

Bethesda Butler Lutheran Parish
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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.

Emergency Pastoral Contacts

Rev. Michael DeKraai

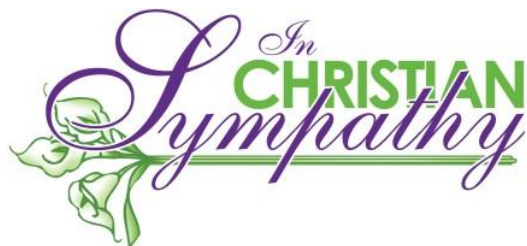
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I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13



Our Prayers are with the family of Robert Buehler who passed away March 6, 2022.



May 1

Acts 9:1-6[7-20]

Psalm 30

Revelations 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

May 8

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelations 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 15

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelations 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 22

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelations 21:10, 22--22:5

John 14:23-29

May 29

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26



Bethesda May 2022 Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader	Organist
5/1	Vicki Z	Bonnie	Gail
5/8	At Butler		
5/15	Jane G	Robin	Kathryn
5/22	At Butler		
5/29	Glenda	Alice Jean	Gail
Altar Guild: Kay Espeland & Lisa Anderson			
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
 Tithe.ly app



Thank you to everyone who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Bethesda or Butler Lutheran Church.

May newsletter postage is sponsored
 by Lyle and Julaine Busch

Butler May 2022 Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader
5/2	At Bethesda	
5/8	Dennis & Kathy	Tammie
5/15	At Bethesda	
5/22	Dennis & Kathy	Karter M
5/29	At Bethesda	

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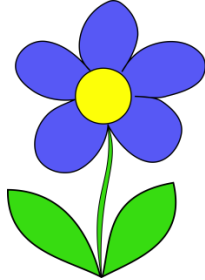


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May 1	Jessica Rodacker	May 21	Steve Horter
May 3	Shirley Halvorsen	May 22	Judy Herr
May 5	Robert Ash	May 22	Kim Danielson-Huwe
May 5	LaRon Herr	May 23	Lois Carlson
May 6	Russell Johnson	May 23	Cole Hodson
May 8	Carla Clark	May 23	Jerry Raap
May 8	Samantha Stern	May 24	Elaine Chamberlin
May 9	Dawson Clark	May 24	Diana McKane
May 11	Rowen Strohm	May 25	Lisa Anderson
May 17	Venona Ash	May 28	Pam Dylla
May 19	Gayle 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!!

May 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3rd Sunday of Easter (white) 1 9 am Worship at Bethesda with Ann Fortin	2 1 pm quilting at Bethesda 6:30 pm Butler WELCA	3	4 5:15 – 6:30 Wednesday School & Meal	5	6	7
4th Sunday of Easter (white) 8 9 am Worship at Butler with Kristi Anderson Senior Recognition Sunday	9 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	10	11 1:30 Bethesda WELCA 5:15 – 6:30 Wednesday School & Meal 6 pm Bethesda Council	12	13	14
5th Sunday of Easter (white) 15 9 am Communion Worship at Bethesda with Diane Hoines/ Wednesday School Awards Special offering for Ukraine Relief Birthday Bank offering for Wednesday School	16 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	17 June newsletter items due to Jill	18	19 	20	21
6th Sunday of Easter (white) 22 9 am Worship at Butler with Kristi Anderson	23 1 pm quilting at Bethesda	24	25	26	27	28
7th Sunday of Easter (white) 29 9 am Worship at Bethesda with Diane Hoines/Noisy Can offering	30 	31				



The **Butler WELCA** met at the church on April 2, 2022 at 9am with 6 members present and Pastor Alan Blankenfeld. The Bible Study was "How Grace Confronts Conflict" from 1 Timothy 5:1-6:2. Julaine Busch had the Offering Meditation "Strengthen Your Faith". The WELCA Purpose Statement was read. The secretary's report was read and approved.

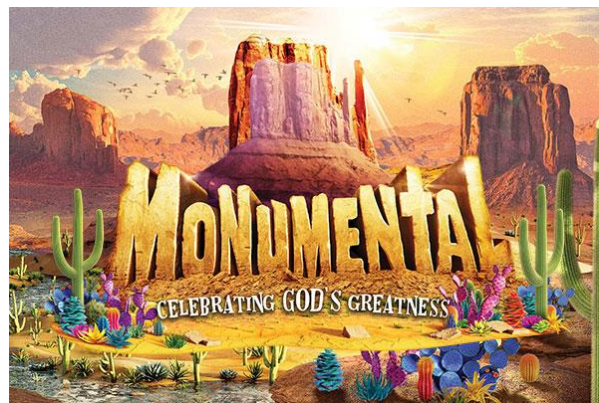
Treasurer's report:

- March Offering: \$80.00
- General Fund: \$1675.01
- Altar Fund: \$140.46

Mission Action report: 11 quilts are completed with 9 quilts to finish. School bags are 30 cents more this year.

The Prairie Coteau Conference is April 23, 2022 at St. Paul's Church in Clark on Saturday, April 23, 2022. Registration is \$10.00 per person. We are giving steak knives for the Silent Auction. The afternoon will be spent quilting. We closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, secretary



Vacation Bible School

June 13 -16 at Westside Wesleyan Church

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

Bethesda is in charge and many volunteers are needed. Contact Robin Anderson (605-380-8899) or Katy Wickre (605-265-0401) if you can help.

Registration forms will be mailed to the Wednesday School families and be available in the church narthex or contact Robin or Katy.



