

# Holmes/BC News

April, 2024  
2102—2nd Ave. N  
Reynolds, ND 58275



## Easter Comes April 20

*We Will Honor the Risen Christ*

The celebration of Easter can fall anywhere between March 22 and April 25. This year's Easter is on the late end. ***The Easter Sunday worship schedule:***



### *Easter*

Beaver Creek Worship  
9:00 am  
(breakfast afterward)

Holmes Worship  
11:00 am

Chaplain Mark will lead Easter  
Worship

### *Holy Week Services*

In preparation for Easter both churches will have worship. Beaver Creek will meet at 7:00 on Thursday, April 17 for Maundy Thursday worship. Communion will be served.

Holmes will have worship the next night, Good Friday, also at 7:00 pm. Communion will be served.

### **More Detail about How Easter Day is Determined:**

Easter day is determined by the first Sunday after the first full Moon occurring on or after the spring or vernal equinox. This formula was established by the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD.

The vernal equinox is the time of year when the length of the day is equal to the length of the night. This usually happens around March 20 or March 21.

Thus, if the full Moon occurs on or after the spring equinox, Easter will be the first Sunday following the full Moon. If the full Moon falls on a Sunday, Easter falls on the following Sunday.

## What Makes a Great Newsletter?

Every quarterly newsletter will include routine info like birthdays and anniversaries for three months.

What makes a newsletter special isn't who edits it or what program we use to run it, but *all of you* participating and sharing information. Is something happening — a big anniversary, special birth or community event? Make sure we know so we can share the news with everyone.

See below how to contact Mark or Betty.

**FOR PASTORAL CARE:**  
*contact a Church leader or  
Chaplain Mark:*  
Chaplain Mark Ellingson  
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**RECEIVE A QUARTERLY  
NEWSLETTER BY  
EMAIL:**  
Send your email to Mark  
(above) or to Betty  
(bettyjellingson@gmail.com)

**NEXT ONE: July 1**

# What I've Been Thinking

## *Some Things are Important; Some are Eternal*

***“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though he earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea ... “ Psalm 46:1-2***

Are any of you old enough to recognize these words from a popular song a few decades ago?

*“Help! I need somebody  
Help! Not just anybody  
Help! You know I need someone.  
Help.”*



That is, of course the Beatles from their “Help” album released in August of 1965. If you look more closely at more of the lyrics you would see the group admitted they once thought they “never needed anybody’s help in any way.” But now they’ve changed their mind.

This song was written by John Lennon and, according to some accounts, was composed during one of Lennon’s bouts with depression.

*Do you need any help?* During the last few days — since I’ve had the knee surgery — I have been quite dependent, mostly upon Betty. At first I really couldn’t get anything for myself and, even if I could she was there to make sure I didn’t do too much. I needed help. *I need help.* And not just because of my knee.

This is one part of the basic human condition. We all need help at one time or another and we also ought to be giving some help when we can. Remember the words of Hebrews 13:16: “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

***Receiving help*** is sometimes a challenge for us. We don’t like to be dependent on others. But the Bible would tell us it is more blessed to give than receive so when we receive gratefully the help of others we give them a blessing.

***Giving help*** can also be a challenge. We don’t know what to do or for whom. Maybe we don’t notice the needs some person has for a simple listening ear or for a helping hand. It’s even possible that we question whether someone deserves help.

But maybe the biggest issue is our reluctance to see the help we need the most and that’s ***help from God***. See the verse at the top of this column, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” There are things I cannot do without God help. Forgive. Be Patient. Know what to do in difficult circumstances. Keep up my prayer life. Salvation. Live the Christian Life.

The Beatles, in this case, were right. We need help. We need help from others (just like they need it from us). And we need help from God for this life and into the next!

