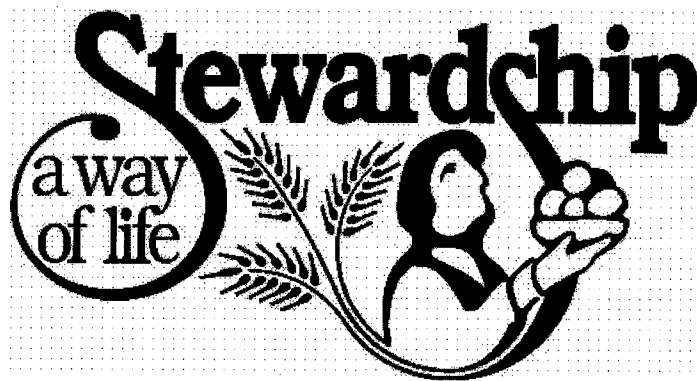


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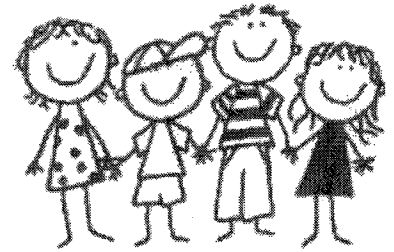
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Jackson Steffes

Rhiley Zimmerman and
Lawson VanderLinden

Wednesday School Smiles



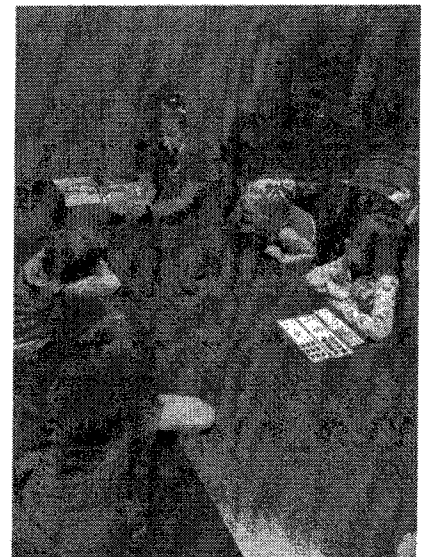
Learning and Loving God!

October Wednesday School Meal Servers

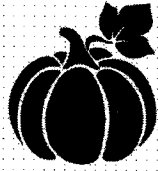
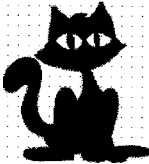
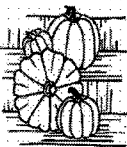
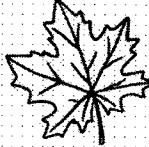
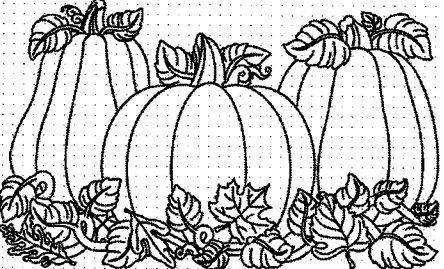
- Oct. 5 - Dave and Christa Orr
- Oct. 12 - Jake and Karli Zimmerman
- Oct. 19 - Paxton and Jess Steen
- Oct. 26 - Derek and Katy Wickre

***Please plan for at least 40 as we have 28 Wednesday school students and 9 Confirmation students.**

***Thank you to all that have donated water, paper products, and other items. It is so appreciated!**



Preschool/Kindergarten teacher, Katy Wickre, with Peyton Orr, Harper Steen, Jada Zimmerman, and Caden Salter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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17th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 2 9 am Communion Worship at Bethesda - Birthday Bank offering for Wednesday School	3 1 pm quilting at Bethesda Butler WELCA 6:30 pm	4 LSS Mental health training in Aberdeen 8:00-5:00	5 Office Hours 10-4 5:00-6:30 - Meal, Wed. School & Confirmation	6 	7	8
18th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 9 9 am Communion Worship at Butler	10 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	11	12 Office Hours 1-7 1:30 Bethesda WELCA 5:00 - 6:30 - Meal, Wednesday School & Confirmation 6:30 Bethesda Council	13 Boundaries Workshop 1:00 - 4:00	14 	15 Pheasant Opener 5-9 pm Gym
19th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 16 9 am Worship at Bethesda 8-11 Pancake Feed at Gym	17 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	18	19 Office Hours 10-4 5:00-6:30 - Meal, Wednesday School & Confirmation	20 Community Bingo - 6 pm Capitol	21 November newsletter items due to church office	22
20th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 23 9 am Worship at Butler	24 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	25 	26 Office Hours 10-4 5:00-6:30 - Meal and Trick-or-Treating for Food Pantry	27 	28 Haunted Warehouse 7-10 pm	29 Haunted Warehouse 7-10 pm
Reformation (red) 30 9 am Worship at Bristol Noisy Can offering	31 Happy Halloween! 1 pm quilting at Bethesda					
OCTOBER						
2022						

