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Hello Everyone,

Last month we had 6 baptisms at Butler. Six, can you believe it? We haven't had six in a year since I have been your pastor. As I prepare for two of the six I wish to give you a short lesson on Baptism, a piece of one of my sermons. Don't fall asleep as you read it, 😊.

As Lutherans, we believe that Baptism is first and foremost entirely God's action. Baptism is God's unconditional promise to accept us as we are, adopt us into God's family and forgive us all of our sin. There can be no greater symbol of that than bringing babies to the font. Babies who haven't done anything for or against God. Infants remind us that all we can do is *receive* God's love and try to live out our Christian faith.

Baptism points us to our primary identity. During our baptism, we are called by our first and second names at the font. We do not use our family names because God names us. God gives us God's name when we say "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," it is here when we take God's name, we are welcomed into God's family, named and sealed and marked by the cross.

And my friends, do you know just how precious you are to God? As a parent who loves a child? Yes, and then a thousand times more... You and I, we are so precious to God that God would go to any length to communicate to us that love, even to the point of dying on the cross. Baptism reminds us that we have infinite value and worth.... that God only wants good things for us..... that God will always seek to draw us back into relationship with God and each other..... forgive us when we stray, and that God will be with us all the days of our lives. Wow! God loves us inspite of who we are!



Hear God's words again, "You are my beloved, and with you I am well pleased!" This is God's action, God's action to claim us. Baptism then, again, is wholly... fully... 100%... God's work. And because of that, we can have confidence that no matter how often we fall short or fail, nothing that we do, or fail to do, can remove the identity that God has given us. Our relationship with God is the one relationship in life we can't screw up, precisely because we did not establish it. We can neglect this relationship, we can deny it, run away from it, ignore it but we cannot destroy it, for God loves us too deeply and completely to ever let us go.

As baptized Christians, we can go back to our Baptism each and every day, by the Holy Spirit working within us, remembering who we are and whose we are: sinners in need of a Savior..... saved by the One who was baptized, crucified and risen..... redeemed by His blood and baptized in his Name..... heirs of the promise of eternal life, heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ..... through whom our heavenly Father is well pleased with us.

The peace of the Lord be with you all,

Pastor Chris

Butler is Blessed with Baptisms!



Wesley James and Evangeline Mae Nolte, children of Jason and Miranda, were baptized September 8th at Butler. Sponsors: Joel & Alyssa Shoemaker, Brad & Cory Nolte and Robert & Kelli Phelps. Welcome Wesley and Evangeline!



Gavin Daniel and Henry Stephen Witt, sons of Shawn and Jen, were baptized September 4th at Butler. Sponsors: Donald Cotton and Nicole Nelson. Welcome Gavin and Henry!



Knox Richard and Kylie Jayde Schiley, children of Scott and Ashley, were baptized September 22nd at Butler. Sponsors: Logan and Ashlie Wigton and Sarah and Dan Lesnar. Welcome Knox and Kylie!





Bethesda WELCA

Bethesda WELCA met on September 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Sharon Johnson presented the program. Devotion was from Romans 8:38. A most interesting video, The Heart of a Shepherd, was shown about the life of Pastor Harold Salem of the Baptist Church in Aberdeen, SD. He has been in the ministry for 75 years and is 98 years old. He does not preach at his church anymore, only on national tv on Sunday mornings.

Bonnie Dolney and Jane Goehring presided over the meeting. We opened with the Purpose Statement read by the group. Correspondence and the secretary's report were read and approved as well as the treasurer's report. The luncheon was discussed and the date was set for July 22nd with Tea Time for decorating and a theme of Is Your Cup Half Empty or Half Full?

New Business: We discussed about going to St. Dymas after the first of the year. The fall retreat is Sept. 18th at Ne-So-Dak. September 22 will be the blessing of the kits and quilts. 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 Jane Goehring served a delicious dessert. Prayer concerns are: Ryan Horter, Richard Espeland, George Dolney, Kris Knutson.

October meeting will be the 9th at 1:30. Glenda Bakken will present the program and Gayle Horter will be the hostess.

Secretary, Alice Jean Peterson

Butler WELCA

The Butler WELCA met at the church on September 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm with 7 members present. Kathy Nolte was hostess. The group had a Mission Action Meeting. We assembled 65 School kits and 34 Personal Care kits and packed the kits in boxes to be shipped.

The WELCA Purpose Statement was read. The Secretary's report was read and approved. The Fall Retreat is Sept 18, 2019 at NeSoDak Bible Camp. The theme is "Embracing Our Neighbors". A motion was made and seconded to give \$50.00 offering for the LSS Campaign For Hope. We will order 75 school bags for school kits.

