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He Is Risen

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Maunday Thursday Service at Butler at 6:30

Good Friday Service at Bethesda at 6:30

Easter Worship at Butler at 8:30

Easter Worship at Bethesda at 10:00

THANK YOU

The gifts you share with this congregation matter. Whether your invaluable time, your unique talents or your generous financial support, never forget that you are appreciated, and we couldn't do what we do without the blessings God shares through you. You make a difference!



We will welcome Kellan Olsen in Holy Baptism on Sunday, April 23rd. Kellan is the son of Kayla and Kole Olsen.

Please let Kristi know if you would like a home or hospital visit. Communion can be provided. Also, permission must be given for names to be printed in the bulletin with today's privacy policies, so please communicate your wishes.

April Newsletter postage was donated anonymously.



<p><u>April 2</u> Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 27:11-54</p>	
<p><u>April 9</u> Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10</p>	
<p><u>April 16</u> Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31</p>	<p><u>April 23</u> Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1: 17-23 Luke 24:13-35</p>
<p><u>April 30</u> Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10</p>	



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Larry Baumgarn, who passed away on March 8.



Wednesday School News

April Meal Servers

5th – Holy WEEK – No Class

12th– Dave & Christa Orr

19th– Jared & Jenn Steffes

26th – Kyle & Becky Hubsch

***April 2nd** - Wednesday School sings at
Butler Palm Sunday

***May 7th** – Wednesday School sings at
Bethesda – Attendance Awards

***May 10th** - Last day of Wednesday
School and Confirmation

***June 5th-8th** – VBS @ Westside
Wesleyan with Bergen Church hosting.
Hours are 5:30 – 8:30.

Volunteers will be needed. If you are willing to help, please contact Robin Anderson 605-380-8899 or Katy Wickre 605-265-0401. There will be a variety of jobs available. Bethesda will be serving the meal one evening.

Please consider teaching a Wednesday School class next year or team-teaching with someone. We also need 2 or 3 volunteers for the Christmas program.



We will be having a First Communion class late summer/early fall for students entering fourth grade or older. Times will be determined later for 2-3 sessions. Parents are required to attend the classes with their child. Please let Kristi know if you want to be part of this group by June 1st for the purpose of ordering materials.

CONFIRMATION CORNER

We are finishing up our study of the Ten Commandments. Students made posters to help them remember the order of the commandments and were responsible for all ushering/worship assistant duties during Lenten services. We hope to complete two projects in addition to our lessons by May 10th. We will be learning about Luther's seal, and then students will draw and paint these. Posters of the Church Year will also be made to mark special Sundays and seasons. We will finish our year of study with a fun activity on May 10th, which the students will choose. Students are strongly encouraged to review what we have learned over the summer and to open their Bibles a few minutes every day.

NeSoDak Bible Camp

Come to camp and help us get ready
for the summer season!
We welcome any help!

Spring Workday

April 22, 2023

*We will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a quick rundown of the list at Sorenson Lodge.

*BRING work clothes, work gloves, closed toed shoes and friends!

*Lunch is provided. Please call or email the camp to let us know you're coming so we can adequately prepare the meal.

*Are you a Thrivent Member? There are Action Team opportunities available that you can apply for that can help make a difference at your Bible Camp!

NeSoDak@losd.org

605-947-4440 (camp office)



It's almost time to spring forward! As the temperatures rise, days continue to lengthen, and seasons change, it's time to plan for summer camp experiences.

Have you registered yet?

If your answer is no, camps are beginning to fill up, register soon to get your space.

Remember to register by April 17th to

take advantage of our Early Bird rate. (This means big savings on summer camp prices!) Visit losd.org for information and registration! View and share our digital brochure [here](#).

We are so excited to welcome you at the camps of Lutherans Outdoors for summer 2023! Our camp staff are busy preparing for you to experience Christ's love this summer.

Bethesda and Butler will pay half of camp fee. Scholarships are available for the remaining half. Kristi would be more than happy to help submit the scholarship information.



Luther League will meet
Wednesday, April 19th at
6:30 p.m. at Bethesda. We
will have a short Bible
lesson and tackle an escape
room activity! Please join us
for our last meeting until
next fall.

Mark your calendars for July 30th

We will be joining Bergen for worship.

Pastor Alan has invited us to be a part of this event.

9:00 – Church with the Bishop

10:00 – Breakfast

11:00 – Threshing Activities

*This is a fundraiser for Rural Ministry in SD
Silent Auction – Pie Auction – Baked Goods
More information to follow as it becomes
available. We need lots of help!



BETHESDA WELCA

Bethesda WELCA met on March 8, 2023, at 1:30 pm with 4 members present. Jane Goehring called the meeting to order, and the Purpose Statement was read. No secretary's report was given because our last meeting was the Christmas luncheon. Thank you notes were read from groups and organizations for our December donations. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Spring Gathering will be held in Veblen Saturday, April 29; registration fee is \$12. The Love Offering will be given to the Marshall County Foodbank. Moved by Kay Espeland, seconded by Bonnie Dolney, to purchase two white 3 x 5 banners as replacements for the current ones.

The meeting was adjourned, and lunch was served by Jane Goehring.

Acting Secretary,
Carol Raap

BETHESDA WISH LIST

- *Basement carpet/flooring
- *Replace all bulletin boards
- *Two Christmas trees for beside altar

If anyone wishes to donate towards a wish, please designate which one and give to Jill.

