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*Our continued prayers are with the family of
Marsha Peckham who passed away March 26,
2023.*

*Our sympathy and prayers are with the family
of Jim Peterson who passed away on April 3,
2023.*

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OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER

honoring Brandy Peterson



May 20th at Bethesda

9:00 – 11:00

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Kristi will be on vacation from May 21-25.
Please contact Diane Hoiner in the event
of an emergency at
493-6618 or 380-2854.

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May 7

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16.
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 14

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 21

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 28

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

Spring Cleaning Days

Bristol Community Center
May 9, 10, and 11

Come as you are able.

Basic cleaning supplies will be available at the
Center but feel free to bring your favorites.

A Master list of jobs will be on a table by the door.

*If the center should get rented one of those days,
the date will be changed. If you have questions,
contact Jill at 605-216-0794 or Robin at the bank.

Bethesda May 2023 Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader	Organist
5/7	Derek	LeRoy	Kathryn
5/14	At Butler		
5/21	Kris H.	Vicki	Gail
5/28	At Butler		
Altar Guild: Kay Espeland and Lisa Anderson			
Deacon: Jon Anderson			

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

Your support of our ministry is greatly appreciated!

**May newsletter postage is sponsored
 by Donna Jean Nolte**

Butler May 2023 Worship Assistants

	Usher	Reader
5/7	At Bethesda	
5/14	Dennis & Kathy	Tammie
5/21	At Bethesda	
5/28	Dennis & Kathy	Kolton

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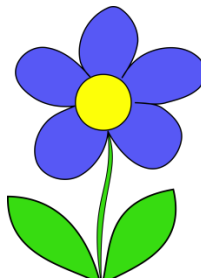


at the church service
 mail to the church treasurer



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 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 17	Venona Ash	May 25	Lisa Anderson
May 19	Gayle Horter	May 28	Pam Dylla

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 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Butler WELCA 6:30 pm	2	3 5:00 – 6:30 Meal, Wed. School & Confirmation	4 Office Hours 10-4	5	6 NeSoDak Spring Workday
5 th Sunday of Easter (white) 7 9 am Communion Worship at Bethesda Birthday Bank Offering Senior Recognition Sunday Wednesday School sings Awards Sunday	8 	9	10 1:00 – 5:00 Office Hours 2:00 Bethesda WELCA at Sun Dial 5:00 – 6:30 Wednesday School & Meal 6:30 pm Bethesda Council	11 Kristi to Luther Crest Bible Camp for Lay Workshop	12	13
6 th Sunday of Easter (white) 14 9 am Communion Worship at Butler Senior Recognition Sunday Mother's Day Groton's Graduation	15	16 	17 Office Hours 10-4 June newsletter items due	18 	19	20 Bridal Shower for Brandy Peterson 9-11 at Bethesda
7 th Sunday of Easter (white) 21 9 am Worship at Bethesda with Sally Pies Noisy Can Offering Webster's Graduation	22	23	24	25	26 Office hours 10-4	27
Pentecost (red) 28 9 am Worship Butler Memorial Day Service at Bergen – 7 pm	29 	30	31 Office Hours 10-4	June 1 		



BETHESDA WELCA

Bethesda WELCA met on April 19, 2023 at 1:30 pm with 6 members present. Kay Espeland opened the meeting with devotions from I John 1:8-10. The skit "Spring Cleaning" was presented by Jane Goehring, Carol Raap and Kay about cleaning our hearts of the stains of sin by repenting and believing in Christ's gift of salvation. Bonnie Dolney called the meeting to order, and the Purpose Statement was read. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. Amounts for expenses and for the Love Offering were approved for the Spring Gathering at Veblen on April 29. Quilts will be presented to the two graduates on May 7th. Planning was done for the program and lunch for the May 10 meeting at Sun Dial. After the Lord's Prayer and the table prayer, lunch was served by Kathryn Bury.

Secretary, Kathryn Bury



Vacation Bible School

Twists & Turns

June 5-8 at Westside Wesleyan Church

5:30-8:30 pm with a meal upon arrival

Bergen is in charge and volunteers are needed.

