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Hello Everyone,

As I write this the harvest is in full swing. Combines are running late into the night, bins are being filled, and the pile at the elevators are growing. Soon we will celebrate the great American harvest festival which we call Thanksgiving. A time when we give thanks for the bounty of the harvest, for good friends and family, and for all that God has blessed us with. One thing I am thankful for is YOU! I give thanks to God everyday for the wonderful, kind, generous people you are. I watch and see how you care for each other and for those in the surrounding community. It is your love for each other that makes Bethesda/Butler such a strong community of faith. I am blessed to be your Pastor.



There is a prayer hanging in my office attributed to Martin Luther, it reads, *“Lord God, You have appointed me as a Pastor in Your Church, but you see how unsuited I am to meet so great and difficult a task. If I had lacked Your help, I would have ruined everything long ago. Therefore, I call upon You: I wish to devote my mouth and my heart to you; I shall teach the people. I myself will learn and ponder diligently upon Your Word. Use me as Your instrument — but do not forsake me, for if ever I should be on my own, I would easily wreck it all.”* It is a reminder to me that without God being right there with me I could not do this job. A reminder that as I go through life I do not go alone, God is with me always. God is with you too.

We gather every week to worship a God who loves us deeply. So much so that God sent his only Son to teach us and show us the extent of his love through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. To remind us that as we go through life, through the good times and the bad, we are never alone. He is always with us. I hold each of you in prayer every day and my door is always open for you.

May God bless each and every one of you,

Pastor Chris





**Bethesda WELCA**

Bethesda WELCA met on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 2018 at 1:30. Seven members and Pastor Chris were in attendance. The officers and Pastor Chris presented a program, "Monk(ey) Around". The skit was about Martin and Katrina Luther. "A Mighty Fortress is our God" was sung by all.

Jane Goehring presided over the business meeting. The Purpose Statement was read by members. The secretary's report and the treasurer's report were read and approved. A thank you card was read from the Ronald McDonald House directors for the quilt that was given to them. Carol Raap had applied for and gotten a grant from Thrivent for warm mittens for school children in Langford, Webster, and Groton. Jane Goehring and Alice Jean Peterson will purchase leather gloves. An order for 150 school bags will be sent.

The annual **cookie walk** will be **December 9<sup>th</sup>**. All Bethesda members are asked to bring cookies for that Sunday. **Advent** begins **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Christ the King Sunday is November 25<sup>th</sup> and the greens should be hung by November 28-30. If you would like to help bake at Ne-So-Dak for the lutefisk dinner, that will be done on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. **November and December are Food Pantry months**. There will be a box in the narthex.

Our November meeting will be November 14<sup>th</sup>. Linda Anderson is in charge of the program and Glenda Bakken will be the hostess.

Prayer concerns are: Richard Espeland, Dennis Vehe, Shirley Huwe, Shirley Halvorsen, Kris Knutson, Rose Grode, and Barb James.

The meeting closed by praying the Lord's Prayer and singing the table prayer. Muriel Bohn served a delicious lunch.

*Secretary, Alice Jean Peterson*

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**Butler WELCA**

The Butler WELCA met at the church on October 1, 2018 with 8 members present. Delores Whitmyre was hostess. The Bible Study was "Missions" based on Acts 10.

Pres. Kathy Buhler called the business meeting to order. The group recited the WELCA Purpose Statement. Secretary's report was read and approved. Correspondence was read.

Treasurers report: September Offering - \$52.00, General Fund - \$1143.23, Altar Fund - \$288.79.

Correction made in number of Personal Care Kits sent. Butler made 70 not 59. We collected \$265.00 for shipping costs. A motion was made and seconded to send \$265.00 for shipping WELCA projects.

Items discussed were:

- o "Quilt of Valor" to be presented on Veteran's Day at the Webster Armory.
- o An "Angel Quilt" for Bethesda Nursing Home.
- o Stewardship Letter for November.
- o Advent Sing in December.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am at the church. It will be a potluck lunch with quilting in the afternoon. Julaine will have the Offering Meditation.

We closed with praying The Lord's Prayer.

*Carol Flattum, Secretary*



**Butler Missions**

- 53 quilts
- 69 School Kits
- 70 Personal Care Kits
- 46 Baby Care Kits

**Bethesda Missions**

- 162 quilts
- 72 school kits
- 85 personal care kits
- 38 quilts to Ronald McDonald House

*Thank you to everyone that has helped with the Lutheran World Relief shipment. It takes many hands from start to finish.*

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If Church is cancelled due to bad weather it will be listed on the website

[www.bethesdabutler.com](http://www.bethesdabutler.com)

Facebook and the calling trees will be initiated. If in

question, contact your council president.

**Bethesda members - if you would like to be added to last year's calling list please let the office know by November 15<sup>th</sup>.**



**Bergen Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar**

Sunday, November 11 Noon - 2pm

Free Will Offering

Soups – Sandwiches – Desserts

Silent Auction and Live Pie Auction

All proceeds will benefit Bergen Luther League Youth Group for future Missionary and Youth Gathering trips.



Day County Ministerial Association will be hosting Thanksgiving Dinner at the Golden Age Center Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am – 2pm.



**Community “Thank You”  
Thanksgiving Meal**

Westside Wesleyan Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner to say *Thank You* to the Community for all the support following their fire. Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Pirate Activity Center.

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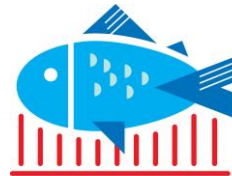


*I packed 67 School Kits!*

*Want to thank everyone who donated school supplies. Bless all!*

*~ Lila*

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Lutefisk  
Dinner

November 9, 10, 11

*Lutefisk, Lefse! Ya sure you betcha!*

All are welcome for a delicious meal of Scandinavian favorites in support of the ministry of Camp NeSoDak! Please join us for cider and conversation in the Fireside Room prior to the meal.