These wishes have been fulfilled:

- *Table coverings for the new tables
- *Copier replaced
- *White banners replaced



Prairie Coteau Conference

Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering

HOPEFUL IMAGINATION

APRIL 29, 2023

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Veblen, South Dakota

Registration: 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

\$12 registration fee (includes lunch)

Guest Speakers: Kathy McHenry, Executive
Director of Lutheran Planned Generosity

and

Pastor Dell Sanderson – Nicaragua Mission Trip

General offering will go to ELCA Seeds of
Hope, Church of Nicaragua, and SD Women of
the ELCA

Silent Auction Proceeds: McLaughlin Comm.
Alliance Group and LSS Center for placing
Ukraine refugees in SD

Love Offering: Marshall County Food Pantry
(suggested items: cans of fruit, vegetables,
soup, toilet paper, and monetary donations)

**"We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor
of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine
behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on
our behalf, has entered, having become a high
priest forever." Hebrews 6:19-20**

*Items for the Love Offering may be left in the
narthex at Bethesda.

Dear Friends in Christ,






EASTER speaks to us of PROMISE.

Who doesn't love a promise? In this world of no guarantees, we cling to any promise made to us no matter our age – a treat, a work bonus, a discount, free products, etc. We feel we deserve these things. This leads to expectations; if we do something good, we expect the same in return. You scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours. Sometimes it happens, and sometimes it doesn't.

We also have expectations of God based on what we think we deserve rather than what the Bible tells us. We think if we follow God and obey the Bible the best we can, He will make our life easier and pain-free. Difficult events shouldn't happen to us – illness, death of a loved one, broken relationships, not being able to make ends meet. God does promise to never leave our side and hear our prayers. Here are some promises for life's journey that God gives and keeps.

P ease	<i>But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him. ~ Isaiah 53:5</i>
R est	<i>Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ~Matthew 11:28</i>
O ur strength (to renew it)	<i>But those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not become weary, they will walk and not faint. ~Isaiah 40:31</i>
M ake us new	<i>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! ~2 Corinthians 5:17</i>
I ndependence in Him (freedom)	<i>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ~2 Corinthians 3:17</i>
S alvation	<i>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people. ~Titus 2:11</i>
E xecute a good work in us	<i>I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ~Philippians 1:6</i>

Blessings on the journey, Kristi

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 2023 					Office Hours 2:00 – 6:00 ↓	1 Butler WELCA 9 am
Palm Sunday (purple) 2 9 am Worship at Butler Wednesday School Sings	3	4	5 No Wednesday School or Confirmation	6 Maundy Thursday Service at Butler 6:30 pm	7 Good Friday Service at Bethesda 6:30 pm	8 Church on the Street Easter Celebration in Sioux Falls
Easter Sunday (purple) 9 8:30 Worship at Butler 10:00 Worship at Bethesda Communion at both services	10	11 Spring Synod Conference/ Watertown	12 1:30 Bethesda WELCA 5:00-6:30 – Meal, Wed. School, Confirmation Bethesda Council as needed	13 Lay Leader Workshop →	14	15 →
1 st Sunday of Easter (white) 16 9 am Worship at Butler	17	18 May newsletter items due	19 10-4 Office Hours 5:00 – 6:30 Meal, Wed. School & Confirmation 6:30 – Luther League	20 	21	22 Spring Workday at NeSoDak
2 nd Sunday of Easter (white) 23 9 am Worship at Bethesda with Holy Baptism Noisy Can Offering	24	25 SD Dept of Ag Suicide Prevention Training in SF	26 10-4 Office Hours 5:00– 6:30 Meal, Wed. School, & Confirmation	27	28	29 WELCA Spring Gathering at Veblen Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Good Shepherd Sunday(white) 30 9 am Worship at Butler						Register 9-9:30 \$12 fee includes lunch

Bethesda April 2023 Sunday Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader	Organist
4/2	At Butler		
4/7	Colt & Dane	Colt	Gail
4/9	Kyle	Remi	Kathryn
4/23	Pam	Lloyd	Gail
Altar Guild: Glenda Bakken & Carol Raap			
Deacon: John Horter			

Ways to Give to Bethesda Lutheran Church

At the church service
 Mail to PO Box 426 Bristol, SD 57219
 Mail to the church treasurer
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Butler April 2023 Sunday Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader
4/2	Dennis & Kathy	Kathy
4/6	Dennis & Kathy	Kolton
4/9	Dennis & Kathy	Julaine
4/16	Dennis & Kathy	Julie
4/23	At Bethesda	
4/30	Dennis & Kathy	Michael



April 1 Deb Schiley
 April 2 Paul Halvorsen
 April 2 Dan Ash
 April 6 Grady Rumpza
 April 7 Donna Nolte
 April 9 Astrid Huwe
 April 10 Jayden Eickhoff
 April 10 Rochell Bartell
 April 11 Ryan Anderson
 April 11 Kathy Ausland
 April 13 Addison Steffes
 April 16 Barb Lone
 April 16 Holly Lone
 April 18 Remi Hubsch
 April 19 Chloe Lone
 April 19 Matthew Vehe
 April 21 Chris Dylla
 April 22 Larrie Zimmerman
 April 23 Kirk Lardy
 April 24 Brianna Duerre
 April 24 Ryan Horter
 April 25 Carol Flattum
 April 25 Dennis Huwe
 April 27 Tonia Whitmyre
 April 28 Ron Johnson

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