

Bethesda Butler Lutheran Parish  
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2022

GIVE THANKS  
*to the LORD,*  
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1

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### **November 6**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

### **November 13**

Malachi 4:1-2  
Psalm 98  
2 Thessalonians  
3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

### **November 20**

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

### **November 27**

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44

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**Our prayers are with the family  
of Bruce Anderson who passed  
away on October 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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### **QUILTING MONDAYS**

Please join the quilting ladies on Mondays  
from 1:00-3:00 if you are interested in  
assembling quilts.

### **Emergency Pastoral Contact**

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We will welcome Jay Allen Nolte into  
Holy Baptism at Butler on November  
20<sup>th</sup>. Jay is the son of Brad and Cory  
Nolte. Blessings to Jay and his family!



There are nine confirmation students this year  
grades 6-8. We are using the I Send You  
curriculum, written by Greg Johnson of Beaver  
Valley Lutheran Church in Valley, Springs, SD.  
Pastor Alan Blankenfeld helped us make this  
choice. This curriculum is meant to be used in  
conjunction with the Here I Stand student  
handbook as well as the Here I Stand study Bible.  
All of these materials are being utilized in our  
weekly lessons. We also use the ELW book as we  
talk about worship and the sacraments. Our first  
five lessons center on Holy Baptism, and then we  
will move onto the Ten Commandments.  
Confirmation students are: Dane Horter, Remi  
Hubsch, Jaxon Ash, LeRoy Johnson, Kolton  
Antonsen, Lloyd Johnson, Caroline Bahr, Colt  
Williamson, and Chezney Williamson.

If Church is cancelled due to bad weather, it  
will be listed on the website,  
[www.bethesdabutler.com](http://www.bethesdabutler.com), Facebook, and the  
calling trees will be initiated. If in question,  
contact your council president. Let Kristi know  
if you need to be added to the calling tree.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the holiday season approaches, one can't help but think of the delicious traditions of food we have at our celebrations. It is also a good time to think of the things that feed our souls:

**FEED PATIENCE** - *A hot-tempered person stirs up a conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel. Proverbs 15:18* ~ There is a lot of tension in the world. Be the calm!

**FEED COMPASSION** - "Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes" is a good reminder for us to practice empathy.

**FEED FORGIVENESS** - *For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Matthew 6:14* ~ Forgiving harvests freedom.

**FEED GENEROSITY** - *"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25* ~ God has a special place in his heart for the poor. Give until it hurts.

**FEED LOVE** - *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 1 Peter 4:8.* ~ Love is the only answer to the problems of this world.

**FEED HOPE** - *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people. Ephesians 18:1* ~ Bring more hope to life by being the change you want to see.

**FEED FLEXIBILITY** - We all know what they say about the best-laid plans. Life throws us small and large curve balls all the time. Keep it in perspective and go with the flow. There is more than one way to accomplish things.

**FEED GRATITUDE** - We have a generous, loving, gracious heavenly Father who gave his Son to die for our sins. May we thank and praise him constantly! Remember to show gratitude to those in your daily life also. We can't say "thank you" often enough.

**FEED LAUGHTER** - It really is the best medicine! As we grow up, we seem to lose that childlike ability to laugh so easily. Go find that inner child and have a good belly laugh over something completely silly. Better yet, give someone else a reason to have a hearty belly laugh.

**FEED ENCOURAGEMENT** - *So do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. Isaiah 41:10* ~ Choose someone to pray for often, let him/her know it, and be a cheerleader!

Blessings, Kristi





# NOVEMBER 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 10-4 Office Hours 5:00-6:30 Wednesday School & Confirmation 6:30 – Luther League	3	4	5 Butler WELCA 9:00 AM Set clocks back one hour
All Saints Sunday 6 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  9 am Communion Worship at Butler	7	8	9 10-4 Office Hours 1:30 pm -Bethesda WELCA 5:00-6:30 Wed. School & Confirmation 6:30 Bethesda Council	10	11 Veterans' Day 	12
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 13  9 am Communion Worship at Bethesda  World Kindness Day	14	15  Pastors' Conference Meeting	16 10-4 Office Hours 5:00-6:30 Wednesday School & Confirmation	17 Community BINGO at Capitol 7:00 PM	18	19 
Christ the King Sunday 20 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  9 am Worship with Holy Baptism at Butler	21	22 Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM Westside Wesleyan	23 10-4 Office Hours No Wednesday School or Confirmation	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25 	26
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (blue) 27  9 am Worship at Bethesda Noisy Can Offering	28 	29  GIVING TUESDAY	30 10-4 Office Hours 5:00-6:30 Wednesday School & Confirmation		So much to be grateful for!	

