

Bethesda Butler Lutheran Parish
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2022 Bethesda and Butler Church Council Members

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The Parables of Lent

Ash Wednesday, March 2 at Butler at 6:30

Diane Hoines

Weekly Lenten Services at Bethesda at 6:30

	Worship Leaders
3/9	Bethesda
3/16	Butler
3/23	Bethesda
3/30	Butler
4/6	Pastor Alan Blankenfeld

Maunday Thursday Service at Butler at 6:30

Pastor Michael Jacobson

Good Friday Service at Bethesda at 6:30

Pastor Michael Jacobson

Easter Worship at Butler at 8:30

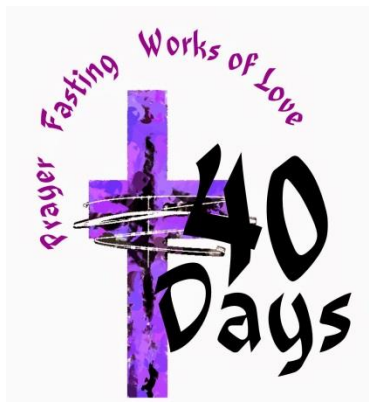
Pastor Michael Jacobson

Easter Worship at Bethesda at 10:00

Pastor Michael Jacobson

ELCA Lenten study guides and calendars
are available at each church.

Theme: A Way in the Wilderness



40 Days of Giving: Local Hunger

Butler's Lenten Offerings

- Webster PACH
- Groton BAGS
- Day County Food Pantry

Bethesda's Lenten Offerings

- Webster PACH
- Groton BAGS
- Langford Home Plate



Lenten Coin Folders

Pick up your Lenten Coin
folder at the church.
Each folder holds \$10 in
quarters – you may also
enclose a check made
out to your church or include cash.



*Our Prayers are with the
Family of Gailand Henrichsen
who passed away February 9, 2022*

*Our Prayers are with the
Family of Alpha (Baltzell) Thorson
who passed away February 11, 2022*



Bennett Dale Orr was baptized February 12
at Bethesda Lutheran Church
by Pastor Janet Miller.
He is the son of David and Christa.

Welcome to the church family, Bennett!



We will be having a First Communion class for
4th Graders and above whose parents feel
their child is ready to partake in communion.

The class will be held the first part of April,
date to be set later. Pastor Alan Blankenfeld
will lead the class. Parents will be required to
attend this class with their child. If you would
like to attend this class, contact Robin
Anderson.



If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in
honor or memory of someone there are order
forms available at the church or you may email
the church at bethesdabutler@nvc.net **Cost is**
\$25 - due with order form. Please note on the
form if you are providing your own and do not
need one ordered. **Orders are due April 3rd**
to the church office or to Jill.

Rural Ministry Liaison

The SD Synod has started a pilot
program to provide a Rural Ministry
Liaison to congregations who are
currently without a rostered minister
working through the call process.

Pastor Alan Blankenfeld has been called
to serve as the first Rural Ministry
Liaison on staff.

Pastor Blankenfeld will be with Bethesda
and Butler April 1-13. He will listen,
learn and care for our rural ministry. He
will work to network us with other sites
and the wider church, as well as
recognize and foster leadership gifts in
local people.



The Butler WELCA met at the church on
February 3, 2022 at 9 am with 7 members
present. The Bible Study was "Who Can
Lead" from 1st Timothy 3. Lorriane had the
Offering Meditation. The WELCA Purpose
Statement was read as well as the
correspondence.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund \$1,398.27

Altar Fund \$75.46

Mission Action: Working on quilts

Next Meeting is Saturday March 5, 2022 at
9 am at the church. Julaine will have the
Offering Meditation.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary



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

March 2022 Newsletter Inserts

From the Bishop's Desk

Greetings in the name of Christ,

I would like to begin by thanking all of the lay leaders that participated in the second annual "I have been elected to the council, now what?" zoom call. Close to 100 lay leaders participated and once again found the time to be worthwhile, helpful and informative. If you are reading this and are wondering why you didn't know about this gathering, please make sure that you receive our weekly e-news. If you are not on our mailing list, please subscribe to them by going to the synod website, where you will find a link you can click to subscribe. Once you are a subscriber, you will receive weekly synod newsletters, synod prayer requests, and other important updates as we are journeying together in Christ.

