

Bethesda Butler Lutheran Parish  
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## **Help wanted**

### **Bethesda Butler Parish Secretary**

Contact Kyle Hubsch or Travis Antonsen or send your resume to Bethesda Lutheran Church PO Box 426 Bristol, SD 57219.

**THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have been filling in.**

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## **Lenten Services**

The church councils are in the planning stages for the Lenten season. Members will be contacted to be leaders for the services. If you would like to be one of those leaders contact your council president. Wednesday School will continue during the Lenten season. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.



### **WEDNESDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Meal Serving Schedule**

February 2 –Kyle & Becky Hubsch

February 9 – Dave & Christa Orr

February 16 – Jared & Jenn Steffes

February 23 – Aaron & Sara Johnson



## **Newsletter postage sponsors are needed.**

Cost is \$55 per month. Contact Jill or leave a check and note in the offering plate.

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<b><u>February 6</u></b> Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13] Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	<b><u>February 13</u></b> Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26
<b><u>February 20</u></b> Genesis 45:3-11,15 Psalm 37:1-11,39-40 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 Luke 6:27-38	<b><u>February 27</u></b> Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36[37-43a]

## **Emergency Pastoral Contacts**

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## Bethesda February 2022 Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader	Organist
2/6	Glenda	Caroline	Gail
2/13	At Butler		
2/20	Alice Jean	Mark	Kathryn
2/27	At Butler		
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Pam Dylla & Gayle Horter			
<b>Deacon:</b> 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  
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## Don't forget to direct ThriventChoice Dollars® - March 31<sup>st</sup> Deadline

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2022**, to direct any remaining 2021 Choice Dollars. Help support Bethesda or Butler Lutheran Church.

Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

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	Usher	Reader
2/6	At Bethesda	
2/13	Michael & Tammie	Gerry
2/20	At Bethesda	
2/27	Michael & Tammie	Kaleb

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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
February 3	James B. McKane IV		Hansmeier
February 8	Tucker Wickre	February 20	Deb Henrichsen
February 10	Raegan Horter	February 21	Kiera Olsen
February 12	Maycee Moody	February 23	Alyssa
February 12	Mya Moody		Shoemaker
February 12	Lyle Busch	February 23	Lila Erickson
February 12	Chezney Williamson	February 23	Derek Wickre
February 13	Colt Williamson	February 24	Karin Bartell
February 13	Damon Witt	February 26	Allison Duerre
February 13	Jenilee Wickre	February 27	Hayden Ferguson
February 14	Lane Orr	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 blessings to you!**

# February 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:15 – 6:30 Wednesday School & Meal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (green) <b>6</b>  9 am Communion Worship at Bethesda with Rev. Jacobson	<b>7</b>  1 pm quilting at Bethesda	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 5:15 – 6:30 Wednesday School & Meal  6 pm Bethesda Council	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  NeSoDak Chocolate Fest 6 pm	<b>12</b>  NeSoDak Chocolate Fest 6 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (green) <b>13</b>  9 am Communion Worship at Butler with Diane Hoines	<b>14</b> 1 pm quilting at Bethesda <i>happy Valentine's day</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:15 – 6:30 Wednesday School & Meal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (green) <b>20</b>  9 am Worship at Bethesda with Rev. Jacobson	<b>21</b> 1 pm quilting at Bethesda  <b>March newsletter items due</b>	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> 5:15 – 6:30 Wednesday School & Meal	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Transfiguration of Our Lord (white) <b>27</b>  9 am Worship at Butler with Diane Hoines	<b>28</b>  1 pm quilting at Bethesda		March 2nd Ash Wednesday			



**South Dakota Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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**February 2022 Newsletter Inserts**

**From the Bishop's Desk**  
**Happy New Year!**

Partners in Ministry,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

This month I am coming to you with an invitation. This invitation is especially for all those who serve on the council or those who have been newly elected to the council, and particularly the newly elected ones for whom this is a brand new experience, the ones who can say; "I have never done this kind of thing before, now what?" Please, join synod staff for a 90 minute gathering via Zoom on **Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 from 7 PM - 8:30 PM**. You will be able to meet and be in conversation with your synod staff and others like you, who also serve on the council in their respective community of faith. We will offer brief but precise small group learning opportunities. Some examples of the things we will discuss are: how to lead an effective meeting, what are you asked to do and what are you not asked to do as a council member, and the difference between a mission plan and a budget. As the South Dakota Synod we are committed to each other in journeying together in Christ, it is my sincere hope that you will find this learning opportunity helpful as you accept and carry out leadership positions in your context. Please know that I am personally grateful for your willingness and readiness to lead, your generous gift of your time to the ministry of your congregation, the South Dakota Synod, and the ELCA, and your gift of resources, which make opportunities like this one possible.

