

Bethesda Butler Lutheran Parish
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2022



He Is Risen

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Pampered Chef Bridal Shower for Samantha "Sammy" Keller, bride-to-be of Darrick Lone, Saturday, April 23rd at 2: 00 at Bethesda Lutheran Church. Bring what you would spend on a gift and let the bride shop from her wish list. If you have a homemade gift you would like to give instead that is okay.

Open House Bridal Shower for Larissa Hansmeier, bride-to-be of Dustin Klebsch, Saturday, April 30th, 12:30 at Bethesda Lutheran Church.



*Our Prayers are with the
Family of Bonnie Taylor
who passed away March 12, 2022*



<p><u>April 3</u> Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Phillippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8</p>	<p><u>April 10</u> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56</p>
<p><u>April 17</u> Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12</p>	<p><u>April 24</u> Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31</p>

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Maunday Thursday Service at Butler at 6:30

Pastor Michael Jacobson

Good Friday Service at Bethesda at 6:30

Pastor Michael Jacobson

Easter Worship at Butler at 8:30

Pastor Michael Jacobson

Easter Worship at Bethesda at 10:00

Pastor Michael Jacobson



Maddix Lee Schiley was baptized March 13 at Butler Lutheran Church by Diane Hoines. He is the son of Scott Schiley and Ashley Wigton.

Welcome to the church family, Maddix!



If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor or memory of someone there are order forms available at the church or you may email the church at bethesdabutler@nvc.net **Cost is \$25** - due with order form. **Orders are due April 3rd** to the church office or to Jill. If you are providing your own lily complete the form and give to Carol by April 10th.

Rural Ministry Liaison

Pastor Alan Blankenfeld from the Synod will be with the Bethesda and Butler congregations April 1-13. If you would like to schedule a visitation or a meeting with him or are able to provide a meal contact Kyle Hubsch.

He will be here to listen, learn and offer support and suggestions during that time for our ministry.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who stepped up to organize and lead the Lenten Services. You are appreciated!



Synod Assembly Registration Opening Soon!

"I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or *imagine*..." - Ephesians 3:18-20

Dare to *imagine* and experience the fullness of God at this year's Synod Assembly, **June 3-4, 2022** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD.

Registration will open for voting members, visitors, and displayers on **April 13, 2022**.

Contact your council president if you would like to be a delegate.



Wednesday School News

April Meal Servers

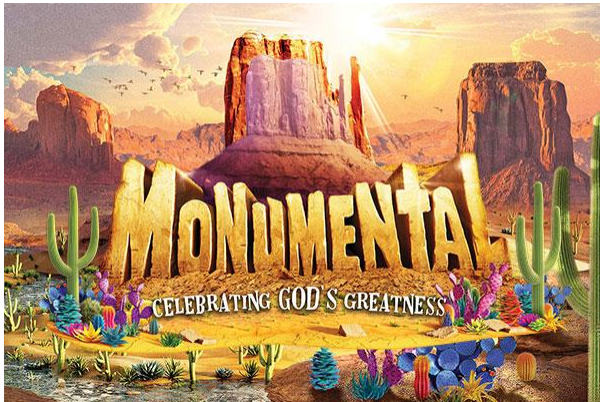
6th – Lent 5 – John & Jaclyn Horter

13th – Holy Week – No Wednesday School

20th – Corey & Theresa Lone

27th – Cullen & Taylor Salter

Sunday, May 15th will be Attendance Awards
Sunday with the children singing at Bethesda.



VBS is scheduled for June 13-16th from 5-8 pm each evening at the Westside Wesleyan Church. A meal will be served as students arrive. Please watch for upcoming announcements or any changes in times, etc. The theme will be **Monumental; Celebrating God's Greatness**

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.



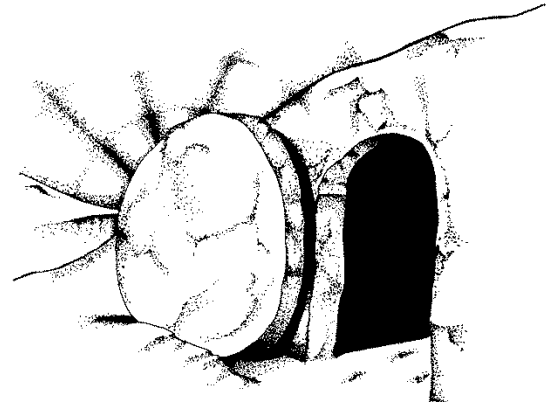
We will be having a First Communion class Saturday, April 2, 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Pastor Alan Blankenfeld will lead the class. Parents are required to attend the class with their child.