Sometimes I am asked what a Bishop is and what power they have? In a nutshell, as outlined by the South Dakota Synod constitution, the bishop is "this synod's pastor" (S8.12.). And as the pastor of the synod I am asked to "preach, teach, and administer the sacraments". My "primary responsibility (is) for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in ... (the SD) synod and its congregations, providing pastoral care and leadership of this synod and its congregations." Along with this main responsibility I am entrusted with ordaining pastors and deacons, attest/witness the extension of letters of call to pastors and deacons, exercise leadership, oversee and administer the work of the synod. Those are brought descriptors of what my day to day life as a Bishop entails, and they play out differently with each new day. But first and foremost I am called to be the pastor to the synod. I am honored to have been entrusted with this sacred call. Please know that I am always available for conversation, a cup of coffee (tea for me), and a visit to your congregation. I am eager to learn your story, hear your concerns and care for your faith formation.

Journeying in Christ with you,

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

Accompanying Candidates, Pastors, and Congregations

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson

My title is "Associate to the Bishop for Candidacy, Congregation, and Rostered Minister Accompaniment."

Candidacy: "The ELCA candidacy process is meant to be a welcoming and joyful time for people discerning how to serve through the church. It is a formalized – yet personally and relationally focused – journey that assists people in discernment for church leadership, whether they ultimately become rostered or serve in other lay roles within the church (*ELCA Candidacy Manual*, p. 8)."

The SD Synod Candidacy Committee has lay and clergy representatives serving on it from every conference in the synod, including myself. It is my joy to have discernment conversations with people from all walks of life, who feel a call to serve in ministry on a deeper level. If you or anyone you know would like to explore lay education or a call to ordained ministry, or know more about candidacy or seminary, write me an email or give me a call!

Congregations: "The Church exists both as an inclusive fellowship and as local congregations gathered for worship and Christian service. Congregations find their fulfillment in the universal community of the Church, and the universal Church exists in and through congregations (*Model Constitution for Congregations*, C3.03)."

I accompany congregations by walking them through the call process in a time of transition, stewarding the matching of ministry gifts with ministry needs, praying for them, showing up in times of celebration and conflict, and proclaiming the death and resurrection of Jesus, trusting in God's presence, guidance, and steadfast love for the Church and world. If you have a change or specific need in your congregation, get in contact with me and I will come and be with you.

Rostered Ministers: "People who have discerned a call to rostered ministry will demonstrate a commitment to Christ and build upon the characteristics of a missional leader as understood through a Lutheran confessional lens (*ELCA Candidacy Manual*, p. 22)."

There are 2 types of rostered ministers in the ELCA: Ministers of Word and Service (Deacons), and Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Pastors). I accompany rostered ministers through offering a listening ear, pastoral care, support, and guidance when they are open to a new call, and at times, having difficult conversations steeped in care for the whole church. If you are a rostered minister who would like to visit with me, contact me or arrange a visit with me through Crystal in the Synod office.

It is my understanding that accompaniment demands practice, trust, and humility. It has been my joy to come alongside to listen, learn, and care for candidates for ministry, congregations, and clergy, all for the sake of the Gospel.

Dreaming Together about What God Is Up To

Rev. Jonathan Steiner

I'm Pastor Jonathan Steiner, and I wear several hats on synod staff. First, I serve as the Associate to the Bishop for Stewardship and Outreach. If you have questions about how

to best utilize the blessings and resources with which God has blessed your congregation, or about how to reach out to your neighbors, I would love to have a conversation with you. What has worked in the past is not always the best path moving forward, but God will be with you on your journey.

Secondly, I serve as the Director of Evangelical Mission for our synod. That means I get to work with many of our specialized ministries, including our work in Pine Ridge, our ethnic specific ministries, our new start congregations, our campus ministries, and others. We have developed a network to support these ministries, called Neighbors in Solidarity.

