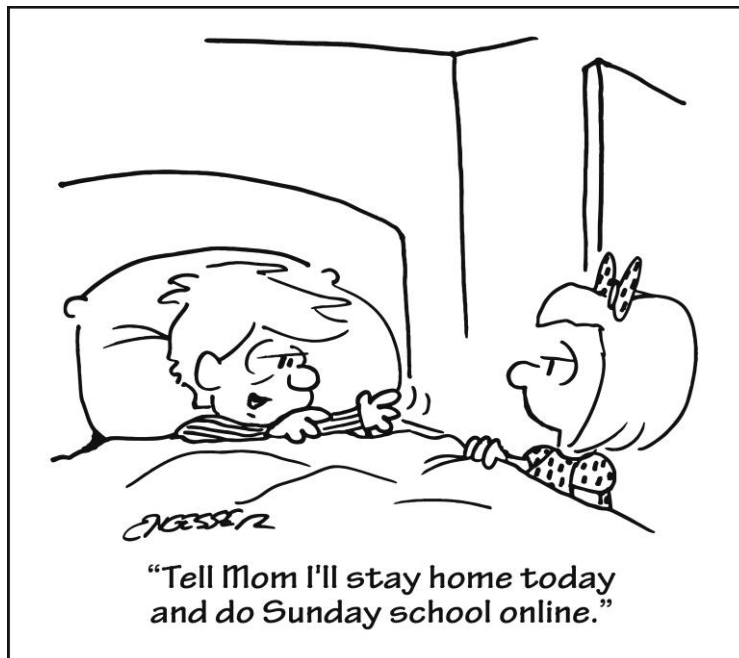


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Happy New Year Everyone,

Every new year, every new day begins with the belief and the hope that it will be better than the last. This year like many years, my prayer is for peace, peace in a world that seems determined to destroy itself, peace for our country that we can set aside our differences and come together as one united nation, peace for us as we look to set aside our fear of the unknown and open our hearts to welcome those who come seeking shelter.

People of God, I know that our country has seen a lot of destruction through fires and hurricanes this past year, trade wars bring uncertainty about the future and where there is uncertainty; fear grows, people get hurt, and we are left scarred by the memories. But we are a people of God and as such we live with the knowledge that our future has already been taken care of by a loving and forgiving God, a God who keeps his promises and will not leave us alone so knowing that and believing that we can afford to look past our fears and reach out our hands in order to help and welcome.

I pray for peace and strength be given to us so that we can open our eyes and see that within each new person we meet there is much that is similar to us that their stories, hopes and fears have much in common with our lives. The differences can become opportunities to learn from each other and discover new things that enrich our lives. As we learn from each other we can also celebrate that even though we are each made in the image of God, we are also uniquely different from each other, we are our own person perfectly made and perfectly loved by God.

I leave you with this final thought that we relearn every Christmas. God comes to us in unexpected places through unexpected people. Nobody thought that God would come to them as a baby born to a small, poor, unknown family far from home, who had to rely on the kindness of strangers for hospitality. Yet that is exactly what happened. God continues to show up in our lives when we least expect it, in places where we aren't looking for him, and through the unlikeliest of people.

May the Peace of God guide you through the New Year.

Pastor Chris





Butler WELCA

The Butler WELCA met at the church on December 1, 2018 at 9 am with 8 present. Bible Study was "Discipling" based on 1 Thessalonians 2. Julaine had the Offering Meditation. The group recited the WELCA Purpose Statement.

Secretary's report was read and approved. Bethesda WELCA invited us to their annual Christmas Luncheon on December 12 at noon. Treasurer's report: November Offering - \$30.00, General Fund - \$1797.73, Altar Fund - \$288.79.

We will provide juice for Bethesda Home and Sun Dial Manor. Janet will get it and deliver it.

8 quilts were done at last month's meeting. Janet and Kathy presented The Quilt of Valor at the Webster Program to Jeff Bauer. His quilt has 23 quilt squares made by Kathy Buhler.

The group decided to finish up baby care kits and next year only do personal care kits, school kits and quilts.

Next meeting will be Saturday January 5, 2019 at 9 am at the church with potluck lunch and afternoon quilting. Janet will have the Offering Meditation. We closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary

Bethesda WELCA

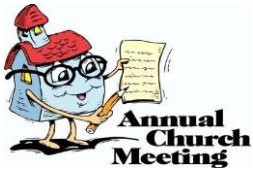
Bethesda's annual Christmas Luncheon was held on Wednesday, December 12th at noon. Jane Goehring welcomed the guests and, after the table prayer was sung, the guests were treated to a festive meal and dessert. After the meal Pastor Chris gave a Christmas devotion and the officers presented a program "The Gifts of Christmas". Those taking part were Bonnie Dolney, Kay Espeland, Jane Goehring, and Alice Jean Peterson.



