

Bethesda Butler Lutheran Parish
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There is no
Holy One like
the LORD,
there is no
ROCK
like our God.



1 Samuel 2:2

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Spring has sprung, and after that long winter, I am attuned more than ever to Mother Nature's daily gifts blossoming around me. Her wonders never cease as God's earth comes alive after a time of dormancy. Wednesday School singing their hearts out at Awards Sunday made me think of how these kiddos are growing and blooming, knowing the love that Jesus has for them and for all of us. We need to be as eager to share as they are!

I know some are curious as to my education and preparation as a Synod Authorized Minister, so I want to share some of the opportunities and requirements from the last nine months. Here are the highlights:

Classes I have taken:

Foundations of Biblical Preaching

Sermon Camp

An Introduction to the Old Testament (This was the most challenging, but I learned SO MUCH!) It has been a few years since I have written a 10-page paper!

*The above classes are online with homework every week as well as being active on an online forum. We have 2 or 3 Zoom meetings over the course of the class, but we always have access to our instructors.

Led by Faith Lay Workshops – These are held at Luther Crest Bible Camp by Alexandria, MN. This group is comprised of lay people and SAMs. I have done two by Zoom and one in person. These are intense with homework (usually a book to read/study guide) assigned a few weeks before and expected to be completed by the time of the meeting. SAMs have extra follow-up work assigned. Topics completed so far are Worship, Confessions, and Preaching. These are held three times a year with a six-topic rotation and are three days in length.

Monthly Meetings – **Synod Rostered Minister Calls by Zoom** – These often have presenters of various programs available to all congregations through a variety of entities.

Synod Women Clergy Zooms – The focus this year is on wellness. I was surprised to find out that women clergy suffered some unique challenges during COVID that were not experienced by male clergy. **Prairie Coteau Conference** monthly meetings – some are held in person and some on Zoom. These are a great way to connect with the other churches and clergy in our northeast area.

Fall Theological Conference in Pierre in September

Spring Theological Conference in Watertown in April

Boundaries Workshop – required of all clergy every 3 years

I am part of the Synod Hunger Grant Team and will be sworn in as a Synod Council member during Synod Assembly in June at Sioux Falls. I also have weekly invites to area Bible studies and started providing a church service once a month at Sun Dial.

I look forward to every opportunity that helps me grow! Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Grace and peace,

Kristi

“Fruit of the Spirit”

**WELCA Luncheon
Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

**Silent Auction begins at
10:30 and ends at 11:30.
Lunch begins at noon.**

**Posters, Advertising, and
Tickets
. Jill Hansmeier**

**Guest Seating.
. Kay Espeland, Glenda
Bakken, CoChair**

**Tickets
. Geneva Iverson,
Jane Goehring**

**Kitchen Committee.
. Bonnie Anderson, Chairman;
Bonnie Dolney, Karin Bartell,
Kathryn Bury**

**Servers. Sharon
Johnson, Chairman; Gayle
Horter, Robin Anderson**

**Decorating. Carol
Raap, Chairman; Linda Anderson,
Jenny Wickre, Geneva Iverson**

**Door Prize Winners.
Carol Raap, Chairman; Linda
Anderson**

**Program with Devotions.
. Kathryn Bury**

**Silent Auction. Nola
Roitsch, Chairman; Sharon
Johnson**

**Table and Chairs Only—Sunday.
. Pam Dylla, Chairman;
Gail & Dennis,
Mark & Lisa, Kris and Nick, Jon
& Robin, Gene, Brent & Vickie,
Janel**

**CHAIRPERSONS: Contact your
group and others, if needed.
Thank you for your help!
Please have silent auction items
to the church by 5:00 Tuesday;
place them in
the pews upstairs!
Door prizes may be left in the
west room in the basement.
Lunch tickets are \$15.00 and
will be for sale in June. All
church women are reminded to
buy a ticket AND give \$15 to
help defray the cost of the
luncheon.**

Pastor Jeff Backer from St. Dysmas Ministry will visit at the Butler service on August 20th. Let's fill the pews to hear his important message about our brothers and sisters behind bars!