OCTOBER BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Usher	Reader	Organist
10/2	Robin	Lloyd	Kathryn
10/9	At Butler		
10/16	Mark	Remi	Gail
10/23	At Butler		
10/30	Carol	Glenda	Kathryn
Altar Guild: Jill Hansmeier, Marcia Orr			
Deacon: Pam Dylla			

Ways to Give to Bethesda Lutheran Church

at the church service
 mail to PO Box 426 Bristol, SD 57219
 mail to the church treasurer
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OCTOBER BUTLER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Readers
10/2	At Bethesda	
10/9	Steve	Wayne
10/16	At Bethesda	
10/23	Steve	Steve
10/30	At Bethesda	

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Thank you so much to all that donated towards our mission shipping of the kits and quilts.

It is greatly appreciated!

Quilts will be picked up for shipment on Oct. 1

If you have **items for the monthly newsletters** get those to Kristi as early as possible. It is greatly appreciated!

October 2022 newsletter postage is sponsored

by Brent and Vickie Zimmerman

If you would like to sponsor newsletter postage in December 2022, contact Jill. The cost is \$55.00.

- Oct. 6 Jaxon Ash
- Oct. 15 Mavis McKane
- Oct. 16 Aaliyah Lone
- Oct. 19 Chayse Shoemaker
- Oct. 19 Dennis Peckham
- Oct. 20 Jessica Schnaible
- Oct. 21 Joshua Lone
- Oct. 23 Joel Shoemaker
- Oct. 25 Tamara Lone
- Oct. 26 Gene Williamson
- Oct. 26 Preston Hansmeier
- Oct. 30 Janet Lardy
- Oct. 31 Kathryn Bury
- Oct. 31 Darren Iverson

Happy Birthday to you!

We apologize if we missed your birthday. Please let us know, and we will include on our list for next year.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I keep a book of passages from books I have read that resonate with me. While currently taking a class called Sermon Camp, we have been talking about intentional prayer. This means we sometimes go on autopilot, and when this happens, we need to change our mindset to intentionally thank God and pray with purpose. I couldn't help but think of this passage:

"Suppose for a moment that God began taking from us the many things for which we have failed to give thanks. Which of our limbs and faculties would be left? Would I still have my hands and my mind? And what about loved ones? If God were to take from me all those persons and things for which I have not given thanks, who or what would be left of me?" Out to Canaan by Jan Karon

Whenever I come across this reminder of all the things to give thanks for, it seems as if there would never be any reason for me to go on autopilot when praying. It isn't that I'm not grateful for all these things in my life; it is the fact that I take them for granted. I spend the greater share of my prayer time lifting others up in prayer that are going through the tougher things of life, but I think I need to start spending just as much time thanking God for the many gifts He has given me, the small along with the big. Here are a few:

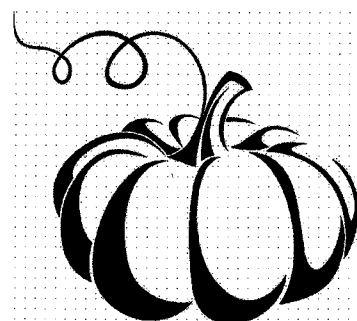
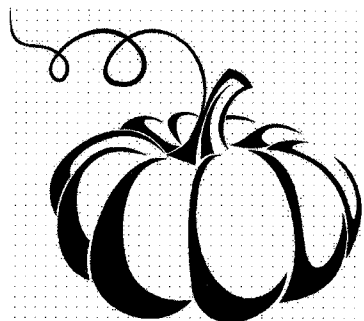
- *Going for long walks
- *Witnessing a sunrise or sunset
- *Taking care of my yard and flowers
- *Hearing my grandson's laughter
- *Tasting fresh vegetables
- *Watching my birdfeeder

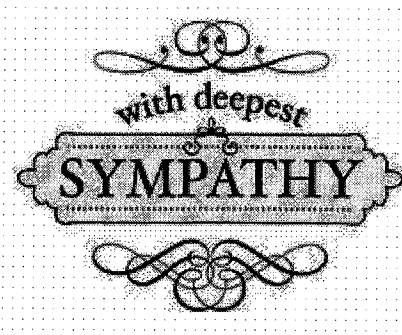
Make your own grateful list each and every day!

