

Bethesda Butler Lutheran Parish
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CAMP IS COMING TO OUR TOWN...

SAVE THE DATE!

WHEN: JUNE 24TH – 27TH 5:00 - 8:30 PM

WHERE: BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH

AGES: K – 6TH GRADE

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REGISTRATION DUE JUNE 3RD

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Hello Everyone,

Birthdays and Flowers. When I think of May I think of birthdays and flowers. Birthdays, because one daughter, two grandsons, and I have birthdays in May. Yep, it is time to once again pass that starting point and continue on for one more lap around the sun, something I've done 55 times already. As grateful as I am that each of the past two Mays I was



gifted with a grandson I am even more grateful that this year that won't be the case.

Flowers, because April showers (and snow storms) bring May flowers. Flowers for mothers, flowers for graduates, and at the end of the month flowers of remembrance for those who have fought in our wars. Flowers of gratitude, thankfulness, and dedication.



It is because of these two things, birthdays and flowers, that May is month full of hope. It is a month where we shake off the lingering grasp of winter and welcome the warmth of summer. The trees bud out, fruit trees fill the air with the sweet smell of blossoms, the grass is greener, the evenings last longer, new life, new hope.

This year to go along with the that new hope, especially the hope of a bumper crop we are going to have a Rogation service on May 19. A Rogation service is a worship service where the Church offers prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labors of those who produce our food. It is a blessing of the seed, soil, and farmers.

Also, since our Children's Collection for the backpack programs ended in April, the summer collection will be for the Pine Ridge ministry of the South Dakota Synod. Even though very little has been reported they too have been severely affected by the Spring flooding.

This year with the late Spring and late Easter all of May from the joyful beginning to the somber ending is in the Easter season. The season of joy, hope, and new life that blast forth from the empty tomb into all of the world. The death and resurrection of Jesus lets us all know that even though we all must endure our Friday, we will all celebrate our Sunday when we too walk from the empty tomb into a new light, a new life of never ending joy and peace.

May the peace and joy of the resurrection be with you always,

Pastor Chris



Summer Offering Gauge Mission

Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

During the summer months our children's offering gauge donations will go to the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Some Facts about the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

- It is the poorest county in the United States.
- Home to the lowest life expectancy, and a number of the poorest communities in the US.
- Ranked last in the state of South Dakota for quality of life and health behaviors.
- The population of the reservation is constantly in-flux. Depending on availability of resources (e.g., access to food, transportation and utilities), more than a dozen individuals may reside in one home.
- 18,834 individuals were recorded as living on the Pine Ridge Reservation during the 2010 U.S. Census. The vast majority (16,906) identified as American Indian.
- The South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations reports a total tribal enrollment of 38,332, with 19,639 living on the reservation.
- Per capita income for American Indians living on Pine Ridge is \$7,773. The average for all reservations is \$10,543. The United States average is \$27,599.
- The median household income is \$26,721 for American Indians living on Pine Ridge Reservation. The United States average is \$53,482.
- The officially reported poverty rate for American Indians living on Pine Ridge is 53.75%. The United States average is 15.6%.
- The school drop-out rate is over 70%. 28.7% of the native population of Pine Ridge Reservation reports having attained a high school diploma, GED or alternative. 10.7% of the native population reports having attained a bachelor's degree or higher.
- Oglala Lakota County ranked 59-out-of-60 counties in South Dakota for overall health outcomes in 2017.
- One in four children born on Pine Ridge are diagnosed with either Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.
- Statistics produced by the Oglala Sioux Tribe paint a bleak picture about the health of the reservation:
 - Tuberculosis: 800% higher than America as a whole
 - Infant mortality: 300% higher than America as a whole
 - Teen suicide: 150% higher than America as a whole
 - Approximately 85% of Lakota families are affected by alcoholism
 - Approximately 58% of grandparents of Lakota families are raising their grandchildren
 - Approximately 50% of adults over the age of 40 have diabetes
- The Spring flooding has been devastating to Pine Ridge.

If you would like to donate – give some change to one of the kids to put in the gauge!



Baptisms

Welcome Waylon Wesley Nolte to the Butler church family! Waylon was baptized on April 7th.



Alex Kipkemoi McKane was baptized into the Bethesda church family on March 31st. Welcome Alex!





Butler WELCA

The Butler WELCA met at the church on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:30 pm with 8 present. Bible Study was "*Christian Community*" based on Ephesians 4: 1-16. This was our last study from "*Christian Disciplines*". Our next study guide will be "*Angels*". Julaine had the Offering Meditation "*Strengthen Your Faith*". Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report: February Offering - \$90.00, General Fund - \$670.95, Altar Fund - \$283.79

Correspondence was reviewed. Mission Action Report: Kathy N reported that 30 Baby Kits were finished. 25 to 26 quilts are finished. Discussion was held on serving Lenten Supper. We will serve on April 10.

WELCA Spring Conference will be Saturday April 27 at Veblen. Registration begins at 9 am. A motion was made and seconded to give \$100.00 to the General Offering and \$50.00 for expense. Baby Shower for Miranda Nolte was planned. It will be Saturday April 13 at 9:30 am at the Butler Church. Hostesses are Janet, Christa, Kathy N., Judy, Shirley, Carol, Julaine, Tammy H., Kathy B., Linda, Julie, and Lorraine.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 6, 2019 at the church. Julaine will be hostess and Kathy Nolte will have the Offering Meditation. We closed with praying the Lords Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary

Bethesda WELCA

Bethesda WELCA met on April 10th at 9:00 a.m. Muriel Bohn served fresh rolls and coffee. Bonnie Dolney presented the lesson, "*Living our Baptism*". The church teaches us to live the life of love and forgiveness. Baptism is an important part of the church and the church family. Our baptism unites us with Christ. To live a new life in Jesus we must accept Christ, and turn everything to God. God's faithful people are our neighbors, our classmates, our friends, and our family. We should be thankful each morning.