Sunday, April 3 will be
First Communion Sunday at Bethesda



SAVE THE DATE

A South Dakota Synod Youth Gathering Day will be held on Monday, July 25th. More details and registration information will be available soon!



NeSoDak

Spring Work Day - April 30, 2022



Spring forward with summer plans.

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.

If your answer is yes, share this email with a friend. Or, do a happy dance. All great ways to celebrate camp today.

Remember to register by April 15th 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 2022! Our camp staff are busy preparing for you to experience Christ's love this summer.



Lutherans Outdoors received an outpouring of prayers, love, and support during 2020 and 2021. You made an incredible difference in a pivotal time for the ministry. The gifts you've shared, the help you've given, and the good deeds are appreciated. Thank you!

I ask you today to consider doing **S'more**.

S'more praying for our campers, summer and year-round staff, and our beautiful facilities.

S'more sharing the Christ-centered message of God's boundless love with neighbors and friends.

S'more responding to financial needs for the LO camps to be those unique places where thousands can feel God's love.

Consider sharing S'more by making a gift to get the camps ready for the summer. Lutherans Outdoors looks forward to a vibrant 2022. Outlaw Ranch, Klein Ranch, and NeSoDak are ready to serve summer campers and retreat guests!

Thank you for all you have and continue to do for Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota to share S'more!

EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response needs your help:

Many of the Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care. Your gifts designated for Eastern Europe Crisis Response will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in this region. You may give through your congregation or mail directly: **ELCA Gifts Processing Center P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009** write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response on the memo line.



BETHESDA WELCA

Bethesda WELCA met at 1:30 on March 9, 2022. Alice Jean Peterson presented the program "Out with the Old." Jane Goehring assisted in a skit with the same name, Out with the Old. This was a skit that told of the process of sanctification. This means getting rid of the old, setting yourself apart, and accepting what is new. The process was profitable for her, and her life will be different because she had chosen to put things in the trash. With a little help from her friend, she was encouraged to start fresh – get rid of the old and make room for the new.

Jane Goehring conducted the meeting. Members read the Purpose Statement together. There was no secretary's report since this was the first meeting of the new year. The secretary read several items of correspondence. The treasurer's report was given. We discussed the spring convention in Clark and **we are in charge of the morning coffee.** We will check to see if the bakery is still open and if not, we will order from Ken's in Clark. The convention is April 24th. **It was decided to have our coffee hour on Easter BEFORE services.** A motion was made, seconded, and carried to give a substantial gift to Ukraine through Lutheran World Relief which will match our gift.

Prayer concerns are: Bonnie and Ralph Taylor, Gene Ausland, Bruce Anderson, Al Goehring, Lyle and Connie Bury, Larrie Zimmerman, and all the people of Ukraine.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed before Jane served a very delicious dessert. Our April meeting will be on April 13th at 10:00. Kay Espeland will have the program and Bonnie Dolney will be the hostess.

Secretary, Alice Jean Peterson



Prairie Coteau Conference Women of
the ELCA Spring Gathering

I AM GOD'S; MASTERPIECE, I AM CALLED

APRIL 23, 2022

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Clark, South Dakota

Registration: 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

\$10 registration fee (includes lunch)

Guest Speakers: Rebecca Christensen and a
Multi-Cultural Center Representative

Silent Auction Proceeds: SD WELCA Synod &
Campus Ministries

Love Offering: Inter-Lakes Community Action
Partnership
(suggested Items: hygiene items such as body
wash, shampoo, lotion, tampons and
deodorant)

**"For we are God's masterpiece. He has
created us anew in Christ Jesus,
so we can do the good things he planned
for us long ago"
Ephesians 2:10**

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





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April 2022 Newsletter Inserts

From the Bishop's Desk

Easter People,

May the risen Christ greet you in the midst of your own grief and the grief the world finds itself in. All four Gospels share various shades of Jesus' resurrection. They may not align on the details, but they leave no doubt about Christ's resurrection.

He has risen! He has risen indeed!

In the midst of life's turmoil, unfathomable realities of war and strife, and our daily grind, we know that death is real. It shows up differently for each one of us, but we know it is real. But as Easter people, people who trust and believe that God raised Christ from the tomb in spite of what others say, we know that Christ is real-er and that no matter what stronghold death thinks it can hold over us, God will find us in the midst of our grief and bring about life in the midst of death and out of death. Therefore, dear Easter people, let us cling to the promise that nothing, absolutely nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God. Thanks be to God!

