

Bethesda Lutheran Church Butler Lutheran Church

Dear People of God,

Out of concern for your health and welfare, I after consulting with our Presidents have decided to honor the guidelines of the CDC and the President. Therefore we will not be having worship for the rest of March including the Wednesday Service on April 1. We will also not be having any Christian Education until at least after Easter, that includes Wednesday School, Confirmation, and Bible Study. Given the changing reality and how swiftly things change from day to day I am not sure how long this will last. I hope and pray we can gather together for our Easter celebrations, but who knows.

That being said, we have not canceled church. As the popular song says, "The church is not the building, the church is the people." **We are the church.** Covid-19 doesn't stop us from being the church. It does mean that we are called to church in different ways including:

- In the midst of physical distancing ourselves from each other we will communicate with each other via electronic means: telephone, email, video conferencing, texting...make sure we have your current email, telephone number, and address on file
- I will use our Facebook page to post a video of my Sunday message each week. I will also work with Liz to see if it can be placed on our Website. I am experimenting with you tube and podcast as a means to connect with the confirmation students.
- Pastoral Care: Call me or text me 605-218-0852 if you need to talk or have a prayer request. I am trying to figure out the best way to reach our members who are in SunDial. Will continue to see people in their homes if they are Ok with that.

This type of ministry is new to me and I am in conversation with our Bishop and her staff weekly among attending other webinars to learn how to be Pastor in this new environment.

I will continue to come into church on Wednesdays and will be available then for 1 on 1 in person conversations.

Please continue to support Bethesda and Butler and the ministries we share. Your offerings can be dropped off at the church on Wednesdays between 9 – 5; they can be mailed to the church; they can be dropped off at the bank with Robin; electronically through bill pay at your bank or Simply Given from Thrivent.

You are in my thoughts and prayers. You are loved by me but most importantly by God.

May the peace of Christ be with you all,

Pastor Chris



He is Risen!! He is Risen, indeed!!

Greetings everyone,

It is not Easter yet but we are an Easter people and we know that the tomb is empty. As I write this we are in the midst of the Covid-19 outbreak and I am not sure where we will be in two weeks but know this, Jesus is here with us.

That is the great thing about being Easter people, we know that the best is yet to come. That no matter what we are going through, we are not alone. The world seems to be going through Good Friday right now. We are anxious, we are unsure who to believe or how serious things are, stuff is happening fast, more closings, smaller gatherings, the out look is dark and gloomy, we are on Calvary watching Jesus groan in pain, watching Jesus struggle, watching Jesus die but Sunday is coming.

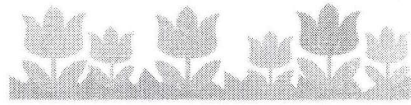
The gloom will pass, the onslaught of Covid-19 will pass, the night will end, the dawn will come, the sun will rise, as the stone rolls away from the tomb the light will emerge and we will see the tomb is empty. Jesus will meet us on the road, he will enter the locked room, he is abiding in our hearts.

Through all of this worship will continue. I will be there to lead worship for whoever shows up. I trust you to know whether you should come or not. If you feel unsure about coming to worship or not then I encourage you to stay home. For those of you who decide to stay home but would like a visit call me, 605-218-0852 and we can schedule a time for a visit. If SunDial continues to be on lock down I will work with Shelly to see how I can get in for a visit or somehow livestream in for a worship service.

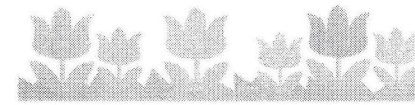
Remember your church through all of this, for ministry to continue we need your support. There are many ministries which we support through our benevolence both locally and church-wide and we cannot do this without you.


God's Peace be with you,

Pastor Chris



April 2020



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | 1 Pastor's Office Day | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Palm Sunday (purple) 5 9am Communion Worship at Bethesda | 6 | 7 | 8 Pastor's Office Day | 9 2pm Pastor Chris at Sun Dial 6pm Maundy Thursday Service at Butler | 10 6pm Good Friday Service at Bethesda | 11 |
| Easter Sunday (yellow) 12 8am Communion Worship at Butler 9:30am Communion Worship at Bethesda | 13 | 14 | 15 Pastor's Office Day 9am Bible Study at Bethesda 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Meal 5:45 Wednesday School | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 2nd Sunday of Easter (white) 19 9am Worship at Bethesda with Runner's Club Noisy Can Offering May Newsletter Items Due | 20 | 21 | 22 Pastor's Office Day 9am Bible Study at Bethesda 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Meal 5:45 Wednesday School | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 3rd Sunday of Easter (white) 26 9am Worship at Butler Confirmation at Butler | 27 | 28 | 29 Pastor's Office Day 9am Bible Study at Bethesda 4:30 Confirmation 5:30 Meal 5:45 Wednesday School | 30 |  | |

