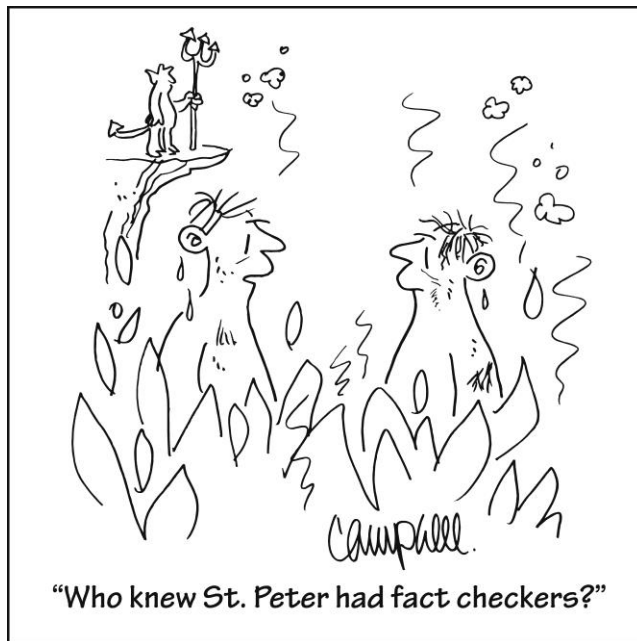


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Hello Everyone,

As I sit here the snow is hip deep, the wind is blowing, it seems as if I haven't seen the sun in ages, and they are calling for more snow. Enough already! I am ready for Spring. My golf magazine has arrived in the mail filled with new clubs, new balls, and different ways to improve your game. I dream of green grass and warm days, even those cleansing Spring rains.

Some days it may seem as if Winter will never end but it is the beginning of March which means that Spring will have arrived before the month is done. Spring is coming, it always does. The seasons go round and round, one following the other Winter into Spring into Summer into Fall and back into Winter. Sooner or later Spring will come.



There are times in our lives when it seems as if we are caught in an endless Winter. Times when life just seems to keep handing us one snow storm after another. Times when it seems as if the sun will never shine again in our life. The good news is that at some point Spring will come. The dreary rains of March will bring the green of April.

When we are lost in the dark, standing at the foot of the cross, looking up to see our hope die. Know that it is because of Good Friday we have Easter. As we stand with Jesus at the foot of the cross we will also stand with him in the garden next to an empty tomb.



The good news about our faith beyond the hope and promise of life everlasting with Jesus is that Jesus is with us right now walking with us through all the seasons of our lives. In the winters and the springs Jesus is right there with us.

May the peace of God be with you always,

Pastor Chris

2019 BETHESDA BUTLER COUNCIL MEMBERS

	Bethesda	Butler
President	Kyle Hubsch	Gerald Anderson
Vice President	Robin Anderson	Julie Flattum
Secretary	Vicki Zimmerman	Pat Sass
Treasurer	Jill Hansmeier	Tamra Herr
Deacons	Pam Dylla John Horter Kris Hubsch	Steve Witt Dennis Buhler
Trustees	Darron Iverson Gene Williamson Derek Wickre	Paul Halvorsen Wes Nolte Michael Herr
Bethesda Home Board	Brent Zimmerman	Linda Witt
Head Ushers	Jane Goehring Alice Jean Peterson	Dennis Buhler
Nominating Committee	Kay Espeland Kris Hubsch Carol Raap	Paul Halvorsen Steve Witt Carol Flattum
Joint Council	Kyle Hubsch	Gerald Anderson Julie Flattum Steve Witt
Parish Education	Angela Antonsen and Darcie Moody	
Special Funds	Fran Morehouse	
Funeral Ushers	George & Bonnie Dolney	
Endowment Funds Comm.	Janet Lardy Kathryn Bury Mark Anderson	
Auditors	Theresa Hansmeier Kathryn Bury	

**Don't forget to direct Thrivent
Choice Dollars® - March 31st 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 to learn more and find program terms and conditions.

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



Lenten worships will be Wednesdays at 6pm beginning March 13th at Bethesda with supper following. Confirmation will meet with Pastor Chris during the supper.

March 13th – Bergen

March 20th – Bethesda WELCA

March 27th – SS and Confirmation

April 3rd – Butler

April 10th – Church Council



Open house bridal shower will be held on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00AM to honor Kaylene Johnson at Bethesda Church. Kaylene will become the bride of Hayden Simon on June 29, 2019. Kaylene is registered at Target & Fiksdals in Webster.



Ash Wednesday Service will be at Butler on Wednesday, March 6th at 6pm.



Bible Readings for each Sunday in March

March 3

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 17

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17--4:1

Luke 13:31-35

March 24

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 31

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

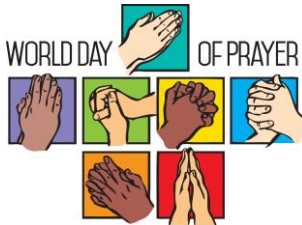


“There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature – the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter.” –*Rachel Carson*



**Chocolate Fest at NeSoDak
March 29th and 30th 6:00pm**

Prime rib dinner and a bountiful buffet of decadent, chocolate treats. Tickets are \$30 each and reservations must be made in advance. Call 605-947-4440 or email nesodak@losd.org



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
March 1st - 2:00pm at Sun Dial**

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.

