

Bethesda Butler Lutheran Parish  
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**2021**



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### **October 3**

Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4;  
2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

### **October 10**

Amos 5:6-7,10-15  
Psalm 90:12-17  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

### **October 17**

Isaiah 53:4-12  
Psalm 91:9-16  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

### **October 24**

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

### **October 31**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

Our prayers are with the family of George Dolney who passed away August 31, 2021

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Thank you to everyone who helped at the Ice Cream Shack at the James Valley Threshing Show. Thank you to everyone who supported the youth with your purchases. All funds will go toward the 2022 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Bethesda/Butler and Bergen Luther Leagues each received \$1,366.74 in profits.

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October is National Clergy Appreciation Month. This year let us give thanks for those providing us with pulpit supply. We are blessed to have them.

# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green)</p> <p><b>9 am Worship at Bethesda with Sally Pies</b></p>	<p>4 <b>1 pm Quilting at Bethesda</b></p> <p><b>6:30 Butler WELCA</b></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 <b>5:15 – 6:30 Meal &amp; Wednesday School</b></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9</p>
<p>10 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green)</p> <p><b>9 am Worship at Butler with Diane Hoines</b></p>	<p>11 <b>1 pm Quilting at Bethesda</b></p>	<p>12</p> 	<p>13 <b>1:30 Bethesda WELCA</b> <b>5:15-6:30 Meal &amp; Wednesday School</b> <b>6 pm Bethesda Council</b></p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green)</p> <p><b>9 am Communion Worship at Bethesda with Rev. Michael Jacobson</b></p> <p>Sunday School Church Bank</p>	<p>18 <b>1 pm Quilting at Bethesda</b></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 <b>5:15 – 6:30 Meal &amp; Wednesday School</b></p>	<p>21</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green)</p> <p><b>9 am Communion Worship at Butler with Diane Hoines</b></p> <p>31 Reformation Sunday (red) <b>9 am Worship at Bethesda with Diane Hoines/Wednesday School Rally Day</b> Noisy Can Offering</p>	<p>25 <b>1 pm Quilting at Bethesda</b></p>	<p>26 <b>November Newsletter items due</b></p>	<p>27 <b>5:15 – 6:30 Meal &amp; Wednesday School</b></p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>

## October Bethesda Worship Assistants

	Ushers	Reader	Organist
10/3		<b>Kathryn</b>	<b>Kathryn</b>
10/10	At Butler	-----	-----
10/17		<b>Gail Huwe</b>	<b>Gail</b>
10/24	At Butler	-----	-----
10/31		<b>Caroline</b>	<b>Kathryn</b>

**Altar Guild: Jill Hansmeier & Alice Jean Peterson**

**Deacon: Pam Dylla**

## October Butler Worship Assistants

	Ushers	Reader
10/3	At Bethesda	
10/10	<b>Steve W.</b>	<b>Kaleb</b>
10/17	At Bethesda	-----
10/24	<b>Steve W.</b>	<b>Kellen</b>
10/31	At Bethesda	-----

## Bethesda Financial Report

**Needed weekly to meet the budget: \$1,218.80**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
		short
8/29/2021	\$0.00	\$1,218.80
9/5/2021	\$1,363.00	long \$144.20
9/12/2021	\$300.00	short \$918.80
9/19/2021	\$2,058.50	long \$839.70

**As of September 21, 2021**

Total 2021 yearly receipts: \$45,739.99

Total 2021 yearly disbursements: \$40,932.98

**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



Oct 3	Bonnie Horter
Oct 6	Jaxon Ash
Oct 15	Mavis McKane
Oct 19	Chayse Shoemaker
Oct 19	Dennis Peckham
Oct 20	Jessica Schnaible
Oct 21	Joshua Lone
Oct 23	Joel Shoemaker
Oct 25	Tamara Lone
Oct 26	Gene Williamson
Oct 26	Preston Hansmeier
Oct 30	Janet Lardy
Oct 31	Kathryn Bury
Oct 31	Darron Iverson



Bethesda WELCA met at 1:30 on September 8th, 2021. 7 members attended.

Alice Jean Peterson gave a summary of Jeff Peterson's SEA to KEY bicycle trip. (SEATTLE WA to KEY West FL). He began this 4535 trip on June 13<sup>th</sup> and finished September 2<sup>nd</sup>. He met so many area friends along the way, Loren Grode, Chad Espeland, Terry Loterbauer, Logan Storley, Mark Grode, and others from other areas. People were so kind as to pay for his meals and also hotel stays. Business owners were interested in his trek and would also pay for his meal and/or a Budweiser!! He had a bad bicycle accident nearing Pensacola, FL and was held up for several days while the parts for Gerty (he named his bike, Gerty after his Grandma Gert) came to the bike shop. It seemed like he had bad luck in Florida as he had 7 flat tires in a row. All in all I think he is glad to be done and we surely are!!

