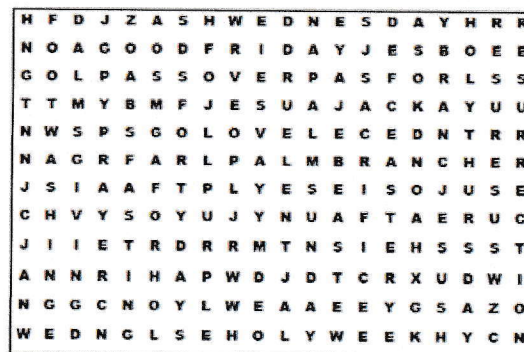


Bethesda Butler Lutheran Parish
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ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



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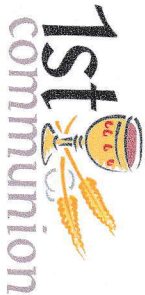
Pastor Chris Strohm

Bristol Church Office 605-492-3123
Parish Email bethesdabutler@nvc.net

Pastor's Cell 605-218-0852
Parish Website www.bethesdabutler.com

Audio/Visual Person Needed

Looking for a few people who would be interested in being in charge of livestreaming our worship service. This task is not very hard. The camera connects to a tablet or phone through a WIFI connection and the tablet or phone connects to our Facebook page.



First Communion Class

When: *March 10, 2021*

Where: *Bethesda Lutheran Church*

Time: *Class will be at 5:30pm*

Contact Pastor Chris: 605-218-0852



Butler WELCA Collecting Personal Care Kits

Butler WELCA will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief during Lent. The LWR warehouse shelves are nearly empty, they simply cannot keep up with demand.

Items needed are:

- Light-weight, dark colored Bath-Size Towels (20"x40" to 27"x52")
- Bath-size bars of Soap in original wrapping (8-9 oz.)
- Adult-size Toothbrush in its original packaging
- Sturdy Comb
- Metal Nail Clipper

There is a box in the church entry for donations. Thank you.



The Butler WELCA met at the church on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 9 am with 4 members present.

Bible Study was "Like Father, Like Son" from 1 John 2: 28-3-10,

The WELCA Statement was read.

Treasurers Report:

January Offering: \$100.00

General Fund: \$622.95

Altar Fund: \$162.70

Mission Action: Lutheran World Relief is requesting Personal Care Kits during Lent to help with demand. A request for the Personal Care Kits is in this months Newsletter.

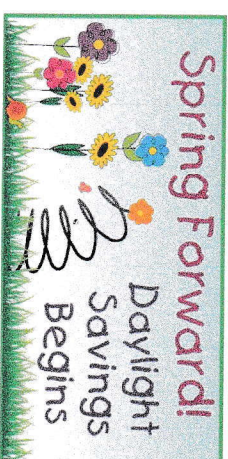
Old Business: Thank you notes were read.

New Business: We will collect items for Personal Care Kits.

Our next meeting will be Saturday March 6, 2021 at 9 a.m. at the church.

We closed with praying The Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flatum, Secretary



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14th. Move your clocks ahead 1 hour.



March 7

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
I Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 14

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 28

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47



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Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2021**, to direct any remaining 2020 Choice Dollars. Help support Bethesda or Butler Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions.



Wednesday School has begun. We are meeting Wednesday until May 12th. We serve a light supper to confirmation class and the Wednesday School kids beginning at 5:20. If you would like to volunteer to serve a supper and/or teach a Wednesday School class, please contact any on the four committee members: Kathryn Bury, Kay Espeland, Kris Hubsch, or Alice Jean Peterson. We would appreciate it. Thank you.

Thank You!

Bethesda Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for your kind donation to help us get kids off the floor. 77 kids now have a bed because of donations like yours.

Thank you.
Jeff at Aberdeen SHP



To order an Easter Lily please fill in form and turn into the office by March 14th - \$18 each – checks payable to your church. Orders can be emailed to bethesdabutler@nvc.net. Order forms are available at both churches and on the website. Please note if you are providing your own and do not need one ordered.

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

April 1st - Maundy Thursday – 6pm at Butler and online

April 2nd - Good Friday – 6pm at Bethesda and online

April 4th - Easter Sunday – 8am at Butler and online

April 4th - Easter Sunday – 9:30am at Bethesda and online



The family of Alice Jean Peterson would like to honor her with a card shower in celebration of her 85th birthday, April 3rd.

Cards and memories may be sent to her at:
P.O. Box 25
Bristol, SD 57219



Bethesda WELCA March Meeting moved to March 17th at 1:30pm.



"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven;" Eccl 3:1

Dear Bethesda and Butler,

It is with a full and heavy heart that I announce to you my departure from Bethesda and Butler Lutheran Churches and the end of my season as your pastor. I have been called to serve as pastor to the congregations of New Hope Lutheran Parish in the towns of Blanchardville and Hollandale, Wisconsin.