APRIL BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| | Usher | Reader | Organist | Worship Helper |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------------|
| 4/5 | Mavis McKane | Gayle H. | Gail | Kellen A. |
| 4/12 | John Horter Family | Carol | Kathryn | Emma B. |
| 4/19 | Pam Dylla | Kay | Gail | Madison P. |
| 4/26 | At Butler | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Altar Guild: Glenda Baaken and Carol Raap | | | | |
| Deacon: Kris H. | | | | |

Bethesda Financial Report

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

| DATE | RECEIPTS | |
|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 02/16/2020 | \$305.00 | short \$902.18 |
| 02/23/2020 | \$2,968.74 | long \$1,761.56 |
| 03/01/2020 | \$720.00 | short \$487.18 |
| 03/08/2020 | \$1,721.00 | long \$513.82 |
| Thrivent | \$807.00 | |
| 03/15/2020 | \$0.00 | short \$1,207.18 |
| 03/22/2020 | \$617.05 | short \$590.13 |

As of March 22, 2020

Total 2020 yearly receipts: \$7,602.28

Total 2020 yearly disbursements: \$8,802.68

Short for the year to date: \$1,200.40

Thank you for sharing your time, talent and financial offerings for the glory of God.

During the COVID-19 shut down I pray that those of you that are able will mail your regular offering to the church. The expenses will continue even though we can't physically worship in the church building. God is still there walking beside us and working within us for good. – Jill Hansmeier

APRIL BUTLER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| | Ushers | Readers | Worship Helper |
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| 4/5 | At Bethesda | ----- | ----- |
| 4/12 | Dennis & Kathy B. | Steve W. | |
| 4/19 | At Bethesda | ----- | ----- |
| 4/26 | Dennis & Kathy B. | Julie F. | Karter Moody |



April 1 Delores Whitmyre, Deb Schiley
 April 2 Paul Halvorsen, Dan Ash
 April 3 Alice Jean Peterson
 April 6 Grady Rumpza
 April 7 Donna Nolte
 April 9 Astrid Huwe
 April 10 Jayden Eickhoff, Rochell Bartell
 April 11 Ryan Anderson, Kathy Ausland
 April 14 Amy Hansmeier
 April 16 Barb Lone
 April 16 Holly Lone
 April 18 Remi Hubsch
 April 19 Chloe Lone, Matthew Vehe,
 Jayden Ausland
 April 21 Chris Dylla
 April 22 Larrie Zimmerman
 April 23 Kirk Lardy
 April 24 Brianna Duerre, Ryan Horter
 April 25 Carol Flattum, 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 to you!



April 5

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 12

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

April 19

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 26

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35



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| April 9 th | Maundy Thursday Service | 6pm at Butler |
| April 10 th | Good Friday Service | 6pm at Bethesda |
| April 12 th | Easter Sunday Service | 8am at Butler |
| April 12 th | Easter Sunday Service | 9:30 am at Bethesda |

Bethesda Newsletter Postage has been sponsored by Larry and Pat Huwe for April.

Bethesda Lutheran Church will be serving at the Burdell and Muriel Bohn auction sale on Saturday, May 9th. We will be serving BBQ's, hot dogs, chips and bars, along with water, pop and coffee. This will be a fundraiser for Bethesda's General Fund and members will be contacted for food & monetary donations. We will also be needing workers for the day of the sale. Watch for more details, along with sale start time. A Thrivent Grant will be applied for. Please contact Robin Anderson with any questions.

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

Three of the Gospels tell that when Jesus was crucified, darkness covered the earth from noon until three in the afternoon. Which Gospel does not mention this event?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Answer: D (See Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19.)

Let laughter 'spring' forth!

"Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush." (Doug Larson)

"Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all of your eggs in one basket." (Evan Esar)

"Spring is the time of year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade." (Charles Dickens)

"The world is mud-luscious and puddle wonderful." (e.e. cummings)

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." (Margaret Atwood)

**Sanford Webster Bridging Health and Home Program
March 2020**

March is colorectal cancer awareness month. Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in the United States and the second leading cause of death from cancer.

Risk factors for colon cancer include:

- *People age 50 or older
- *Family history of colorectal cancer or polyps
- *Personal history of type 2 diabetes, Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis
- *Being overweight
- *Lack of physical activity
- *Alcohol consumption
- *Smoking
- *Eating a low fiber, high fat diet

The good news is colorectal cancer is almost 100% curable if caught early. You can help prevent colon cancer by getting screened regularly starting at age 50 and encouraging your friends and family members to get screened. Talk with your doctor about what screening method is appropriate for you. Other ways to prevent colon cancer include quitting smoking and avoiding secondhand smoke, getting plenty of physical activity and eating a diet that includes plenty of fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

Sanford Webster Bridging Health and Home Program

Bridging the Gap

February 2020

February is American Heart Month

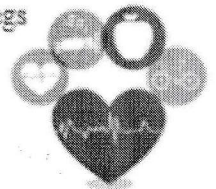
- Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men & women
- Each year in the US about 715,000 people have a heart attack
- 600,000 American die from heart disease annually
- Overall cost of heart disease each year is \$300 billion