Jane Goehring read from Romans 12:16 about living in harmony and some interesting material from the Christian Monitor. Jane Goehring presided over the business meeting. The Purpose Statement was read by the members. The secretary's report and the treasurer's reports were read and approved.

**Old Business:** Carol and Jerry Raap purchased the new coffee maker for the basement. It is a Black and Decker.

**New Business:** \* Linda Anderson made a generous donation of \$800.00 to our WELCA group. This is money from the Gary Anderson auction sale. It is very much appreciated. Thank you, Linda. \* Carol Raap and Linda Anderson motioned and seconded to send \$200.00 to the Lutheran Disaster Fund to be used where it is needed the most.

\*Members are asked to bring 1 dozen sweets (cookies, bars, kringla whatever you choose) to our October meeting to be taken to Sun Dial Manor. \* October will be Soap month and November and December will be donations to the Food Pantry.

**Prayer concerns** are the George Dolney family, Gene Ausland, Bruce Anderson, Al Goehring, Marian Grode, Tim Gonsoir, for a church secretary, and for a pastor who wishes to serve the Bethesda-Butler parish.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed and Karin Bartell provided a most delicious 1 dessert, cheese and crackers, and each member got to take a pumpkin home that she had made. Our October meeting will be the 12th at 1:30. Alice Jean Peterson will have the program and Theresa Hansmeier will be the hostess.

Secretary, Alice Jean Peterson

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Bethesda WELCA is collecting bars of soap during the month of October. 4 ounce bars are preferred and will be used next year in the health kits.

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**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Quilts and Kits were loaded on Saturday, September 25 to begin their journey to Lutheran World Relief. LWR distributes these to people around the world in need. Thank you to John and Beth Sigdestad for transporting them to Watertown; those that carried the boxes up from the basement; those that helped load them in the truck; everyone who contributed their time, talent, money or items for the quilts and kits. You have made a difference in someone's life.

### **Bethesda**

**123 quilts**  
**108 personal care kits**  
**57 school kits**

### **Butler**

**48 personal care kits**  
**60 school kits**



## **WEDNESDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

Wednesday School started on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.  
5:15 – 6:30 pm

We have 21 children currently registered. A meal is served upon arrival of the students.

### **Teachers**

PreK/Kindergarten, Katy Wickre  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grades, Becky Hubsch  
3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grades, Gayle Horter & Robin  
Anderson  
5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades, Amy Peckham

### **Music**

Kathryn Bury & Alice Jean Peterson

### **Additional Volunteers**

Kris Hubsch  
Kay Espeland  
Vicki Zimmerman  
Glenda Bakken

### **Wish List:**

8 oz. bottles of water  
Clorox wipes  
Kleenex  
Incentive prizes for memory  
work/attendance  
Paper towels

The first 4 weeks is based on Luke 10:25-37, the parable of The Good Samaritan. The theme is Neighbors – be kind and friendly to our neighbors, doing acts of kindness.

Tentative Christmas program is December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at Bethesda Lutheran Church

**Rally Day**  
**Sunday, October 31, 2021**  
**Bethesda Lutheran Church**  
Presentation of bibles to  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders  
Children will sing in church



Sleep in Heavenly Peace (an organization that makes beds for children that do not have one) has seen an increase in requests for beds since the school year started. This increase is depleting their bedding supply. If you would like to donate any child appropriate TWIN size bedding (sheets, pillowcases, comforters or pillows) they may be dropped off at Builder's First Source Lumber in Aberdeen, at Bethesda or get them to Jill.

## **Parish Contact Cards**

Enclosed is a postcard asking for your family's contact information. We are starting a file in the church office. Please return in the offering plate, the church office or mail to the church. Thank you





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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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## October 2021 Newsletter Inserts

### From the Bishop's Desk

Partners in ministry across South Dakota,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! - I would like to use this opportunity to invite you to our "Fall Leadership Night". Please, join us on Zoom for an evening with your ministry partners. We had a zoom gathering for leaders in the Spring, over 100 congregation leaders gathered to spend an hour discerning and learning "I have been elected to council, now what?" This fall we hope to gather as many lay and rostered leaders to think about stewarding the church into the future. Representatives from Portico, Lutheran Planned Generosity will join your synod staff in a 1 1/2 hour interactive time with you.

