











MARCH 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st Sunday of Lent (purple) 1 9am Communion Worship at Butler	2	3	4 Pastor's Office Day 9am Bible Study at Bethesda 5:30pm Wednesday school 6pm Lenten Worship at Bethesda with supper following. Confirmation during meal.	5	6 World Day of Prayer service 2pm at Sun Dial 	7
2nd Sunday in Lent (purple) 8 9am Communion Worship at Bethesda Daylight Saving Time Begins 	9	10	11 Pastor's Office Day 9am Bible Study at Bethesda 5:30pm Wednesday school 6pm Lenten Worship at Bethesda with supper following. Confirmation during meal 7:30 Bethesda Council Meeting	12 2pm Pastor Chris at Sun Dial	13	14 
3rd Sunday in Lent (purple) 15 9am Worship at Butler	16	17 	18 Pastor's Office Day 9am Bible Study at Bethesda 5:30pm Wednesday school 6pm Lenten Worship at Bethesda with supper following. Confirmation during meal	19 	20	21
4th Sunday in Lent (purple) 22 9am Worship at Bethesda with Runner's Club Noisy Can Offering April Newsletter Items Due	23	24	25 Pastor's Office Day 9am Bible Study at Bethesda 5:30pm Wednesday school 6pm Lenten Worship at Bethesda with Supper following. Confirmation during meal	26	27	28
5th Sunday in Lent (purple) 29 9am Worship at Butler	30	31 Easter Lily Orders Due 				

MARCH BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Reader	Organist	Altar Guild	Deacon	Worship Helper
3/01	At Butler	-----	-----			-----
3/08	Derek Wickre Family	Robin	Gail	Kathryn Bury & Janet Lardy	John H.	Emma B.
3/15	At Butler	-----	-----			-----
3/22	Fran Morehouse	Karin B	Kathryn			Madison P.
3/29	At Butler					

MARCH BUTLER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Reader	Worship Helper
3/01	Michael H.	Kellen A.	Ushers
3/08	At Bethesda	-----	-----
3/15	Michael H.	Karter S.	Ushers
3/22	At Bethesda	-----	-----
3/29	Michael H.	Wayne N.	Ushers

Bethesda Financial Report

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

DATE	RECEIPTS
01/26/2020	\$2,727.00
02/02/2020	\$ 234.95
02/09/2020	\$1,478.24

As of February 13, 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.

Children's offering gauge: \$111.00 was raised last quarter for Lutheran Diaster Response



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

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!



Hello Everyone,

Welcome to Lent, that time of the year when we purposely set aside time to reflect on our lives. Remembering that we are human which means that at some point we will die. As we examine our lives we might choose to make changes either by giving something up or beginning something new. Making the changes in order to better align ourselves with our faith and with God.

As you ponder these changes in your life I invite you to come to worship Wednesday evenings where we will gather together in fellowship and learning. This year our Lenten journey to the cross will take us through the trial of Jesus. Not the trial that is given to us in the Bible but one that seeks to answer the question of: Who is this Jesus...for you?

The jury has been selected and the jury is you, all of you. The witnesses have been gathered, we will hear from six of them. Matthew who will speak to us about Jesus's scandalous association with the seedier side of society. A person who will not be named to safeguard their identity will give evidence of Jesus breaking the Sabbath law by healing, doing work on that sacred day. Nicodemus, a prominent Jewish leader, a Pharisee, will give testimony to Jesus, a disturber of the peace. Another nameless woman who was caught in the act of committing adultery and how Jesus once again flaunted the law by acting as both Judge and Jury in her defense. John who gives testimony that Jesus claims he is the bread of Life and that we should eat him? Is that cannibalism? The last witness will be Mary of Magdalena who will tell all. Can't wait to hear what she has to say.

Two thousand years ago Jesus was on trial before the High Priest Caiaphas and then Pontius Pilate where he was found guilty and was crucified. Through his death Jesus has redeemed the world, making all things new through him.

Today Jesus is still on trial. His saving act, his being in the world, his message of radical love, all demand a response. Every human heart must wrestle with questions like: Who is this Jesus? Is he who he claims to be? If so, what does that mean for me and how I live my life? What is your answer? What is your verdict?

The trial has begun, opening remarks were made on Ash Wednesday, after all the evidence, after all the witnesses have been heard, what will be the verdict? Come and see.

