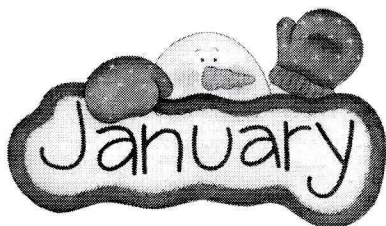


Bethesda Butler Lutheran Parish
PO Box 426
Bristol, SD 57219



Pastor Chris Strohm

Bristol Church Office 605-492-3123

Pastor's Cell 605-218-0852

Parish Email bethesdabutler@nvc.net

Parish Website www.bethesdabutler.com



First Communion Class

Who: All children who are in 5th grade or older plus those whose parents are ready for their kids to receive Communion and their parents.

When: Wednesday January 13th

Time: 5:30

Where: Bethesda Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

This is a time to learn about the Sacrament of Communion and prepare for your First Communion.

HELP WANTED

Looking for individuals who are willing to learn how to run our camera for livestreaming the worship services. You do not need to be technically adept. I will train you, should only take 5-15 minutes. It is a short 7 step process to turn on, record, and turn off.



Winter

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

If you would like to be added to the calling tree please email the church at bethesdabutler@@nvc.net, drop off a note at the church office, or call the office at 492-3123.

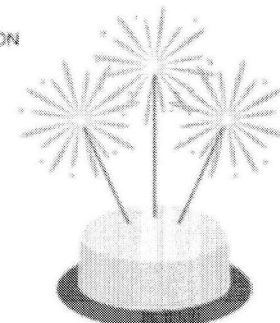
New Year's Word Search

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MIDNIGHT
NEW YEAR
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January 3

Jeremiah 31: 7-14
Psalm 147: 12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:[1-9] 10-18

January 10

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

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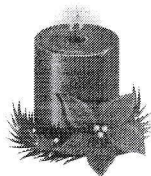
1Samuel 3:1-10[11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 24

Jonah 3:1-5,10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 31

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28



Bethesda Christmas Candles

The remote candles in the church windows are given by Bonnie & George Dolney and Larry & Pat Huwe in Memory of their parents Benton & Joyce Huwe.

Thank You

Thank you to all who brought baked goods and donated to our Christmas bake sale. Also thanks to all of you who came. It was a special time to see people and to support our cause of giving. Happy New Year and may 2021 be a great year.

Bethesda WELCA

Thank you very much to Carol Raap for organizing and for all the hard work. And to those who helped with our bake sale fundraiser, thanks!! Also thanks to all who donated baked goods and or donations. We sold everything. It is very much appreciated.

Bethesda WELCA Bonnie and Jane

80th Birthday

Help us Celebrate
Kay Espeland's 80th Birthday
On January 29th with a card shower.

Her address is
PO Box 462
Bristol, SD 57219

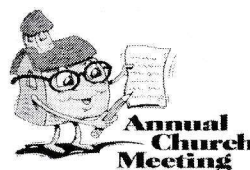
Robin, Rhonda, Kristi, Chad & Families



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Thrivent Team Project

Thank you to everyone who has contributed bedding or money for this project. The seed money from Thrivent was used to buy screws for the organization to construct 60 beds. A second project was applied for by another member which purchased more bedding.



Please have your Bethesda Annual Report information to the office by **January 10th**

Bethesda's Annual Meeting will be
January 24th following worship

Please have your Butler Annual Report information to the office by **January 17th**

Butler's Annual Meeting will be
January 31st following worship

Council Members Needed

At the Annual Meetings in January, we will hold elections for a few council positions. You may be getting a call from the nominating committee soon – please be praying and thinking about volunteering to fill one of these positions (especially that of Vice President).



South Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

November 19, 2020

Greetings to you from the South Dakota Synod!

I want to thank you for your continued support of our ministry together. As Bishop Hagmaier has reminded us, we are in an ice age rather than just a winter storm. There are no quick-fixes to the challenges of ministry right now.

But God is still at work, and the Holy Spirit is moving through you. In the last few months we have been able to pivot for ministry, launching new programs that rise to the challenges of our world right now. Rather than trying to walk back to where we came from, we are pushing forward to where we are going.

Our congregations and ministries are stronger when we are a part of the network that is the synod. We can do ministry better together than we can alone. I am thankful that so many people and communities in South Dakota share blessings with each other.