See you in Church!  
Chaplain Mark

# Beaver Creek Annibirthsaries

## APRIL

1-Olivia Meldahl  
3-Ben Johnson  
5-Michael Ostlie  
6-Dawn Pederson  
8-June Sanda  
9-Georgian Johnson  
10-Mary Johnson  
11-Lynn Bjerke  
16-Brock Johnson  
19-Joanna Bjerke  
19-Brody Johnson  
20-Sasha Tanberg  
24-Jozlynn Boyer  
27-Morris Ostmo



## MAY

2-Mikayla Johnson  
5-Keith & Becky Johnson  
10-Brad Meldahl  
15-James & Shirley Ness  
15-Rodney Pederson  
28-Lucas & Joanne Iverson  
23-Piper Ebach  
28-Rachel Ness



## JUNE

2-Josh Boyer  
3-Luther Bjerke  
6-Paige Ness  
7-Tim Lyste  
12-Brad & Mary Meldahl  
15-Darin Anderson  
20-Arlene Darvell  
26-Rodney & Lori Pederson  
26-Brian Lyste  
27-Annalise Mae Boyer



*Please let us know if there is an error or an omission.*

# Stuff Happening

**Mother's Day** lands on June 11 this year. We are not scheduled to have worship that Sunday.



**Memorial Day** will be Monday, May 26. This was first observed on May 30, 1868 and was initially known as decoration day. Traditionally Memorial Day is a time to honor those who died in military service to their county. Many of us decorate all the grave sites of our loved ones in preparation for the Memorial Day weekend.



**Father's Day** lands on June 15 and the parish will have worship that Sunday. Pastor Becky is scheduled to preach.



**Special Summer Gatherings** — way up ahead.

+Hatton Community Worship on July 6 in the Park. Chaplain Mark will be leading the worship.

+Northwood Community Service on July 27

+Rock'n R Worship. No date set yet.



SUMMER  
BEGINS

**APRIL**

2 Mary Winters  
 Mark Ellingson  
 Matt & Aimee Pasmore  
 Austin Young  
 3 Derek Roeder  
 Jacob Russell  
 4 Brian Lambrecht  
 Derek Shannon  
 6 Rachel Salmonson  
 7 Matthew Kent  
 Sara Ollman  
 Kailen Halvorson  
 9 John Fichtner  
 10 Betty Bengs  
 Cody Klamm  
 13 Ona Naujokas  
 14 Debra Sumner  
 Danny Bengs  
 Lois Lenz  
 John Dolleslager  
 15 Gary Bahr  
 Amanda Yates  
 Travis Hayes  
 16 Jessie Griffin  
 17 April (Roeder) Babcock  
 Tucker Burger  
 19 Carissa Grabanski  
 Courtney Krueger  
 21 Debi Johnsen  
 22 Cole Holweger  
 Brittany Solheim  
 24 Wade Schneider  
 28 Cassandra Lappegaard  
 29 Charlotte Clayton  
 30 Bo Wollangk  
 Cheryl & Bob Simmons



**MAY**

1 Brandon Omlid  
 Jordan Benoit  
 3 Pam Crawford  
 Ryan Severance  
 6 Cheryl Simmons  
 Ben & Beth Scholten  
 7 Brian Reigel  
 8 Jim Ivers  
 Wayne & Donna Roeder  
 15 Aaron Tredwell  
 16 Cullen Schneider  
 19 Evelyn Lange  
 Brian Schneider  
 21 Andrew Klamm  
 David & Lynda Vanderhoof  
 25 Jeff & Mary Winters  
 Jon Beine  
 Chris Jungels



**Anna Holmes Anniversaries**

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Nathan Adams  
 Aimee Pasmore  
 Teresa Evanson  
 Bill & Becky Inman  
 Kelly Lenz  
 Preston Lenz