This verse from Ecclesiastes is one of my favorites though it is mainly used at funerals when we say good-bye to our loved ones. Even though it says a lot I think one more verse should be added, a time to leave and a time to stay. The decision to enter into the call process and accept this call was not an easy one. I have made many friends here and the relationships that we built have been God-filled. I am excited to begin this new ministry to see where God is calling me and leading me but I am filled with sorrow at the thought of leaving such good, grace filled people. You have been good to me and have taught me a lot of what it means to be pastor. You have welcomed me into those times of pain and grief as well as the times of joy and celebration. Thank you.

As God has called me away be assured that God will not abandon you. God is already calling someone new here even if they and you do not know it yet. God is faithful, God never leaves or forsakes us, the Holy Spirit is here ready to lead you and guide you. The ministry of Bethesda and Butler will continue, you will still hear the Word of God proclaimed, sins confessed and forgiven, meals eaten at the table of God, celebrations of life at the baptismal font, prayers offered and answered, the hungry will be fed, the lonely comforted, lives remembered and good-byes said.

I will be with you through the season of Lent, leaving you with glory of the resurrected Jesus. My last Sunday will be Easter Sunday.

I leave you with this prayer:

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ, you watch over our going out and coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning. You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together. The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord face shine on you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you favor and give you peace. Amen.

God's Peace be with you all,

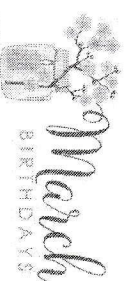
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MARCH BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Usher	Reader	Organist	Worship Helper
3/03			Kathryn	
3/07			Gail	
3/10			Gail	
3/14	At Butler			
3/17			Gail	
3/21			Kathryn	
3/24			Kathryn	
3/28	At Butler			
Altar Guild: Kathryn Bury & Janet Lardy				
Deacon: Kris Hubsch				

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3/24	At Bethesda		
3/28			



Bethesda Financial Report

Needed weekly to meet the budget: \$1,218.80

DATE	RECEIPTS	
01/17/2021	\$ 629.22	short \$ 589.58
01/24/2021	\$1,501.00	long \$ 283.00
01/31/2021	\$ 40.00	short \$1,178.80
02/07/2021	\$1,085.00	short \$ 130.80
02/14/2021	\$ 488.79	short \$ 730.01
Thrivent	\$1,087.00	
02/21/2021	\$1,617.11	long \$ 398.31

As of February 24, 2021

Total 2021 yearly receipts: \$8,859.12
Total 2021 yearly disbursements: \$9,441.89

Newsletter Postage for March is sponsored by Kay Espeland

March 1	Dan Lone	March 21	Lydia Johnson
March 2	Vicki Zimmerman	March 22	Gail Huwe
March 4	Rebecca Hubsch	March 22	Wyatt Lone
March 6	Devon Huwe	March 22	James R. McKane III
March 14	Gavin Witt	March 28	Kristi Bonn
March 15	Darrick Lone	March 30	Mark Anderson
March 15	Corey Lone	March 30	Jon Anderson
March 16	Emma Bahr	March 30	Justin McKane
March 19	Jamie Anderson	March 31	Mason Peckham
March 19	John Horter		

**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!**

March 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>25</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Lent (purple)</p> <p>9am Worship at Bethesda and online</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Pastor's Office Day</p> <p>4:30pm Confirmation</p> <p>5:20pm Meal and Wednesday School</p> <p>6:30pm Lenten Service at Bethesda</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor's Office Day</p> <p>4:30pm Confirmation</p> <p>5:20pm Meal and Wednesday School</p> <p>6:30pm Lenten Service at Bethesda</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2pm Pastor Chris at Sun Dial</p>	<p>5</p> <p>World Day of Prayer at Bergen</p> <p>9am Butler WELCA</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>4th Sunday of Lent (purple)</p> <p>9am Communion Worship at Butler and online</p> <p>Confirmation & First Communion</p> <p>Easter Lily Orders Due</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pastor's Office Day</p> <p>4:30pm Confirmation</p> <p>5:20pm Meal and Wednesday School</p> <p>5:30pm First Communion Class</p> <p>6:30pm Lenten Service at Bethesda</p> <p>7pm Council Meeting or following worship</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pastor's Office Day</p> <p>1:30pm Bethesda WELCA</p> <p>5:20pm Meal and Wednesday School</p> <p>6:30pm Lenten Service at Bethesda</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>5th Sunday of Lent (purple)</p> <p>9am Communion Worship at Bethesda with Noisy Can Offering and online</p> <p>Confirmation & First Communion</p> <p>April Newsletter Items Due</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</p> <p>Pastor's Office Day</p> <p>5:20pm Meal and Wednesday School</p> <p>6:30pm Lenten Service at Bethesda</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Palm Sunday (purple)</p> <p>9am Worship at Butler and online</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Pastor's Office Day</p> <p>5:20pm Meal and Wednesday School</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6pm Maundy Thursday Service at Butler</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6pm Good Friday Service at Bethesda</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Easter (white)</p> <p>8:00am Easter Service at Butler and online</p> <p>9:30am Easter Service at Bethesda and online</p>	<p>5</p> <p>NOTES</p>					