

Bethesda Butler Lutheran Parish  
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### BETHESDA WELCA

Bethesda WELCA met at 1:30 on May 12, 2021. Nine members were in attendance.

Our program, planned by Carol Raap, was a rehearsal for our July luncheon entertainment. It was a time of laughter and more laughter.

Bonnie Dolney and Jane Goehring presided over the business meeting. The Purpose Statement was read by the members. The secretary's report and the treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Kay Espeland displayed the beautiful quilt tops they receive from a group in Minnesota. The quilters here finish them and donate them to the Ronald McDonald House.

We discussed the luncheon ~ tables, windows, food, workers.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to donate \$150.00 to "Laundry with Love" for use by the Church on the Street in Sioux Falls, SD.

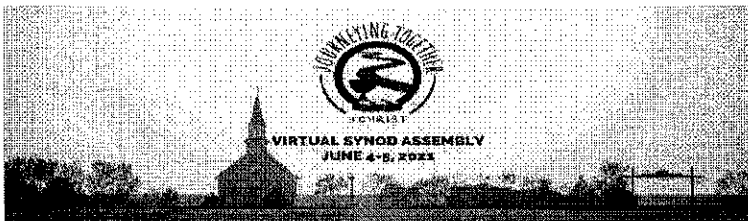
Prayer concerns are George Dolney, Bruce Anderson, Gail Sjurson Formanack, Danny Lone, Al Goehring, Erik House, Muriel Bohn, and Shirley Huwe. Prayers are also needed for help in finding a pastor, a secretary for our church, and for our country.

Being we could not meet at SDM, we had all taken our bars there. Some kind souls brought some cookies and bars for our coffee hour.

Our June meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. A second rehearsal will be done that evening.

The meeting closed by praying the Lords Prayer.

Secretary,  
Alice Jean Peterson



Visitors and guests can watch the synod assembly for free through their live-stream broadcast on Facebook and YouTube. A link will also be posted on the synod website. No registration is required.

### Masking guidelines

Bethesda and Butler Lutheran Churches will follow CDC guidelines for masking. The guidelines now allow fully vaccinated individuals to resume life without wearing a mask, while unvaccinated and partially vaccinated individuals are advised to continue wearing masks.

What does this mean? It means that now, more than before, we rely on everyone's collaboration and love for their neighbor. You rely on each individual to use personal discretion whether or not they adhere to CDC guidelines. For example, if an unvaccinated, or partially vaccinated individual, returns to worship and decides not to wear a mask, it is their personal choice, while a vaccinated individual may choose to wear a mask, even though CDC guidelines outline that it would be safe for them to not wear one. At this point in living with COVID-19, we are truly counting on everyone's personal integrity and care for their neighbor. Thank you

## **Emergency Pastoral Contacts**

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During this time of transition with no pastor and no secretary please grant GRACE to the volunteers that are filling in the gaps. Things won't always be the same and some might not happen at all. If you are able to help with any of the many things that need to be done each week to have things run smoothly please contact your church president. Volunteers are needed to set up the live stream equipment each Sunday. We need someone to keep the website and Facebook page up to date.



**June 6**

Genesis 3:8-15  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

**June 13**

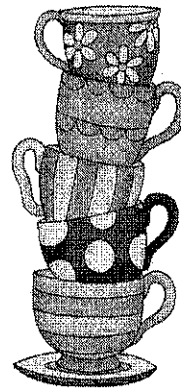
Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10,  
11-13, 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

**June 20**

Job 38:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

**June 27**

Lamentations 3:22-33  
Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43



**Bethesda WELCA  
Luncheon  
"Tea Time"  
July 21, 2021**

**Watch for more  
details in the July  
newsletter**



**Bristol Blood Drive**  
Bristol Community Center  
June 17, 2020  
2:30PM – 6:00PM  
Contact Mary Ann Bartell  
to make an appointment

**Thank you**

June Newsletter postage is sponsored by  
Kathryn Bury

Sponsors are needed August – December. The cost  
is \$50.00. If interested contact Jill Hansmeier or  
place a check in the offering plate with newsletter  
postage on the memo line.



Daily Bread Devotional booklets for  
June – August are available at the  
Churches.

**Bristol Community Center  
Annual Meeting**

June 22, 2021  
7:00 PM

Election of Board of directors  
Join us for cake and coffee to honor  
Lorinda Towe on her retirement.

