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do everything
in Love

1 Corinthians 16:14

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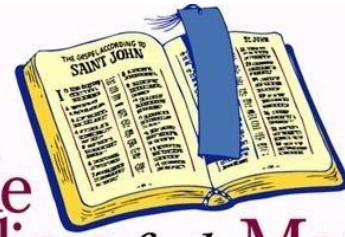
The gifts you share with this congregation matter. Whether your invaluable time, your unique talents or your generous financial support, never forget that you are appreciated, and we couldn't do what we do without the blessings God shares through you. You make a difference!



We welcomed Aubrey Lynn Salter in Holy Baptism on Sunday, March 3rd. Aubrey is the daughter of Cullen and Taylor Salter.

Good News from God...

- *You are chosen and dearly loved. (Colossians 3:12)
- *You are saved by grace. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- *I will renew your strength. (Isaiah 40:31)
- *I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. (Habakkuk 1:5)
- *I will never, never, never, never, never leave you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6) The original language has five 'nevers'!
- *One day, sorrow and sighing will flee away. (Isaiah 51:11)
- *I am making all things new. (Revelation 21:5)
- *I have loved you with an everlasting love. (Jeremiah 31:3)
- *I have called you by name; you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1)



Bible Readings for the Month

<p>April 7 Acts 4: 32-35 Psalm 133 I John 1:1-2;2 John 20:19-31</p>	
<p>April 14 Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 I John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48</p>	
<p>April 21 Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18</p>	
<p>April 28 Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 I John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8</p>	

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 by Jerry and Carol Raap. Thank you!

Keeping farmers in our prayers during calving season with variable weather conditions and for safety during the upcoming planting season.
Thank you for what you do!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently completed a class on leadership and stewardship.



Wednesday School News

April Meal Servers

3rd – Dave & Christa Orr
10th – Jared & Jenn Steffes
17th – Jake and Karli Zimmerman
24th – Kyle & Becky Hubsch

May 1 – Russell Johnson
May 8 – Board of Education

***April 28th** – Wednesday School sings at Bethesda for Confirmation Sunday.

***May 8th** - Last day of Wednesday School and Confirmation; we will be singing at Sun Dial Manor.

***May 12th** – Wednesday School sings and Award Sunday

Westside Wesleyan hosts VBS this year. We will pass along information as soon as received.

Volunteers will be needed. If you are willing to help, please contact Robin Anderson 605-380-8899 or Katy Wickre 605-265-0401. 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.



The following students received First Communion at Maundy Thursday services in Butler:

Avery Faber **Mya Moody**

Maycee Moody **Karley Lone**

Daisy Rumpza

CONFIRMATION CORNER

The following students will affirm their baptism in Confirmation on Sunday, April 28th at Bethesda:

Jaxon Ash

Lloyd Johnson

Chezney Williamson

Colt Williamson

*Faith statements are due to Kristi by April 24th. Students wanting help and direction in writing these, may schedule a time to come off the bus on Wednesday, April 10 or 17th.

*Confirmation students and Wednesday School will provide special music.

*Confirmands will be gifted their study Bibles and a teen devotion from their church family.

NeSoDak Bible Camp

Spring Workday

MAY 4, 2024

9:00 – 4:00

Help beautify the camp for summer season!

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

*There will be cleaning, sorting, painting, and wood to chop. There will be plenty of coffee and yummy food.

*Youth groups – Come the night before for snacks, group-building activities, games and a campfire with S'mores! We will serve you breakfast and make sure you have the very best tasks to do together!



We are so excited to see you at the camps of Lutherans Outdoors for Summer 2024!

Camps are beginning to fill up, and we hope you can join us too! Remember to visit losd.org to register for a faith-filled experience where people of all ages will encounter the love of Christ at Outlaw Ranch, Klein Ranch, and NeSoDak.

All registrations are done online at losd.org. [Register now!](#)

Our early bird rate for youth camps ends on April 15th. Register soon to save on summer camp experiences.

If you have any questions please contact Erica, our registrar, who will gladly walk you through the process.

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota welcomes ALL to explore and experience Christ's love in community and creation.

