLAT BREAD
Bethany Lutheran WELCA**

Will be taking orders until **8 pm Fri Nov 10**
FIRM--no orders after this time

To place an order call or text
Eileen Holt 218-779-3090

Pick up (no deliveries) will be on **Tuesday,**
November 21st between **3pm-6pm**
at the following locations:
Mayville--27 5th Ave NE
Hatton--520 Jersey Avenue

1 package lefse (3 rounds) -----\$7.00
1 box flatbread (2 rounds-cut
into pieces)-----\$7.00

BETHANY COUNCIL

A council meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm, November 15th at the church.

BETHANY CIRCLE/WELCA

Circle will meet Wednesday, November 8th following lefse baking if it is done early enough.

We are still in need of the following items for LWR kits:

- girls jackets - size 6-24 months with hoods if possible
- boys sleepers - size 6-24 months
- receiving blankets
- cloth diapers
- diaper pins/large safety pins
- spools of neutral colored, general purpose thread (250-300 yards each)

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

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.

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