November 9 at 6:30

November 10 at 12:30

November 11 at 12:30

Cost: \$25

Please call 605-947-4440 or email [nesodak@losd.org](mailto:nesodak@losd.org) to reserve your space. Tickets sell quickly and space is limited.



American Lutheran Church will be holding a Thanksgiving Worship Service on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm



Better Choices Better Health and Sanford will be offering a Diabetes Self-Management Workshop for adults with pre-diabetes and type 2 diabetes. Caregivers and adults with type 1 diabetes are also welcome. This highly interactive workshop will cover topics on healthy eating and meal planning, preventing low blood sugar, monitoring blood sugar levels, medication how to's and tips for exercise. The first workshop will begin Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and run through February 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 PM -4:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church. For more information or to register call 605-588-3197.

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Bible Readings for each Sunday in November.

**November 4**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

**November 11**

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

**November 18**

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

**November 25**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

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**Food Collection**

Bethesda will be collecting non-perishable food and paper products for the local food pantry in November and December. There will be a box in the narthex for donations.



**God's Global Barnyard Update**

The children have been filling the offering gauge! The kids are invited to come up each Sunday to put coins in the gauge during offering time. We are over 1" of offerings! If you didn't pick up your Offering Barn they are available in the narthex. We will be collecting through December and will then decide what to purchase with our donations.



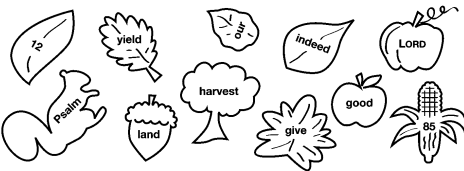



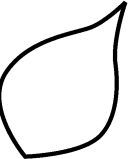
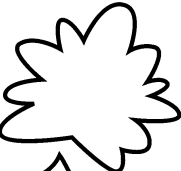




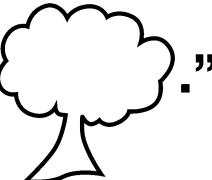

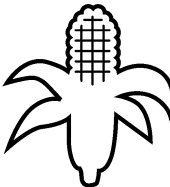

# PUZZLE

## HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

*Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.*



“The  will    
 what is , and   
 will  its .”  
  : , NIV



## The Genius of Generosity

Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that “there is a certain genius in generosity.” He explains that when we open our hands — figuratively speaking — to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

“God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold,” says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God’s genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.

### Bible Quiz



Of what ethnicity was the one leper out of 10 healed who returned to thank Jesus?

- A. Syrophenician
- B. Samaritan
- C. Syrian
- D. Judean

Answer: See Luke 17:16

## NOVEMBER BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Organist</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
11/04	At Butler	-----	-----	Marcia Orr	Janel	-----
11/11	Bonnie & George D.	Bonnie Dolney	Gail	Jane Goehring		Rylee H./Riley A.
11/18	At Butler	-----	-----			-----
11/25	Gail & Dennis H.	Kathryn Bury	Kathryn			Madison P.

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	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
11/04	Tonia	Tammie	Kaleb A.
11/11	At Bethesda	-----	-----
11/18	Tonia	Kaleb A.	
11/25	At Bethesda	-----	-----



November 2	Kris Hubsch
November 3	Robert Buehler
November 6	Brittany Horter
November 7	Lorraine Anderson
November 7	Liam Dauwen
November 8	Liana Horter
November 8	Vicki Duerre
November 8	Jon Raap
November 8	Jennifer Johnson
November 13	Mary Jo Raap
November 14	Jack Shoemaker
November 14	Karlie McKane
November 16	Richard Espeland
November 16	George Dolney
November 20	Gary Anderson
November 22	Erin Snaza
November 23	Jennifer Wickre
November 24	Arabella Clark
November 28	Tammie Herr



### Bethesda Financial Report

**Needed weekly to meet the budget: \$1,350.79**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
09/23	\$ 530.00	\$ 52.56
09/30	\$ 984.00	\$259.97
10/07	\$ 50.00	\$200.00
10/14	\$2,927.00	
10/21		\$145.62

As of October 24, 2018

Total 2018 yearly receipts: \$43,596.67

Total 2018 yearly disbursements: \$57,365.44

*Thank you for sharing your time, talent and financial offerings for the glory of God.*

**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!**



# NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9am Butler WELCA with potluck lunch and afternoon quilting
All Saints Sunday (white) <b>4</b> 9am Communion Worship at Butler 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda Daylight Savings Time Ends 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation	<b>8</b> 9am Bible Study at Bethesda  2pm Pastor Chris at Sun Dial	<b>9</b> 6:30 Lutefisk Dinner at NeSoDak	<b>10</b> 12:30 Lutefisk Dinner at NeSoDak
25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green) <b>11</b> 9am Communion Worship at Bethesda 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda 12:30 Lutefisk Dinner at NeSoDak 12-2pm Bergen Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar 	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Pastor's Office Day 1:30 Bethesda WELCA 4:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bethesda Council Meeting	<b>15</b> 9am Bible Study at Bethesda		<b>17</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green) <b>18</b> 9am Worship at Butler 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda 7pm Community Thanksgiving Service at American Lutheran in Webster	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 6pm Community Thanksgiving Meal at Bristol Gym	<b>21</b> Pastor's Office Day No Confirmation	<b>22</b>   11-2 Day Co. Thanksgiving Meal at Golden Age Center in Webster	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Christ the King Sunday (white) <b>25</b> 9am Worship at Bethesda 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation	<b>29</b> 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	<b>30</b>	