A wise friend once gave me some of the best advice I have ever

received, "Enjoy what you are doing wholeheartedly each and every time, for we never know when the last time is we will do something."

Blessings to all, Kristi





October 2

Habakkuk 1:1-4,
2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16

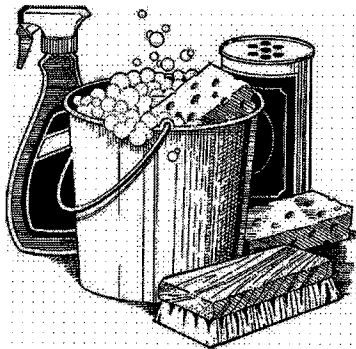
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14 –
4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23

Jeremiah 14:7-10,
19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-
18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30

Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10



Bethesda is taking applications for a janitor/cleaning person. There would be time this fall to work with the present janitor before starting January 1st. For more information, contact Kyle Hubsch at (605)590-1107.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Family of Alice Jean Peterson who passed away on September 1, 2022.

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**Prairie Coteau Conference
Fall Retreat**

Eighty-six women of the ELCA gathered at NeSoDak under the theme based on the book of Esther - "For such a time as this – Spirit-Fed, Spirit-Led." The book of Esther speaks of God's love and care. Queen Esther was urged to intervene for the sake of the Jewish nation. She takes the challenge after asking her people to pray and fast for 3 days. Are we ever put in a time like this, "for such a time as this?" We need to listen to God in prayer and follow the Holy Spirit's guidance. Bishop Constanza Hagmaier spent the day with us and shared some of the challenges she has faced as Bishop. She is passionate about serving the SD Synod and inspired us to open our hearts and minds to God's calling. The day was full of skits, reports, books, uplifting hymns, Bible study, Holy Communion, and officer meetings. The offering was divided between Katie's Fund and Neighbors in Solidarity. It was a wonderful gathering!

~Kay Espeland



September 2022 Newsletter Inserts

From the Bishop's Desk

Greetings in the name of Christ,

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly convened in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 8-12, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Gathering under the theme, *Embody the Word*, voting members participated in plenaries and worship while acting on key legislative business and hearing reports on the work of the church.

In this newsletter insert, you will find a summary of the actions of the Churchwide Assembly. As you will, there was a lot! What follows covers a lot of ground; if you would like more information on the Assembly, or any of these actions, you can visit the ELCA's 2022 Churchwide Assembly page at elca.org/churchwideassembly. There, you can find a full rundown of everything that happened and watch recordings of every plenary session and worship service. I am also happy to speak to you or your congregation if you would like me to share my thoughts on any of the actions taken at the Assembly – just contact the Synod office to schedule a time.

Journeying in Christ with you,
 Rev. Constanze Hagmaier
 Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

2022 Churchwide Assembly Highlights

The sixteenth Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA met August 8-12, 2022, worshipping together in services of Eucharist and lament, experiencing a liturgy rooted in Indigenous traditions, and hearing a public apology in a non-legislative session to Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina for harm experienced from actions taken by the Sierra Pacific Synod and this church. The following key actions were taken by the assembly:

- Elected Mr. Imran Siddiqui of the Southeastern Synod as vice president of the ELCA.
- Directed the Church Council to establish a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church to reconsider the statements of purpose for each expression of this church, the principles of organizational structure, and our shared commitment to dismantle racism, with findings to be reported to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a possible reconstituting convention; and directed an external audit of the

governing documents of this church to consider diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, with findings resulting in recommended changes to the governing documents.

