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***<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)***

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I include the above passage in my message for the simple reason that at times I think we forget we are called to love. We are called to react with everyone we interact with the love, respect, and simple dignity that every person deserves. That being said let me talk about "The Wall."

Do our borders need to be secure? Yes! Do we need to protect ourselves and all those who live in this wonderful and great country we call home? Yes! Do we need to keep out of this country those who would do it harm, terrorists, drug dealers and smugglers? Again, Yes! Will a wall do this? No, at least not very effectively since only a small portion of our border is actually land, most of the country's borders are along shorelines.

As our elected leaders in Washington D.C. battle over this wall just like any war there are casualties. These casualties are not just those who depend on the government



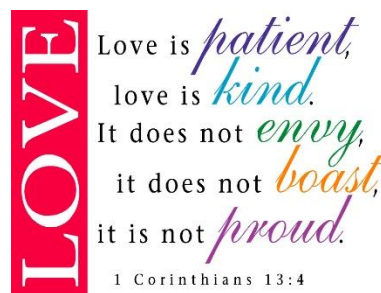
for a paycheck it also profoundly affects the "least of these" the ones who depend on the government for survival, and contrary to popular belief most of these are natural born citizens. A lot of these people being affected are children and mothers with children. Another group impacted are your neighbors, the farmers and ranchers, especially those who have loans through the FSA. "*Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in the truth.*"

This wall that is tearing our country apart is not needed. The people coming to our southern border are coming for one of the reasons that makes the United States a great country. They are coming because they see the U.S. as place of hope, a place where they can rest and be safe, a place where they don't have to fear for their life or the lives of their children. A place of love. "*Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*"

Only love will restore this great country, hopefully that happens before the wall destroys it.

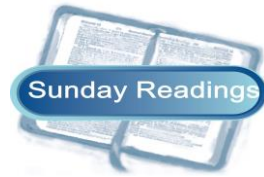
*God's love be with you all,*

*Pastor Chris*





If your family or group is able to serve for a Lenten Supper please sign up on the sheet on Bethesda's bulletin board. Lenten worship will be Wednesdays at 6pm beginning March 13<sup>th</sup> at Bethesda with supper following.



Bible Readings for each Sunday in February

**February 3**

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30

**February 10**

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]  
Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

**February 17**

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

**February 24**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38



February Newsletter postage donated by Larry and Pat Huwe. Thank you!

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**Children's Offering Gauge**

We collected 4 1/2" for God's Global Barnyard in the Children's Offering gauge - \$85.52! January through April we will be collecting for the local PACH programs.



Oliver John Schnaible was baptized December 30<sup>th</sup> at Butler. He is the son of John and Jessica, big sister Adalyn. Welcome to the church family Oliver!



**Divorce Care and Divorce Care for Kids Workshop**

Divorce is not something anyone plans for or expects but unfortunately it affects many families. One thing for sure is that when we come together for support and conversation and prayer we are stronger and healing can begin. **Join others for this faith-based workshop, starting Sunday, March 3rd from 4:00 -5:30 p.m at Bethlehem in Aberdeen.** In addition, children ages 5-12 whose parents are attending Divorce Care are invited to attend Divorce Care for Kids meeting separately, but at the same time. This is a seven-week workshop being led by Pastor Chris and his wife Pastor Rhia. Please contact Pastor Chris to sign up as space is limited.



### Butler WELCA

The Butler WELCA met at the church on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 9 am. There were 8 members present. Noon lunch was a potluck. The Bible Study was "Time and Gifts" from Matthew 25: 14-30.

Janet Coyne had the Offering Meditation "*Discovering Your God Given Purpose*". The WELCA Purpose Statement was read. Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report: December Offering - \$90.00, General Fund - \$2748.78, Altar Fund - \$344.07. Mission Action Report: Discussion on what is needed for kits. Kathy Nolte was reimbursed \$30,00 for diapers for Baby Care Kits.

Old Business: Pres. Kathy Buhler thanked everyone involved in the Advent Sing and supper.