*St. Dysmas is a Word and Sacrament ministry of the SD Synod of the ELCA. They are located within the prison walls of the SD State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls and Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield.

*St. Dysmas is funded by the budgets of congregations and church-related organizations. This accounts for one third of their income. Two-thirds of their income comes from individual donations, and this ministry could not exist without the support of many who recognize how valuable this ministry is to the inmates and how lives within the prison walls have been changed.

*St Dysmas is NOT FUNDED by:

- SD Synod of the ELCA
- State of South Dakota
- Prison Congregations of America

*Dysmas is, by tradition, the name of the thief crucified next to Jesus who defended Jesus and asked to be remembered in His kingdom. Dysmas is seen as a repentant criminal and therefore, a fitting name for a church behind prison walls.

You can learn more and give at

STDYSMAS.COM



June 4

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalms 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

June 11

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalms 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalms 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

June 25

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69:7-10(11-15)16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Emergency Pastoral Contact

June 11 after church – June 20

Diane Hoines

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Please remember the church this summer when you are paying monthly bills. Church expenses don't take a summer vacation. Bethesda accepts on-line donations through Tithe.ly. Consider setting up a recurring monthly donation. You can find a link on the church's website or download the app from the app store.

Bethesda June 2023 Worship Assistants

| | Usher | Reader | Organist |
|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 6/4 | Glenda | Glenda | Gail |
| 6/11 | At Butler | | |
| 6/18 | Carol | Carol | Gail |
| 6/25 | At Butler | | |
| Altar Guild: Linda Anderson & Bonnie Anderson | | | |
| Deacon: Karin Bartell | | | |

Ways to Give to Bethesda Lutheran Church
 at the church service
 mail to PO Box 426 Bristol, SD 57219
 mail to the church treasurer
 Tithe.ly app

Bethesda's Lenten Offering total: \$649.60

Webster PACH program \$216.53

Groton BAGS program \$216.53

Langford Home Plate program \$216.53

Thank you to everyone for helping fight hunger in our local communities.

June newsletter postage is sponsored by Lyle and Julaine Busch

Newsletter postage sponsors are needed for the months August – December. The cost is \$63.00. If interested, contact Jill Hansmeier or place a check in the offering plate with newsletter postage on the memo line.

Butler June 2023 Worship Assistants

| | Usher | Reader |
|------|--------------|---------------|
| 6/4 | At Bethesda | |
| 6/11 | Glenn | Karter |
| 6/18 | At Bethesda | |
| 6/25 | Glenn | Wayne |

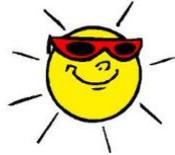
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| June 2 | Peyton Orr | June 14 | Linda Witt |
| June 3 | Lester Herr | June 18 | Kathy Buhler |
| June 4 | Steve Witt | June 21 | Angela Antonsen |
| June 4 | Briana Eickhoff | June 22 | Darcie Moody |
| June 5 | Joanna Lone | June 22 | Paul Orr |
| June 7 | Janet Coyne | June 22 | Aubrey Horter |
| June 7 | Dianne St. John | June 23 | Miranda Huwe |
| June 9 | Marcia Orr | June 25 | Levi Stern |
| June 10 | Gary Schimmel | June 26. | Jamie Horter |

We apologize if we missed your birthday. Please let us know and we will include it on our list for next year. Birthday blessings to you!!