- Authorized revisions to the social statement, *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*, and approved exploration of reconsideration of the four stated positions of “bound conscience.”
- Encouraged members, congregations, and synods of this church to educate themselves about Indigenous peoples, calling on the churchwide organization to work with synods and Indigenous partners to identify sources of funding for ministries for Indigenous peoples, and encouraging restorative justice that could include return of land to the appropriate Native nations.
- Referred a proposed study of pay gaps for rostered ministers to the Church Council.
- Mandated a review process of the roster manual and policies related to specialized ministries, On Leave from Call status, and protocols for removal from the rosters, and encouraged bishops and synod councils to use sparingly the process of removal from the roster for non-disciplinary reasons.
- Approved the budget proposal for the triennium, including a spending authorization of \$68,814,000 for 2023 for the current fund, along with a spending authorization of \$22,930,000 for ELCA World Hunger.
- Affirmed limits on the use of non-disclosure agreements by the churchwide organization and urged synods, congregations, and other ministries to apply the same limits.
- Reaffirmed the commitment of this church to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, directing the churchwide organization to set a goal of reducing net greenhouse gas pollution 50% by 2030, with a long-range goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.
- Called for a review of the nomination and elections processes used by synods and the churchwide organization.
- Responded to memorials, including among others those on diversity; nuclear weapons; voting rights and Washington, D.C., statehood; strategies for fortifying urban ministries; a Black migrant strategy; the right to boycott; gun violence; LGBTQIA+ welcome; substance abuse; *Roe v. Wade*; remembrance of Armenian, Assyrian and Greek genocide; parental and medical family leave; a process for pre-identification of nominees for the office of presiding bishop; revisions to the mission development process; consideration of

communion practices related to remote worship; affirmation of the task force created by the Church Council to review the discipline process; and a social message on child abuse and protection.

- Approved or ratified amendments to the *Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA*, most of which were related to general clarifications and updates; inclusive language; synod-authorized ministry; designation of advisory members by the Church Council; boards of the separately incorporated ministries; and election procedures for officers and the Churchwide Assembly.
- Elected members of the Church Council, Committee on Appeals, Committee on Discipline, Nominating Committee, and boards of the Separately Incorporated Ministries [see "First Common Ballot Results"].

General Announcements

SUBSCRIBE TO THE SYNOD E-NEWS:

We encourage you to subscribe to the weekly Synod e-news so that you can stay informed and updated with all that is happening throughout the South Dakota Synod. This can be done by visiting www.sdsynod.org. Scroll down to the bottom of the home screen where it says "Sign-Up for Synod News" then hit the orange sign-up button and enter your contact information.

Evening Blessings

Tonight as you drift off to sleep, may you feel content because you are loved and cherished by your Heavenly Father. May you feel confident because you know He holds you and all of your value and worth in His eyes and see yourself as He sees you. May your heart and mind be at rest because you know he is watching over you. He wants the best for you, and He is working everything together for your good. May you feel safe. May you feel protected. May you find healing, hope, and the answer to every need in The One who loves you beyond comprehension.

Debbie Kay, HopeForTheBrokenHearted.com

May you have eyes to see God's best will in every situation; may you have ears to hear His precious voice at every turn. May you have words that bring hope and healing to every hardship. And may your steps take you from one divine appointment to another. Be safe. Sleep well. You are loved.

Susie Larson Blessings

"When I say, 'I am a Christian,' I'm not shouting, 'I've been saved!' I'm whispering, 'I get lost!' That's why I chose this way.

When I say 'I am a Christian,' I don't speak with human pride. I'm confessing that I stumble – needing God to be my guide.

When I say 'I am a Christian,' I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and pray for strength to carry on.

When I say 'I am a Christian,' I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting that I've failed and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, 'I am a Christian,' I don't think I know it all. I submit to my confusion asking humbly to be taught.

When I say 'I am a Christian,' I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, 'I am a Christian,' I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartache which is why I seek His name.

When I say, 'I am a Christian,' I do not wish to judge. I have no authority – I only know I'm loved."

~ Carol Wimmer



The Wed. school and Confirmation classes will be trick-or-treating for the food pantry on Wednesday, October 26th. Here are some items that are always needed:

- *boxed potatoes
- *cereal
- *variety of soups (They get plenty of tomato and chicken noodle.)

- *canned beans
- *canned fruit
- *any type of macaroni/macaroni dinners

***Each student should bring one item to kick off our gathering.**

***If you live in the country, you can leave your items in the narthex by October 30th.**

WHO DOESN'T LIKE ICE CREAM?