**Thank  
You**

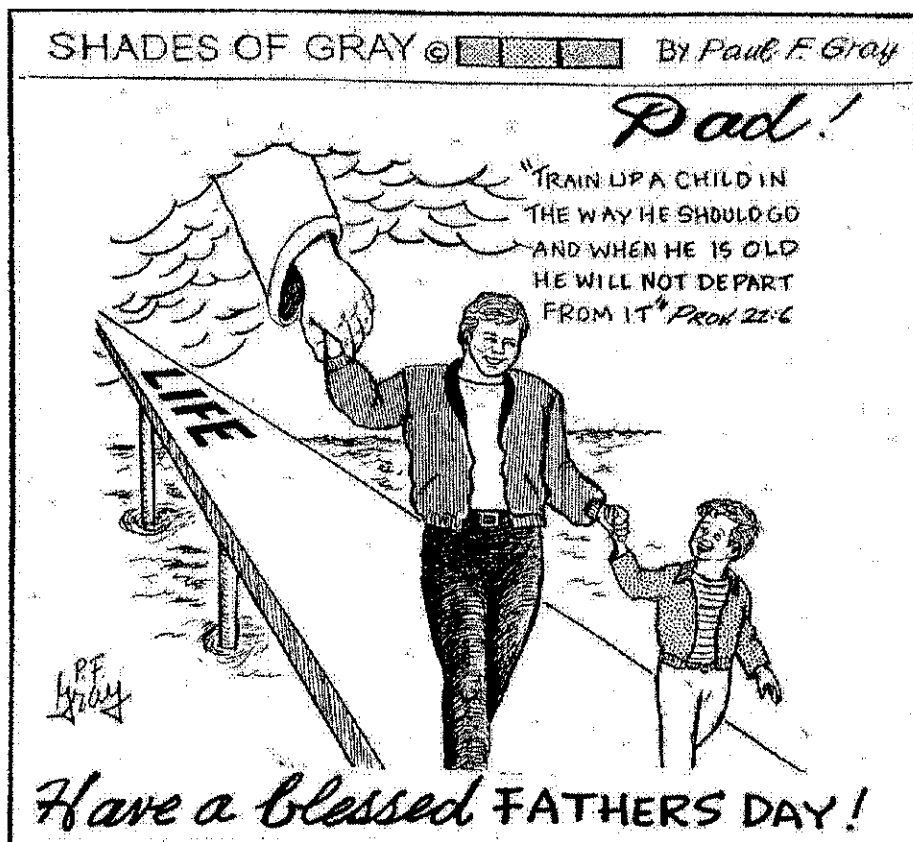
A HUGE thank you to everyone who  
helped make the Wednesday School  
Program a success this spring. A special  
thank you to Kris Hubsch, Alice Jean  
Peterson, Kay Espeland, Kathryn Bury,  
Becky Hubsch, Katy Wickre, everyone that  
provided a meal for the students and  
anyone who helped in any way.

## Our Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew his masterpiece was complete,  
And so, he called it Dad


## Bible Verses about Dads

Proverbs 22:6  
1 Timothy 5:8  
Exodus 20:12  
Exodus 21:17  
Ephesians 6:1-3  
Psalm 103:13  
Proverbs 10:1  
Psalm 127:3-5  
Colossians 3:21  
Leviticus 18:17



**A RIP-ROARIN' GOOD TIME WITH JESUS!**

**SUN WEST ROUNDUP**  
VBS



**BRISTOL COMMUNITY**      **JUNE 14-17**  
**5:30-8:00 PM**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
All kids ages 4 years thru' 6th grade

*Hosted by*   
**Westside**  
Wesleyan Church

For more information contact Robin Anderson




**Children's offering**  
**June—August**  
**Bristol Park Project**

The children's offering  
January—May collected \$226.00  
for ELCA World Hunger

**BHS parade float**

The BHS alumni parade committee is asking all organizations to have a float in the parade on July 10. If you would like to help with a Bethesda/Butler Church float please contact your church president by June 20th.



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

## June 2021 Newsletter Inserts

### From the Bishop's Desk

Dear South Dakota Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the triune God. - I hope these words find you soaking up the warmth of summer. While last year we postponed family and class reunions and avoided gatherings altogether due to the pandemic, I hope you are back to do what you enjoy, being together in community.

While you read these lines I will be visiting my family in Germany. I have not seen my parents or my son, who works and lives there, in two years. My Mom was diagnosed with dementia a few years ago, and my dad and our son are the sole caretakers. I will use my time to check in with doctors, see how my family is holding up and enjoy my afternoon pastries while visiting those I love.

