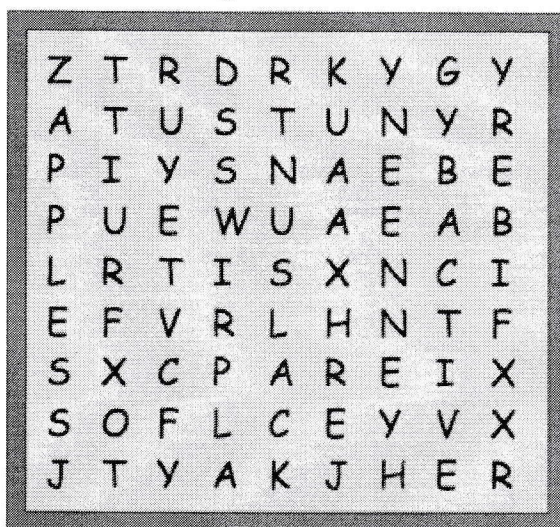
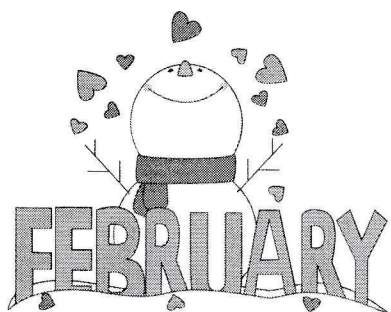
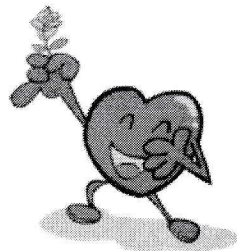


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February 7

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 14

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

February 21

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 28

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38



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ASH WEDNESDAY Worship

**Ash Wednesday (February 17th) Worship
will be at Bethesda at 6pm. There will be no
confirmation that Wednesday.**



Butler WELCA Collecting Personal Care Kits

Butler WELCA will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief during Lent. The LWR warehouse shelves are nearly empty, they simply cannot keep up with demand.

Items needed are:

- Light-weight, dark colored Bath-Size Towels (20"x40" to 27"x52")
- Bath-size bars of Soap in original wrapping (8-9 oz.)
- Adult-size Toothbrush in its original packaging
- Sturdy Comb
- Metal Nail Clipper

There is a box in the church entry for donations. Thank you.

Women of the ELCA Butler WELCA

The Butler WELCA met at the church on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 9 a.m. with 4 members present.

Our Bible Study lesson was "How Important is Theology?" from 1 John 2: 18-27.

Lorraine Anderson had the Offering Meditation "Stars in the Light".

The WELCA Purpose Statement was read.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

We dispersed funds for 2020.

Our next meeting will be Saturday March 6, 2021 at 9 a.m. at the church.

We closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary



Butler Emergency Calling Tree

In the case of church cancellation we will implement the following calling tree.

The President calls the "A"s - the "A"s call the "B"s

If the person you are calling is unavailable please call the people listed under them.

President: Gerald Anderson 492-3586

A. Glenn & Julie Flattum 492-3470

- B. Lorraine Anderson (513) 532-1854
- B. Butch & Carol Flattum 492-3451
- B. Arlyus Vanatta 949-1338

A. Dennis & Kathy Buhler 345-3930

- B. Wes Nolte 345-3431
- B. Donna Nolte 345-3693
- B. Wayne Nolte 345-4518

A. Michael & Tammie Herr 492-3268

- B. Paul & Shirley Halvorsen 492-3230
- B. Larry & Judy Herr 492-3596
- B. Travis & Angela Antonsen 397-7966
- B. Eric & Darcie Moody 397-7211

A. Steve & Linda Witt 492-3561

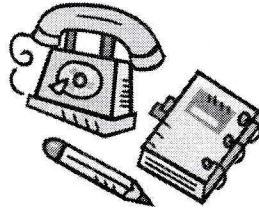
- B. Shawn & Jennifer Witt 492-3607
- B. Lyle & Julaine Busch 492-3387
- B. Gailand & Deb Henrichsen 881-9357

A. Pat Sass 345-3519

- B. Delores Whitmyre 345-4327
- B. Deb Schiley 492-3347
- B. Bob & Tonia Whitmyre 345-4194

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Church cancellation will also be posted on Facebook and the website. Thank you.



Bethesda Emergency Calling Tree 2021

CALL

Kay Espeland **492-3507**
George & Bonnie Dolney 492-3206
Jane & Al Goehring 492-3503

Vicki Zimmerman **492-3484**
Lila Erickson 492-3392
Jennifer Wickre 345-3622
Thad & Vicki Duerre 492-3182

Jill Hansmeier **492-3465**

TEXT

Jon & Robin Anderson 380-8899
Alice Jean Peterson 216-2835
Theresa Hansmeier 216-5520
Kris Hubsch 467-9868
Kyle Hubsch 590-1107
Carol Raap 216-6959

Email Pam Dylla at hilltop4@nvc.net

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Children's Offering

The Children's Offering collected for the months of January through May will go to Lutheran World Hunger. This is an organization that our church the ELCA uses to address the problem of hunger in our world today. Over the past couple of months I have been reading how COVID-19 and natural disasters have affected people in this country and around the world and one of the big things is the amount of people who don't have enough to eat. There is famine in Africa and parts of the Middle East. Central America was devastated by two hurricanes causing a food shortage because of loss of crop and planting season. Our Synod is running a fundraiser right now called Seeds for Nicaragua, they are hoping to raise \$14,000 for our companion synod in Nicaragua for the purpose that seed can be purchased and crops planted. In the meantime hunger will be a big issue.