The secretary's report was read and approved as was the treasurer's report.

Muriel Bohn will apply for a Thrivent Choice grant to apply toward kits.

April 27th will be the spring gathering and it will be held in Veblen.

May 8th meeting will be at 1:30 at Sun Dial Manor with Carol Raap doing the program "*A Fashion Show*" Members will need to bring bars for lunch there.

Prayer concerns are: Gene Ausland, George Dolney, Herb Horter, and Richard Espeland.

Secretary, Alice Jean Peterson



We will be doing a combined June/July Newsletter – please have your events for both months into the office by May 19th. Thank You!



May 5th will be Confirmation at Butler.
We will be celebrating Kaleb Antonsen.
May 12th will be Confirmation at Bethesda.
We will be celebrating Rylee Huwe
and Riley Ash.



May 5
Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 12
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

May 19
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 26
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5
John 14:23-29



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SYNOD ASSEMBLY
WILL BE HELD MAY 31-
JUNE 1ST AT OUR
SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH IN SIOUX FALLS.
LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF
YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.
EACH CONGREGATION CAN SEND 2
ADULTS. REGISTRATION COSTS WILL
BE COVERED BY THE CHURCH. WE ARE
ELECTING A NEW BISHOP THIS YEAR.

**Bristol Cemetery
Clean-up Day
Saturday May 4th - 9am**

God's Global
Barnyard Offering



The Sunday School purchased the following animals with the money collected in the offering gauge Oct - Dec.

- 3 Piglets
- 2 Sets of Honeybees
- 1 Pair of Goats
- 4 Sets of 10 Chicks

Total Cost \$270.00



Thank You friends of Butler Lutheran for your generous gift as we journey to a new chapter in our lives. We are so blessed to be a part of this church, of which we plan to remain members. Missouri is short on ELCA churches! Dear friends, it is not good-bye as you all are always in our hearts. May God bless everyone until we meet again. Again, thank you all for everything. Our new address after May 8th is:
1610 Labrador Dr.
Columbia, MO 65203
Our cell phone numbers remain the same for now. Christa is 605-228-5491 and Janet is 605-237-0966



MAY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation	 9am Bible Study 2 Pastor's Birthday!	3	4 9am Bristol Cemetery Clean Up Day
5 3 rd Sunday of Easter (White) 9am Communion Worship at Butler with Confirmation Coffee Fellowship following Worship Pastor at First Call Retreat-----	6 6:30pm Butler WELCA	7	8 Pastor's Office Day 1:30 Bethesda WELCA at Sun Dial 6:30pm Bethesda Council Meeting	9 9am Bible Study 2pm Pastor Chris at Sun Dial	 10	11
12 4 th Sunday of Easter (White) 9am Communion Worship at Bethesda with Confirmation Coffee Fellowship following Worship	13	14	15 Pastor's Office Day 7:00pm Webster Area Baccalaureate	16 9am Bible Study	17	 18
19 5 th Sunday of Easter (White) 9am Worship at Butler Blessing of the land, seed and farmers Coffee Fellowship following Worship June/July Newsletter items due Last Day to Register for Synod Assembly	 20	21	22 Pastor's Office Day	 23	24	25
26 6 th Sunday of Easter (White) 9am Worship at Bethesda with Runner's Club Noisy Can Offering Coffee fellowship following Worship	 27	28	29 Pastor's Office Day	30	 31 Synod Assembly Synod Assembly in Sioux Falls	

MAY BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Organist</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
5/5	At Butler	-----	-----	Kay E.	Pam D.
5/12	Jim & Mavis McKane	Gail H.	Gail	Lisa A.	
5/19	At Butler	-----	-----		
5/26	Darren & Geneva Iverson	Lila E.	Kathryn		

MAY BUTLER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>
5/5		Steve W.
5/12	At Bethesda	-----
5/19		Julie F.
5/26	At Bethesda	-----



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| May 1 | Jessica Rodacker |
| May 2 | Pastor Chris |
| May 3 | Shirley Halvorsen |
| May 5 | Robert Ash |
| May 5 | LaRon Herr |
| May 6 | Russell Johnson |
| May 8 | Carla Clark |
| May 8 | Samantha Stern |
| May 9 | Dawson Clark |
| May 11 | Rowen Strohm |
| May 14 | Bethany Hanson |
| May 17 | Venona Ash |
| May 19 | Gayle Horter |
| May 21 | Steve Horter |
| May 22 | Kim Danielson-Huwe |
| May 23 | Lois Carlson |
| May 23 | Cole Hodson |
| May 23 | Jerry Raap |
| May 24 | Elaine Chamberlin |
| May 24 | Diana McKane |
| May 25 | Lisa Anderson |
| May 26 | Burdell Bohn |
| May 28 | Pam Dylla |



Bethesda Financial Report

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
3/07		\$385.00
3/24	\$ 650.00	\$584.25
3/31	\$1,435.00	\$300.00
4/07	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00
4/14	\$1,716.58	\$259.50
4/21	\$1,821.00	\$564.60

As of April 22, 2019

Total 2019 yearly receipts:	\$20,821.71
Total 2019 yearly disbursements:	\$25,625.11

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!