Election of Officers: President: Kathy B., Secretary: Carol F., Treasurer: Delores W., Mission Action: Julie F. and Kathy N., Mission Growth: Julaine B.

We discussed the Quilt Project. We will sell tickets at the Andover Threshing Show on Friday and Saturday in the Quilt Building.

Our next meeting will be Oct 7th. Carol will be hostess and Julaine will have the Offering Meditation.

We closed with praying The Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary



October is Clergy Appreciation Month
Thank you Pastor Chris for all you do!



Thank you to all who helped at the ice cream booth at the James Valley Threshing show. \$751.10 was raised for each youth group.

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Bethesda Emergency Calling List

If you would like to have your name on the Calling List to be notified if church is canceled this winter, please contact the office. You can choose to get a call, email or text. If you were previously on the list you are still on it.



College Students: The church would like to have your college address to keep in touch while you are away. Send addresses to bethesdabutler@nvc.net



Bergen Klub Dinner

\$12.00/person

Sunday October 6th

Noon at Bergen

Fundraiser for Bristol Community Center and other local causes.

Luther League Pie Auction at 1pm
Silent Auction throughout the day.

Klub, scalloped potatoes, ham, salads, buns, romeprat and spritz.



Bethesda is collecting new bars of bath-size soap - 4 to 5 oz. If you wish you can also donate money to help cover the cost of shipping the soap.



October 6

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

October 13

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalms 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

October 20

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

Luke 18:1-8

October 27

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalms 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14



Children's Giving Gauge

We will be collecting for Lutheran Disaster Response Oct. - Dec.

\$80.26 was raised over summer

that will go to Pine Ridge.



52 School Kits were packed.

Thanks to all who donated supplies!!

~ Lila

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Butler Quilt Raffle

All proceeds go to Mission Support
Throw size 57" x 69"

Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10

Contact any Butler WELCA member to purchase tickets or call the church office at 492-3123 or email bethesdabutler@nvc.net



OCTOBER BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Reader	Organist	Altar Guild	Deacon	Worship Helper
10/6	At Butler	-----	-----	Jill H.	Kris H.	-----
10/13	Derek Wickre Family	Kay E.	Kathryn	Alice Jean P.		Madison P.
10/20	At Butler	-----	-----			-----
10/27	Vickie Z. and Gayle H.	Kathryn B.	Gail			Emma B.

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	Ushers	Reader	Worship Helper
10/6	Steve W.	Wayne N.	Kellen A.
10/13	At Bethesda	-----	-----
10/20	Steve W.	Karter Stoks	Karter M.
10/27	At Bethesda	-----	-----



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| Oct 1 | Nadine Sauer |
| Oct 3 | Bonnie Horter |
| Oct 6 | Jaxon Ash |
| Oct 6 | Bob Raap |
| Oct 15 | Mavis McKane |
| Oct 19 | Chayse Shoemaker |
| Oct 19 | Dennis Peckham |
| Oct 20 | Jessica Schnaible |
| Oct 21 | Joshua Lone |
| Oct 23 | Joel Shoemaker |
| Oct 25 | Tamara Lone |
| Oct 26 | Gene Williamson |
| Oct 26 | Preston Hansmeier |
| Oct 30 | Janet Lardy |
| Oct 31 | Kathryn Bury |
| Oct 31 | Darron Iverson |



Bethesda Financial Report

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
8/25	\$ 25.00	\$245.40
9/01	\$ 944.00	
9/08	\$ 610.00	
9/15	\$2,084.00	\$688.80

As of September 20, 2019

Total 2019 yearly receipts:	\$42,159.21
Total 2019 yearly disbursements:	\$52,579.42

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!





OCTOBER 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2 Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Meal 5:45-6:30 Wed. School	3 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	4	5
17 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 6 9am Communion Worship at Butler Noon Klub Dinner at Bergen with Luther League Pie Auction at 1pm	7 6:30pm Butler WELCA	8	9 Pastor's Office Day 1:30pm Bethesda WELCA 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Meal 5:45-6:30 Wed. School 6:30 Bethesda Council	10 9am Bible Study at Bethesda 2pm Pastor Chris at Sun Dial	11 	12
18 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 13 9am Communion Worship at Bethesda	14	15	16 Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Meal 5:45-6:30 Wed. School	17 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	18	19 
19 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 20 9am Worship at Butler November Newsletter Items Due	21 	22	23 Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Meal 5:45-6:30 Wed. School	24 9am Bible Study at Bethesda	25 	26
Reformation Sunday (red) 27 9am Worship at Bethesda	28	29	30 Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Meal 5:45-6:30 Wed. School	31 9am Bible Study at Bethesda  Halloween		