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Wednesday School News

March Meal Servers

- 1 – Aaron & Sara Johnson
- 8 – Cullen & Taylor Salter
- 15 – Dustin & Larissa Klebsch
- 22 – Rob & Amy Ash
- 29 – John & Jaclyn Horter

*Please plan for about 40 when serving the meal.

We will excuse Wednesday School classes about 6:20 during Lent due to 6:30 church services. This will give everyone time to get upstairs and settled for the service.

There will be no Wednesday School if schools call off for weather or school is not in session.

Here are some dates to keep in mind:

April 2nd – Wednesday School sings at Palm Sunday Service in Butler

April 5th – No Wednesday School or Confirmation

May 7th – Wednesday School sings at Bethesda and Attendance Awards

May 10th – Last day of Wednesday School and Confirmation

June 5th – 8th – VBS @Westside Wesleyan with Bergen Church hosting. VBS will be from 5:30-8:30 pm. They will be needing volunteers, and we will be responsible for serving one evening.

Sincerely,
Board of Education
Robin Anderson 605-380-8899
Katy Wickre 605-265-0401

Wednesday School needs 8 oz. size water bottles for the meals. Donations can be left in the kitchen at Bethesda. Thank you!



Bible Readings *for the Month*

<p><u>March 5</u> Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17</p>	<p><u>March 12</u> Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42</p>
<p><u>March 19</u> I Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41</p>	<p><u>March 26</u> Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45</p>

The **AmazonSmile program** ended on February 20, 2023. When Amazon launched it in 2013, they wanted to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that the company had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations – more than 1 million globally – their ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

Amazon will continue to pursue and invest in other areas where they have seen they can make meaningful change – from building affordable housing to providing access to computer science education for students in underserved communities to using their logistics infrastructure and technology to assist broad communities impacted by natural disasters.

Thank you to everyone who supported Bethesda Lutheran Church by using AmazonSmile.

**March Newsletter Postage is sponsored
by Al and Jane Goehring.**

2023 Bethesda and Butler Church Council Members

	Bethesda	Butler
President	Kyle Hubsch	Kathy Buhler
Vice President	Dennis Huwe	Julie Flattum
Secretary	Vicki Zimmerman	Pat Sass
Treasurer	Jill Hansmeier	Tamra Herr
Deacons	John Horter Karin Bartell Jon Anderson	Steve Witt Dennis Buhler
Trustees	Darron Iverson Gene Williamson Derek Wickre	Wes Nolte Michael Herr Paul Halvorsen
Bethesda Home Board	Brent Zimmerman	Linda Witt Dennis & Kathy Buhler – annual meeting delegates
Head Usher	Glenda Bakken	Dennis Buhler
Nominating Committee	Kay Espeland Kris Hubsch Carol Raap	Paul Halvorsen Steve Witt Carol Flattum
Parish Council	Kyle Hubsch Dennis Huwe Jill Hansmeier	Kathy Buhler Julie Flattum Tamra Herr
Board of Education	Robin Anderson Katy Wickre	
Special Funds	Carol Raap	
Funeral Ushers	Glenda Bakken	
Endowment Funds Comm.	Mark Anderson Janet Lardy Kathryn Bury	
Auditors	Kathryn Bury Theresa Hansmeier	



A Lifetime of Faith

Weekly Lenten Services at Bethesda at 6:30

	Worship Assistants
3/1	Lloyd and Colt
3/8	LeRoy and Jaxon
3/15	Remi and Caroline
3/22	Lloyd and LeRoy
3/29	Dane and Jaxon

Maunday Thursday Service at Butler at 6:30

Good Friday Service at Bethesda at 6:30

Easter Worship at Butler at 8:30

Easter Worship at Bethesda at 10:00

SAVE THE DATE

WELCA 2023 Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 29th

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

in Veblen

More information to follow



**Daylight Savings Time
begins March 12th.
Spring ahead one hour!**

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 Greg McKane
who passed away on January 29, 2023.*

*Our Prayers are with the
Family of Pearl Knutson
who passed away February 4, 2023.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent is a season of preparation as we make our way towards the celebration of Easter. Traditionally, Lent is a time of fasting and prayer. Often people will fast from certain foods or an activity. I noticed Facebook announcements starting two weeks ago informing that users were signing off for Lent. One of the goals of giving up an activity is that the time would be replaced with prayer. I can't think of a better way to love on others than to pray

for them. I have a small prayer box that I update every three months or so. I am always amazed at how situations have worked themselves out - with a lot of help from God! It doesn't mean those prayers were answered the way I wanted them to be, but they were answered and led to a resolution. There is no specific timeframe for praying on a situation. God's time - not ours. Some of my prayers stay in my box well past a year or more.

