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Happy Easter Everyone,

As we move into April, Spring and the Easter Season we celebrate life and new growth. We sing Alleluias at church and we remember what it means that the tomb is empty. That death has been defeated forever. No longer do we have to fear death because we know that there is abundant life waiting for us on the other side.

We hear Paul tell us that if we have been united with Jesus in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. This is the promise that we receive in baptism.



This Easter season we will be celebrating the gift of new birth through baptism almost on a weekly basis so I want us to think about what baptism means. First and foremost, baptism is a promise that gives what it promises: forgiveness of sin, redemption, and salvation.

The forgiveness of sin we receive in baptism comes as we emerge from the water as a new person with a new life. We are redeemed because Jesus has redeemed us through his death and resurrection. So it is through the life of Jesus that we receive salvation. Baptism is not a ticket to heaven, it is not a pass that allows us to do whatever we want, instead it is a reminder of what Jesus has done for us.

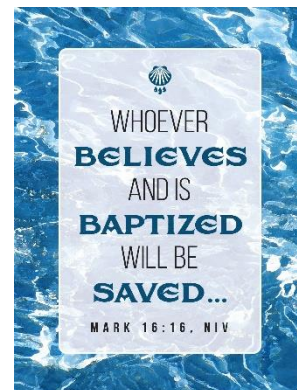
Baptism is a symbol of the gift of grace we receive from God along side the direct command from Jesus to go and make disciples, baptizing them in the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is not about us, it's about God and God's love for us.

Easter and the empty tomb are a reminder that when Jesus was resurrected the world changed forever. Baptism is a small reminder of that change. No longer are we just creatures that God created but through our redemption by Jesus we are claimed as adopted sons and daughters of God, heirs to the kingdom, heirs to the promise of life everlasting.

You are blessed children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

God be with you,

Pastor Chris





Butler WELCA

The Butler WELCA met at the church on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 9 am with 6 members present. Noon lunch was a potluck with quilting in the afternoon. The Bible Study was from "*Christian Disciplines*". The title was "Quiet Time" based on Exodus 33: 7-34: 10; 27-35.

The WELCA Purpose Statement was read. The Secretary's report was read and approved. Correspondence was reviewed. Treasurers report: February Offering - \$105.00, General Fund - \$1039.23, Altar Fund - \$344.07. Mission Action Report: Personal Care Kits will be worked on in April and quilting will continue. Janet will apply for a Thrivent grant for Personal Care Kits.

WELCA Spring Gathering will be Saturday, April 28th at the Abbey in the Hills. Butler will serve the Lenten Supper on March 7th. We will serve soup, garlic bread, and bars.

The group discussed the survey sent out on the WELCA Quilt Auction for Lutheran Outdoors. Our next meeting will be Monday April 2nd at 6:30pm at the church with potluck dinner and quilting. Kathy Nolte will have the Offering Meditation.

We closed with praying The Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary

Bethesda WELCA

Bethesda WELCA met on March 14th at 1:30 at Bethesda church. Seven members attended. Alice Jean Peterson was the program chairman. For devotions she read from Chapter 8 in Romans and offered prayer. Her Lenten program was "*Looking into the Mirror*" The discipline of Lent is self-examination and repentance. When we take a look in the mirror, an honest and deep look in the mirror, we find that the problem is worse than we had ever imagined. Our sinful thoughts and actions permeate our entire lives. Most of us have learned ways to cover up or conceal what we might call our shortcomings. We don't want to see them in the mirror, and we certainly don't want our friends, families, and co-workers or others seeing those shortcomings. All of Lent calls us to take an honest and deep look at ourselves to bare our souls before our loving and forgiving God. The program ended with the last words of Christ on the cross with bible verses and thoughts to ponder

The business meeting was presided over by Bonnie Dolney and Jane Goehring. We read the Purpose Statement as a group. The secretary and treasurer reports were given. Jane Goehring thanked the Bible Belles and others for donations for her kits.

Old Business: A motion made, seconded, and carried to pay postage for a mailing of the newsletter.

New Business: *We will order 60 donuts from Mikes to serve at 8:15 Easter Sunday. * The Prairie Coteau Spring Gathering will be Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Tabor Lutheran Church in Strandburg. *The graduates will be honored with their quilts on Sunday, April 29th. *The Prairie Coteau Conference will be hosting the Synodical Convention June 28-30 at Abbey of the Hills.

Our April meeting will be April 11th at 10:00 a.m. Bonnie Dolney will be in charge of the Program and Carol Raap will be the hostess. Prayer concerns were: Maddy Daam, Kris Knutson, and Keith Hansmeier.