New Business: We decided to order books for the next Bible Study titled "*Angels*". Janet will order 10 books from Crossroads.

Discussion was held on dispersal of funds for 2018. Motion was made and seconded to give \$1875.00 for missions. We discussed ways to raise money for missions. Motion made and seconded to do a quilt raffle. Motion carried.

Our next meeting is February 2 at 9 am at the church with quilting and potluck lunch. Carol will have Offering Meditation. We closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary

## Call for Volunteers and Nominations The Prairie Coteau Conference Assembly

Sunday February 24, 2019 at 3:00 PM at Joy Ranch

We need to fill the following positions for our conference:

- **Resolutions Committee** – 1 year (Clergy or Lay) First meeting is in April. Then during assembly May 30-June 1
- **Conference President** – 1 year term (Must be one of our Synod Council Members)
- **Conference Treasurer** – 2 year term (Lay or Clergy)
- **Synod Council** – 4 year term (Lay Female)
- **Synod Council** – 4 year term (Lay Male)
- **Support to Ministries** – 4 year term (Lay)
- **Candidacy Committee** – 5 year term
- **Multi-Cultural Committee** – 3 year term
- **Nominating Committee** – 1 year term (3 positions either Clergy or Lay)
- **Augustana Association** – 1 year term (2 Clergy & 4 Lay) This is usually the first Friday of December.

If you are interested in serving, or wish to nominate someone for these positions please contact:

Rev. Mindy Ehrke at mehrke@yahoo.com or call/text 605 261 9032

Teresa Mikkelsen at officestjohns@itctel.com work 605 345-3415 home 605 345-2912

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

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Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

## FEBRUARY BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Organist</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
2/3 2/10 2/17 2/24	At Butler  At Butler	Kay E. ----- Mark A. -----	Gail ----- Kathryn -----	Pam D. Gayle H.	Pam D.	Madison P. ----- Rylee H. -----

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	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>
2/3 2/10 2/17 2/24	At Bethesda Michael & Tammie At Bethesda Michael & Tammie	----- Kathy B. ----- Kaleb A.



### Don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® - March 31<sup>st</sup> Deadline

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let designated Choice Dollars expire.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2019**, to direct any remaining 2018 Choice Dollars. Help support Bethesda or Butler Lutheran Church. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more and find program terms and conditions.








Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



February 1	Kaedynce Bonn
February 1	Nick Hubsch
February 2	Wes Nolte
February 3	Janel Lone
February 3	James B. McKane IV
February 8	Tucker Wickre
February 10	Raegan Horter
February 12	Maycee Moody
February 12	Mya Moody
February 12	Lyle Busch
February 12	Chezney Williamson
February 13	Colt Williamson
February 13	Damon Witt
February 13	Jenilee Wickre
February 16	Lance Johnson
February 17	Cambryn Sieben
February 17	Nathan Duerre
February 17	Ayden McKane
February 19	Larissa Hansmeier
February 20	Deb Henrichsen
February 21	Kiera Olsen
February 22	Shirley Huwe
February 23	Alyssa Shoemaker
February 23	Lila Erickson
February 23	Derek Wickre
February 24	Karin Bartell
February 26	Allison Duerre
February 27	Hayden Ferguson
February 28	Bill Dylla

**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!**


**FEBRUARY 2019**


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9am Butler WELCA with potluck lunch and quilting
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (green) 3</b> 9am Communion Worship at Bethesda 10:15 Sunday School	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation	<b>7</b> 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (green) 10</b> 9am Communion Worship at Butler 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation  6:30 Bethesda Council Meeting	<b>14</b> 9am Bible Study at Bethesda  2pm Pastor Chris at Sun Dial 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (green) 17</b> 9am Worship at Bethesda with Runner's Club Noisy Can Offering 10:15 Sunday School with NeSoDak	<b>18</b> March Newsletter items due 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation	<b>21</b> 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (green) 24</b> 9am Worship at Butler 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda  3pm Prairie Coteau Conference Annual Meeting at Joy Ranch	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation	<b>28</b> 9am Bible Study at Bethesda		