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The Waiting Game

We spend a lifetime waiting and wishing for....

the perfect family
the perfect house
the perfect car
the perfect job
the perfect alignment of our lives so we can be happy.

God also waits and wishes...waits and wishes for us to
appreciate his beautiful creation,
mend fences broken by pettiness and pride,
feel the joy that is ours for the taking every day,
love our neighbors as ourselves,
renew every morning through the gift of our baptism,
realize the incredible, undeserving gift of the cross.

Satan doesn't wait; he doesn't have to as he sees his wishes fulfilled every day. And so he continues to...

relentlessly wage war against our souls,
sabotage relationships, families, and marriages,
relish in the brokenness of how we treat each other,
cheer us on as we exclude some from humanity,
pat us on the back as we hate, hold grudges,
and take offense at every little thing,
tally wins when we don't take opportunities to
forgive
pray
love
heal
grow
serve.

What are you waiting for? Wishing for? Working for? Earthly treasures or eternal life? Put your hope and faith in the One who sent His Son to die for your sins on the cross.

God sees you. He knows your every wish and desire. If you are not where you feel you belong in this life currently, believe He is leading you to something better, greener pastures.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. ~Proverbs 3:5-6

Receive these words of assurance: Although following Jesus is difficult, you can be assured that God is always with you, bringing you encouragement, strength, and peace. Rise up and follow the one who offers his life for you. Amen.

Grace and peace,
Kristi



REMINDER to all
Bethesda women to pay
\$15 to help defray the
costs of the WELCA July
luncheon; payment may
be given to Kay. Anyone
who wishes to donate a
door prize for the
luncheon, may leave it in
the West Room. Hope to
see you all on July 12th!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If you're not sold out to
Jesus, you're still on sale to

VBS - A Huge Success!

The theme of Bible School this year was *Twists and Turns: How following Jesus changes the game*. Our main scripture verse was Psalm 24:5. *Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths*. Here is a recap of our daily mottos and main messages:

MONDAY - JESUS IS HOLY - Jesus convinces Peter to switch from being a fisherman to being a "fisher of men." Our key word this day was *fish*. Names were drawn from a bowl for trivia questions at the end of the evening with Swedish fish being the prize.

TUESDAY - JESUS IS TRUSTWORTHY - Jesus, walking on water during a storm, convinces Peter to also leave the boat and know that he will be safe. The key word was *wind*. Airheads were given for correct trivia answers about the Bible lesson.

WEDNESDAY - JESUS IS FORGIVING - Peter denied Jesus three times before his death, but Jesus forgave Peter and loved him all the same. We stressed how God has a purpose for us and can re-set us after we stray from His path.

THURSDAY - JESUS IS FOR EVERYONE - We all have God's love and forgiveness. We are a player in the game of life, and we should help each other stay on God's path. We finished Thursday evening with a celebration of music from our week. Approximately 45 kids attended each day.



July 2

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 9

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:(1-8)9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Thank you to Caroline and Emma Bahr for tending the outside flowers at Bethesda! It is greatly appreciated!



Bethesda July 2023 Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader	Organist
7/2	Kay	Kay	Kathryn
7/9	At Butler		
7/16	Bonnie & Jane	Bonnie	Gail
7/23	At Butler		
7/30	9:00 Service/Threshing Bee at Bergen		
Altar Guild: Gail Huwe & Janel Lone			
Deacon: 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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**July 2023 newsletter postage is sponsored
 by Larry and Pat Huwe.**

THANK YOU to our Vacation Bible School
 volunteers:

Kathryn Bury
 Amy Peckham
 Katy Wickre
 Jenn Steffes
 Robin Anderson
 Karlie Zimmerman
 Remi Hubsch



Butler July 2023 Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader
7/2	At Bethesda	
7/9	Larry	Steve
7/16	At Bethesda	
7/23	Larry	Gerry
7/30	9:00 Service/Threshing Bee at Bergen	

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July 1	Knox Schiley	July 11	Kevin Burkel
July 1	Kylie Schiley	July 12	Evangeline Nolte
July 1	Theresa Hansmeier	July 12	Wesley Nolte
July 1	Katy Wickre	July 12	Sara Vedvei
July 1	Glenda Bakken	July 14	Jane Goehring
July 3	Pat Sass	July 15	Lloyd Johnson
July 5	David Orr	July 18	Judy Williamson
July 6	Morrie Bartell	July 19	Karah Burkel
July 8	Cambria Bonn	July 27	Carol Raap
July 9	Karley Lone	July 29	Adalyn Schnaible
July 10	Kyle Hubsch	July 31	Kyle Whitmyre

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!!

July 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 2 9 am Worship at Bethesda	3	4 Happy Independence Day!	5	6 Office Hours 10-4	7	8
6 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 9 9 am Communion Worship at Butler	10 Butler WELCA 6:30 pm	11	12 Bethesda WELCA Luncheon (noon) and Silent Auction (10:30) Bethesda Council 6 PM	13 Office Hours 10-2 Sun Dial Service at 2:00	14 	15 Knebel/Peterson wedding at Bethesda 3:00
7 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 16 9 am Communion Worship at Bethesda Noisy Can Offering	17 August newsletter items due	18 Office Hours 10-4	19 Kristi on vacation	20	21 Zucchini Fest Main Street 5:00	22
8 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 23 9 am Worship at Butler with Diane Hoines →	24	25 	26 Office Hours 10-4	27	28	29
9 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 30 9 am Worship at Bergen/Threshing Bee Activities	31					



SCHOOL KITS

Butler and Bethesda WELCAs are collecting items for School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Watch for the school sales in the stores, and items can be left at the churches.

Items needed for each kit are:

- 4 - 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½ "; no loose leaf paper
- 1 – 30-centimeter rule, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 – pencil sharpener
- 5 – **unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers
- 1 – pair of **blunt** scissors
- 5 – black or blue ballpoint pens (No gel ink)
- 1 – box of 16 or 24 count crayons
- 1 – 2 ½ " eraser

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- Sponsor newsletter postage for one of the remaining months in 2023. Cost is \$66.00 with the postage increase.
- Consider teaching Wednesday School....this can be as many or few Wednesdays as you choose.
- Work the ice cream booth at the Andover Threshing Bee on Sept. 8th for 2 hours.



Kristi will be on vacation from July 19-23. Please contact Diane Hoines in the event of an emergency:

(H) 605-493-6618

(C) 605-380-2854

THE WISE WOMAN'S STONE

A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. "I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone."

~Author Unknown

