

Bethesda Butler Lutheran Parish  
PO Box 426  
Bristol, SD 57219



There is no  
Holy One like  
the LORD,  
there is no  
ROCK  
like our God.



1 Samuel 2:2

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PO Box 426 Bristol, SD 57219

## Help wanted

### **Bethesda Butler Parish Secretary**

Contact Kyle Hubsch (605)-590-1107 or Gerry Anderson (605) 467-3308 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.**

The church bulletins are printed on Mondays. If you have information to be included have it to Carol Raap prior to Monday.

Please get newsletter items to Jill Hansmeier as early in the month as possible.

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### **Emergency Pastoral Contacts**

#### **Rev. Michael DeKraai**

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Webster, SD  
605-265-1937  
[dekma50@gmail.com](mailto:dekma50@gmail.com)

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Lester Herr will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Bristol Community Center on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm. Everyone is invited to attend. If unable to attend cards may be sent to Lester at PO Box 337, Bristol, SD 57219



#### **June 5**

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34,35b  
Romans 8:14-17  
John 14:8-17[25-27]

#### **June 12**

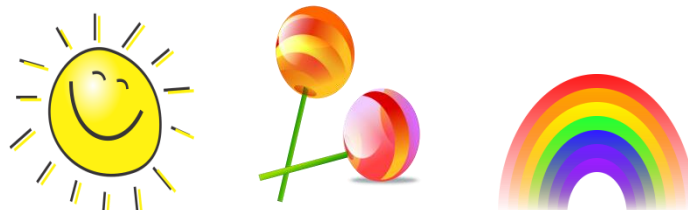
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm 8  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

#### **June 19**

Isaiah 65:1-9  
Psalm 22:19-28  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

#### **June 26**

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  
Psalm 16  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62



### **Bethesda WELCA Luncheon**

### **"Sunshine, Lollipops and Rainbows" July 13, 2022**

Watch for more details in the July newsletter.

## Bethesda June 2022 Worship Assistants

	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Organist</b>
6/5	At Butler		
6/12	<b>Carol</b>	<b>Kathryn</b>	<b>Kathryn</b>
6/19	At Butler		
6/26	<b>Gayle H</b>	<b>Gail</b>	<b>Gail</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Linda Anderson & Bonnie Anderson			
<b>Deacon:</b> Karin Bartell			

### **Ways to Give to Bethesda Lutheran Church**

at the church service  
mail to PO Box 426 Bristol, SD 57219  
mail to the church treasurer  
Tithe.ly app

### **Bethesda's Lenten Offering total: \$905.25**

Webster PACH program \$302.00

Groton BAGS program \$302.00

Langford Home Plate program \$301.25

Thank you to everyone for helping fight hunger in our local communities.

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### **June newsletter postage is sponsored by Kathryn Bury**

Newsletter postage sponsors are needed for the months August – December. The cost is \$58.00. If interested contact Jill Hansmeier or place a check in the offering plate with newsletter postage on the memo line.

## Butler June 2022 Worship Assistants

	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Reader</b>
6/5	<b>Glenn</b>	<b>Wayne</b>
6/12	At Bethesda	
6/19	<b>Glenn</b>	<b>Steve</b>
6/26	At Bethesda	

### **Ways to Give to Butler Lutheran Church**


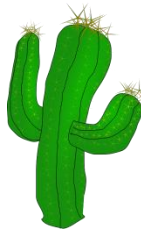


at the church service  
mail to the church treasurer



June 2	Peyton Orr	June 18	Kathy Buhler
June 3	Lester Herr	June 21	Angela Antonsen
June 4	Steve Witt	June 22	Darcie Moody
June 4	Briana Eickhoff	June 22	Paul Orr
June 5	Joanna Lone	June 22	Aubrey Horter
June 7	Janet Coyne	June 23	Miranda Huwe
June 7	Dianne St. John	June 25	Levi Stern
June 9	Marcia Orr	June 26	Jamie Horter
June 14	Linda Will		

