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My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Wow!! Where did the summer go? Schools have started, the harvest has begun, temperatures are starting to cool down, the Packers and the Vikings have started playing football again, all signs that fall is approaching. September always brings change with it even if it is only the weather. This year some of the changes that will happen are how we do communion. Over the past few months I



have noticed that for some of us it is becoming more of a challenge to climb that altar steps and kneel down at the railing. Because of this I have made a decision to bring communion down to the floor, eliminating the kneeling and the steps. We will still use the little chalices of wine but it will be one continuous line. We have also ordered some different gluten-free wafers that are individually sealed for those of you with this allergy, just ask for them as you come forward for communion.

With the education year beginning there are some important dates to mark on your calendar. First is that confirmation will begin on September 12 from 4:30-5:30 pm. Adult bible study will begin Thursday morning September 13 at 9 am. Sunday school will kick off with a rally day on Sunday September 16. We will be installing teachers, handing out Bibles, and blessing backpacks. There will be some fun activities downstairs after worship that day. Another thing that will happen is that I will be passing out laminated name tags to everyone, these will have a child's name printed on it and the premise is that you will pray for this child throughout the school year. My hope is that a relationship will start as you let the child know you are praying for them and engage them in conversation throughout the year asking how they are doing and if there is a specific thing they would like you to pray about. Thank you in advance for participating in this endeavor. One small way in which we keep our baptismal promises to the children.

The Andover Threshing Show happens in September, from the 7-9 this year, and we will need some help serving ice cream. The confirmation class is small this year, only 5 students, so I can't cover all shifts with them. I need 4-5 for each 3-hour shift. The volunteer sheet will be up after I meet with the confirmation parents and students.



Thank you for all you do in helping to support the ministries of Bethesda/Butler.

*God's Peace be with you all,
Pastor Chris*



Join us for Bible Study



Beginning September 13th we will meet at Bethesda from 9-10am Thursday mornings. We are using The Story as a guide through the Bible, we are nearing the end of the Old Testament and will be starting the New Testament soon.



Threshing Show

James Valley Threshing Show
The James Valley Threshing Show in Andover will be Sept. 7th, 8th and 9th this year and once again the Bethesda/Butler and Bergen Luther Leagues will be selling ice cream floats and sundaes. Confirmation students and parents are required to help out as the money raised goes toward offsetting costs to attend various events and gatherings.



Rally Day for Sunday School will be on Sunday, September 16th. We will be blessing backpacks, installing teachers and handing out Bibles during worship at Bethesda at 9am! Sunday School will be held each Sunday from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. If you are willing to share your time and talents with the Sunday School by helping or teaching, contact the office or Becky Hubsch.

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Thank you, Pastor Chris



WELCA Fall Retreat

Wednesday, September 19th at NeSoDak. Registration from 9-9:30



Bethesda Lutheran Church has registered for AmazonSmile, a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organizations selected by the customers. You can participate in this program by going to the following link when shopping Amazon.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-0238072>



The family of Lorraine Anderson is hosting an Open House in honor of her 90th birthday on September 29, 2018 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Bristol Community Center.

Please join us – your presence will be your gift.

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Confirmation begins Wednesday September 12th from 4:30-5:30

Returning students bring your Bibles

Bethesda WELCA September meeting will be an informational meeting with the Pastor and all those serving on altar guild. This will be September 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

All altar committee members should attend.



Bible Readings for each Sunday in September.

September 2

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 16

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 23

Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 30

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50



Blessing of the Quilts and Kits

9am Sunday, September 30th during worship at Bethesda will be blessing the quilts and kits before they are sent. Thank you to all for their time and talent put into each item. Monetary donations will be taken to help cover the shipping costs.



Welcome to the church family Astrid Lynn Huwe! Astrid was baptized July 22nd at Bethesda. She is the daughter of Devon and Kim Huwe.

Bible Quiz



Who was Moses' father-in-law, and what was his occupation?

- A. Joshua; shepherd
- B. Miriam; tentmaker
- C. Aaron; farmer
- D. Jethro; priest

Answer: See Exodus 3:1



Bethesda WELCA

Bethesda WELCA met on August 8, 2018 at 7:30 with seven members attending.

Bonnie Dolney presided over the business meeting. The Purpose Statement was read by members, the secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.

Dates to remember:

September 7, 8, 9 Bethesda is in charge of getting ice cream for Threshing Show in Andover and providing workers

September 16 will be the blessing of the back packs and teachers

September 23 Sunday School will begin

December 9 will be the Sunday School Christmas program

Prayer Concerns: Maddy Damm, Richard Espeland, Jane Goehring, Bruce Anderson, Kris Knutson, Jasmine Strohm, Marcy Johnson, Burnell and Shirley Huwe.