We prayed the Lord's Prayer and sang the table prayer before lunch was served by Nadine Sauer.

Alice Jean Peterson, Secretary



Easter Sunday April 1st

8am Communion Worship at Butler with Nolan Snaza Baptism.

Potluck brunch following.

9:30am Communion Worship at Bethesda Rolls and coffee served at 8:30am.



Please have your Lenten coin folders turned in by April 8th. Each folder holds \$10 in quarters – you may also enclose a check made out to your church or include cash.

Butler’s donations will be split between the Webster PACH program, Groton BAGS program and Needs Anonymous.

Bethesda’s donations will be split between the Webster PACH program and Groton BAGS program. Thank You!



Bethesda Usher List for April

April 1 – David Olson, Janet Lardy, Riley Ash

April 15 – Sharon and Ron Johnson

April 29 – John and Jaclyn Horter

If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.



Saturday, April 21st at 9:30am Open House Bridal Shower at Butler for Morgan Mack, bride-to-be of Kyle Whitmyre. Morgan and Kyle are registered at Target and Fiksdals.



Bible Readings for each Sunday in April

April 1

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

April 8

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1--2:2

John 20:19-31

April 15

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

April 22

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

April 29

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8



Bethesda Members

The monthly newsletter will now be mailed to you. If you prefer to get it by email or from the website please let the office know that you don't need one mailed to you.



Graduate Recognition Sunday will be April 29th at Bethesda at 9am. Seniors Jack Carlson, Levi Stern and Allison Duerre will be recognized for their upcoming high school graduations. Congratulations Grads!



Bethesda Lutheran Church has registered for AmazonSmile, a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organizations selected by the customers. You can participate in this program by going to the following link when shopping Amazon.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-0238072>



Sunday, April 29th will be our last day of Sunday School. We have had a great year in Sunday School with a great group of kids! We look forward to seeing you all again this fall! Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talent to help this year.

You are appreciated!



Thank you to all who donated Easter Lilies to decorate our churches on Easter morning!



WELCA Spring Gathering

Saturday April 28th

Tabor Lutheran Church in Strandburg

9:00 - 9:30am Registration

\$10 per person

"When Women Gather Great Things Happen" Mission offering will be divided between the Synodical and Lutheran World Relief, Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. The Expense offering will be used for expenses PCC incurs throughout the year such as mailings and speakers at the two meetings. The Love Offering will be designated for the Grant County Food Pantry. They ask that you give personal hygiene items, toothpaste, shaving gel and razors, deodorant and body wash. A Silent Auction is also planned - monies raised will be sent to St. Dymas.

Bible Quiz



In John 10, what metaphor does Jesus use to describe himself?

- A. "I am the gate ..."
- B. "I am the good shepherd ..."
- C. Both A and B
- D. Neither A nor B

Answer: See John 10:9, 11

April BETHESDA Worship Assistants

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Organist</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
4/01	David O., Janet L., and Riley Ash	Kathryn B.	Gail	Glenda B.	John Horter	
4/08	At Butler	-----	-----	Carol R.		-----
4/15	Ron & Sharon Johnson	Janel L.	Kathryn			Rylee H.
4/22	At Butler	-----	-----			-----
4/29	John & Jaclyn Horter	Jill H.	Gail			Rylee H.

April BUTLER Worship Assistants

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>
4/01	Dennis & Kathy	Michael
4/08	Dennis & Kathy	Wayne
4/15	At Bethesda	-----
4/22	Dennis, Kathy and Kaleb A.	Kathy
4/29	At Bethesda	-----



- April 1 Delores Whitmyre, Deb Schiley
- April 2 Paul Halvorsen, Dan Ash
- April 3 Alice Jean Peterson
- April 6 Grady Rumpza
- April 7 Donna Nolte
- April 10 Jayden Eickhoff, Rochell Bartell
- April 11 Ryan Anderson, Kathy Ausland
- April 14 Amy Hansmeier
- April 16 Barb Lone
- April 16 Holly Lone
- April 18 Remi Hubsch
- April 19 Chloe Lone, Matthew Vehe, Jayden Ausland
- April 21 Chris Dylla
- April 22 Larrie Zimmerman
- April 23 Kirk Lardy
- April 24 Brianna Duerre, Ryan Horter
- April 25 Carol Flattum, Dennis Huwe
- April 27 Tonia Whitmyre
- April 28 Ron Johnson