**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!!**

# June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 	3 <b>Synod Assembly Sioux Falls</b>	4 <b>Synod Assembly</b>  Lester Herr's 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday Bristol Community Center 1-3pm
Pentecost (Red) 5  9 am Communion Worship at Butler with Diane Hoinés	6  6:30 pm Butler WELCA	7	8  9 am Bethesda Spring Church Cleaning  6 pm Bethesda Council	9	10	11
Holy Trinity Sunday (white) 12  9 am Communion Worship at Bethesda with Pastor Michael Jacobson  Birthday Bank offering for Wednesday School	13  <b>VBS 5-8 pm Westside Wesleyan</b>	14  <b>VBS 5-8 pm Westside Wesleyan</b>	15  <b>VBS 5-8 pm Westside Wesleyan</b>  Bristol blood drive 2:15-6:00	16  <b>VBS 5-8 pm Westside Wesleyan</b>	17  	18
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green) 19  9 am Worship at Butler with Kristi Anderson	20  <b>July newsletter items due to Jill</b>	21   <b>It's SUMMER!</b>	22	23	24	25
3rd Sunday after Pentecost (green) 26  9 am Worship at Bethesda with Kristi Anderson/Noisy Can offering	27	28	29	30  		



Bethesda WELCA met on April, 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. We were happy to have a special guest, Rev. Alan Blankenfeld as our guest. Kay opened the program with devotions from Matthew 26 as Jesus is crucified. Pastor Alan presented a most interesting bible study from the book of John about events from Easter Week. A hymn sing followed.

Jane Goehring conducted the meeting. Members read the Purpose Statement together. The secretary's report was read from the newsletter. The treasurer's report was given.

A brief meeting was held. We have no graduates this year. A motion was made and seconded to get donuts from Mike's for the coffee hour we are hosting at the spring Prairie Coteau Conference retreat on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Clark. A motion was made and seconded to give \$100.00 for our offering for the Prairie Coteau Conference spring retreat and \$100.00 to help with expenses.

Prayer concerns are: Al Goehring, Bruce Anderson, Gene Ausland, Jim Peterson, for our church and a pastor and a secretary.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed and the table prayer was sung before the noon luncheon for the pastor and served by the members.

Our May meeting will be on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Devotion and Program will be given by Sharon Johnson and the hostess is Nola Roitsch. .

Secretary,

Alice Jean Peterson

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Bethesda WELCA met on May 11, 2022 at 1:30. Seven members were present for the meeting. Sharon Johnson presented the program "Singing in the Rain" and assisting her were Bonnie Anderson, Carol Raap, and Kathryn Bury. It may be "raining" in our lives, circumstances may be difficult, but we can choose to rejoice in the Lord.

Jane Goehring conducted to meeting. Members read the Purpose Statement together. The secretary's report was given. No treasurer's report was given. It was decided to purchase two altar bouquets for this Sunday, the 15th. The Wednesday School children will sing and receive their awards.

Our June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be church cleaning. We would encourage all church members, men and women, to help. We will meet at 9:00 to begin and enjoy a pot luck lunch together.

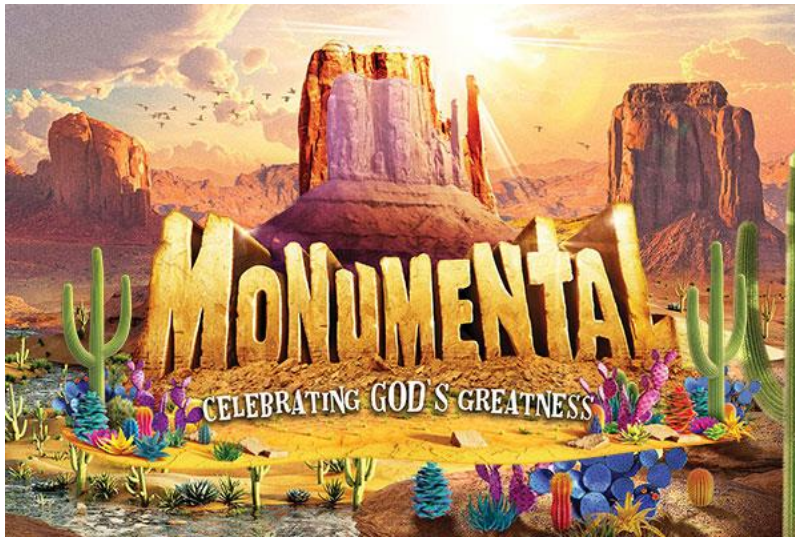
Prayer concerns are: Al Goehring, Bruce Anderson, Gene Ausland, Jim Peterson, Vance Vanatta, Larrie Zimmerman, Harold Orr, for our country, and for our church and a pastor and a secretary.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed and the table prayer was sung before we enjoyed ice cream and cookies served by Jane Goehring and Alice Jean Peterson