**JUNE**

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Rachel Trontvet  
 Chris Smith  
 Melissa Omlid  
 Mark & Vickie Lambrecht  
 Mike & Leanne Knecht  
 Brooke Solheim  
 David Brend  
 John & Sharon Klamm  
 Alisha Reigel  
 Gavin Burger  
 Charlotte Holweger  
 Marvin & Diane Klamm  
 Donna Roeder  
 Lynda Vanderhoof  
 Jeremy Bosch  
 Addison Hahn  
 Mike Schroeder  
 Daniel Griffin  
 Curt Krueger  
 Marcus Bengs  
 Brent & Ayrin Roeder  
 Marianne Skalsky  
 Steven & Emily Ellingson  
 Sharie Lange Hoff  
 Joseph & Caroline Chapman  
 Sandra Kent  
 Sandra Boe  
 Matthew & Autumn Voight  
 Brian & Tasha Baumtrog  
 Delaney Cook  
 Mike Sandlie  
 Becky Strutz Inman  
 Robert Lenz  
 Billy Leake  
 Vanessa Ellingson  
 Ellen Leake  
 Larry & Vicki Klamm  
 Carla Hanson  
 Diane Klamm  
 Noah Bosch  
 Kyle & Rachel Trontvet  
 Matthew & Danielle Larva  
 McKinley Nelson  
 Kevin Bengs  
 David Klamm  
 Annette Dolleslager  
 Dick Fichtner  
 Curt & Carla Krueger



## Please Pray for:

*Marlon Lange* had his extensive surgery on March 19. Though it was complex it went well. He is at the University of Minnesota.

*Janice Fichtner* was in and out of Altru Hospital with pneumonia. She's back at Valley 4000 but is still on the mend.

*Mark Ellingson* had successful knee replacement surgery on March 13 but will be limited for a while.

*Eva Holweger's* funeral will be Monday, April 7 at 11:00 am in the Holmes Church. She died at her home on February 17 under hospice care.

*Harriet Mae Ivers*, mother of Jim Ivers died on Monday, March 10 in Austin, Minnesota. She was 89. Her funeral was March 17. Jim's father, Edward, died last year.



Consider  
yourselves  
dead to sin

and

ALIVE  
to GOD in  
CHRIST  
JESUS.

ROMANS 6:11

### *The Editor's Corner*

## Yep, Still Planning to Update Membership Rolls

We've been talking about updating the Holmes membership rolls for a bit. Between a number of things that hasn't been given a close focus yet.

Our process will be simple, once we get to it. We will contact everyone we have on the membership roll at Holmes. We will simply ask if they want to still be on the roll or not. There is no intent to get people off but just to be accurate. This kind of audit hasn't been done for quite a while.

Once we have asked everyone on the roll then we will put a note in this newsletter. Perhaps someone will ask, "But I thought I was a member!" Let us know that and we are more than glad to add you on. And, member or not, you are welcome to get this newsletter!

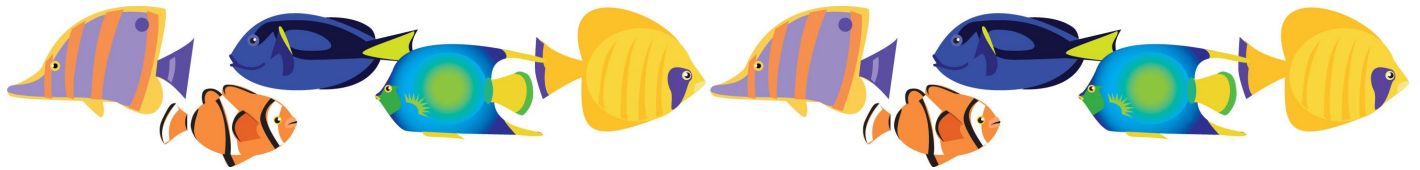
If you have any questions you can run them past me. I'm moving pretty slow, but I'll get you an answer!

—Chaplain Mark

# Upcoming Worship Schedule

Our regular worship schedule is the first and third Sundays of each month. Normally Beaver Creek is a 9:00 am and Holmes is at 11:00 am. But schedules can change so pay attention to email and Facebook. That said, here's the expected schedule.