I understand that Zoom is not everyone's favorite way to meet, but we can invite many partners around the table that we would not be able to gather into a physical space, because they are spread out. As we move into the future, strengthening our partnership and relationship with those that journey with us is essential and the truth is that not all partners are close to where we are in physical location. What matters is that we all focus on the same thing proclaiming the Living Word and hope that is found in Christ alone. And yes, that may need to look different than it did a few years ago. But if we believe God is at work in HIS church and is at the heart of what we do and believe, we can pivot. I have full trust in the people of the South Dakota Synod. Therefore mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 10th from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**. A zoom link will be sent to all those who register. You can access the registration link via the synod's webpage [sdsynod.org/layleader](https://sdsynod.org/layleader). And as always, spread the word in a good way let's go "viral" with the leaders' night.

Journeying in Christ with you,

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

**A Digital Reformation**  
 Rev. Jonathan Steiner

At the end of this month, we will celebrate Reformation Day, our annual festival marking the Holy Spirit stirring Martin Luther and other church leaders to action. With a faithful vision of the church, Martin Luther and the other reformers used new tools in their world to proclaim the Gospel and spread the Good News.

In our world, and quite likely in your church, we have been wrestling with how to best use our own modern tools: internet broadcast for worship, digital Bible studies, and social media. Although we were pushed to use them by the pandemic, their usefulness remains for the future. This is an opportunity to reimagine how we spend our time and resources as part of our ongoing ministry.

Let me be clear, digital tools should still drive us into relationship with one another, still bind us to one another as the body of Christ. If we are becoming more isolated, then we are misusing the tools. Yet the opportunity remains to connect with those who are already isolated in new ways.

Blessings to you and your community as we continue the work of the Reformation, as we open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit as we are transformed by the love of God we know through Christ.

### Another Way to Stay Connected

Last month, I wrote about how one of the biggest challenges I have faced as Companion Synod Coordinator was in helping those of us here in South Dakota feel connected with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Nicaragua and Cameroon, especially in a time where the COVID-19 pandemic has made travel to those countries unsafe.

Technology can help, but I discussed how keeping each other in prayer can help build and sustain connections between us, no matter how far apart we are. Another way to help us stay connected, which I wanted to bring to your attention this month is sharing our stories. In particular, for those of us who have travelled to either Nicaragua or Cameroon to share the stories of their experiences of how they saw God at work in those places, and of the relationships and friendships they made with our brothers and sisters there. Share with your families, your friends, your congregation, or wherever else you think people should hear them!

Being still somewhat new in this role, I too, would welcome you to share your stories and insights with me. I've been amazed at the stories I have heard from those I have met who have travelled to our companion synods, and just how much those experiences have changed their lives and deepened their faith.

Thank you for sharing your stories and keeping our companion synods in your prayers! If you would like to share your story with me, or ask any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [companion-synod@sdsynod.org](mailto:companion-synod@sdsynod.org).

## The Call Process page on the SD Synod website is new!

To find it, go to [www.sdsynod.org](http://www.sdsynod.org), and click on “call process” in the upper right-hand corner of the home page. Scroll down until you see “Congregations in Transition.” There will be seven tabs on the left in blue. You can click on each tab to see each category:

- In Process: Congregations/Parishes who are forming their call committee and actively working on their Ministry Site Profile.
- Accepting Names: Congregations/Parishes who have formed a call committee, completed their Ministry Site Profile and Ministry Site Study, and are currently accepting names.
  - Interviewing (\*= final candidate): Congregations/Parishes currently interviewing candidates.
- Calls Extended: Congregations/Parishes who have extended a call.
- Installations/Ordinations: Individuals being ordained and/or installed.
- Call Process Yet To Begin
- Synod Authorized Ministry (SAM) Sites

Every week we will do our best to update each category. Thank you for holding all of our congregations, interims, pastors, deacons, and synod authorized ministers in prayer!

## Straight Off the Truck

What if you could grow the impact of your generosity? Writing a check might be the simplest way to make a gift. But it may also be the least tax-efficient. During this harvest season, consider how you can make a difference straight off the truck.

### What is a gift of grain?

“Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce.” —Proverbs 3:9

If you farm, your crops are your life and the livelihood for which you work so hard. You nurture them from the time you plant until the time you harvest. Sharing your gifts of grain to support the ministries you care about most — your congregation included — is a meaningful way you can share your harvest with others.

### Why should I make a gift of grain? What are the benefits?

Using stored commodities or unsold inventory to make a current gift, you can maximize the benefit to ministry while reducing taxable income. No income is recorded on a gift of grain, but production

costs remain as part of the farm’s overall deductible expenses. Visit [www.lpgsd.org](http://www.lpgsd.org) for more details, including an example of how a gift of grain or livestock can have a greater impact than a cash donation.

A gift to your congregation or another ELCA ministry is easy with the help of Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota. **Please contact Kathy McHenry at 605.274.5030 or [kmchenry@sdsynod.org](mailto:kmchenry@sdsynod.org) in advance of any gift at your local elevator or sale barn.** You should consult your tax professional for advice specific to your situation.

## Stay Connected to the South Dakota Synod!

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