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Bethesda WELCA News.

We are still collecting school kit and health kit items and we "thank you" in advance for all you do!! We have not had meetings these last few months so we still have bills to pay and if you want to send donations to Kay Espeland our treasure, that would be greatly appreciated!! We are all praying that this nightmare will soon be over and we can be together again. We thank God for answered prayers!! Bonnie and Jane: CoChairs

**Mission Kit Supplies**

**School Kits**

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"
- 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Pencil sharpener
- Pair of blunt scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 1/2" eraser

**Personal Care Kits**

- Bath towels
- Bath-size bars of soap – at least 4 oz. size
- Toothbrush
- Comb
- Nail clipper

Sponsored through Day County Ministerial Association

**USDA Farmer to Families**

**Food Box Program**

**Webster Armory**

Food boxes include:  
Produce, Dairy, Meat, and 1 Gallon Milk

**Free to first 480 customers**

Tuesdays July 14 – August 25  
**3-6 p.m. during food pantry hours**

**August 2**

Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

**August 9**

1 Kings 19:9-18  
Psalm 85: 8-13  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

**August 16**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

**August 23**

Isaiah 51:1-6  
Psalm 138  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16: 13-20

**August 30**

Jer 15:15-21  
Psalm 26: 1-8  
Romans 12: 9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

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Just a short note to let you know that you are on my mind. I have not yet decided exactly how confirmation will look this year, some it depends on what the different school districts are doing. I do know that we will not start until sometime in September as we normally do. Let us meet, both parents and students, on August 23, 2020 at 11:00 at Bethesda to discuss.

Thanks,  
Pastor Chris

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*thank you*

Dear Church Family,  
Even when we know that someone we love has gone to a better place, "good-bye" is always the hardest thing to say. Your expressions of sympathy following the loss of my dad, Roger Wolff, will always be remembered and are a comfort during this time

Jill Hansmeier & family

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**Safe Harbor Project**

Bethesda is collecting items for Safe Harbor. Safe Harbor is a domestic abuse shelter. It is an emergency shelter for those who need to leave an unsafe relationship and have nowhere else to go. It also provides support and advocacy for men, women, and children who are in or have been in an abusive situation. Their ministry is much needed in North-East South Dakota. Many people come to Safe Harbor with just the clothes on their back so they are in need of basic items. Here is the list of items they are in need of:

Money or gift cards are always helpful  
Lysol  
Razors  
Deodorant and other bathroom items  
Feminine Products  
Kids/Baby body wash  
Baby Formula  
New Bath Towels  
Canned Tuna  
Canned Chicken  
Canned Fruit or Fruit cups

Thank you for your support. Items can be dropped off at the church on Wednesdays or contact Jill Hansmeier arrange to drop off items at her house. Jill has also applied for a Thrivent Action Team Project which if approved will be used to purchase additional items from the wish list. Cash donations can be given to the church for this mission project.



Hello Everyone,

How is your summer going so far? I can't believe it is August already. The days just seem to fly by. August is the month where those of us with children begin to prepare for the new school year and as I write this that is an unknown. This whole Covid-19 thing has really turned everything upside down. But life has a way of doing that and like everything else that life throws at us we adjust and we move on. We continue to live our lives and soon what was extraordinary becomes the mundane, becomes normal.

Have you ever noticed that when people ask Jesus what the Kingdom of Heaven is like he doesn't talk about the spectacular? He doesn't tell us the streets are paved with gold, that comes from Revelation, nor that the throne room is made of gemstones, that is Ezekiel, there is no description of buildings or fields, of people singing and living in harmony with each other. What Jesus does do is he takes the ordinary, the mustard seed, yeast, treasure, pearls, things that the people can relate to and then he makes them extraordinary. The mustard seed becomes a huge tree that all the birds in the world can nest in, the yeast moves through all the flour, etc. It is something so valuable that people give up all they own, they give up everything so they can have it.

