

# February Holmes/BC Update

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## Soup is On!

The date for the annual "Soup's On for Hunger" has been set for April 6, 2025. This is a multi-church fund-raiser for the Grand Forks Northland Rescue Mission that addresses the needs of the hungry and homeless in our area.



You can get involved by attending the planning meeting Feb. 8, 2025, Saturday, 9:30 am, St. John Fellowship Hall. Anyone welcome!

## Prayers for

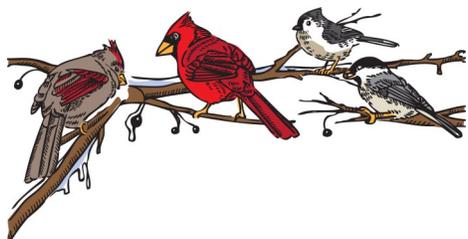
Eva Holweger (Holmes) who is now at home in Northwood under hospice care. She appreciates prayer.

Marie Ellingson (Mark's sister) who is in assisted living in Breckenridge under hospice care.

Please  
Pray  
for...



*Please remember to share prayer concerns and hospital stays with Chaplain Mark. We can share prayer requests and we may be able to visit those in a hospital.*



## 4 H Bingo

### *Service Project to Raise Funds for Hatton Community Center*

The 4H Promoters Club will sponsor Bingo at the Hatton Community Center on Sunday, February 9 at 2:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per card for 20 games.



This project by the 4H club will provide funds for the Community Center to purchase new folding chairs.

## Blod Klub Supper

Trinity Lutheran in Sharon will host their annual Blood Klub Supper on Saturday, February 22 from 4:30-6:30 pm at the church.

The supper is available for a free-will offering. And, if you don't think you'll have Blod Klub, there will be Soup and Sandwiches as well.

### Holmes BC News

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# Pastoral Report for Beaver Creek/Holmes

## *Written for the Parish and Shared at Beaver Creek's Annual Meeting*



*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

You've heard of "four letter words." Bad ones (won't share) and good ones like love, care, pray, help ... But one of my favorites only has two letters.

**We.** My reason for loving "we" is seen in the verse above. A single person will fall. Together we find success. And, boy, that is so true in ministry.

When we have a good worship service, I know the musicians made a difference. When I visit someone it's usually because others have cared enough to share about them. I could go on ... But you get it. Our church, our parish is all about what we do together. Here's a couple we can work on.

**What can we do to serve God?** And that usually means serving people. The "Soup's On" event we share with other churches to support the Mission is one. Don't be shy about suggesting things, even small ones, we can accomplish. The church doesn't only work on the Sundays when we meet but on every day in between.

**How do we care for people** such as our shut-ins, those with medical needs and other vulnerable folks? First, we need to know who they are. And, sometimes, we need to keep up where people have moved. Then, what can we do for them?

**As a practical matter – how do we continue to connect with people** who may have some interest in Beaver Creek (or Holmes)? Maybe former members, maybe those who have moved, maybe others. It costs nothing to add someone to the email newsletter list and not much to send out a few newsletters. Or make a call. Or ... you fill in the blank.

I'm not a full-time or even a part-time pastor. But I am willing to help in many ways. I like to connect with people. However ...

... I do worry about "ministry drift" (that's comes from the military term of "mission drift" where the mission grows in unanticipated and often unwanted ways). I will do what I can as an old, retired preacher-type. But that is what I am. And, as such I need the help of the "we" even more than I did before. Part of that *we* are the other preachers we work with who can help out now and then.

Together WE can do much more than we think.

And I'm looking forward to it!

--Chaplain Mark

The next page includes some questions we can think about whether at an Annual Meeting or just when we are visiting with each other.

# Some Things Worth Our Reflection

**What positives have we accomplished in the past year?**

**What needs do we see around us?**

**What tangible step(s) can we take as a church/parish or as individuals?**



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