Journeying with you,

Bishop Constanze Hagmaier

"If we believe..."

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ..." -1 Peter 1.3a

A good friend of mine, who happens to be a Benedictine Nun, once said to me: "If we believe that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, then we can believe that an incarcerated person can have new life." She and I did prison ministry together for 9 years, and our trust and belief in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, kindled in us a living hope that God creates a way where there doesn't seem to be one.

How might you or your congregation finish this sentence:

"If we believe that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, then ..."

I invite you to ponder this phrase this season of Easter, and trust in God's great mercy that gives you a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Perplexed

Rev. Jonathan Steiner

According to the NRSV translation of Luke's Easter story, the women are "perplexed" at the empty tomb. They have come expecting to grieve and instead are confused at what God has already done.

I believe that in our lives, we also are perplexed when we encounter resurrection. When we expect brokenness, pain, or death, God has often already shown up to bring community, comfort, or new life. As the world rages around us, I invite you to recognize those moments of resurrection we encounter here and now in our churches.

Although the pandemic has changed so much of our lives, as churches we have recognized the importance of community, of being in relationship with one another, and the blessings God offers us through people. Although the National Youth Gathering was canceled, congregations are pivoting to still give meaningful experiences to young people. Even as war and conflict occur in the world, our churches proclaim the Gospel of peace, love, and grace through Christ.

I pray that you will be perplexed at what God is up to, that where you expect things to look down, you instead find abundant life. The Holy Spirit is up to incredible things in our world, our communities, our churches, and your life. Resurrection abounds, and that is Good News indeed!

Generosity = Easter Evangelism

Kathy McHenry

Chris Willard and Jim Sheppard share some thoughts in their book, *Contagious Generosity* (2012), worth repeating this Easter season:

"This is about generosity, not about fundraising. If all we're working toward is funding budgets or meeting campaign goals, we will have missed something along the way. Following Jesus means learning how to follow him in every area of our lives, including how we handle our money.

"The truth is that God doesn't need our gifts, but knows that our attitude toward generosity reflects our obedience to the lordship of Christ and how well we grasp that God is the source of all we have. As followers of Christ, our goal in life is not gaining power, possession or prestige for ourselves. We exist, along with the entire body of Christ, to fulfill the Great Commission until Christ's return. When we act with generosity to serve others, it is a clear picture of Christ, who at the cross generously gave his life and all that he had so that we might have life forever [emphasis added]." (p. 165-166, paraphrased)

In a world filled with need and uncertainty, Jesus offers an alternative economic theory that celebrates sharing,

with no coercion or guilt or political agenda. When we act in ways that reflect our commitment to Christ, this fearful, watching world notices. May God grant each of us the generosity of open eyes, willing hearts and obedient hands that become Easter evangelism.

For more information about how Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota (www.lpgsd.org) can help you develop your own legacy plan, contact Kathy McHenry, Executive Director, at 605-274-5030 or kmchenry@sdsynod.org.

On the Road Again...

Rev. Alan Blankenfeld

We find ourselves inching closer to spring each day, but then the weather changes and we seem to be going the other way, but we have hope in the fact that spring is coming. As I travel across this great synod I am seeing signs of spring and with them renewed hope. Walking with a rancher in the southern Black Hills and seeing green grass in the sheltered areas, from there to the north central farm and ranch country, seeing new born calves, planters and air seeders getting tuned up for planting season, spring is getting closer.

With these signs of spring I can't help but think of Easter, through Jesus' life, death and resurrection we all have new life and this year maybe more than ever we all need to feel the renewed hope within our congregations, the synod, across this country and around the world. So, we celebrate spring but more importantly we celebrate Easter and what Jesus has done for each one of us. We celebrate new Life and renewed Hope.

Synod Youth Gathering

Hello, friends!

This is the season of Easter! We look forward to enjoying the light of the resurrected Jesus later this month! And I have something else for us to look forward to later this summer!

We are planning a **South Dakota Synod Youth Gathering Day on July 25th, 2022, at Augustana University in Sioux Falls**. I have gathered some of the best volunteers to help me plan this one-day event for our high schoolers, and details are still being hammered out. Keep your eyes peeled for registration to open soon! Subscribe to the Synod's e-news and watch our social media platforms to be the first to know the specifics! Teens, mark your calendars and plan to attend. We will enjoy a fun day of service, food, worship, prayer, fellowship, speakers, and did I mention food? And parents and grandparents: nudge your teens to grab their friends and plan on attending!