The amazing part is that this amazing, valuable, extraordinary, small but huge kingdom is freely given to us. Not only is it freely given to us but because it is so big we are free to share it with others. There is no need to hoard it. The kingdom of Heaven is comprised of God's love. The love that created us, the love that gave us Jesus in the first place, the love that frees us to share this amazing gift by loving others, by caring for those around us even if we don't know them. Right now one of the best ways to share this amazing love of God in these crazy times is by wearing a mask.

The mask tells people that you love them. That you see them, care for them, and that their life is important to you. That is what the cross tells us, that God loves us, that we are seen, cared for, and are important to the one who created us. The Kingdom of God is like a breath of fresh air that blows through you and from you to all those around you carrying the greatest treasure of all, love.

May the peace of the Lord be with you all,

Pastor Chris

### AUGUST BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Usher	Reader	Organist	Worship Helper
8/2	-----	-----	-----	-----
8/9	Gayle H.	Gail H.	Gail H.	-----
8/16	At Butler			
8/23	Gayle H.	Kathryn B	Kathryn B	-----
8/30	At Butler			
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Fran Morehouse & Larissa Hansmeier				
<b>Deacon:</b> Pam D.				

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	Ushers	Readers	Worship Helper
8/2	-----	-----	-----
8/9	At Bethesda	-----	
8/16	Wes N. & Wayne N.		-----
8/23	At Bethesda	-----	-----
8/30	Wes N. & Wayne N.		



### Bethesda Financial Report Needed weekly to meet the budget: \$1,207.18

DATE	RECEIPTS	
6/21/2020	\$1,264.58	<b>long \$57.40</b>
6/28/2020	\$810.00	<b>short \$397.18</b>
7/5/2020	\$1,410.00	<b>long \$202.82</b>
7/12/2020	\$690.00	<b>short \$517.18</b>

As of July 18, 2020

Total 2020 yearly receipts: \$44,146.07

Total 2020 yearly disbursements: \$31,735.49

**(Note: receipts include a \$8,100 PPP loan)**

Semi annual giving statements were mailed to local Bethesda members who made donations between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive one but feel you should have, contact Jill.

August 3	Alex McKane	August 14	Kinsley Ash
August 3	Sarah Lesnar	August 17	Clinton Huwe
August 3	Scott Schiley	August 19	Keenan Moody
August 5	Carrie Rumpza	August 19	Lane Stern
August 6	Thad Duerre	August 20	Gailand Henrichsen
August 6	Mark Wattier	August 22	Sharon Johnson
August 8	Karter Moody	August 26	Lucas Dauwen
August 9	Al Goehring	August 27	Heather Lone
August 9	Caroline Bahr	August 28	Henry Witt
August 11	Julie Flattum	August 29	Robin Anderson

**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!**

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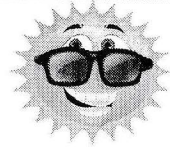
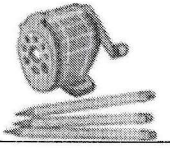


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# AUGUST 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentacost</b> <b>2</b> 9am Online Worship on Facebook BethesdaButler Page and website	3	4	<b>5</b> Pastor's Office Day 7:30 Bethesda Council Meeting	6	7	<b>8</b> 
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentacost (green)</b> <b>9</b> 9am Online Worship on Facebook BethesdaButler Page and website	10	11	<b>12</b> Pastor's Office Day 7:30 Butler Council Meeting	13	14	15
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentacost (green)</b> <b>16</b> 9am Online Worship on Facebook BethesdaButler Page and website	<b>17</b> 	18	<b>19</b> Pastor's Office Day	20	21	22
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentacost (green)</b> <b>23</b> 9am Online Worship on Facebook BethesdaButler Page and website 11am Confirmation meeting <b>September Newsletter Items Due</b>	24	25	<b>26</b> Pastor's Office Day	27	<b>28</b> 	29
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentacost (green)</b> <b>30</b> 9am Online Worship on Facebook BethesdaButler Page and website	31		