BETHESDA WELCA  
September

Bethesda WELCA met on Sept. 14, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. For the program Bonnie Dolney read two poems about the fruit of God's character and gardening God's way. ~ Jane Goehring and Bonnie Dolney conducted the meeting. Members read the purpose statement together. The secretary's report for the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was read and approved. Kathryn Bury was appointed secretary. The treasurer's report was approved. ~ A thank you from the Alice Jean Peterson family was received.

Discussion was held on World Day of Prayer (next spring) as Bethesda WELCA is in charge. Carol Raap will contact someone at Bergen to find out how to get materials for it. Carol will also take over doing the Coffee Hour list. Discussion was held about the WELCA historian.

Moved by Jane, seconded by Bonnie, to pay for 2 containers of nail clippers for LWR kits; motion passed. A report on the quilts and kits will be available for the October meeting. Ingathering at Watertown is Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> so local pickup by the Sigdestads will be Saturday, Oct. 1. ~Blessing of kits & quilts will be on Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, and there will be an offering basket for monetary donations to help with shipping costs.

Preliminary discussion on next summer's luncheon was held. Themes, dates and committee assignment changes were discussed.

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer, and we enjoyed a delicious dessert served by Mavis McKane.

The next meeting will be Oct. 12 at 1:30 with program by Linda Anderson and Kay Espeland as hostess.

Secretary,  
Kathryn Bury



BETHESDA WELCA  
October

Bethesda WELCA met on Oct. 12, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. A variety of hats were provided by Carol Raap, and each lady chose a hat to wear for the meeting. Carol Raap and Glenda Bakken then presented a skit on the many hats women wear during our lives. They modeled many hats and described what they represented in life and in relation to our faith.

Members read the purpose statement. Jane Goehring and Bonnie Dolney conducted the meeting. The secretary's report and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Kathryn Bury reported on the LWR quilts and kits. Discussion items: Pastor appreciation. November is Thankoffering month for ladies of the church. November project is donations for the Day County Food Pantry. Cookie Walk will be Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Prayer concerns are Bruce Anderson, Al Goehring, Gene Ausland, Vance Vanetta, Larry Huwe, Larrie Zimmerman, Jim Peterson, and caregivers.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the table prayer. Members enjoyed a delicious dessert served by Kay Espeland.

The next meeting will be Nov. 9, at 1:30 with program by Bonnie Dolney and Jane Goehring as hostess.

Secretary,  
Kathryn Bury

## NOVEMBER BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Usher	Reader	Organist
11/6	Butler		
11/13	Gene W.	Colt W.	Gail
11/20	Butler		
11/27	Kris H.	Jaxon A.	Kathryn
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Bonnie Dolney and Jane Goehring			
<b>Deacon:</b> 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**

## WELCA PROJECTS FOR THIS YEAR

- \*Lutheran World Relief – 84 quilts, 48 personal care kits, and 67 school kits
- \*Baby/youth quilts given locally/elsewhere – 102
- \*Regular size quilts given locally/elsewhere – 9

**November 2022 newsletter postage is  
 sponsored  
 by Paul and Shirley Halvorsen**

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If you would like to sponsor newsletter postage in December,  
 contact Jill Hansmeier. The cost is \$55.00.

## NOVEMBER BUTLER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Ushers	Readers
11/6	Michael and Tammie	Gerry A.
11/13	Bethesda	
11/20	Michael and Tammie	Kolton A.
11/27	Bethesda	

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## November Birthdays

Nov. 2 – Kris Hubsch  
 Nov. 6 – Brittany Horter  
 Nov. 7 – Lorraine Anderson, Liam Dauwen  
 Nov. 8 – Vicki Duerre, Jon Raap, Jennifer Johnson  
 Nov. 13 – Mary Jo Raap, Rhiley Zimmerman  
 Nov. 14 – Jack Shoemaker, Karlie McKane  
 Nov. 16 – Oliver Schnaible  
 Nov. 18 – Taylen Salter  
 Nov. 22 – Erin Snaza  
 Nov. 23 – Jennifer Wickre, Harper Steen  
 Nov. 28 – Tammie Herr



**We apologize if we missed your birthday. Please let  
 us know, and we will include on our list for next year.**

## BETHESDA CHRISTMAS SWEET SALE

### Bethesda Basement

Saturday, December 3, 2022

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bethesda women members are asked to bring 2 dozen sweets to be sold.

All treats must be pre-packaged in zip lock bags. The guidelines for packaging are:

Cookies/Bars	6 per bag	or	12 per bag
Candy	6 per bag		
Donuts	12 per bag		
Lefse	5 rounds		
Sweet breads	individually		
Kringla	6 per bag	or	12 per bag

You may leave your sweets at Bethesda's basement on Friday, December 3 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Pricing will be done by the officers of WELCA.

This fund raiser is an important source of income used for missions not only locally but internationally; it also contributes to expenses of our church. This is also an opportunity for you to support not only our purpose but to purchase Christmas goodies for you or others.



For anyone who is unable to bake, monetary donations are very much appreciated.