Apparently, nobody! A total of \$4462 was taken in at the float stand over the three days of the Andover Threshing Bee. This will be split between the youth groups of the three churches. A huge thanks to everyone that volunteered their time and scooped sundaes and floats. And thank you to all that enjoyed an ice cream treat in support!

SCANDINAVIAN DINNERS AT NESODAK

- November 4 at 6:00 pm
- November 5 at 3:30 pm
- November 6 at 12:00 pm
- \$40 per person

Join us for a Scandinavian meal to support the ministry of NeSoDak Bible Camp. Tickets sell quickly, so make sure to reserve your place at the table soon! Seating upon arrival at the Sorensen Lodge at NeSoDak. A limited number of tickets are available for each meal. In order to be good stewards of food and to limit waste, this year's meal will be plated. Lutefisk will still be "all you care to" eat!

Please RSVP by calling (605) 947-4440 or emailing nesodak@losd.org

St. Dysmas

hope beyond bars

St. Dysmas Lutheran Church is the congregation that exists in several places. St. Dysmas on the Hill in Sioux Falls worships each Thursday evening. Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield worships each Friday evening. The Yankton Minimum Unit worships on Sunday evenings. We hope to establish a worship presence at the Women's Prison in Pierre and at the Rapid City Minimum Unit early next year. We also work to assist those released from prison to reintegrate back into society through our Re-Entry program. We know that we do not do this work alone. On behalf of the congregations of St. Dysmas, our Associate Council, and the staff of St. Dysmas of SD, thank you for your faithful financial support, your coming to worship at a St. Dysmas service, and for your prayers. If you have questions or want to learn more about St. Dysmas, please go to our website at www.stdysmas.com

Pastor Jeff Backer

Sr. Pastor and Dev. Dir for St. Dysmas of SD

GRIEF SHARE

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

Tuesdays beginning September 20th at 6 pm
Webster United Methodist Church

For more information:

Contact Pastor Molly at 830-339-9167

You are welcome to join at any time!

KIDS SAY THE GREATEST THINGS ABOUT GOD

Questions: Will Jesus Christ come back to Earth?

- ~"Nope! He's already seen enough!"
- ~"Jesus will come back every Christmas to all good little girls and boys."
- ~"He's not coming back because it's much, much nicer in heaven. He will just wait for us there."
- ~"What do you mean Jesus is coming back? Nobody ever tells me anything!"
- ~"Yes. Jesus is coming again, and this time he's bringing God with him!"

Prayer is abandoning all other objects of worship and giving yourself to the daily worship of God alone.

Prayer is an act of worship.

Here are seven ways in which prayer is rooted in worship:

1. ***Prayer acknowledges God's existence.*** It begins with and ends with the recognition that there is something more ultimate in the universe than you.
2. ***Prayer bows to God's glory.*** This is the constant requirement of prayer. You cannot pray properly without recognizing that there is a greater glory in this universe than your own glory. Prayer is recognition that no created glory can or will ever satisfy the heart of the one who prays. It flows from the understanding that it is only when you live for the glory of God that your heart can rest content.
3. ***Prayer submits to God's plan.*** Prayer is not asking God to endorse and resource your plan for life. Prayer is recognition that the One who made the world, including you, knows what is best for you. Prayer is not bringing your list and asking God to sign on the bottom. Prayer is handing God a blank sheet that you have already signed and trusting him to fill it out as he sees fit.
4. ***Prayer confesses allegiance to God's kingdom.*** Prayer is recognition that on this side of eternity there is a war between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of self. You commit your heart to the plans and purposes of God's kingdom and seek the grace to be part of what God is doing.
5. ***Prayer rests in God's provision.*** True prayer isn't spoken in panic, but in a spirit of trust and rest. You know that the One to whom you pray is near, faithful, and willing to meet your every need.
6. ***Prayer celebrates God's grace.*** True prayer arises when you are blown away by grace, for it is grace that gives you the desire to pray, the welcome of God to pray, and the promise that He will answer.
7. ***Prayer commits to God's work.*** Prayer is an acknowledgement that between the "already" and the "not yet", there is work of God to be done, and you need wisdom and strength for that work.

Prayer is laying down your idols and kneeling before God in humble and joyful worship. For further study and encouragement: Psalm 77