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HELP NEEDED

Kristi will need help at the Andover Threshing Bee on Friday, September 8th to man the Ice Cream Shack. Please let her know if you can help out with a 2-hour shift.



Affinity Rose Fuller
Nevaeh Ashley Moncada
James Scott Peterson

were welcomed into Holy Baptism at Bethesda on August 13th. Parents are Andrew and Samantha Peterson. Blessings to all!

Confirmation

New Confirmation students will begin on **Wednesday, September 20th** with all Confirmation students meeting September 27th.

Emergency Pastoral Contact

Kristi will be working from the Hills September 10-15. Cell service will be spotty at times. Please contact Diane in the event of an emergency.

Diane Hoines
605-380-2854 or 605-493-6618



September 3

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 10

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 17

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103: 1-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 24

Jonas 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Eleanore Whitmyre who passed away on August 14, 2023.

Bethesda September 2023 Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader	Organist
9/3	At Butler		
9/10	Glenda	Carol	Gail
9/17	At Butler		
9/24	Tucker & Marshall	Tucker & Marshall	Kathryn
Altar Guild: Robin Anderson & Theresa Hansmeier			
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
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September 2023 newsletter postage is sponsored Lorraine Anderson

Blessing of the quilts and kits will be held at both churches this month.

Shipping costs have increased. Donations would be appreciated. There is a basket where checks can be placed at Bethesda or give to Kay.

LWR's shipping costs to deliver quilts & kits overseas

1 mission quilt \$2.25

1 school kit \$1.40

1 personal care kit \$2.65 (includes the toothpaste to go with the Kit)

Butler September 2023 Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader
9/3	Deb S.	Kathy
9/10	At Bethesda	
9/17	Deb S.	Kolton
9/24	At Bethesda	

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September 1 Caleb Whitmyre
 September 2 Fran Morehouse
 September 3 Kayla Olsen
 September 4 Sherry Raap
 September 7 Jack Carlson
 September 8 Bob Whitmyre
 September 13 Caden Salter
 September 14 Amy Peckham
 September 15 Christa Sieben

September 17 Arlyus Vanatta
 September 20 Bonnie Dolney
 September 21 Taylor Huwe
 September 22 Diane Hoines
 September 23 Deb Peckham
 September 24 Wayne Nolte
 September 26 Lori Ash
 September 28 CharliRae Sieben
 September 29 Hunter LaLone

We apologize if we missed your birthday. Please let Kristi know, and it will be included on the list for next year. Birthday blessings to you!

September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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14 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 3 9 am Communion Worship at Butler	4 Butler WELCA 6:30 pm	5 	6 Office Hours 10-4	7	8 JV Threshing Show – Ice Cream Shack – We are in charge.	9 James Valley Threshing Show – Youth Ice Cream Shack – Bergen in charge
15 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 10 9 am Communion Worship at Bethesda Birthday Bank Offering Blessing of the Backpacks Youth Ice Cream Shack/Andover Bethesda/Butler in charge	11 Kristi in the Hills	12	13 1:30 PM Bethesda WELCA 6 PM Bethesda Council	14	15	16 Office Hours 10-4
16 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 17 9 am Worship at Butler with blessing of the quilts and kits Synod Fall Conference in Pierre	18	19 October newsletter items due to church office	20 Office Hours 1-4 5:00-6:30 Meal & Wednesday School & Confirmation *Confirmation for new students only	21 Office Hours 10-2 2:00 Sun Dial Service	22 	23
17 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 24 9 am Worship at Bethesda with blessing of the quilts and kits Noisy Can Offering	25	26	27 Office Hours – 10-4 5:00-6:30 Meal & Wednesday School & Confirmation	28	29	30 



WEDNESDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday School will start on September 20th, with the mealtime running from 5:10-5:25pm and music/class time from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please have children arrive at designated time on the schedule as adults aren't always at church until this time, and we do not want any children unattended for their safety. Once registration is complete, a calendar and meal schedule will be sent to parents and staff.

Our meal on September 20th will be in memory of Alice Jean and Jim Peterson.

We are still in need of teachers and substitutes.

We appreciate the donations we have received so far:

*Jenni Wickre – plates, bowls, paper towels, and water

*Julaine & Lyle Busch – water
These gifts are greatly appreciated!

Cowboy Camp at Joy Ranch



Robin Anderson and four of her grandchildren attended Grandparents' Camp at Joy Ranch August 14-16. Planned activities included chores, meeting the animals, games and karaoke on Main Street, campfires and s'mores, trail walks, arena rides, petting zoo, yard games, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, archery, wagon rides, and ball court. There were also pontoon rides, crafts, and fishing. Wild Bill's game room provided fun during free time. Evenings ended with movies on the big screen. The meals were delicious! Joy Ranch of SD is accessible to all ages and abilities with an awesome staff! What a great experience to gift to children!