Here is a statement from our church (ELCA) on how they seek to address the issue of hunger followed by some facts on hunger in the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35

God richly provides for daily bread — the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

We start with relationships marked by conversation and listening. We believe people know their own communities best. It is our congregations and our global companion churches that first identify the local needs and related solutions to help make a difference. Then, we partner with communities to help make those solutions a reality.

Hunger facts

- 821 million people around the world - that's more than 1 in 10 - can't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives.
- According to the most recent estimates, 736 million people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. That's 10% of the world's population.
- At some point in 2017 (the most recent year available), more than 40 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from.
- 39.7 million Americans were living in poverty in 2017. For a family of four, this means their annual household income was below \$25,094.

Let us help the children help the world.

Pastor Chris



Hello Everyone,

As I reflect on the state of the nation today it reminds me of 4 years ago, it seems as if we haven't moved very far in the reconciling of the nation. I offer to you the reflection I wrote during President Trump's inauguration with just a few updates.

As I write this President Biden has just been inaugurated and whether or not we voted for him he is the President of the USA just as President Trump was before him, and President Obama before him, and so on. What I am saying is that despite the fact whether we like him or not, agree with him or not, as people of a democracy we are obligated to help him be the best President he can be. This is something that our country has forgotten over the past years. This doesn't mean that we can't disagree with the President because we can what it means is that we can't let our disagreement fester until we begin to actively work against him and try to make him fail. That doesn't help anyone. The best way to have your disagreement heard is to engage in conversation and actively listen as you present your argument in a positive way. This takes power and control out of the equation and promotes an atmosphere of working together to help each other. Anyone can start a fight it takes someone of courage to advocate for peace and unity.

That being said we as Lutherans, as Christians are called to advocate for peace, for unity, we are called to spread the message of God's love to the world. That the love of God is not just for a select few but is for all of God's creation. John 3:16-17 tells us "¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." The best way to spread this message of God's love is not by telling people who is excluded but by showing them who is invited into this relationship with God. The best way to do this is by working for peace and unity.

Here is a prayer from my childhood to help us on this hard but urgent task of spreading the word of God's love shown to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.

God's Peace be with you all,

Pastor Chris

FEBRUARY BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Usher	Reader	Organist	Worship Helper
2/07		Alice Jean	Gail	
2/14	At Butler			
2/17				
2/21		Kathryn	Kathryn	
2/24			Kathryn	
2/28	At Butler			
Altar Guild: Pam Dylla & Gayle Horter				
Deacon: Pam D.				

Bethesda Financial Report

Needed weekly to meet the budget: \$1,218.80

DATE	RECEIPTS	
01/03/2021	\$70.00	short \$1,148.80
01/10/2021	\$2,341.00	long \$1,122.45

As of December 16, 2021

Total 2021 yearly receipts: \$2,411.00

Total 2021 yearly disbursements: \$ 306.11

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2/28			



February 1	Kaedyne Bonn	February 17	Cambryn Sieben
February 1	Nick Hubsch	February 17	Nathan Duerre
February 2	Wes Nolte	February 17	Ayden McKane
February 3	Janel Lone	February 19	Larissa Hansmeier
February 3	James B. McKane IV	February 20	Deb Henrichsen
February 8	Tucker Wickre	February 21	Kiera Olsen
February 10	Raegan Horter	February 22	Shirley Huwe
February 12	Maycee Moody	February 23	Alyssa Shoemaker
February 12	Mya Moody	February 23	Lila Erickson
February 12	Lyle Busch	February 23	Derek Wickre
February 12	Chezney Williamson	February 24	Karin Bartell
February 13	Colt Williamson	February 26	Allison Duerre
February 13	Damon Witt	February 27	Hayden Ferguson
February 13	Jenilee Wickre	February 28	Bill Dylla
February 16	Lance Johnson		

We apologize if we missed your birthday. Please let us know and we will include it on our list for next year.

Birthday Blessing to you!

February 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>31</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <p>Pastor's Office Day 4:30pm Confirmation</p>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div> <p>9am Butler WELCA</p>
<div>7</div> <p>5th Sunday of Epiphany (green)</p> <p>9am Communion Worship at Bethesda and online</p>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <p>Pastor's Office Day 4:30pm Confirmation 6pm Bethesda Council Meeting</p>	<div>11</div> <p>2pm Pastor Chris at Sun Dial</p>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>
<div>14</div> <p>Transfiguration of Our Lord (white)</p> <p>9am Communion Worship at Butler and online</p> <p>Happy Valentine's Day</p>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <p>Pastor's Office Day No Confirmation 6pm Ash Wednesday Services at Bethesda</p>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>
<div>21</div> <p>1st Sunday of Lent (purple)</p> <p>9am Worship at Bethesda with Noisy Can Offering and online</p> <p>March Newsletter Items Due</p>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <p>Pastor's Office Day 4:30pm Confirmation 6pm Lenten Services at Bethesda</p>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>
<div>28</div> <p>2nd Sunday of Lent (purple)</p> <p>9am Worship at Butler and online</p>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>
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