UKRAINE RELIEF SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, May 15 during the church service at Bethesda we will take a special offering for Ukraine Relief. Let us walk with the people of Ukraine during these dark days. Join us in unceasing prayer for peace to rise from the ashes of this war as soon as possible. Your financial support and prayers help to carry them through their days even though we are 5,000 miles apart. If you are unable to attend church on May 15 but would like to contribute to this special offering, leave your check at the church or mail to PO Box 426 with Ukraine on the memo line.



WEDNESDAY SCHOOL NEWS

May 11 – last week of Wednesday School
 May 15 – Wednesday School sings at 9am service at Bethesda/Attendance awards will be presented

May Meal Servers

May 4 – Paxton & Jess Steen
 May 11 – Kay Espeland & Robin Anderson



A parent volunteer is needed to organize and chaperone the youth for this event. If you are interested please contact your council president.





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

May 2022 Newsletter Inserts

From the Bishop's Desk

Dear SD Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

Driving across the State I can see that we are pretty dry. I pray for rain and moisture to water our parched lands. I also lift up prayers for our ranchers and farmers. It's not only the land that is parched, but spirits can run dry too. You may remember that in the very first months of my term you were invited to a farm summit in Mitchell SD. We shared in the joys and challenges of farming and ranching, learned about resources, and were assured that God's always close at hand. At the same time of the farm summit, I also collaborated with Lutheran Social Services in SD. We partnered to offer Mental Health First Aid training to our leaders so that they can learn about the first signs of distress. But we also developed a web-based tool called Psychological First Aid. It is designed with your neighbor in mind. You can take this web-based training at your pace and at your time. It strives to equip you with what you need to read early warning signs of mental health issues, and gives you tools to be a good neighbor to your neighbor. Please watch for the link to come your way soon via our synod's e-news. If you currently do not receive the e-news, please sign up at www.sdsynod.org.

Last but not least, many ask about how to best support the Ukrainian refugees. At this time your monetary gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) or Lutheran World Relief (LWR) are the best help you can provide as they aid relief efforts on the ground. Our ministry partner LSS is in close communication with the federal government to see how to best assist refugees that will find their way to the United States. Watch your e-news for regular updates.

Journeying with you,
 Bishop Constanze Hagmaier

"Do not fear..."

Rev. Renee Splichal Larson

When we are anxious about the future, we place our trust in God. There is hardly a more anxious time for a congregation than when it is without a pastor. Yet, times of transition are part of the cycle of life in a congregation. It is a wilderness time when we fully lean on God and the Spirit's guidance. We do the same as Synod staff, as your partner in ministry. When I look at the "accepting names" section on our call process page on our website, it could be easy to be overwhelmed and discouraged. Where will the pastors and deacons come from, Lord? How will you sustain ministry in your Church?

But then I am reminded of the words of God in the book of Isaiah, chapter 41, verse 10:

"Do not fear, for I am with you,

do not be afraid, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you, I will help you,

I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

These words of promise are meant to assure us of God's presence and help. We need not fear the future for God is with us. Even in times of transition, ministry happens and the Gospel is proclaimed! People step up and realize they may have gifts they have never discovered, and we get creative about ways we do ministry and find leadership. Know that those of us who serve in the Synod office are constantly remembering you in prayer and are working on ways to sustain ministry, especially in our more remote congregations. Pr. Alan Blakenfeld's call is one way we are doing this.

As I look back at 2021, I see that we had 38 Ministry Site Studies, and in turn issued 38 letters of call as a synod. That doesn't mean that every open call was filled, and some congregations certainly wait longer than others, but it does mean that God is faithful and calls are happening.

If and when you or your congregation is anxious, turn again to these words and promise from God:

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Winter, Spring, Winter, Spring...

Hopefully, when you read this it will be Spring! We all need spring, maybe this year more than others. When I was farming spring was the time of new beginnings, working in the field and smelling the newly stirred soil was always great. Planting and then waiting for the seeds to sprout and come forth, however, this was also a stressful time until the rows of young plants could be seen. With the new growth comes renewed hope. The same can be said for our rural congregations, we are living out our various calls within our churches, but when we face times of transition there is fear of the unknown. Rural ministry is very important and vital to our communities, the Bishop and the Synod know that and will walk with you in times of transition. Change in our rural areas and within rural congregations can be times of stress but know that you are not alone. The Holy Spirit is at work! Rural ministry and the way that ministry is done may look different than you are used to but that doesn't mean the ministry will suffer but rather that it has renewed hope.

Pr. Alan
Rural Ministry Liaison

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 to start your legacy adventure.

--Kathy McHenry, Executive Director, LPGSD

Synod Youth Gathering

Hello, friends!

We are planning a **South Dakota Synod Youth Gathering Day on July 25th, 2022, at Augustana University in Sioux Falls**. I have gathered some of the best volunteers to help me plan this one-day event for our high schoolers, and details are still being hammered out. Keep your eyes peeled for registration to open soon! Subscribe to the Synod's e-news and watch our social media platforms to be the first to know the specifics! Teens, mark your calendars and plan to attend. We will enjoy a fun day of service, food, worship, prayer, fellowship, speakers, and did I mention food? And parents and grandparents: nudge your teens to grab their friends and plan on attending!

Tami Steffensen

SD Synod Gathering Coordinator



Dare to *Imagine* at this year's Synod Assembly!

**The South Dakota Synod Assembly is coming up!
June 3-4, 2022 in-person at
Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls.**

Voting Members, Displayers, and Visitors can now register at sdsynod.org/assembly. The deadline to register is May 19, 2022.

**Keynote Speaker: Peggy Hahn, LEAD
Churchwide Representative: Rev. Keith Fry
Guest Musicians: Glocal**