Thirdly, I am the synod's FIRST West River Representative. I hold my office in downtown Rapid City, allowing for deeper connections across the synod by being deployed in a different location. This has been a blessing in the first few years, and we are excited to see how it continues to develop.

I sum all this up by saying it is my call to dream with you and your congregations about what God is up to. It is life giving for me to talk on the phone, to visit with councils, or to host workshops and dream together. If that is something you'd be interested in, please contact me or the synod office, and we'll get to work. Blessings to you, and I hope to dream with you soon!

A Prayer of Generosity

Kathy McHenry, Lutheran Planned Generosity

A Prayer of Generosity

for Our Lenten Journey--attributed to St. Ignatius Loyola

Lord, teach me to be **generous**,
to **serve** you as you deserve,
to **give** and not to count the cost,
to **fight** and not to heed the wounds,
to **toil** and not to seek for rest,
to **labor** and not to look for any reward,
save that of knowing
that I do your holy will.

If you'd like to know more about how your generosity can make a difference with tax-efficient gifts and a faith-filled legacy plan, contact Kathy McHenry of Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota at 605-274-5030 or kmchenry@sdsynod.org.

Rural Ministry Liason

Rev. Alan Blankenfeld

Please allow me to introduce myself: I am Pastor Alan Blankenfeld, the Rural Ministry Liaison for the SD Synod. As the Rural Ministry Liaison, I will be traveling to different

congregations across the state to engage in ministry over the course of two weeks. Right now, we are prioritizing congregations and parishes in rural settings that are in transition.

I farmed for 33 years before I was ordained as a pastor in the ELCA. I was raised in a rural church and served on the church council numerous times and as president several times. My first call was at Colman and Midway Parish, and my second call was at Flandreau. As you can see, I have a very close connection to rural life and ministry.

Over the two weeks when I am with you I would like to meet with as many groups and people as possible: the church presidents, church council, call committee, WELCA or women's group, men's group, and the youth group. I want to learn as much about your church and the community as I can, in order that the Synod can accompany you well through your call process, or area ministry strategy. I will be arranging my housing, but am open to suggestions where I could stay. Know that my visit comes at no cost to your congregations. My presence with you is a ministry of the SD Synod, and our desire to journey together with you in Christ.

I will share what I learn while I am with you with the Bishop and Pastor Renee with the hopes of finding the best possible pastor for your location, and how we best support you in ministry if there is a change within your congregation or parish. I will also be serving as your pastor while I am there, leading worship and preaching and other pastoral needs. I am looking forward to meeting you all and walking with you in your ministry.

If you desire a 2-week visit from me please reach out to the synod office or to me personally in hopes that we can begin a conversation about a visit or to answer any questions you might have.

My email is ablankenfeld@sdsynod.org or give me a call at 605-941-3257.

ELCA Youth Gathering

Hello, friends in the South Dakota Synod!

I could've greeted you this month with a heavy heart. Upon hearing the news that the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering was canceled last month, I wondered what to do. As we often do, in our broken human existence, we feel lost and disoriented when confronted with adversity. I prayed: "God, help the kids that were planning on going to the Gathering this summer find love and acceptance and inclusion somehow... despite this disappointing news." And oh my goodness, how I have witnessed an answer to prayers these last few weeks! Your congregations have faced this change with creativity, hope, and ways for youth in our midst to experience the love of Jesus in other ways! What a witness to the power

of the Holy Spirit in our Synod and our congregations. Youth leaders and rostered leaders across the state joined us on zoom to grieve what was lost but celebrate what comes next: other, alternative ways of experiencing community and the love of God together. I heard of leaders seeking opportunities to do service projects in their own communities. I saw groups register to enjoy time together at our exceptional Lutherans Outdoors camps. Instead of being defeated, annoyed, and saddened by the news, I noticed that congregations pivoted to bring faith-building experiences to their kids in different ways!

So what's next for the Gathering? What's the Synod leadership doing to support you? Well, I am still here, friends! If you need encouragement, ideas, resources, support, encouragement, or just a sounding board, I am here. Reach out! I can help with whatever you need as you pivot and create something new for your youth this summer. AND I also want to say... Stay tuned! Your Synod staff and I are always here to listen to you and imagine ways to build community together. Watch the Synod News each week for continued updates as we "Journey Together!"