- It is a movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions.
- It is a movement symbolized by an annual day of celebration – the first Friday of March – to which all people are welcome.
- It is a movement which brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

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Thank you to those who donated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to the church!

Donations received in 2018:

Bethesda: \$3,030

Butler: \$488



Lenten Coin Folders
Pick up your coin folder at either church. 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. For Bethesda's donations one half will go to the Backpack Programs in Webster, Groton and Langford, and one half will go to Day County Food Pantry. If you would like a coin folder mailed to you please contact the office at 492-3123 or bethesdabutler@nvc.net



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10th. Move your clocks ahead 1 hour.



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, March 7th and run through April 11th from 1:30 PM -4:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church. For more information or to register call 605-588-3197.





Butler WELCA

The Butler WELCA met at the church on Saturday February 2, 2019 at 9am with 7 members present. Noon lunch was potluck with quilting in the afternoon.

The Bible Study was "Guidance" from 2 Chronicles 20: 1-30. Carol Flattum had the Offering Meditation. The group recited the WELCA Purpose Statement.

Secretary's report was read and approved. There was no Treasurers report. Mission Action report: quilting will continue and we will finish up the Baby Care Kits.

We discussed Thrivent grants for kits. Janet will apply for the quilts projects and will get batting. Kathy Nolte will apply for Baby Care Kits. Julie will apply for School Kits. Kathy Buhler will apply for Personal Care Kits.

Discussion was held on serving Lenten suppers. We will ask for April 3 for our night to serve.

Our next meeting will be March 2, 2019 at 9 am at the church with potluck lunch and quilting in the afternoon. Julaine will have the Offering Meditation. We closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary



Sundays, March 3rd - April 14th

from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

1620 Milwaukee Ave NE, Aberdeen

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, conversation and prayer we are stronger and healing can begin.

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 as the adults.

Please contact Pastor Chris at 218-0852 or bethesdabutler@nvc.net to sign up as space is limited.

MARCH BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Organist</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
3/3	Kay E. and Glenda B.	Glenda B.	Gail	Kathryn B.	John H.	-----
3/10	At Butler	-----	-----	Janet L.		-----
3/17	Robin & Jon A.	Robin A.	Kathryn			Rylee H.
3/24	At Butler	-----	-----			-----
3/31	Bonnie & George D.	Bonnie D.	Gail			Madison P.

MARCH BUTLER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
3/3	At Bethesda	-----	-----
3/10	Michael & Tammie	Karter M.	
3/17	At Bethesda	-----	-----
3/24	Michael & Tammie	Tammie H.	Kaleb A.
3/31	At Bethesda		



March 1	Dan Lone
March 2	Vicki Zimmerman
March 4	Rebecca Hubsch
March 6	Devon Huwe
March 15	Darrick Lone
March 15	Corey Lone
March 16	Emma Bahr
March 19	Jamie Anderson
March 19	John Horter
March 21	Lydia Johnson
March 22	Gail Huwe
March 22	Wyatt Lone
March 22	James R. McKane III
March 28	Kristi Bonn
March 30	Mark Anderson
March 30	Jon Anderson
March 30	Justin McKane
March 31	Mason Peckham



Bethesda Financial Report

Needed weekly to meet the budget: \$1,379.77

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
1/06	\$ 828.00	\$119.50
1/13	\$ 25.00	\$141.03
1/20	\$ 921.00	\$164.00
1/27	\$ 425.00	\$334.76
2/03	\$1,100.00	\$136.80
2/10	\$ 100.00	\$ 45.00
2/17	\$1,099.00	\$160.24

As of February 18, 2019

Total 2019 yearly receipts:	\$5,599.33
Total 2019 yearly disbursements:	\$13,060.46

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!



MARCH 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 2pm 1 World Day of Prayer at Sun Dial	2 9am Butler WELCA potluck lunch and quilting
Transfiguration of Our Lord (white) 3 9am Communion Worship at Bethesda 10:15 Sunday School 4-5:30 Divorce Care Workshop in Abn.	4	5	Pastor's Office Day 6  6pm Ash Wednesday Worship at Butler	7 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	8 	9
1st Sunday in Lent (purple) 10 9am Communion Worship at Butler 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda 4-5:30 Divorce Care Workshop in Abn. Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	12	Pastor's Office Day 13 1:30 Bethesda WELCA 6pm Lenten Worship at Bethesda with Supper following served by Bergen. Confirmation meets during supper. 7:30 Bethesda Council Meeting	14 9am Bible Study at Bethesda 2pm Pastor Chris at Sun Dial	15	
2nd Sunday in Lent (purple) 17 9am Worship at Bethesda 10:15 Sunday School 4-5:30 Divorce Care Workshop in Abn.	18  April Newsletter Items Due	19	Pastor's Office Day 20 6pm Lenten Worship at Bethesda with Supper following served by Bethesda WELCA. First Day of Spring	21 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	22	23
3rd Sunday in Lent (purple) 24 9am Worship at Butler 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda 4-5:30 Divorce Care Workshop in Abn.	25	26 	Pastor's Office Day 27 6pm Lenten Worship at Bethesda with Supper following served by SS & Confirmation	28 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	29	 10am 30 Bridal Shower for Kaylene Johnson at Bethesda
4th Sunday in Lent (purple) 31 9am Worship at Bethesda w/ Runner's Club Noisy Can Offering 10:15 Sunday School at Bethesda 4-5:30 Divorce Care Workshop in Abn. Deadline to Designate 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars						

