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Hello Everyone,

We begin November by remembering all those who have gone before us especially those who have died in the last year. We also lift up all those who have been baptized in the past, those who are just beginning their faith journey. We end November giving thanks for all we have been blessed with at times spending the whole month giving thanks. In between a lot of us are involved with the harvest in one capacity or another.

As I write this I give thanks for each and everyone of you. I cannot say enough how much I appreciate you and how glad I am to worship with you every week. It brings me much joy. Thank you for allowing me to be your Pastor.

This has been a hard year for our farmers and all those connected to the Ag industry and the weather doesn't look as if it will cooperate any time soon. Because of this there is a lot of anxiety out there. You are not alone!! I am here for you, to sit with you, listen to you, to be with you. Call me anytime day or night. More importantly Jesus is with you, right beside you at all times.

The promise of the resurrection assures us that we will never be alone. In the gospel of John Jesus tells us that he will be in us. God resides within our hearts, always with you. If the anxiety of all the unknowns this past year has just piled up one atop another and has you feeling as if there is no way out. When life is just getting to be too much remember you are not alone. Pick up your phone and call me. I am here with you and for you. Together we will walk through the valley of the shadow sometimes shouting, sometimes quietly, sometimes by crying a river, but however we do it we will walk the valley together until you are ready to climb out the other side.

May the peace of God be with you all,

Pastor Chris.



Women ^{of the} ELCA

Bethesda WELCA

Bethesda WELCA met on October 9th, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Glenda Bakken presented the program "*Lena and Katrina*" with Kay Espeland and Carol Raap also helping. Glenda read from Job 8:21 and offered prayer. Computer users often use LOL in their messages, which means Laugh Out Loud. Laughter is a deeper emotion of joy. The benefits of laughter decreases stress and increases the immune system. We had many moments of laughter during the skit given by Lena and Katrina or better known to us as Glenda and Carol. The program ended with the hymn, *Great is Thy Faithfulness*.

Bonnie Dolney and Jane Goehring presided over the meeting. We opened with the Purpose Statement read by the group. The secretary's report was read and approved as well as the treasurer's report.

New Business: We discussed about going to St. Dysmas on January 23, 2020. Quilt pick up is October 14th. Bethesda will have 135 quilts, 67 personal care kits, and 57 school kits. A monetary gift will be give to John and Beth Sigdestad for their kindness for loading our quilts and delivering them to Watertown. A motion was made to include \$500.00 for the shipping of the quilts. October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We will apply for \$250.00 from Thrivent and use that for gloves and mittens for school children in Langford, Groton, and Webster. Kay will do the application. Reminders: October is soap month, November and December are food pantry months.

We prayed the Lord's Prayer and sang the table prayer after which we enjoyed delicious pie furnished by Gayle Horter and served by Bonnie, Jane, and Kay. Prayer concerns are: Ryan Horter, Richard Espeland, George Dolney, Kris Knutson, Gene Ausland, Erma Knutson family, Pastor Chris, and Burdell and Muriel Bohn who will be leaving their Bethesda family and moving to Sioux Falls.

Our November meeting will be November 13th. This will be a Thank offering program with Linda Anderson in charge and Kay Espeland will be the hostess.

Secretary, Alice Jean Peterson

Butler WELCA

The Butler WELCA met at the church on October 7, 2019 at 6:30pm with 7 members present. Carol Flattum was the hostess. The Bible Study was "The Battle Against Us" from Ephesians 6: 10-20. Julaine Busch had the Offering Meditation "Promises About Overcoming Fears."

The WELCA Purpose Statement was read. The Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurers report: September Offering - \$60.00, General Fund - \$691.95, Altar Fund - \$243.52

John and Beth Sigdestad will pick up our projects for Lutheran World Relief. A motion was made and seconded to give \$150.00 to the Prairie Coteau Conference for shipping expenses. We discussed the quilt raffle. We discussed the Butler Advent Sing. We will draw for the quilt raffle at the Advent Sing. We will check on what date will be open.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 9 am at the church. Julie Flattum will have the Offering Meditation. We will have a potluck lunch with afternoon quilting.

We closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary



Butler Missions

- 23 quilts
- 72 School Kits
- 30 Baby Kits
- 44 Personal Care Kits
- 45lbs of Soap

Bethesda Missions

- 135 quilts
- 52 school kits
- 67 personal care kits

Thank you to everyone that has helped with the Lutheran World Relief shipment. It takes many hands from start to finish.



If Church is cancelled due to bad weather it will be listed on the website www.bethesdabutler.com Facebook and the calling trees will be initiated. If in question, contact your council president.

Bethesda members - if you would like to be added to last year's calling list please let the office know by November 17th



Day County Ministerial Association will be hosting Thanksgiving Dinner at the Golden Age Center Thursday, November 28th from Carryout meals available.

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Thanksgiving Eve Meal hosted by Westside Wesleyan on Tuesday, November 26th from 5-7pm. Worship following hosted by Bethesda.



Scandinavian Smorgasbord

NeSoDak Scandinavian Smorgasbord

All are welcome for a delicious meal of Scandinavian favorites in support of the ministry of Camp NeSoDak!