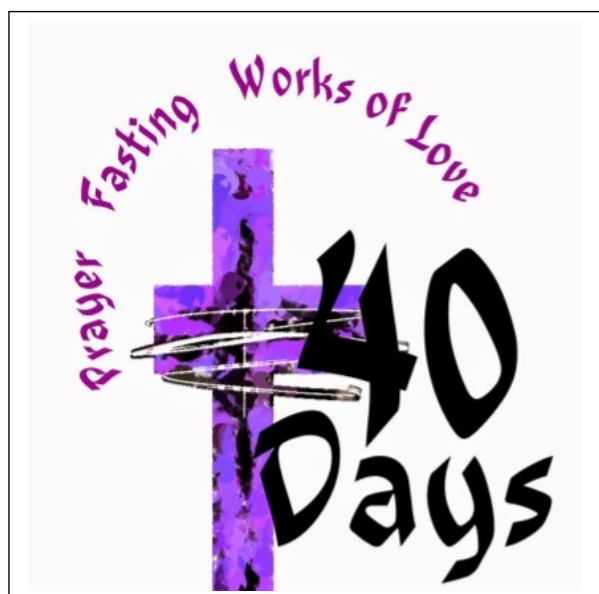
By writing it down, I remember my specific prayer requests more easily and can pray while I am waiting in line at the grocery store, waiting at a long stoplight, driving slowly behind farm machinery, etc. Praying is an act of love.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God."

Philippians 4:6,7

Your prayers don't need to be long, eloquent, or carried out in a special place. They simply need to come from the heart.

Blessings on the journey, Kristi



Children's offering for the months of

January – June

will go to Ukraine relief.



If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor or memory of someone, there are order forms available at the churches or you may email bethesdabutler@nvc.net or kristi_anderson@outlook.com

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 March 24th** to the church office or to Kristi.



June 2-3, 2023

The theme will be "Cultivate", and the focus will be rural ministry.

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

Happening Soon

March 4th – Land and Legacy Workshop at Bethlehem Lutheran in Aberdeen – 9:30 – 11:30 A.M.

March 5th

Conference Assembly at NeSoDak

2:00 P.M.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Companion Synod Ministries






*Did you know...*The South Dakota Synod has companion synod relationships with the Lutheran Churches in Nicaragua and Cameroon?

Our mission is to develop strong relationships between the South Dakota Synod and the church body in Cameroon and in Nicaragua. Your support in prayer and financial gifts is deeply appreciated by our siblings in Christ in our companion synods. Because of your generosity, we have been able to support projects like youth camps and irrigation systems in Nicaragua and put roofs on church buildings and help facilitate a national gathering of pastors in Cameroon.

If you would like more information on our companion synod relationships, please contact our Companion Synod Coordinator, Rev. Dr. Aaron Matson, at companion-synod@sdsynod.org.

Please consider sharing your musical talent with us at our Easter Sunday services!

March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>March 4th – Land and Legacy Workshop Bethlehem Lutheran, Aberdeen</p> <p>9:30 – 11:30</p>			<p>1</p> <p>2-5 Office Hours 5:00 – 6:20 Meal, Wed. school, & Confirmation 6:30 Lenten Service at Bethesda (Ash Wednesday service)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Office Hours 10-2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Butler WELCA 9am</p> <p>Land and Legacy Workshop in Aberdeen</p>
<p>2nd Sunday in Lent (purple) 5</p> <p>9 am Communion Worship at Butler</p> <p>2 pm Conference Assembly at NeSoDak</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Office Hours 10-2</p>	<p>8</p> <p>2-5 Office Hours 1:30 Bethesda WELCA 5:00– 6:20 Meal, Wed. school, & Confirmation 6:30 Lenten Service at Bethesda -Council meeting to follow</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> 
<p>3rd Sunday in Lent (purple) 12</p> <p>9 am Communion Worship at Bethesda - Message by Pastor Jeff Backer/St. Dysmas</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Office Hours 10-2</p>	<p>15</p> <p>2-5 Office Hours 5:00– 6:20 Meal, Wed. school, & Confirmation 6:30 Lenten Service at Bethesda</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p>
<p>4th Sunday in Lent (purple) 19</p> <p>9 am Worship at Butler</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>April newsletter items due</p>	<p>22</p> <p>2-5 Office Hours 5:00 – 6:20 Meal, Wed. school, & Confirmation 6:30 Lenten Service at Bethesda</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Office Hours 10-2</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> 
<p>5th Sunday in Lent (purple) 26</p> <p>9 am Worship at Bethesda Noisy Can Offering</p>		<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>2-5 Office Hours 5:00 – 6:20 Meal, Wed. school, & Confirmation 6:30 Lenten Service at Bethesda</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Office Hours 10-2</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Last day to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars</p>	

Bethesda March 2023 Sunday Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader	Organist
3/5	At Butler		
3/12	Gene	Colt	Kathryn
3/19	At Butler		
3/26	Gayle	Dane	Gail
Altar Guild: Kathryn Bury & Janet Lardy			
Deacon: Karin Bartell			

Butler March 2023 Sunday Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader
3/5	Moody Family	Steve
3/12	At Bethesda	
3/19	Moody Family	Gerry
3/26	At Bethesda	



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

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2023**, to direct any remaining 2021 Choice Dollars. Help support Bethesda or Butler Lutheran Church.

Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.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
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Ways to Give to Butler Lutheran Church

At the church service
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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!