Peace and blessings, Tami Steffensen

SD Synod Gathering Coordinator

General Announcements

JOURNEY WITH ELCA WORLD HUNGER THIS LENT DURING THE 40 DAYS OF GIVING

This Lent, you're invited to journey into the wilderness with us and with God. Together with fellow supporters, you'll pledge to work to end hunger during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving.

More than ever, your generosity is critical as we accompany people around the world who face hunger and poverty. We invite you to study, pray, be challenged and give with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for the good of our families, our neighbors and communities around the world. Bring ELCA World Hunger into the life of your congregation and family with resources available to use at home, online or in-person!

Learn more, download and order resources at www.elca.org/40days.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE SYNOD E-NEWS:

We encourage you to subscribe to the weekly Synod e-news so that you can stay informed and updated with all that is happening throughout the South Dakota Synod. This can be done by visiting www.sdsynod.org. Scroll down to the bottom of the home screen where it says "Sign-Up for Synod News" then hit the orange sign-up button and enter your contact information.

Help wanted

Bethesda Butler Parish Secretary

Contact Kyle Hubsch or Gerry Anderson 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.

NeSoDak

Quilting Retreats - March 13-18

Spring Work Day - April 30, 2022



Daylight Savings Time begins
Sunday, March 13th.
Move your clocks ahead 1 hour.



June 3-4, 2022
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Sioux Falls, SD

Delegates are needed to represent our congregations. If you are interested in being a delegate contact your council president.

March 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 6:30 Ash Wednesday service at Butler with Diane Hoines	3	4	5 Butler WELCA 9am
1ST Sunday in Lent (purple) 6 9 am Communion Worship at Bethesda with Diane Hoines	7 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	8 	9 1:30 Bethesda WELCA 5:15 – 6:30 Wednesday School & Meal 6:00 Bethesda Council 6:30 Lenten Service at Bethesda	10	11	12
2nd Sunday in Lent (purple) 13 9 am Communion Worship at Butler with Diane Hoines with Schiley baptism Daylight Savings Time Begins	14 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	15	16 5:15 – 6:30 Wednesday School & Meal 6:30 Lenten Service at Bethesda	17 	18	19
3rd Sunday in Lent (purple) 20 9 am Worship at Bethesda with Diane Hoines	21 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	22 April newsletter items due	23 5:15 – 6:30 Wednesday School & Meal 6:30 Lenten Service at Bethesda	24	25	26 
4th Sunday in Lent (purple) 27 9 am Worship at Butler with Sally Pies	28 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	29	30 5:15 – 6:30 Wednesday School & Meal 6:30 Lenten Service at Bethesda	31 Last day to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars		

Bethesda March 2022 Sunday Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader	Organist
3/6	Jon A	Glenda	Gail
3/13	At Butler		
3/20	Bonnie D	Kay	Kathryn
3/27	At Butler		
Altar Guild: Kathryn Bury & Janet Lardy			
Deacon: Karin Bartell			



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Don't forget to direct ThriventChoice Dollars® - March 31st 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.

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

Ways to Give to Butler Lutheran Church

At the church service
mail to the church treasurer

Butler March 2022 Sunday Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader
3/6	At Bethesda	
3/13	Michael & Tammie Herr	Kellen
3/20	At Bethesda	
3/27	Michael & Tammie Herr	Kathy B



March 2	Vicki Zimmerman
March 4	Rebecca Hubsch
March 6	Devon Huwe
March 14	Gavin Witt
March 15	Darrick Lone
March 15	Corey Lone
March 16	Emma Bahr
March 19	Jamie Anderson
March 19	John Horter
March 21	Lydia Johnson
March 22	Gail Huwe
March 22	Wyatt Lone
March 22	James R. McKane III
March 28	Kristi Bonn
March 30	Mark Anderson
March 30	Jon Anderson
March 30	Justin McKane
March 31	Mason Peckham

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!