**REMINDER:** Church cleaning on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Many hands make light work.

Secretary,

Alice Jean Peterson



# Vacation Bible School

June 13 -16 at Westside Wesleyan Church

5:00-8:00 pm with a meal upon arrival

Bethesda will be serving the meal on Wednesday and Thursday nights. **We are requesting that Bethesda Serving Group members pay \$10 to cover the cost of these meals.** Please get your \$10 to Robin Anderson or Katy Wickre. The money can also be dropped off at First Savings Bank in Bristol.

We have 45 children (when newsletter was printed) registered and will have adults to feed that are volunteering their time. We are **looking for donations of the following items** which may be left at Bethesda.

- Small bottles of water
- Paper plates
- Napkins
- Plastic silverware

**We are looking for Crew Leaders.** A Crew Leader will be in charge of 5-7 children in a group of mixed ages. You are not in charge of preparing or teaching activities, you are there to help kids get to their station rotations timely and shepherd the members in your Crew. We need both female and male volunteers. Please reach out to Robin or Katy if you would be willing to volunteer.

Please keep our children, volunteers, church, community and VBS in your prayers as we strengthen relationships, change hearts and celebrate God's Greatness.

Contact Robin Anderson (605-380-8899) or Katy Wickre (605-265-0401) if you can help.





## Personal Care Kits

Butler WELCA is Collecting Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. 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



Monday, July 25, 2022

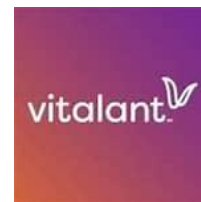
12 NOON – 9 PM CT

Augustana University Campus Green

Cost \$125.00

Registration closes on June 12

You can register and find more information at [sdsynod.org/gathering](https://sdsynod.org/gathering). A parent volunteer is needed to organize and chaperone the youth for this event. We need to be registered as a group. If you are interested please contact your council president.



## **Bristol Blood Drive**

Bristol Community Center

June 15, 2022

2:15 - 6:00 pm

Contact Mary Anne Bartell (605-492-3339)  
for an appointment

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; Psalm 103:13

## Butler Lutheran 2022 Graduates



Annie Witt

Parents: Shawn & Jen

Annie will study speech communications in the fall.



Kaden Stoks

Parent: Kristen Stoks

Kaden will attend Southeast Tech in the fall, majoring in business.

Senior Quilts were presented  
To Kaden and Annie  
During the May 8<sup>th</sup> worship service.

Congratulations from your  
church family.  
God Bless and guide you both.







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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
 God's work. Our hands.

## June 2022 Newsletter Inserts

### From the Bishop's Desk

Dear South Dakota Synod,

As you are reading these lines your congregation's lay voting members as well as your rostered minister(s) are preparing for the 2022 Synod Assembly. The theme is "Imagine" and was inspired by Ephesians 3:8-21. A bird's eye view from the letter will allow us to see that in Christ's Church, all are welcome (Ephesians 1:15-2:22) and that there is only one Lord, one baptism, and one faith (Ephesians 4:4-6). But all this isn't for ourselves to hoard as personal treasure, to store away, protect and guard so that we may be saved. No, this unity is a gift from God to share generously and freely with the world. So, as we gather as the synod in assembly at Our Savior's in Sioux Falls, we are invited to know what that means for our very own context. Who, where you live, needs to hear that in Christ they are loved and welcomed to experience new life in Christ? Imagine what God can do in your context!

Thank you, South Dakota Synod for being church together.