Your support allows the synod to strengthen relationships, to connect resources where they are needed most, to tell stories of what God is up to through us, and to be partners with you and others in ministry. Others have been blessed by your generosity and trust in your neighbors.

Thank you, as we are Journeying Together with Christ!

Rev Jonathan Steiner
Director for Evangelical Mission
Associate for Stewardship & Outreach





Happy New Year,

Finally, 2020 is over, it is behind us, and the brand new year of 2021 is before us. A clean slate, a year of endless possibilities. As we enter into this new year we take the time to look back at what the past year has given us. The big story is of course the pandemic and how it interrupted our lives and forced us into new patterns, new ways of doing things, not all of them bad. Remember how all of a sudden in the middle of the Lenten season we had to suspend in person worship services? You may not know it but I was thrown into a panic trying to figure out how does this Facebook live thing work? How do I lead worship online? Through Zoom? Recorded or live? How can music be added? We figured it out but those first few Sundays were a struggle but we got through them. You gave me a lot of grace to try different things before we found one that worked, Thank you for your grace. The good thing is that as we settled into a pattern of worship we were able to slowly add new things in like music and recording the service so people who weren't on Facebook could also worship. Eventually we returned to our sanctuaries and new problems arose which we were able to solve. Out of all of this came our online ministry which we will continue even after everyone has had the chance to be vaccinated. People from all over the country have joined us for worship. I praise God who works through all things reminding us that we are not alone in our struggles.

We have had losses this past year too. Wednesday School has not been able to meet which means they have not had the opportunity to sing in church for us. Confirmation had to be canceled and rescheduled, senior quilts were hand delivered instead of giving us a chance to send the seniors off with a celebration and blessing as we always had done. Graduations were postponed and canceled, school days were disrupted and parents were thrust into the role of home school supervisors, but we made it through and a new day is dawning. I praise God who brings light into our darkness.

I look forward to this year which will bring its own surprises both good and bad. I look forward to celebrating Easter in our sanctuaries this year, hopefully with song. I always enter into new years full of excitement for what might come the challenges and the triumphs. I praise God who makes all things new.

As we enter into this new year full of possibilities I pray that the year bring you more joy than sadness, more triumphs than challenges, more times of awe and wonder than despair, this I lift up in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

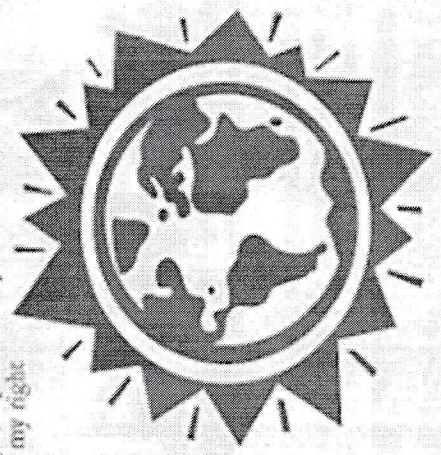
May the Peace of the Lord be with you all,

Pastor Chris

Bible Quiz

In John 8:12 (NRSV), Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will"
Choose the phrase below that correctly completes this sentence.

- A. never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.
- B. never walk alone.
- C. be my companion always.
- D. sit at my right hand.



Answer: A (See John 8:12, NRSV.)
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On beginning the New Year

Lord of heaven and earth, prosper thou us this year even as our soul prospereth. Let thy presence go with us. Be thou the Companion of our ways.
In our home, grant that we may cheerfully welcome thee as our daily Guest. In our relationships with others, teach us to practice the Golden Rule.
In all our seeking, grant that we seek first thy kingdom and righteousness.

— 17th-century prayer

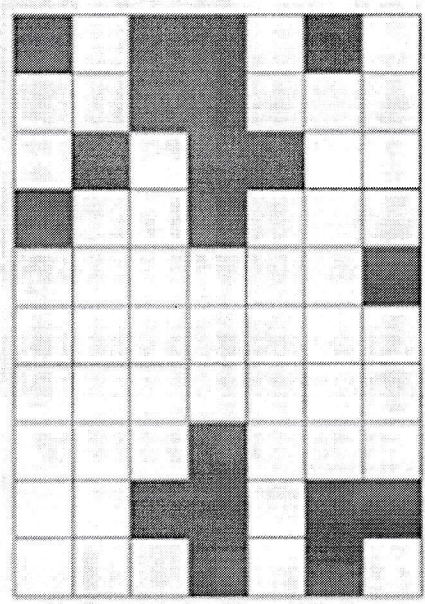


CHARACTER THAT PLEASES

The New Year is a time for renewed commitments and changes in our behavior. Complete the puzzle below to see whose example is worthy of imitating or copying.