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." Psalm 139:14

Bethesda and Butler will pay half of camp fee with additional help from the Luther League. Scholarships are also available. Kristi would be more than happy to help submit the scholarship information.



NeSoDak Women's Retreat

Come to NeSoDak from April 12-13 to unwind and dive deep into your relationship with God. There will be good food, good company, easy conversation, and no to-do list! Deacon Koren Lindley will guide this retreat as attendees "Find Joy in the Ordinary." Learn more and register at losd.org/womensretreat



Bethesda WELCA met on March 6, 2024, at 1:30 pm with 6 members present. Jane Goehring & Bonnie Dolney called the meeting to order. Kay Espeland gave devotions from 1 Cor. 1:23-24. The group read the Purpose Statement. Secretary's reports for November and the December luncheon were read. Kay gave the treasurer's report. Thank yous were read from organizations for our December donations. The Spring Gathering will be held in Watertown on April 20, and there will be a women's overnight retreat at Ne-So-Dak on April 12-13. Carol Raap reported that Jeff Peterson will speak at the luncheon. The ladies worked on the WELCA booklet for 2024; committees were updated, and Bible study will replace programs in some months. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer, and lunch was served by Jane Goehring.
Secretary, Kathryn Bury

The quilting ladies would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all who support them in gifts of fabric, batting, monetary donations and Thrivent cards. Donating supplies ensures the continuation of distributing quilts to those in need locally and globally.

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Safe Harbor
Ronald McDonald House
Church on the Street
Journey Home
Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety
Lutheran World Relief**



Spring Gathering

Prairie Coteau Conference

Women of the ELCA

COME and SEE ~ FOLLOW ME

APRIL 20, 2024

**Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
Watertown, South Dakota**

Registration: 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

\$15 registration fee (includes lunch)

- *SPEAKER - KAREN CEISEL ABOUT HER JOURNEY TO OUR SISTER SYNOD IN CAMEROON**
- *BIBLE STUDY BY PASTOR KARIE GEYER OF NEW EFFINGTON**
- *HYMNS, SPECIAL MUSIC, A SKIT, AND MUCH MORE!**

General offering will be divided between Cameroon, Pine Ridge Reconciliation, and WELCA Synod.

Silent Auction Proceeds: St. Dymas and the Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Love Offering: Beacon Center, Watertown Cleaning supplies, Cooking Oil, Butter, Powdered Milk, Kleenex, Toilet Paper and Granola Bars.

John 1:43 – Finding Philip, Jesus said to him, “Follow Me!

John 1:46 -Speaking to his friend, Nathaniel, Philip said, “Come and See!”

Also shop for many inspirational items for sale at The Shepherd Shop from Madison and the Blessings Big and Small Christian Store, Watertown, who will both have booths set up.

A SECOND HELPING of STEWARDSHIP

Here are a few thought-provoking questions to explore your thoughts and experiences with stewardship:

***What does stewardship mean to you and why is it important?** (This is an excerpt from my final paper for class: Stewardship is caretaking of the resources, gifts, and blessings the Lord has given us and returning and offering back to the Lord what is already His with grateful hearts. Stewardship allows us to celebrate what has so generously been entrusted to us as children of God. As farmers, my husband and I feel a deep stewardship with the land we have been entrusted with, not just for the bounty it provides but for the opportunity to nurture its water, soil, air, and native plants. We faithfully tend our land with practices that will enrich and rejuvenate, not merely use and deplete for maximum yields.)

***What is an interest or passion you have that God might be inviting you to steward in a new way?**

***Who is someone that you have learned generosity and stewardship from?** (I can imagine there are some wonderful stories here! Please share!)

***What is the earliest experience with money that you remember?** (For me it was the tooth fairy, the Sunday School offering envelopes that were tallied every week, and my Grandpa Espeland dropping coins in the clover for us to find. If we found a four-leaf clover, we got \$1.00!) I would relish hearing some of your responses to this question!

***How were your attitudes and behaviors about money shaped by your mother, father or grandparents?**

***What is your happiest and unhappiest memory with money?** (My happiest memory was when I started earning my own money by mowing lawns, babysitting and washing dishes. My unhappiest memory was being the most expensive kid in our family.) Again, I would like to hear yours!