BETHESDA WELCA

Wednesday, August 8, 2023

Bethesda WELCA met on August 8, 2023, at 7:30 pm with 7 members and 1 guest present. Bonnie Anderson opened the meeting with devotions from Eccl. 3: 1-8. The program was a skit "A Friend Indeed" by Bonnie Anderson and Sharon Johnson about making friends and being a friend and 2 readings. The business meeting opened with the Purpose Statement. Secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Gifts/donations to Karin Bartell, the synod Rural Ministry program, Charla Imrie and the Red Cross, and St Dymas were approved. Reports on the luncheon and mission kits were given. Thank you notes from Langford Area School & Ronald McDonald house were read. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Dessert was served by Gail Huwe.

Secretary, Kathryn Bury

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last month I shared with you the first four practices of joy, which are Pillars of the Mind. I would like to share the remaining four, which are Pillars of the Heart.

***FORGIVENESS** - Without forgiveness, we are bound by bitterness, trapped and tethered to the person that harmed us.

*It is helpful here to look at what Jesus has forgiven in us. This goes back to the **ACCEPTANCE** pillar, which reminds us to focus on everyone being a child of God.

***GRATITUDE** - There is always something to be grateful for! Gratitude shifts our perspective toward all we have been given, and it moves us away from fault and lack towards benefit and abundance.

***COMPASSION** - This is a sense of concern that arises when we see another suffering; this also includes self-compassion.

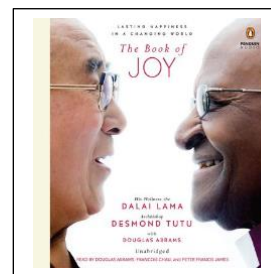
*For most of us, compassion for others comes much easier than compassion for ourselves.

***GENEROSITY** - Our goal here is to become an oasis of peace, a pool of serenity that ripples out to all those around us. Doesn't that sound like a wonderful way to live?

*Generosity is tied to all the other pillars.



*There is a Netflix special, inspired by the book, entitled *Mission: JOY, Finding Happiness in Troubled Times*.



I saw volumes of generosity as we prepared for the threshing bee, as well as the day of, in gifts of time, donations, money, talent and good ol' hard work. We often feel like we can't make a difference in the challenges of this world, but $1 + 1 + 1 =$ achieving great things with joint effort! When Jesus commissioned the disciples, he commissioned every believer to go out and get busy. As long as there are churches seeking the Word of God and wanting leaders to guide them, we have work to do in rural ministry in SD and the world. Many of you chose to be a part of that and saw your efforts multiplied. God can do a lot with a little bit!

Peace, Kristi




On **Sunday, Sept. 10**, congregations of the ELCA will join for our 10th annual day of service, “God’s work. Our hands.” This Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA’s 25th anniversary and continues to be a day to celebrate who we are. While this can be a physical project, it doesn’t have to be. I would encourage/challenge you to reach out to someone who is isolated, homebound, or in a care facility. Caregivers are another group that needs our support and prayers. This could be a card, a visit, a meal or baked treat, a gift card or a phone call – some small way these children of God could be reminded they are not forgotten and are the recipient of someone’s prayers.

COMPANION SYNOD SUNDAY

The Companion Synod Committee of the South Dakota Synod has voted to set October 1, 2023, as Companion Synod Sunday. Congregations throughout the Synod are invited to set aside time on this Sunday to lift up our two companion synods in Cameroon and Nicaragua. The Companion Synod Committee also wants to inform you that they are well on their way to the goal of raising money for seven church roofs in Cameroon.

Let Kristi know if you are interested in attending the youth convention in New Orleans July 16-20, 2024, so arrangements can be made. You must be an eighth grader this school year to attend.

 **St. Dysmas**
hope beyond bars

Pastor Jeff Backer of St. Dysmas informed us about the prisoner program followed by an inspiring message. Coffee hour followed worship with a question and answer period. Freewill offering totaled \$845.00. Thank you to all who attended and for your generosity!

A small group from Bethesda/Butler will visit St. Dysmas on October 4th to attend worship services. Bonnie Anderson’s cousin is the choir director at St. Dysmas and joined us for the service in Butler.

September – November Daily Bread Devotionals are now available in the narthex.

**2023-2024 Wednesday School Registration
for Bethesda/Butler Lutheran Church**

Child's Name: _____

Child's Age : _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current Grade : _____ School Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Caregiver Cell Number : _____

Home email address: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone if Different from Above:

Allergies, Medical Conditions, Medications or any information we need to be aware of:

_____ I am willing to help with Wednesday School by teaching.

I prefer working with grades _____.

_____ I am willing to help with the Christmas program.

Any questions or concerns please contact Robin Anderson at 605-380-8899 or 605-492-3621 or Katy Wickre 605-265-0401 and please return this registration to either one of us by September 4th, 2023. Can be emailed to rkanderson@abe.midco.net as well. Thank you!!