I give thanks for regaining the freedom to travel again. Are there restrictions? Absolutely! But because vaccinations in the US moved along fast we are able to enjoy traveling much safer again. Did you get your vaccine yet? I did. But I have to admit I am among those who reluctantly went to be vaccinated. Yes, I had fears, I had questions, I wanted to wait, but faithful conversations with medical personnel and scientists assured me that I will be okay. Did it take care of all of my reluctance? Honestly, no, it hasn't, but I trust that those who work with and on vaccines know and answer truthfully. And has a person of faith I trust that in the midst of science and my fears God holds me and cares for my doubts and all. If you have fears about the vaccine talk to your doctor or a medical provider you trust to help you ease your fears, and maybe with more conversations you one day will also be ready to reluctantly get vaccinated. But no matter what, know that regardless you are a beloved child of God.

Journeying with you,

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier  
Bishop of the SD Synod

### Spark of the Holy Spirit

Rev. Jonathan Steiner

Did you hear something at Synod Assembly that sparked your curiosity? Maybe there was a ministry you wanted to learn more about or a person you wanted to connect with more. Perhaps that is the Holy Spirit stirring something in you that will grow into something incredible.

As Lutherans, we confess in the third article of the Creed that God "calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church." God is at work through us to do wondrous things in the world. Our church is the blessing from God that we are connected to each other through our faith, through the grace of God, through our relationships with one another.

Like blowing on a flame to get a fire going, maybe the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, is blowing on the spark of curiosity to set our hearts on fire. I am happy to point you or your community in the right direction to learn more about what God is up to in the South Dakota Synod. Please reach out to me if you would like to set up a meeting or get connected.

### Psalm 104.24b: "The earth is full ..."

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson

I will never forget the first time I laid eyes on a blooming flax field. I was around 7 years old, and sitting on the passenger side of my grandfather's pickup as we were driving to our family farm. It was a very windy North Dakota day, and as I looked out the passenger window to my right, I thought my eyes were playing tricks on me. I knew it was just a ditch, and immediately a field, and then a row of trees, but all I could see was water.

As a North Dakota girl at the ripe old age of seven, I had never stood at the water's edge and looked upon a wavy sea, but I saw the sea that day in the bluish, purple flowers of a field of blooming flax. The wind made waves in the field, reminding me of Genesis, when God's Spirit (God's breath!) moved over the primordial waters. I have never forgotten the image of when I saw the sea on the prairie.

When I think of the earth being full, I think of the wind moving over that blooming flax field, creating such beauty that it still has the power to take my breath away. "The earth is full ..." the psalmist sings.

In Psalm 104, what is known as a 'creation psalm,' the psalmist writes poetry and lyrics to be sung about God's good creation: The earth is full of creatures, the seas, vast and spacious, full of living things. Springs of water and mountains and the animals of the field. Birds that sing among the branches and grass that grows for the cattle. Plants for human beings to cultivate and food from the earth to make the good things of life: wine, oil, and bread.

"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being (Psalm 104.33)," sings the psalmist.

We can easily get overwhelmed with what the earth can seem to be full of: violence, war, genocide, refugees, fear,

poverty, hunger, disease, politics, pollution, and greed. Yes, these are some of the realities of the world we live in, and yet, the psalmist calls our attention to what else the earth is also full of: great beauty, creatures, provision, and life!

As you wake and as you lie down, may a song of praise be on your lips and in your heart.

## **Uncomplicated Generosity**

We sometimes discuss unfamiliar terms and tools at Lutheran Planned Generosity that might seem intimidating—charitable remainder unitrusts, gift annuities, donor advised funds. However, each of them is a great strategy to accomplish tax savings, increase income, and/or make generous gifts that might very well be something for you to consider.

There are ways to honor your faith and make a planned gift that are less complicated, too. Whether it's a retirement/investment account, you have the ability to name beneficiaries to receive those funds at your death. Simply request a beneficiary change form from your investment or life insurance company. Complete it with the percentages of the funds that you'd like to go to family and specific ministries, sign and return. <sup>1</sup>

Perhaps you'd like to divide your gift amongst several different ministries, but your insurance company doesn't allow multiple beneficiaries. Lutheran Planned Generosity can work with you to create a distribution agreement that permits up to ten (10) charitable organizations to benefit from your generosity or establish an endowment in honor of your family, all while meeting the company requirements.

If you'd like to know more about beneficiary designations, contact Kathy McHenry at (605) 274-5030 or [kmchenry@sdsynod.org](mailto:kmchenry@sdsynod.org). You can also find information on our website, [www.lpgsd.org](http://www.lpgsd.org), or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LPGSD>.