**BUNCO
NIGHT**



Bethesda WELCA will host a Bunco Party on New Year's Eve, Monday Dec. 31st at Bethesda Lutheran Church. It will begin at 5:30 with a pot luck supper, with dessert to follow after the evening fun. All are welcome to attend.



Please have your Bethesda Annual Report information to Tonia by January 14th

Bethesda's Annual Meeting will be January 20th following worship

Please have your Butler Annual Report information to Tonia by January 21st

Butler's Annual Meeting will be January 27th following worship



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 10th and run through February 14th from 1:30 - 4pm at St. John's Lutheran Church. For more information or to register call 605-588-3197.



We received an anonymous donation to cover January's Newsletter postage. Thank You!



Remember to turn in your God's Global Barnyard donations to your church treasurer as soon as possible!

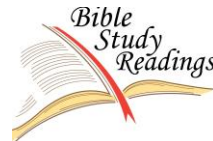


The Sunday School program is looking for volunteers to help teach class for the following dates: January 27

February 3, 10, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24

Contact Becky Hubsch at 924-1942



Bible Readings for each Sunday in January

January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 13

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

January 27

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21



Special Birthday wishes to Eleanore Whitmyre who turns 102 on January 11th!

Birthday greetings may be sent to:
Eleanore Whitmyre
PO Box 337
Bristol, SD 57219

JANUARY BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Organist</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
1/6	Jane G. and Alice Jean P.	Robin A.	Gail	Karin Bartell	Janel Lone
1/13	At Butler	-----	-----		
1/20		Alice Jean P.	Kathryn		
1/27	At Butler	-----	-----		

JANUARY BUTLER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>
1/6	At Bethesda	-----
1/13	Travis A.	Kellen A.
1/20	At Bethesda	-----
1/27	Travis A.	Michael H.



Bethesda Financial Report

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
11/25	\$ 697.00	\$ 239.72
12/02	\$ 615.00	\$ 100.00
12/07	\$2438.50	\$ 50.00
Thrivent		\$ 86.00
12/16	\$ 125.00	\$1260.00

As of , 2018

Total 2018 yearly receipts:	\$61,912.97
Total 2018 yearly disbursements:	\$69,984.16

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








- January 2 Michael Herr
- January 2 Brandon Whitmyre
- January 3 Kaleb Antonsen
- January 3 Kellen Antonsen
- January 4 Marshall Peckham
- January 4 Nola Roitsch
- January 5 Jake Zimmerman
- January 5 Lola Counts
- January 7 Travis Antonsen
- January 8 Kathy Nolte
- January 8 Brent Zimmerman
- January 10 Gwen Bates
- January 10 David Clark
- January 11 Eleanore Whitmyre
- January 12 Leroy Johnson
- January 14 Ian Eickhoff
- January 18 Harold Orr
- January 20 Turner Wickre
- January 22 Glenn Flattum
- January 27 Desiree Hansmeier
- January 28 Halston Witt
- January 29 Kay Espeland
- January 30 Madison Peckham

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!



JANUARY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2 No Office Hours Pastor Chris Gone-----	3 No Bible Study -----	4 -----	5 9am Butler WELCA with potluck lunch and afternoon quilting -----
Epiphany of Our Lord (white) 6 9am Worship at Bethesda with Pastor Bunk 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda Pastor Chris gone-----	7  -----	8 -----	9 No Office Hours No Confirmation -----	10 No Bible Study -----	11 -----	12 -----
Baptism of Our Lord (white) 13 9am Communion Worship at Butler 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda	14  Bethesda Annual Reports Due	15 	16 Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation	17 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	18 -----	19 
2nd Sunday after Epiphany (green) 20 9am Communion Worship at Bethesda with Runner's Club Noisy Can Offering Bethesda Annual Mtg following Worship 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda February Newsletter items due	21  Butler Annual Reports Due 	22 -----	23 Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation	24 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	25 	26 -----
3rd Sunday after Epiphany (green) 27 9am Worship at Butler Butler Annual Mtg following Worship 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda	28 -----	29 	30 Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation	31 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	-----	-----