***How does your faith guide you in your use of money?**

*Martha Moore Keish has a 2018 YouTube video entitled "Rethinking Stewardship" that follows the giving practices of the church since the beginning of time. Extremely interesting!



Pastor Chris from COTS will be visiting during one of our summer worship services. Wednesday School and Confirmation students will be packing shelf-stable canteen kits on May 1 to send back with her. These kits are packed in quart-size bags with a combination of 3 of the following items:

bags of nuts, beef sticks, cheese sticks, crackers, pop tarts and chicken/tuna salad w/crackers

If you would like to donate snack items or cash, please do so by April 28 to ensure we can plan for completing as many snack bags as possible.

The dollar stores or Walmart have a combo pack of beef/cheese sticks that work great in a quart-size bag.

In planning for the heat of summer, we also like to include one or two individual shake-up drink packets, but we do not count these as food items. The dollar stores have a wide variety of these.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

We will officially welcome any and all interested in becoming a new member on Sunday, May 12th. Please visit with Kristi if this interests you. All are welcome!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 2024						
*The SDM annual meeting will be held at the Bristol Community Center.	1	2 Kristi to Synod Spring Conference in Brookings	3 5:10 – Meal and Wed. School No Confirmation	4 SDM Annual Mtg. – 6:30	5	6 Butler WELCA 9 am
2nd Sunday of Easter (white) 7 9 am Worship at Butler	8	9	10 10-4 Office Hours 1:30 Bethesda WELCA 5:10-6:30 – Meal, Wed. School, Confirmation 6:30 - Bethesda Council Langford Play	11	12 NeSoDak Women's Retreat	13
3rd Sunday of Easter 14 9 am Worship at Bethesda Birthday bank offering	15 	16 May newsletter items due	17 10-4 Office Hours 5:10 – 6:30 Meal, Wed. School & Confirmation	18 	19	20 WELCA Spring Gathering in Watertown
4th Sunday of Easter 21 9 am Communion Worship at Butler	22	23	24 10-4 Office Hours 5:10– 6:30 Meal, Wed. School, & Confirmation	25	26	27
5th Sunday of Easter 28 9 am Communion and Confirmation Worship at Bethesda Noisy Can Sunday	29	30				



Bethesda April Sunday Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader	Organist
4/7	At Butler		
4/14	Robin	Tucker	Kathryn
4/21	At Butler		
4/28	Kris H.	Confirmation students	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
 Tithe.ly app

Ways to Give to Butler Lutheran Church

At the church service
 Mail to the church treasurer

Butler April Sunday Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader
4/7	Dennis & Kathy	Julaine
4/14	At Bethesda	
4/21	Dennis & Kathy	Julie
4/28	At Bethesda	

- 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!

FYI FROM the Prairie Coteau Conference Assembly

- *South Dakota Synod has campus ministries on six campuses in SD.
- *Lutherans Outdoors will once again offer travel experiences for adults. These will include Minneapolis for a play and baseball game, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in September, the Smoky Mountains and Dollywood in October, and Branson in November. They are still in need of staff for summer camps which run from May 26-August 13. Must be 18 years or older.
- *Kristi will be serving on the Evangelical Outreach Committee, which works with our Neighbors in Solidarity.
- *Pastor Janet reported on the Companion Synods still needing roofs. Over \$500,000 has been raised in the past 20 years.
- *Pastor Jeff from St. Dysmas reported on a program called *Strengthening Families* in partnership with Lutheran Social Services to work with children of the imprisoned. He also encouraged us to contact our legislators to ensure the new prison being planned contains a chapel, a true sacred space to worship, not just a multi-purpose room. Prisoners involved with St. Dysmas have a 12% recidivism rate while non-worshippers have a 47% recidivism rate.
- *One of our Neighbors in Solidarity, Woyatan Lutheran Church of Rapid City, has a congregation of 60 that feeds 400 people daily. They worship daily before every meal. This undertaking requires approximately 50 volunteers.
- *Box Elder is the 10th largest town in SD and has only 1 church. With the Air Force Expansion and the Amazon warehouse coming, the Synod is looking to start a church there, which would become our 12th Neighbor in Solidarity.