Did you know? Myth's vs. Fact's

- I'm too young to worry about heart disease
 - How you live now affects your risk for heart disease later in life
- I'd know if I had high blood pressure because of the warning signs
 - High blood pressure is called the "silent killer", you may not know
- I'll know if I am having a heart attack, because I'll have chest pain
 - Other symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, arm/jaw pain
- Diabetes doesn't affect my heart, as long as I take my medication
 - Even well controlled blood sugars increase risk for heart disease
- Heart disease runs in my family, there is nothing I can do about it
 - Risk can be reduced with activity, diet and avoidance of tobacco
- Pain in my legs is a sign of aging, nothing to do with my heart
 - Leg pain may be caused by blocked arteries in the legs

Way to reduce my risk

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| • Quit smoking | • Reduce stress |
| • Limit alcohol | • Lower Blood |
| • Healthy foods | pressure/cholesterol |



For more information, visit the bridging center located in the
Arts Council Building. Wednesdays from 8:30-11:30am
Call Lori or Vanessa at 605-588-3197

Women ^{of the} ELCA

Bethesda WELCA

Bethesda WELCA met on March 11, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

The program "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" was given by Alice Jean Peterson. Devotions were from the 58th chapter of Isaiah. The 10 things to remember during Lent were given. These are: 1. Remember the Formula, 2. A time of prayer, 3. Time to Fast, 4. It is about dying to yourself, 5. Time to work on discipline, 6. Don't do too much, 7. Lent reminds us of our weakness, 8. Be patient with yourself, 9. Reach out in charity, and 10. Learn to Live Like Christ. The theme hymn was sung with a Lenten devotion. A reading The Foot Washer was given which showed the humility and love of Jesus and how we are to show love to one another because He first loved us.

Bonnie Dolney and Jane Goehring presided over the meeting. The purpose statement was read.

Several thank yous were read and the treasurer's report was given.

Old Business: It was approved to give our Lenten offering from our Wed. supper to the Food Pantry.

New Business: We serve morning coffee at the spring convention in Clark on **April 25th**, **May 3rd** will be the Sunday we give our graduates their quilts. This year it is Chloe Lone and Mason Peckham. **May 9th** we (Bethesda church) will be serving at Burdell and Muriel's auction sale. **May 13th** our WELCA meeting will be at SDM and we will provide the bars for lunch,

Our April 8th meeting will be at 10:00 with Sharon Johnson in charge of the program, "The Gardener and the Soil". Bonnie Dolney will be the hostess

Prayer Concerns: Al Goehring, Harold Orr, Arnie Lone, George Dolney, Jim Peterson, Gene Austand, Kris Knutson, and all the health care workers

We prayed the Lord's Prayer and sang the table prayer and Jane Goehring served some delicious treats.

Secretary,

Alice Jean Peterson

Butler WELCA

The Butler WELCA met at the church on Saturday March 7, 2020 with 6 members present.

Our Bible Study was "Talking and Walking the Truth" from 1 John 2: 1-11.

Kathy Buhler had the Offering Mediation.

Correspondence was read. The Banquet thanked our group for our donations. The Banquet serves nearly 200,000 meals a year with 30,000 to children. They are very grateful for donations.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurers report:

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| February Offering: | \$105.00 |
| General Fund: | \$2007.95 |
| Altar Fund: | \$229.04 |

Mission Action report: The quilting group completed 15 quilts last week. 25 quilts have been done this year.

Projects for this year were discussed. Thrivent applications are:

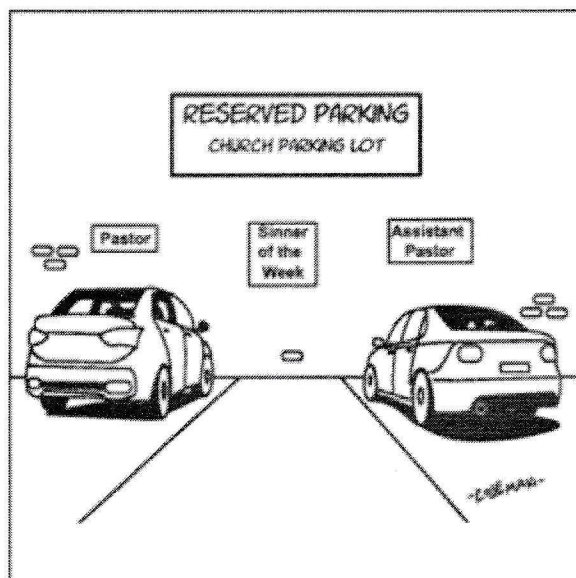
Kathy Nolte-School Kits; Kathy Buhler-Quilting; and Julie Flattum-Personal Care Kits.

Butler will serve the Lenten Supper on March 11th.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Lorraine will be the hostess. Carol will have Offering Meditation. We closed with praying The Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary

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