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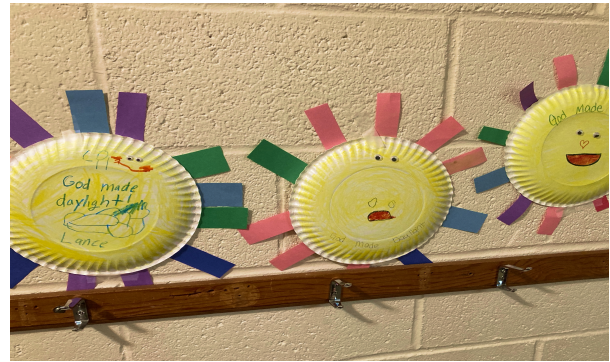


Bethesda WELCA will be collecting non-perishable food and paper products for the local food pantry in November and December. There will be a box in the narthex for donations.

These Women of WELCA sported a variety of vintage hats for their October program. Back - Jane Goehring, Kay Espeland, Glenda Bakken. Front - Bonnie Dolney, Carol Raap, Kathryn Bury.

"Teach me your way, Lord, and I will live by your truth. Give me an undivided mind to fear your name. I will praise you with all my heart, Lord my God, and will honor your name forever."

~Psalm 86:11-12



You will notice these bright, cheerful suns downstairs on your way to the kitchen. Preschool and Kindergarten Wednesday School classes made these during their lesson on God's creation.

## **NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY MEAL SERVERS**

**Nov. 2 – Kyle and Becky Hubsch**

**Nov. 9 – Cullen and Taylor Salter**

**Nov. 16 – Russell Johnson**

**Nov. 23 – No class**

**Nov. 30 – Eric and Darcie Moody**

Please plan for at least 40. Thank you!

## **LUTHER LEAGUE**

**All students grades 6-12 are invited to attend our youth group on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 6:30 PM at Bethesda.**

**We will be tying fleece blankets to be given away in December to various organizations in need. Please bring a good quality fabric scissors if you are able. A snack will be provided.**

## **BERGEN KLUB DINNER**

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 – Dinner followed by Silent Auction and Pie Auction throughout the afternoon**

**\$15/plate – klub, ham, scalloped potatoes, salad, rommegrat, spritz**

**Take Out Orders Available  
Call Karen at 237-0310**



# WE ARE WOVEN TOGETHER

By Elizabeth A. Eaton

He was a young man. In his early 20s. He had cancer. His mother and stepfather cared for him to the point of weariness. The family was unchurched, but a friend was a member of our parish and asked if I could visit them. That's how I came to walk with them in the last months.

There were hospitalizations and finally palliative care. The young man endured with stoic courage. His mother and stepfather never wavered in their care. Friends supported the family by bringing meals and sometimes just sitting in silence with them. At last, the call I knew was coming came. The young man had died.

I drove to the farmhouse past the cemetery where he would be buried. When I arrived the stepfather opened the door and motioned me to the living room. The young man had died in his mother's arms. He had stopped shaving some weeks before, so his beard had grown in. Mother cradling the body of her dead son. It was a modern-day *pietà*.

In my time with the family, I found out that the stepfather was not baptized. I'll call him Jim. We had many talks sitting at the wooden kitchen table—some profound, some less so.

And Jim had questions: not so much why this had happened to his stepson, but where was God? Where was hope? He knew his wife and son had been baptized. Jim wanted to know what that meant, what difference it made.

I answered that God was with Jim's stepson in his pain. I explained that baptism was the gift of life that brought forgiveness, that baptism made us part of the body of Christ, the church, and that baptism made those who had been strangers from God and each other part of the same family. I told him that baptism was an unbreakable relationship between God and God's people because God loves us and doesn't want to lose a single one of us, that not even death can separate us from God's love.

Jim asked to be baptized. He came to the realization that, as it has been said, water really is



thicker than blood. Baptism doesn't guarantee a life without struggle or hardship, but it makes us part of the one who suffered, died and was buried—and who, through that suffering and death, defeated death. So, at that wooden kitchen table with a stainless steel mixing bowl filled with water, Jim was baptized into Christ.

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:3-5).

We have been through a difficult season in our country and our church. I'm not sure if we will ever completely understand the effects of the pandemic's stress on all of us. The pandemic laid bare racial inequities and disparities in access to medical care, housing, employment and law enforcement. Civic discourse has become coarse and mean. Life is seen as a zero-sum game—if your side gets something then mine loses out.

This is also played out in the church. Of course there is room for debate and disagreement, there is room to call out one part of the church when it has hurt another. There is even room for justified anger. But there is no room to dissolve the bond of baptism. It isn't even possible. In Christ we are individually members one of another. Sometimes we might feel like we are stuck with each other. This is the great mystery and beauty of the wounded body of Christ—we are woven together. Praise the One who makes us one. †

A monthly message from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Her email address is [bishop@elca.org](mailto:bishop@elca.org).