*<sup>1</sup> It is important to coordinate your beneficiary designations with estate planning documents to accomplish your wishes. Always consult your legal and tax professionals for advice specific to your financial situation.*

## **NEW! AT-HOME VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) PROGRAM GUIDE**

This guide adapts the new "River of Life" ELCA World Hunger VBS program for use during times of physical distancing. This year's VBS highlights how ELCA World Hunger partners with our neighbors around the world in clean water projects, and features activities, games, crafts and ideas for snacks.

Visit [elca.org/hunger/resources](http://elca.org/hunger/resources)

Beginning June 5, 50 ELCA congregations will be raising money for their feeding ministries through Daily Bread Matching Grants. Learn about these ministries and help them reach their fundraising goals at [ELCA.org/DailyBread!](http://ELCA.org/DailyBread!)

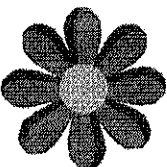
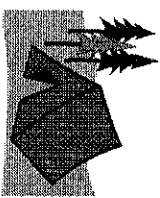
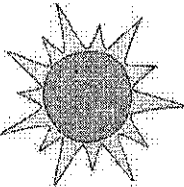
## **TAKE ACTION**

Advocate for affordable housing and homelessness assistance programs that seek to address to the root causes of hunger and poverty by sending Congress a customized letter with your own story, congregation experience or reflection. Visit the action center at [elca.org/advocacy](http://elca.org/advocacy)



# Happy Fathers Day!

# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Services will be live streamed on FaceBook when possible.</p>		1	2	3	4	5
<p>6 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (green) 9am Communion Worship at Butler with Diane Hoines</p>	<p>7 1:00 Quilting at Bethesda 6:30 PM Butler WELCA</p>	<p>8 VBS Westside Church 5:30—8:00</p>	<p>9 6 PM Bethesda Church Council 7:30 PM Bethesda WELCA</p>	<p>10 VBS Westside Church 5:30—8:00 Bristol Blood Drive</p>	<p>11 Synod Assembly On-line </p>	<p>12 Synod Assembly On-line</p>
<p>13 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (green) 9am Worship at Bethesda with Kristi Anderson</p>	<p>14 1:00 Quilting at Bethesda VBS Westside Church 5:30—8:00</p>	<p>15 VBS Westside Church 5:30—8:00</p>	<p>16 VBS Westside Church 5:30—8:00</p>	<p>17 VBS Westside Church 5:30—8:00 Bristol Blood Drive</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 4th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 9am Worship at Butler July Newsletter Items Due</p>	<p>21 1:00 Quilting at Bethesda</p>	<p>22 Bristol Community Center Annual Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 5th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 9am Communion Worship at Bethesda with Diane Hoines Noisy Can Offering</p>	<p>28 1:00 Quilting at Bethesda</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>			

**JUNE BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

	Usher	Reader	Organist	Worship Helper
6/6	-----			-----
6/13		Kathryn	Kathryn	-----
6/20	-----			-----
6/27		Gail	Gail	-----
<b>Altar Guild: Linda Anderson and Bonnie Anderson</b>				
<b>Deacon: Kris Hubsch</b>				

**JUNE BUTLER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

	Ushers	Readers	Worship Helper
6/7	Glenn	Gerald	-----
6/14	-----		-----
6/21	Glenn	Kathy	-----
6/28	-----		-----

**Bethesda Financial Report**

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

DATE	RECEIPTS	
4/25/2021	\$40.00	short \$1,178.80
5/2/2021	\$2,726.50	long \$1,507.7
5/9/2021	\$800.00	short \$418.80
5/16/2021	\$987.50	short \$231.30
5/23/2021	\$277.04	short \$971.76

**As of May 23, 2021**

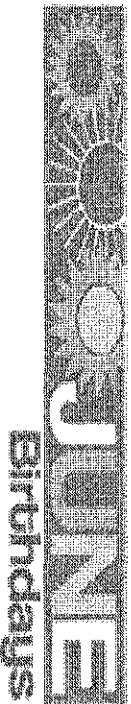
Total 2021 yearly receipts: \$30,525.31  
 Total 2021 yearly disbursements: \$31,823.47

**Bethesda's Lent Offerings totals: \$735.00**

Groton BAGS program \$245.00  
 Langford Home Plate program \$245.00  
 Webster PACH program \$245.00

**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



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

**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!**