Disappointments from canceled plans and disorientation from navigating a pandemic have caused us grief, but in this

Easter season, we have so much to celebrate. Spring will come, we will gather soon, God's BOUNDLESS love never disappears, and HE IS RISEN.

Happy Easter, my siblings in Christ!

Tami Steffensen
SD Synod Gathering Coordinator

General Announcements

ELCA WORLD HUNGER DOMESTIC HUNGER GRANTS PRE-APPLICATION WORKSHOP:

The SD Synod Hunger Team hosted a virtual workshop to help those interested in applying for ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants prepare for the application process. A local grant writer shared tips on submitting a well-written grant application and a representative from ELCA World Hunger shared additional information and resources. You can view a recording of that workshop on the Synod's Vimeo channel or by visiting the following link: <https://vimeo.com/686462538>.

SAVE THE DATE: DOMESTIC HUNGER GRANTS!

Registration for 2023 Domestic Hunger Grants will open on March 18, 2022, and applications will be open starting April 11, 2022.

Learn more by visiting www.elca.org/domestichungergrants.

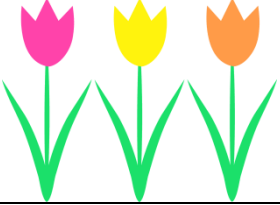



Daily Bread Matching Grants

ELCA World Hunger Daily Bread Matching Grants support congregations and their partners as they work toward a just world where all are fed. ELCA congregations with feeding ministries are eligible to participate, regardless of whether or not they have received a Daily Bread Matching Grant in the past.

These grants provide daily bread for neighbors experiencing hunger while also serving as a tool for ministry fundraising and capacity building. ELCA World Hunger Daily Bread Matching Grants will be made available to congregation on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration and applications for the 2023 Daily Bread Matching Grant will open April 25, 2022. Visit ELCA.org/dailybread to learn more and stay up to date!



April 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Pastor Alan will be here April 1-13.	Contact Kyle (605-590-1107) to schedule a visitation or if you would like to meet with him.	If you can provide a meal for Pastor Alan let Kyle know.	1	2 9am Butler WELCA 1 st Communion class 1:00 -2:30
5 th Sunday in Lent (purple) 3 9 am Communion Worship/ First Communion Sunday at Bethesda with Pastor Alan Easter Lily orders due to Jill	4 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	5	6 5:15 – 6:20 Wednesday School & Meal 6:00 Bethesda Council 6:30 Lenten Service at Bethesda with Pastor Alan	7	8	9 
Palm Sunday (purple) 10 9 am Worship at Butler with Pastor Alan	11 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	12 	13 10:00 Bethesda WELCA NO Wednesday School	14 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service at Butler with Pastor Jacobson	15 6:30 Good Friday Service at Bethesda with Pastor Jacobson	16
Easter Sunday (white) 17 8:30 Easter Service at Butler With Pastor Jacobson 9:00 Coffee Hour at Bethesda 10:00 Easter Service at Bethesda with Pastor Jacobson	18 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	19 May newsletter items due	20 5:15 – 6:30 Wednesday School & Meal	21 	22	23 Samantha Keller's bridal shower at Bethesda 2:00 WELCA Spring Gathering at Clark 9:00 am
2 nd Sunday of Easter (white) 24 9 am Worship at Butler with Kristi Anderson	25 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	26	27 5:15 – 6:30 Wednesday School & Meal	28	29	30 Larissa Hansmeier's bridal shower at Bethesda 12:30

Bethesda April 2022 Sunday Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader	Organist
4/3	Gene W	Gayle H	Gail
4/10	At Butler		
4/17	Kay	Carol	Kathryn
4/24	At Butler		
Altar Guild: Glenda Bakken & Carol Raap			
Deacon: Pam Dylla			

Ways to Give to Bethesda Lutheran Church

At the church service
 mail to PO Box 426 Bristol, SD 57219
 mail to the church treasurer
 Tithe.ly app

Ways to Give to Butler Lutheran Church

At the church service
 mail to the church treasurer

Butler April 2022 Sunday Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader
4/3	At Bethesda	
4/10	Dennis & Kathy	Julaine
4/17	Dennis & Kathy	Julie F
4/24	Dennis & Kathy	Michael



April 1 Delores Whitmyre
 April 1 Deb Schiley
 April 2 Paul Halvorsen
 April 2 Dan Ash
 April 3 Alice Jean Peterson
 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