June 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | 1  | 2 Synod Assembly Sioux Falls | 3 Synod Assembly Sioux Falls |
| 4 Holy Trinity Sunday (white) 9 am short service at Bethesda followed by Spring cleaning Birthday Bank Offering | 5 Bible School 5:30 – 8:30 Westside W. 6:30 pm Butler WELCA | 6 Office Hours 3-5 VBS 5:30-8:30 | 7 Office Hours 3-5 5:30-8:30 | 8 Sun Dial Service – 2:00 Office Hours 3-5 5:30-8:30 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost (green) 9 am Communion Worship at Butler | 12 Kristi on vacation | 13 | 14 9:00 – Bethesda WELCA Church Cleaning starting with coffee | 15 | 16  | 17 |
| 18 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost (green) 9 am Communion Worship at Bethesda with Diane Hoinés Noisy Can Offering | 19 July newsletter items due | 20  IT'S SUMMER! | 21 Office Hours 10-12 | 22 | 23 Office Hours 10-2 | 24 |
| 25 4 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 9 am Worship at Butler | 26 | 27 | 28 Office Hours 10-4 | 29  | 30 | |



Prairie Coteau Conference WELCA Spring Gathering

April 29, 2023

Five members from Butler and Bethesda attended our conference's spring gathering at Our Savior's Lutheran in Veblen on April 29. The theme was "Hopeful Imagination." Vicar Pat Schubert presented a Bible study on where God can lead us if we open ourselves to His hopeful imagination. Kathy McHenry, Executive Director of Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD, presented a thought-provoking perspective on charitable giving and described what she does. She said that we do not choose where we are born, but because we happened to be born here, we have so much more than many people in the world. Pastor Dell Sanderson spoke about his trip to our synod companion church in Nicaragua and the Seeds of Hope ministry to help create food security. He asked that we support these ministries financially and include them in prayer regularly in our church services because the need is great. Some of the general offering was for these ministries. Skits, music, and worship based on the theme completed the day.

BETHESDA WELCA

May 10, 2023

Bethesda WELCA met on May 10, 2023, at 2:00 pm at Sun Dial Manor. The program began with devotions by Carol Raap from Galatians 5:22-23. Members presented the skit "Fruit of the Spirit." As the Fruit of the Loom Gals (apple, grape, banana, orange, melon, strawberry, lemon, pear & cherry) arrived to apply for a job that could change their image, they humorously listed their unique qualifications (which caused a lot of laughter.) However, they failed in getting hired until they returned with Bible verses that explained the biblical fruit of the spirit that they could be. The "fruits" were Glenda Bakken, Jane Goehring, Kay Espeland, Kathryn Bury, Gayle Horter, Fran Morehouse, Bonnie Dolney, Bonnie Anderson, and Sharon Johnson. Carol closed with a reading, *The Journey is Short*. A lunch of meat & cheese was enjoyed while visiting with the residents. Next meeting is June 14 at 9:00 a.m. for church cleaning. Any help is appreciated!

Secretary,
Kathryn Bury



VBS – Following Jesus Changes Everything

Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths. Psalm 25:4

June 5 – 8 at Westside Wesleyan Church – 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Jesus Is Holy – Jesus Is Trustworthy – Jesus Is Forgiving –
Jesus Is for Everyone**

*Please join us on Thursday, June 8th at 8:00 for a short program. The kids love performing the new music they have learned, and it is always an uplifting time of sharing and receiving the love of Jesus.

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Let your roots
grow down into
him, and let
your lives be
built on him.
~Colossians 2:7

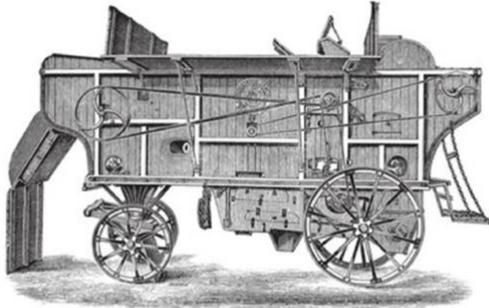
That's A Wrap

The confirmands wrapped up their year by packing 29 health kits for Lutheran World Relief with Kathryn Bury demonstrating the proper way to package items. Other recent activities included the conclusion of our study of the Ten Commandments and discussions on our March and April Bible verses, which centered around patience and grace. Caroline Bahr will be confirmed on October 22, 2023. Students, here are several opportunities to help with church and community projects this summer:

- *Spruce-Up Sunday on June 4
- *Helping at Bible School
- *Ladies Luncheon on July 12
- *Zucchini Fest on July 21
- *Threshing Bee on July 30
- *Helping with activities at Sun Dial
- *Offering help to ill/elderly neighbors
- *LOOK for ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