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to finish the NY Bible verse.

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Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.
1 Cor. 11:1

JANUARY BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Usher	Reader	Organist	Worship Helper
1/3	At Butler			
1/10		Mark A.	Gail	
1/17	At Butler			
1/24		Robin A	Kathryn	
1/31	At Butler			
Altar Guild:				
Deacon:				

Bethesda Financial Report

Needed weekly to meet the budget: \$1,207.18

DATE	RECEIPTS	
11/22/2020	\$231.06	short \$976.12
11/29/2020	\$1,770.00	long \$562.82
12/06/2020	\$65.00	short \$1,1641.82
12/13/2020	\$2,849.00	long \$1,641.82
12/20/2020	\$7,700.00	long \$6,492.82

As of December 20, 2020

Total 2020 yearly receipts: \$77,522.42

Total 2020 yearly disbursements: \$53,364.76

(Note: receipts include a \$8,100 PPP loan)

Thank you for responding to God's generosity in your lives. If you are currently only giving here and there, my challenge to you in 2021 is to consistently give. Whether you make it to worship or not each week, consistently give. Bethesda now has the Tithely app that can be downloaded to your phone or you can **use the GIVE** button on church's website. You can mail your offering to the church at PO Box 426 or place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

JANUARY BUTLER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Readers	Worship Helper
1/3			
1/10	At Bethesda		
1/17			
1/24	At Bethesda		
1/31			



Jan 2	Michael Herr	Jan 10	David Clark
Jan 2	Brandon Whitmyre	Jan 11	Eleanore Whitmyre
Jan 3	Kaleb Antonsen	Jan 12	Leroy Johnson
Jan 3	Kellen Antonsen	Jan 14	Ian Eickhoff
Jan 4	Marshall Peckham	Jan 18	Harold Orr
Jan 4	Nola Roitsch	Jan 20	Turner Wickre
Jan 5	Jake Zimmerman	Jan 22	Glenn Flattum
Jan 5	Lola Counts	Jan 27	Desiree Hansmeier
Jan 7	Travis Antonsen	Jan 28	Halston Witt
Jan 8	Kathy Nolte	Jan 29	Kay Espeland
Jan 8	Brent Zimmerman	Jan 30	Madison Peckham
Jan 10	Gwen Bates		

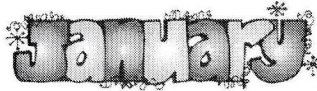




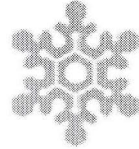



We apologize if we missed your birthday. Please let us know and we will include it on our list for next year.
Birthday Blessing to you!

Bethesda January newsletter postage is sponsored by Jill Hansmeier.

Newsletter Sponsors Needed

If you are interested in sponsoring a month in 2021 contact Jill.

JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 	2 9am Butler WELCA
3 2 nd Sunday of Christmas (white) 9am Communion Worship at Butler and online	4 	5	6 Pastor's Office Day Bethesda WELCA 4:30 Confirmation 6:30 Bethesda Council	7 2pm Pastor Chris at Sun Dial	8	9 
10 Baptism of our Lord (white) 9am Communion Worship at Bethesda and online Bethesda Annual Reports Due	11	12	13 Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 First Communion Class	14	15 	16
17 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany (green) 9am Worship at Butler and online February Newsletter Items Due Butler Annual Reports Due	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 	20 Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation	21 	22	23
24 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany (green) 9am Worship at Bethesda with Runner's Club Noisy Can Offering and online First Communion Sunday Bethesda Annual Meeting following Worship	25 	26	27 Pastor's Office Day 4:30 Confirmation	28	29 	30
31 4 th Sunday after Epiphany (green) 9am Worship at Butler and online Butler Annual Meeting following worship			