God's peace be with you all,

Pastor Chris

Butler WELCA

The Butler WELCA met at the church on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 9 am with 7 members present. We started our new Bible Study, "John's Letters: Discovering Genuine Christianity." Our lesson was "Fellowship and Forgiveness" from 1 John 1. The WELCA Purpose Statement was read. Carol Flattum had the Offering Meditation. Secretary's report was read and approved as read. Treasurers report: January Offering - \$85.00, General Fund - \$837.95, Altar Fund - \$174.04. Thank you's were read from the Jason Nolte family, Bethesda Home, Needs Anonymous and Webster PAC program. Winter project is quilting. Our next meeting will be Saturday March 7, 2020 at 9 am at the church. We will have potluck lunch and quilting in the afternoon. We closed with praying The Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary

St. Dymus Trip

We started planning a few months ago to visit St. Dymus at the South Dakota state prison at Sioux Falls. Pastor Chris, Robin Anderson, Kay Espeland, Kathryn Bury, and Bonnie Dolney attended on a cold, little bit snowy evening. In fact we almost turned around but the weather got better. Everyone in the chapel were very friendly and shook hands with us. We really enjoyed the service as they had a band and also a men's choir. They made a good impression. We visited with several of the inmates. They were so appreciative that we were there! You could tell they were on their good behavior. There is so much we could tell about our trip but talk to some of the people who went, about it.

Bonnie Dolney

Letters of Thanks

Bethesda Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your donation to the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center! It is generous gifts like yours that help to keep all the ministries at the center going! We are excited to put your gift towards our general fund which will help to ensure we have supplies for coffee and sandwich time each day and diapers and wipes available for our youngest neighbors. Thank you so much for partnering with us in this important ministry!

Peace, Lindsay & the PRRC Staff

Dear Bethesda Butler Lutheran Church, Bristol S.D.

On Behalf of the brothers of St. Dymas and our Pastor I would like to express how pleased we were to have members of your church drive all the way to Sioux Falls to come and join in worship and fellowship with us.

We are truly grateful for your time and consideration and support.

We look forward to seeing your delegates again in the not too distant future, where we can share again in fellowship and songs of praise.

We count our many blessings one by one, and are truly thankful for what the Lord had done.

May God Bless your Church, Pastor and Congregation.

Sincerely,

Brad Quist #15648

St. Dymas Secretary

Lent Service Schedule

Lent services will be at Bethesda at 6pm with supper following. Wednesday school will be at 5:30pm and confirmation will take place during the supper.

Lent Supper Serving Schedule

March 4th – Bethesda WELCA

March 11th – Butler

March 18th – Bergen

March 25th – Bethesda Council

April 1st – Confirmation



March 1

Genesis 2:15-17,
3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

March 8

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5,
13-17

John 3:1-17

March 15

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

March 22

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

March 29

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

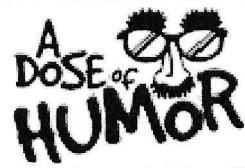


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A Pastor was going through his wife's desk drawer and discovered an envelope with three soybeans and \$30 in cash. So he asked her about it. The wife said, "Well, I have to confess. Over the last 30 years, every time you preached a poor sermon, I put a soybean in the envelope. The pastor thought, "Three soybeans in 30 years... that's not bad. So, what's the \$30 for? His wife said, "Well, when soybeans hit \$10 a bushel. I decided to sell."

New Parish Secretary

Hello, my name is Lizabeth Sigdestad. I live on a farm in the Pierpont/Roslyn area with my husband Steve and daughter Thea. When I am not busy working on the farm and performing parish secretary duties, I enjoy experiencing new adventures with our daughter Thea, reading books, and enjoying the outdoors. If you have any questions, suggestions, or additions to the newsletter feel free to contact me at the church email bethesdabutler@nvc.net.



+Bethesda Newsletter Postage has been sponsored by anonymously for March.
+Colored paper for Newsletter and Bulletins donated by Wikre's.

Chocolate Fest

Come enjoy a three-course meal including prime rib & a chocolate dessert buffet.

When: March 27th & March 28th

Where: CAMP DAKOTA ROAD,
WAUBAY, SD

Time: Gather between 6-6:30PM. Meal served at 6:30pm.

Tickets are \$35 per person
**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN
ADVANCE AT:**
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