SAVE THE DATE

**Bergen Threshing Bee
for Rural Ministry
Sunday, July 30, 2023**



BERGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
13420 425th Avenue
Bristol, SD 57219

Tentative Schedule:
9:00 AM Old Fashioned Worship Service
10:00 AM Breakfast
11:00 AM - ?? Threshing & Family Activities
more details to come

All proceeds support Rural Ministry
across the South Dakota Synod ELCA

Pie Auction ~ Cotton Candy ~ Potato Picking
Live Auction ~ Ice Cream Floats
~ Trading Post (bake sale and silent auction)
~ Covered Wagon Rides ~

Come and bring your family as we
step back in time for some good,
old-fashioned fun!

SPRUCE-UP SUNDAY

June 4th at Bethesda

There will be a shortened service followed by spring cleaning of the church and grounds. It would be helpful if we had a couple of hand vacuums, rags, and long-handled dusting mops for high places. WELCA will follow-up on the 14th as needed, starting with coffee at 9:00 a.m. Many hands make light work!



Personal Care Kits

Butler WELCA is Collecting Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. This is an ongoing, constant need.

Items needed are:

- Light-weight, dark colored Bath-size Towels (20"x40" to 27"x52")
- Bath-size bars of Soap in original wrapping (8-9 oz.)
- Adult size Toothbrush in its original packaging
- Sturdy Comb
- Metal Nail Clipper

There is a box in the church entry for donations. Thank you!



Bethesda WELCA Luncheon

"Fruit of the Spirit"

July 12, 2023

Speaker – Charla Imrie
Red Cross Volunteer

Watch for more details in
the July [newsletter](#)

Giving Hands – Ways to Help

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10



Grace Lutheran Church, Watertown

Ukrainian Family

Grace Lutheran Church in Watertown is sponsoring a Ukrainian family to settle in their area. The family was to arrive the last week in April. Pastor Cheryl has asked churches in our conference to help if we can. This is a two-year commitment for Grace Lutheran. Personal donations may be sent to:

Grace Lutheran Church
202 2nd St. SE
Watertown, SD 57201

Please put "Ukrainian family" in the memo area of your check.

This year marks the **100th year** of Lutheran missions in Cameroon! The Rev. Dr. Jean Baiguele, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon (EELC) has been invited to visit our Synod this summer. The Companion Synod Committee would like to honor Bishop Baiguele's visit by making a special effort to raise money for new church roofs in Cameroon. Each church roof costs roughly \$8000 to construct. The Committee is challenging each Synod Conference to join the Prairie Rivers, Bear Butte, and Northern Plains Conferences in raising enough funds to build one roof, for a total of seven roofs by October, when Bishop Hagmaier leads a delegation to Cameroon to join the centennial celebrations there.

Freedom's Haven for New Americans' Workforce

The Freedom's Haven initiative focuses on all aspects of increasing new Americans' engagement in our South Dakota workforce, but the current focus is on the Ukrainian refugee effort. The goal is to provide refuge and a new life to 5,000 to 10,000 Ukrainians (about 2,500-6,500 families) displaced by the war. This group will partner with South Dakota employers to compile an expansive list of job opportunities for refugees. They will also offer monetary support to sponsors who provide temporary or permanent housing and other financial assistance to refugees.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

*Donate your time or talent. We need individual and business supporters in four working groups:

1. Be a sponsor
2. Provide support for sponsors
3. Employers interested in hiring or supporting refugees
4. Bolster or establish community services such as education, day care, police, charitable organizations. Contact LSS at 605-791-6700 to learn more.

*The Freedom Haven's Fund is housed at the SD Community Foundation. Make checks payable to South Dakota Community Foundation and mail to SD Community Foundation, PO Box 296, Pierre, SD 57501.

When placing items on the back steps or near back door for garbage disposal, please place a note on items marked "garbage" if it isn't in a garbage bag. Lorne doesn't want to throw anything away by mistake. Thank you!