In September our meeting will be an informational meeting with the Pastor and all those serving on altar guild. This will be September 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. All altar committee members should attend.

Cookies and Ice Cream Sundaes were served after a topsy-turvy meeting!!!!

Secretary, Alice Jean Peterson

Butler WELCA

The Butler WELCA met on August 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the church. Janet Coyne was hostess to 8 members. The Bible Study was "Social Justice" from Amos 5: 4-6:7. Kathy Buhler had the Worship Meditation. The WELCA Purpose Statement was read. The Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurers report: July Offering - \$77.00, General Fund - \$891.23, Altar Fund - \$278.79

Mission Action report: 46 Baby Care Kits are done. School Kits will be put together next month. 56 quilts have been finished.

We discussed the Wedding Shower for Brandon Whitmyre and Sierra Davies on August 26 to be held after church services. Church cleaning continues.

September 19th will be the WELCA retreat at NeSoDak. Butler will do the registration.

Our next meeting will be September 3, 2018 at 6:30 at the church. it will be a Mission Meeting. We will work on putting kits together.

Our next Bible Study will be in October. We closed with praying The Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary

Personal Care Kits

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional)



SOAP

No one likes to be dirty. A brand new bar of soap lets someone present him- or herself with dignity, keep hands clean and stay healthy. Those simple things are some of the very building blocks to success. LWR accepts new bars of any brand, in its original wrapping. Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) are highly preferred.

Please also consider donating funds needed for shipping the soap overseas. It costs \$11.60 to send an 18-pound carton of soap overseas.

Baby Care Kits

- 2 Lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- 2 long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn between 36" and 52" square
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins

School Kits

- 4 - 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, no loose leaf paper
- 1 - 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 - 2 ½" eraser
- 1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

SEPTEMBER BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Organist</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
9/02	Jon & Robin Anderson	Alice Jean P.	Kathryn	Robin Anderson	Pam Dylla
9/09	At Butler	-----	-----	Theresa Hansmeier	
9/16	Dennis & Amy Peckham	Lila E.	Gail		
9/23	At Butler	-----	-----		
9/30	Jenni Wickre & Alice Jean	Robin A.	Kathryn		

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	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>
9/02	At Bethesda	-----
9/09	Deb Schiley	Wayne Nolte
9/16	At Bethesda	-----
9/23	Deb Schiley	Kathy Buhler
9/30	At Bethesda	-----



September 1	Caleb Whitmyre
September 2	Fran Morehouse
September 3	Kayla Olsen
September 4	Sherry Raap
September 7	Jack Carlson
September 8	Bob Whitmyre
September 14	Amy Peckham
September 14	Burnell Huwe
September 15	Christa Sieben
September 17	Arlyus Vanatta
September 20	Bonnie Dolney
September 21	Taylor Huwe
September 22	Diane Hoines
September 23	Deb Peckham
September 24	Wayne Nolte
September 26	Lori Ash
September 28	CharliRae Sieben
September 29	Dennis Buhler



Bethesda Financial Report

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
7/22	\$1,107.00	\$ 35.00
7/29	\$ 75.00	\$156.97
8/05	\$ 961.00	
8/12	\$ 375.00	
8/19	\$1,835.00	\$174.70

As of August 19, 2018

Total 2018 yearly receipts: \$36,138.66

Total 2018 yearly disbursements: \$44,883.94














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!



SEPTEMBER 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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15 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 2 9am Communion Worship at Bethesda	3 6:30 Butler WELCA 	4	5 Pastor's Office Day	6	7  Threshing Show James Valley Threshing Show	8  Threshing Show James Valley Threshing Show
16 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 9 9am Communion Worship at Butler  Threshing Show James Valley Threshing Show	10	11	12 Pastor's Office Day 4:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Bethesda Council Meeting 7:30pm Bethesda WELCA	13  BIBLE STUDY 9am at Bethesda	14	15 
17 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 16 9am Worship at Bethesda Rally Day – Blessing of Backpacks, Installation of Teachers 	17	18  October Newsletter Items Due	19 Pastor's Office Day 4:30pm Confirmation WELCA Fall Retreat at NeSoDak	20  BIBLE STUDY 9am at Bethesda	21	22
18 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 23 9am Worship at Butler with Diane Hoines 10:15am Sunday School at Bethesda	24 	25	26 Pastor's Office Day 4:30pm Confirmation	27  BIBLE STUDY 9am at Bethesda	28	29 1:30 – 4pm 90 th Birthday Celebration for Lorraine Anderson at the Comm. Center
19 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 30 9am Worship at Bethesda with Runner's Club Noisy Can Offering – Blessing of Quilts and Kits 10:15am Sunday School at Bethesda						 ABCDEF GH