Bethesda Financial Report

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
2/25	\$1,801.00	\$278.65
Thrivent		\$577.00
3/04	\$ 450.00	
3/11	\$1,429.00	
3/18	\$ 650.00	

As of March 20, 2018

Total 2018 yearly receipts:	\$13,558.06
Total 2018 yearly disbursements:	\$17,610.92


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

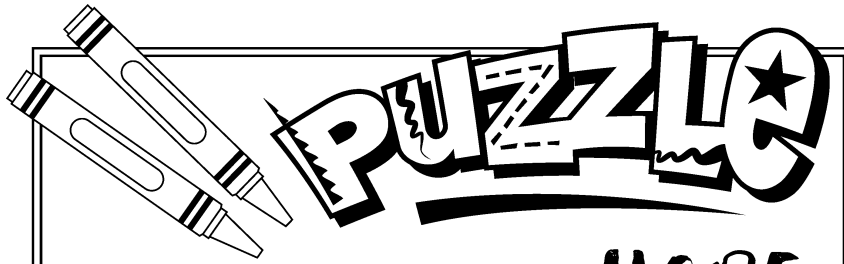
We apologize if we missed your birthday. Please let us know and we will include it on our list for next year.
 Birthday blessings to you!





APRIL 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Easter (white) 1 8am Communion Worship at Butler with Nolan Snaza Baptism. Potluck Brunch following  8:30 Rolls and Coffee at Bethesda 9:30am Communion Worship at Bethesda	2 6:30pm Butler WELCA	3 Pastor at Spring Theological	4 No Office Hours No Confirmation -----	5 No Bible Study -----	6	
2nd Sunday of Easter (white) 8 9am Worship at Butler with Layla Nolte Baptism 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda	9 	10	11 Pastor's Office Day 10am Bethesda WELCA 4pm Confirmation	12 9am Bible Study 2pm Sun Dial 6:30pm Bethesda Council Mtg.	13	14
3rd Sunday of Easter (white) 15 9am Worship at Bethesda 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda	16	17 	18 Pastor's Office Day 4pm Confirmation	19 9am Bible Study  MAY NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	20	21 <i>Bridal Shower</i> 9:30am Open House Bridal Shower for Morgan Mack/Kyle Whitmyre at Butler
4th Sunday of Easter (white) 22 9am Worship at Butler 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda	23	24	25 Pastor's Office Day 4pm Confirmation	26 9am Bible Study	27	28 Prairie Coteau Spring WELCA Gathering at Tabor Lutheran
5th Sunday of Easter (white) 29 9am Worship at Bethesda with Graduate Recognition 10:15 Last Sunday School for the Year	30 Pastor at First Call Retreat					



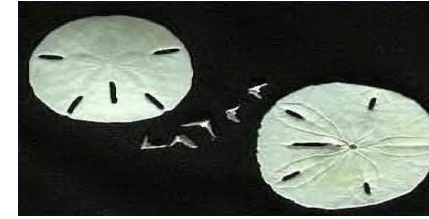
RESURRECTION HOPE


 Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because
 Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.
 

Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

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| 2+2 = ___ united | 2x3 = ___ death | 7+6 = ___ resurrection |
| 3x3 = ___ certainly | 18-16 = ___ have | 4-1 = ___ been |
| 0+1 = ___ if | 2x4 = ___ we | 13-1 = ___ him |
| 2+3 = ___ in | 20-6 = ___ like | 2+5 = ___ his |
| 2x5 = ___ be | 8+3 = ___ with | |

"For 1 we 2 3 4
 with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,
8 will 9 also 10 united
11 12 in a 13
14 his." Romans 6:5, NIV



The Legend of the Sand Dollar

There's a pretty little legend that I would like to tell
Of the birth and death of Jesus found in this lowly shell.

If you examine closely, you'll see that you find here
Four nail holes and a fifth hole, made by a Roman's spear.

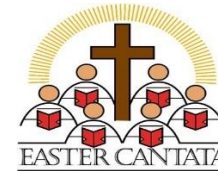
On one side the Easter lily, its center is the star
That appeared unto the shepherds and led them from afar.

The Christmas poinsettia etched on the other side
Reminds us of his birthday, our happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open, and here you will release
The five white doves awaiting to spread good will and peace.

This simple little symbol, Christ left for you and me
To help us spread his Gospel, through all eternity.

—Author unknown



Perfect Attendance

The church choir director was frustrated because at least one member was missing from each Easter cantata rehearsal. At the final rehearsal, she announced, "I wish to publicly thank the tenor for being the only choir member to attend every rehearsal." The tenor replied, "It's the least I could do since I won't be here for Easter".

