

# ***Parish Newsletter*** **August 2023**



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

Teach Your Children Well written by Graham Nash, 1970 ...

You, who are on the road  
Must have a code you try to live by  
And so become yourself  
Because the past is just a goodbye....

By this time I usually copy the school schedules for the upcoming year. I've been thinking of how the time flies by. There are no upcoming h.s. seniors in the UCC church and 2 that I had the privilege of confirming their faith that are connected to Bethany. One is at school in Hatton and one at Mayville. Sometimes the vacations match between the two schools and sometimes not. Hatton's 1st day of school is August 22, MPCG the 16th.

Juggling schedules is something we all do. That song Teach Your Children Well has a rich history worth reading. For those who know it and would stroll down memory lane you might enjoy this site -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WrzGw6h1Lvk>. Carve out a few moments and watch when the audience is encouraged to sing by themselves. I've watched it about 6 times now and will again, especially that refrain of "and know they love you."

As school starts for staff and students, pick someone to pray for. Maybe you will be the one the Holy Spirit nudges, pushes or cajoles to reach out and connect with one or more by example, invitation, or a surprise. Maybe you won't be the one that the Holy Spirit works through with direct contact for encouragement, admonition, correction or care. Those prayers make a difference, I'm not sure quite how but I know they do.

I still can see the face of one of the confirmation students talking through their essay with me. When asked about something he wrote he looked at me with "duh, Pastor" and said confidently "Because We're Pentecost people". I haven't seen him for a few years. I wonder if he is still mayor of the town where he lives. I forget the number and ages of his kids. But I'm pretty sure their (his kids) grandparents don't forget. Those prayers make a difference, I'm not sure quite how but I know they do. Even when I forget things daily.

Blessings, Pastor Deborah Stave

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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. June newsletter deadline is 8-22-2023.

## **Parish News**

### **SUNDAY READINGS FOR READING AND WORSHIP – AUGUST 2023**

#### **TOP LINE – ELCA; BOTTOM LINE - UCC**

- August 6th - 10th Sunday after Pentecost
  - Is. 55:1-5; Ps. 145:8-9, 14-21; Rom. 9:1-5; Matt. 14:13-21
  - Gen.32:22-31; Ps. 17:1-7, 15; Rom. 9:1-5; Matt. 14:13-21
- August 13th - 11th Sunday after Pentecost
  - 1 Kings 19:9-18; Ps. 85:8-13; Rom. 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33
  - Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28; Ps. 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Rom. 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33
- August 20th - 12th Sunday after Pentecost
  - Is. 56:1, 6-8; Ps. 67; Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28
  - Gen. 45:1-15; Ps. 133; Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28
- August 27th - 13th Sunday after Pentecost
  - Is. 51:1-6; Ps. 138; Rom. 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20
  - Ex. 1:8-2:10; Ps. 124; Rom. 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20

### **COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

The group will not be meeting this summer.

## **Mayville Congregational-UCC News**

### **AUGUST READERS**

August 6 – Luther Stave

August 13 – Bob Brown

August 20 – Bob Miess

August 27 – Tami Woxland

# ***Bethany News***

## **AUGUST READERS**

August 6 – Brian Rice

August 13 – Judy Stensland

August 20 – Joel Foss

August 27 – Sue Rice

## **AUGUST USHERS**

- Wayne and Betty Reinhart

## **BETHANY LADIES RETREAT – AUGUST 2 & 3**

In just a few short days the WELCA Retreat will take place at Christy's Lakeview. We are looking forward to the two days to take part in projects, engage in Bible study, hear about the theme: "Tip a Glass to Kindness", and share fellowship with each other. Remember to bring Bibles and Gather magazines, also a scissors for fabric.

## **BETHANY CIRCLE/WELCA**

Bible Study will be led by Pastor Deb at the retreat so there will not be a separate Circle meeting at the church.

## **OSLAND GATHERING AND COMMITAL SERVICE FOR RICHARD OSLAND**

Sunday, August 13 the Osland clan will be here. Worship services will be led by Doug Snyder. He is the son-in-law of Genelle Osland Blomquist. Following services, there will be a committal service for Richard Osland. Lunch will be served after the committal service. Everyone is invited to attend the committal service and have lunch with the Oslands.

## **BETHANY COUNCIL**

Bethany Church Council will not meet in August.

## **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.

## **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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