Journeying in Christ with you,  
 Rev. Constanze Hagmaier  
 Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

**"I'm Elected, Now What?"**

*Rev. Renee Splichal Larson*

What a great question to ask after joyfully (or reluctantly) agreeing to serve on your church council. When I served in a congregation, immediately following the election of new council members and the executive committee, we convened as the new council to review the section in our church constitution that clarified our responsibilities. We did this together every single year. It never lost its importance. Sometimes, to the dismay of the people who said, "yes," to serving on elected leadership, they realized that they were not just going to be a warm body! God had given them gifts to serve, and God's mission for the congregation needed their leadership.

Some years we needed to give one or two aspects of our responsibility as council more acute attention and priority. In the next year, it might be different based on the needs of our congregation, surrounding community, and world.

During the past couple years, because of differences of perspectives or opinion on safety protocols, many councils have needed to pour their energy into "promoting a congregational climate of peace and goodwill, and, as differences and conflicts arise, endeavor to foster mutual understanding." When in between calling a pastor (or deacon), the church council focuses much of their attention on "arranging for pastoral service during ... absence of the pastor."

When was the last time your council spent time studying, praying over, and discerning your shared work for the sake of your congregation and the Gospel? If it's been a while, now is as good a time as any to start!

If you would like a resource to help you get started, it is included. Listed on the document are the constitutional responsibilities of the church council. There is an added table for both individual and collective contemplation and areas of focus. God's richest blessings to you as you live out the Gospel in Jesus name!

**Dreaming Together about the Future**

*Rev. Jonathan Steiner*

As the church, we are the body of Christ in the world. God calls us to work, as we share the Good News and love our neighbors. This work often means we need to adapt.

I invite you to dream about your congregation. I wonder what the Holy Spirit is calling your ministry to do and to be? Is there an opportunity to make an impact in your community? Are there people who need help? Is there something that you or others are excited about?

Centered in worship, our congregations are called to action in our communities. Being a disciple of Christ means that we recognize resurrection not just for us, but for our world here and now. When things die in our congregations, it is okay, because God will raise up something in its place.

If you would like to do some dreaming together, I am happy to meet with your congregation. I would love to hear your stories, your hopes, and your opportunities for the future. Please reach out to me if you would like to set something up. Peace and blessings to you, and know that the Holy Spirit is with you!

## Prepare to Celebrate!

*Kathy McHenry, Lutheran Planned Generosity*

During the seasons of Advent and Lent and throughout the scriptures, preparation is a recurring theme of our Christian walk. Be ready – expectant – prepared for all that is to come.

Generosity can come in all forms – expected and unexpected – large and small – helpful and, well, not so helpful. Is your congregation prepared? If you received a call from an attorney announcing a \$1 million gift from her client's estate, or a check for \$100,000 in tomorrow's mail, what would happen? What if a lifelong member wants to make a gift to the church of a lot in your small town that was the site of an old gas station with buried fuel tanks?

A congregation with updated endowment by-laws and a current gift policy is prepared to receive that unexpected generosity or, in the rare case, respectfully turn away a gift that could turn into a liability. This preparation sends a strong message to those considering a gift...you have a plan in place that will allow those resources to be used for ministry quickly and efficiently; their gift won't create chaos and disagreements; and their wishes and intentions will be honored, respected and celebrated.

God is at work in the South Dakota Synod – we have been privileged to witness amazing generosity toward congregations across the state, sometimes following months of planning and preparation, and sometimes “out of the blue.”

Is your congregation prepared? We have templates available that can make the process of creating new documents or updating existing policies much faster and easier. We'll walk with you to get them implemented and spread the word about the many ways to be generous. Let's get ready for a celebration!

*If you'd like to know more, visit [www.lpgsd.org](http://www.lpgsd.org) or contact Kathy McHenry, Executive Director of Lutheran Planned Generosity of SD at (605) 274-5030 or [kmchenry@sdsynod.org](mailto:kmchenry@sdsynod.org).*

## Rural Ministry Liaison

January has been a month of transitions for me, January 9<sup>th</sup> was my last Sunday at Our Savior's in Flandreau, now I look forward to my new call as the Rural Ministry Liaison for the SD Synod. Allow me to introduce myself and my new position. My wife and I farmed in southern Moody county SD for over 30 years, the last five of which included classes at seminary and serving two rural congregations. I am proud of my time farming and being able to raise our family on the family farm and I think I understand farmers and rural congregations quite well. I will use that understanding to better serve the SD Synod as the Rural Ministry Liaison. I will be spending two weeks in various communities and congregations that need someone to listen and walk with them as they look to the future.

The past two years have changed all of us as individuals and families and since we are the church why do we think the church can remain the same? Change isn't a bad thing but it does cause us anxiety and fear; Jesus said, “fear not for I am with you.” I look forward to hearing your stories and learning about your church and community and then we will journey together and see where the road leads, knowing that Jesus is with us always. If you would like to learn more please feel free to reach out to me. My email is [ablankenfeld@sdsynod.org](mailto:ablankenfeld@sdsynod.org) or give me a call at 605-941-3257.