March 30	10:00 am	Pot-luck breakfast at Holmes (not streamed)
April 6	10:00 am	All-parish worship at Hatton Community Center (Pastor Jim)
April 17	7:00 pm	Communion Worship at BC for Maundy Thursday (Mark)
April 18	7:00 pm	Communion Worship at Holmes for Good Friday (Mark)
April 20	9/11 am	Easter Worship at both (Mark)
May 4	9/11 am	Communion Worship at Both (Pastor Tessa)
May 18	9/11 am	Worship at Both (Pastor Becky)
June 1	9/11 am	Communion Worship at Both (Pastor Jim)
June 15	9/11 am	Father's Day Worship at Both (Pastor Becky)
June 29	10:30 am	Toby Lake Worship at Christy's (Mark)
July 6	10:00 am	Hatton Community Worship in the Park with Chaplain Mark leading the service. Communion. Lunch available.



## Thanks from the Editor ...

People have been praying for me since my knee replacement surgery on March 13. It is very early on, but all signs point to a positive outcome.

I cannot promise to be back to "normal" (whatever that was) at any given time. Recovery is complex and I may go ahead and do the right knee so that I have a matching set of new joints.

Please keep me up to date with what's happening! I may not get to everything, but I want to know.

*An interesting note.* I have to use a walker for a bit. The one I've used did belong to Evelyn Lange. At 100 years old she decided she needed a new walker. So I get to use her old one. I'm not sure I can keep up with her!



## Facebook

Our NEW Parish Facebook page for parish announcements is "Holmes-Beaver Creek." If you have trouble let Mark or Sara O know.

The original Holmes page will still exist and will be used for streaming most Sunday services.

Use the QR code here to find the new page.

By doing this you will have access to announcements and schedule!



# Special Toby Lake Parish Service in June

*We'll gather at Christy's on June 29 at 10:30 am*

Normally our parish has services on the first and third Sundays. But on the fifth Sunday of June — the 29th — we'll have a special parish service. We will go to Toby Lake and have our annual service at Christy's followed by a meal she has prepared.

The service is informal and will probably be led by Chaplain Mark. Unlike the picture to the right we probably won't actually go into Lake Tobison. But maybe Mark will bring his clubs and knock a couple of balls into the lake. There is a way to put a boat in if anyone wishes to fish.

Mainly this is a way to connect with each other in a different way. The worship will be informal (and not likely streamed). We hope to see you there!



The Dakotas United Methodist Annual Conference will meet June 6-8 at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, SD under the theme “Created for Love.”

Betty Ellingson is the likely lay member and Mark Ellingson will attend as a retired clergy.

Sometime later they will give a report of Annual Conference highlights.



## Strides for Second Chances Aims to Increase Organ Donation

Over 100,000 people in the United States are waiting for a life-saving transplant. More than 15 people die every day while waiting.

On the morning of Saturday, May 17 the “Strides for Second Chances” event will feature a 5K walk/run to highlight the need. This will occur at the beautiful Garden of Healing at 3020—51st South, Fargo, ND 58104.

Funds raised support education programs to inspire more people to become organ donors. Right now, only 53% of North Dakotans and 54% of Minnesotans are registered at the DMV, while 2,500+ people in our community are waiting for a life-saving transplant.

To register, go the LifeSource.org. If you have a question ask Chaplain Mark.



# Soup's on for Hunger

## Benefit Dinner

for the

## Northlands Rescue Mission

*Serving the Hungry and Homeless in the Greater Grand Forks Area*

# Sunday, April 6th

*11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

*at the Hatton Community Center*

***Free Will Offering and Silent Auction***

*(Silent Auction ends at 12:30 p.m.)*

**Menu: Homemade Soup, Sandwiches, & Dessert**

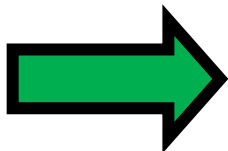
***Take-outs available!***

For More Info: Faye Duncan 701-430-9869 or Donalee Strand 701-371-1036

To Donate to the Silent Auction:

Contact: Fred Strand 701-371-4393

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**Beaver Creek/Holmes Worship at 10:00 am  
at the Hatton Community Center that day!**