November 15 at 6:30pm

November 16 and 17 at 12:30pm

Cost: \$25

Please call 605-947-4440 or email nesodak@losd.org to reserve your space. Tickets sell quickly and space is limited.

Bethesda Members



Wanted Newsletter Sponsors: Bethesda mails 64 newsletters each month at a cost of \$35.20. If you would like to sponsor a month let the office know. You can either leave 64 stamps with your request or put a check for \$35.20 in the offering plate marked newsletter postage.



Cookie Walk: As you start your holiday baking remember to put 3-4 dozen goodies aside for the Cookie Walk which will be held December 8th.





November 3

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

November 10

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 17

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 24

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43



Food Collection

Bethesda and Butler will be collecting non-perishable food and paper products for the local food pantry in November and December. There will be a box in the narthex for donations.



St. Dysmas Visit

The Bethesda WELCA group has scheduled a visit to St. Dysmas at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls for January 23rd. We are allowed to have up to 24 visitors. If you are interested in joining us please contact Pastor Chris for more information.



Westside Wesleyan is collecting and packing items for Operation Christmas Child. They will be having a Sunday School packing party on Sunday, November 24th. Donations can be left at the Community Center in Bristol.

Any questions contact Mary Fosness
605-590-1899 or office 605-492-3635

Items to Include: Toys, school supplies, clothing and accessories, personal care items, art supplies, crafts, a personal note.

All items must fit in a shoebox

Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



The Bristol Class of 1978 is having a fundraiser for Bonnie (Herrik) Horter to help her with medical expenses for a new prosthesis. They are selling tickets for a 2 minute shopping spree at Mike's Jack & Jill. The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and can be purchased from Jenni Wickre or Mavis McKane. Drawing in December.



WELCA Gathering 2020

July 16-19, 2020

Register online at www.welcatg.org
Phoenix, Arizona Early bird discount through Jan. 6, 2020. Renew your spirit with thousands of faithful women just like you who are eager to grow, learn, pray and party together!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

APPLE PIE
BEANS
BREAD
CORN
CRANBERRY SAUCE
GRAVY
HAM
MASHED POTATOES
MILK
PUMPKIN PIE
ROLLS
SQUASH
STUFFING
SWEET POTATOES
TURKEY



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NOVEMBER 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9am Butler WELCA Potluck lunch and afternoon quilting
All Saints Sunday (white) 3 9am Communion Worship at Butler Daylight Savings Time Ends 	4	5	Pastor's Office Day 6 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Meal 5:45-6:30 Wed. School	7 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	8 	9
22 nd Sunday after Pentecost (green) 10 9am Communion Worship at Bethesda	11 	12	Pastor's Office Day 13 1:30pm Bethesda WELCA 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Meal 5:45-6:30 Wed. School 6:30 Bethesda Council	14 9am Bible Study at Bethesda 2pm Pastor Chris at Sun Dial	15 6:30pm Scandinavian Smorgasbord at NeSoDak	16 12:30pm Scandinavian Smorgasbord at NeSoDak
23 rd Sunday after Pentecost (green) 17 9am Thankoffering Worship at Butler Wednesday School sings during worship 12:30pm Scandinavian Smorgasbord at NeSoDak December Newsletter Items Due	18 	19	Pastor's Office Day 20 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Meal 5:45-6:30 Wed. School	21 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	22	23
Christ the King Sunday (white) 24 9am Worship at Bethesda	25	26 5pm Thanksgiving Eve Meal and Worship	27 No Office Hours No Confirmation No Wed. School	28 	29	30 

NOVEMBER BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Reader	Organist	Altar Guild	Deacon	Worship Helper
11/3	At Butler	-----	-----	Marcia O.	Pam D.	-----
11/10	Linda A. and Bonnie A.	Alice Jean P.	Kathryn	Jane G.		Madison P.
11/17	At Butler	-----	-----			-----
11/24	Jon & Robin A.	Carol R.	Gail			Emma B.

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	Ushers	Reader	Worship Helper
11/3	Tonia W.	Julie F.	Karter S.
11/10	At Bethesda	-----	-----
11/17	Tonia W.	Karter M.	Kellen A.
11/24	At Bethesda	-----	-----



Bethesda Financial Report

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
9/22	\$218.74	short \$1,161.03
9/29	\$875.00	short \$504.77
10/06	\$535.00	short \$844.77
10/13	\$1,425.43	long \$45.66

As of October 19, 2019

Total 2019 yearly receipts: \$45,213.38
 Total 2019 yearly disbursements: \$60,089.65



November 2	Kris Hubsch
November 3	Robert Buehler
November 6	Brittany Horter
November 7	Lorraine Anderson
November 7	Liam Dauwen
November 8	Liana Horter
November 8	Vicki Duerre
November 8	Jon Raap
November 8	Jennifer Johnson
November 13	Mary Jo Raap
November 14	Jack Shoemaker
November 14	Karlie McKane
November 16	Oliver Schnaible
November 16	Richard Espeland
November 16	George Dolney
November 20	Gary Anderson
November 22	Erin Snaza
November 23	Jennifer Wickre
November 24	Arabella Clark
November 28	Tammie Herr

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!