The Rev. Alan Blankenfeld  
Rural Ministry Liaison SD Synod

## ELCA Youth Gathering

Winter blessings, South Dakota Congregations! I am writing today to you, and it is -2 degrees outside. Brrrr...I am SO looking forward to the Gathering this summer in sunny downtown Minneapolis! The countdown is on and kids all across the South Dakota Synod are preparing and getting excited for their trip this summer.

Registration is still open for the Gathering through late May! If you have teens in your congregation who would like to join us for a week of faith formation, interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, where they can grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives, let's get them registered! I am happy to help! Planning in Minneapolis is running at full steam, and speakers, synod day sites, and service-learning day activities will be announced soon. Reach out to me if you have any questions about getting involved.

And a word of encouragement for you all: whether you are a teen looking forward to the Gathering, a parent wondering how to support your kids growing in their faith, a volunteer who works with kids in your congregation, or someone who is just watching in wonder (and sometimes confusion) as kids and parents navigate, well, everything! I encourage you to pray for one another. Pray for those planning activities that support and encourage the kids in your congregation to grow in their faith. Pray for parents, pray for volunteers, pray for teachers, and anyone who has the extraordinary responsibility and privilege of encountering the kids in our congregations as they explore, question, and seek God, growing daily in their relationship with our Savior.

*“Join in helping us with your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.” 2 Corinthians 1:11*

May God's love warm your hearts,  
Tami Steffensen  
SD Synod Gathering Coordinator



## **BETHESDA SCRIPTURE READERS AND USHERS**

Beginning in February, a list of scripture readers and monthly ushers will be listed on the bulletin board in the narthex. Your name will also appear in the monthly newsletter with the date you are to read or usher. If that date does not work for you, please call and exchange with someone on the list. A practice copy of the scripture reading will be on the bulletin board in the narthex for you to pick up at your convenience.

### **BETHESDA SCRIPTURE READERS**

February 6	Caroline	
February 20	Mark A	345-4329
March 6	Glenda	216-6082
March 20	Kay	380-8832
April 3	Gayle H	265-1137
April 17	Carol	216-6959
May 1	Bonnie	590-1879
May 15	Robin	380-8899
May 29	Alice Jean	216-2835
June 12	Kathryn	467-1202
June 26	Gail H	492-3505

### **USHERS FOR BETHESDA 2022**

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
<b>FEBRUARY 6</b>	GLEND A	<b>FEBRUARY 20</b>	ALICE JEAN		
<b>MARCH 6</b>	JON A	<b>MARCH 20</b>	BONNIE D		
<b>APRIL 3</b>	GENE W	<b>APRIL 17</b>	KAY		
<b>MAY 1</b>	VICKI Z	<b>MAY 15</b>	JANE G	<b>MAY 29</b>	GLEND A
<b>JUNE 12</b>	CAROL	<b>JUNE 26</b>	GAYLE H		
<b>JULY 10</b>	KYLE H	<b>JULY 24</b>	LINDA A		
<b>AUGUST 7</b>	DENNIS H	<b>AUGUST 21</b>	PAM D		
<b>SEPTEMBER 4</b>	JOHN H	<b>SEPTEMBER 18</b>	DEREK W		
<b>OCTOBER 2</b>	ROBIN	<b>OCTOBER 16</b>	MARK A	<b>OCTOBER 30</b>	CAROL
<b>NOV 13</b>	ALICE JEAN	<b>NOVEMBER 27</b>	KRIS H		
<b>DECEMBER 11</b>	GLEND A	<b>DECEMBER 24</b>	JON A		



## National Youth Gathering Updates

### Registration Paused:

Due to the latest COVID-19 surge and recent changes in Gathering leadership, the National Youth Gathering is pausing registration so its team can evaluate and discern the most faithful next steps for the 2022 Gathering, MYLE and the tAble. Registration rates and other key dates will be adjusted accordingly. Stay tuned to the Gathering [Facebook group](#), or [subscribe to qNews](#) for updates in the coming weeks

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## Woyatan Lutheran Winter Needs

To help with with their work at the Wambli Ska Society with the homeless and those in need this winter, Woyatan Lutheran Church is asking for volunteers, Cots, warm clothes, blankets, and firewood, as well as monetary donations to help with their work at the Wambli Ska Society with those in need. If you can help, please call (605) 787-8918, email Tcwambliska@Gmail.com, or donate using Venmo at [www.wambliska.org](http://www.wambliska.org).

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## Chocolate Fest At NeSoDak

**When:** February 11-12<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Camp NeSoDak

**Time:** Gather between 5:30-6PM; Meal served at 6:00 PM

Tickets are \$35 per person

Reservations must be made in advance at: (605) 947-4440 or [NeSoDak@LOSD.org](mailto:NeSoDak@LOSD.org)

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♥ happy ♥  
Valentine's  
♥ day ♥