Contact Robin Anderson (605-380-8899) or Katy Wickre (605-265-0401)

if you can help.

Following Jesus Changes the Game!



WEDNESDAY SCHOOL NEWS

May 7– Wednesday School sings at 9:00 service at Bethesda. Attendance awards will be presented.

May 10 – Last Week of Wednesday School & Confirmation

May Meal Servers

May 3 – Carol Raap

May 10– Board of Education – Robin & Katy



We wish the graduating class of 2023 all the best in their future endeavors!

Butler – Kaleb Antonsen

Bethesda – Riley Ash and Rylee Huwe

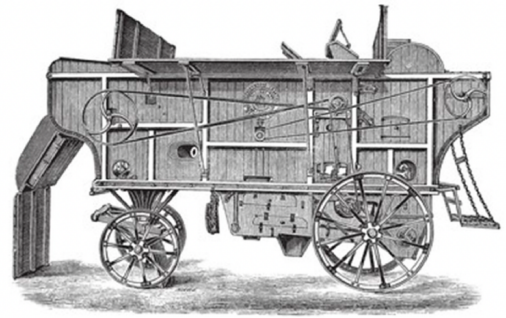
Seniors will receive their WELCA quilts May 7th at Bethesda and May 15th at Butler. Just as these quilts will keep you warm and be a reminder of where you came from and those that will be praying for you, God will keep you close and walk beside you in all you do.

Graduation party

There will be an open house graduation reception honoring Rylee Huwe on Sunday, May 21, 2023, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at the Bristol Community Center. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

**Bergen Threshing Bee
for Rural Ministry
Sunday, July 30, 2023**



BERGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
13420 425th Avenue
Bristol, SD 57219

Tentative Schedule:
9:00 AM Old Fashioned Worship Service
10:00 AM Breakfast
11:00 AM - ?? Threshing & Family Activities
more details to come

All proceeds support Rural Ministry
across the South Dakota Synod ELCA

Pastor Alan has requested that Butler and Bethesda be part of this event. As of right now, we have the basement of Bergen to set up a “Trading Post” – baked goods, silent auction items or whatever you feel would generate income for this cause. Taking ALL ideas! Butler will be providing two quilts. Please let Kristi know if you are willing to help set up, mark items, and/or clerk the day of the event. We also need donations of baked items and auction items.

Love one another.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing this sitting in my living room listening to the uplifting, incessant birdsong through an open window. It took its time getting here, but we knew spring would come!

I want to share with you about my experience at Church on the Street on April 8th. First, if you bring donations, these are set up on tables, so people can “shop” while at the event. I came with a carload of quilts from Bethesda and Bergen as well as bar soap and a good number of towels and some new sweatshirts. Volunteers then met to receive assignments from Pastor Chris. She has an awesome energy and displays so much welcoming love to this event. Groups oversaw serving the meal, organizing the egg hunt, and clean-up; I helped with the egg hunt and clean-up. We were told more tables than normal would be set up today. In fact, tables were set up well into the worship hour. Each place setting had a bag of candy and a bulletin.

Easter lilies decorated the stage and the altar with worship beginning at 11:00. Communion was offered during the service, and this was my favorite part because it was the reminder when we come before God, we are all loved equally as his children and the gift of Communion is given freely to all who believe. Attendees were served their meals while sitting at the tables for the simple fact that most times they stand in line for their meals. Dinner was Sloppy Joes, carrots, chips, cookies, and oranges. Children’s activities included face painting, balloon animals, crafts, and a Bible story. The egg hunt was the grand finale. Peace Lutheran provided the filled eggs, and we had a difficult time getting them all dispersed in time for the kids.



Everyone was so appreciative of being able to attend an event such as this. There were lots of smiles amidst fellowship and activities. I highly recommend this experience for anyone interested!

Grace and peace,
Kristi



Wednesday School and Confirmation students raised close to \$200 with their quarter collection for Laundry with Love. Families have an opportunity to do three loads of laundry twice a month at no charge through Church on the Street. All supplies are provided. I was able to deliver an additional \$600 in donations from kringle sales and generous gifts, so thank you!