Journeying with you,

Bishop Constanze

### Helpline Center

*Rev. Renee Splichal Larson*

*"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."*

- ROMANS 12:13

Question: How many of you have had a person walk into your church building in need of something? I would venture a guess that nearly all of us have, whether that person be in need of prayer, a listening ear, or food, clothing, or gas, or even suicide prevention, marriage counseling, or rental assistance. Sometimes the needs of others can be overwhelming and we want to help, but don't know where to send people when we feel limited in

the resources we can offer. Not only that, but referral agencies' contacts can change, and new ways of helping people spring up that we don't know about.

This past month, we hosted a synod-wide opportunity to learn about a new statewide resource database. Betsy Schuster, the VP of Program Development at the Helpline Center, walked participants through a step-by-step process to become familiar with this important new tool in which to further help people when in need.

"Helpline Center University is designed to provide a 'how to' experience into the Helpline Center. Information will be shared on how the Helpline Center is integrated throughout the state including sharing tips and tricks about finding resources through our Helpline Center public Resource Database, how to translate resources and several special features including MyLists, Create Your Own Guide, HelpSheets, and more. Participants will leave the session with concrete ways they can utilize the Helpline Center's programs in their day-to-day professional lives."

If you would like to learn more about South Dakota's Helpline Center (211), I encourage you to check out the website at [helplinecenter.org](http://helplinecenter.org). There is a breadth of resources to assist people in your community in times of need.

This spring, my family celebrated the birth of our third child, a baby girl, whom we named Sophia Grace. As this little child of God begins to see the world, to learn how to hold her head up and use her voice, I can't help but imagine the life that lays ahead of her.

### Living with Hope

*Rev. Jonathan Steiner*

It has not been an easy world lately. Variations of the coronavirus, global violence, fears for the economy, rifts in our communities; all these things and more try to take control of what I imagine the future might hold. Perhaps it has been the same for you.

Yet I am hopeful. Not just hopeful, but joyful, because I know that no matter what, my baby girl is a beloved child of God. She will never be alone or abandoned, even if the worst things in this world may happen. Through the love of Christ, with the power of the Holy Spirit, I still imagine great things for her, and for all of us.

God has created the universe for good things, and names us as very good. Although things are broken, God takes those fractured pieces and creates something new.

Because of who God is, I look forward to seeing my baby girl grow up, and how God will be at work in her life. God is with her, with me, and with you. Peace be with you, my friends!

## **Synod Youth Gathering**

Registration for South Dakota's very own Youth Gathering is OPEN NOW! I am so happy to have gathered a team and put together a fun, one-day bash for our kids.

The most frequently asked question for congregations as we've been busy planning the last few months is: What ages do we hope to gather together? The *National* Youth Gathering is typically for High Schoolers, which is who we have designed this event for, but there is NO reason the middle schoolers in your congregation can't join us too! They will enjoy the fun, food, worship, service projects, and shenanigans!

We have a fun day at Augustana University planned! July 25th! ALL the details can be found at **[sdsynod.org/gathering](https://sdsynod.org/gathering)**. I encourage you to reach out to the kids in your congregation and ask them if they're going!? If they're not, bring them! Register your group online and email me if you have ANY questions! I am happy to help!

God's blessings to you all as we enjoy the abundant sunshine summer brings, my friends!

Tami Steffensen

SD Youth Gathering Coordinator

[gathering@sdsynod.org](mailto:gathering@sdsynod.org)

## **Plan Your Legacy Like You Plan Your Vacation**

Summer is just around the corner – vacation time has finally arrived! After two years of planning and postponements and cancellations, we're ready to hit the road, take to the skies, pull up the anchor and get away.

Updating wills is often a part of vacation plans (because everyone knows that most deaths occur during a flight to Hawaii or on a cruise ship, right?!) But don't wait to take a vacation to be certain that your estate plan is current and will accomplish everything you intend for those you love and the ministries you care about and want to support.

Your estate plan, just like your vacation, might be simple and uncomplicated--a quick drive to the cities for the weekend, or more elaborate and lengthy--an African safari or a visit to the Holy Land. Either way, Lutheran Planned Generosity can help you create the road map

and details to customize your plans and reach a destination that benefits you, your family and your faith. Call 605.274.5030 or email [kmchenry@sdsynod.org](mailto:kmchenry@sdsynod.org) to start your legacy adventure.

--Kathy McHenry, Executive Director, LPGSD