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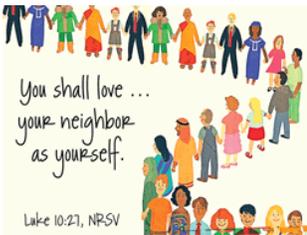


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Hello Everyone,

Recently through the story of the Good Samaritan we heard that the two greatest commandments are *“To love God with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul, and all your strength”* and *“To love your neighbor as yourself”*. To that Jesus gave us a new commandment on the night in which he was betrayed and arrested, *“To love one another as I have loved you”*.

As followers of Christ we are called to love. Period. It doesn't matter who they are, what color their skin, what religion they might follow, rich, poor, or middle class, male, female, transgender, or still seeking, we are called to treat every human being that we might encounter as a human being. As a person. As someone who God created, who God loves, who Jesus died for. As followers of Christ we seek to emulate our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Who reached out to and ministered to all those in need, crossing boundaries whether they be political, societal, religious, ethnic, or whatever, he crossed them to let everyone know that the Kingdom of God has come near. To let them know they are known and loved by God. Even those who persecuted him, stripped him, beat him, nailed him to the cross, Jesus never condemned them instead he prayed for them. Forgiving them from the cross. We are called to do the same.



I don't care what your political party is, I don't care what your thoughts are on those who come to our country seeking shelter, looking for safety, looking for peace. While they are waiting for the process to decide whether to let them into our country or deny them entry they should be treated as people. People in this country treat their pets better than the way we are treating those who come looking for peace. We are called to love. First and foremost as Christians, as Lutherans, as People of God we are commanded to love one another as Jesus loved us, with everything he had.

The people who are coming to our southern borders should be met with love, not bullets, not a wall. They should be treated with dignity and respect. They should have what all people need and should have access to, clean water, food, and a place to rest, one that isn't overcrowded and jammed pack. They should know that whatever their fate, whether asylum was granted or denied that at least for the little while they were in the United States of America they were loved.

We are entering another season of political rhetoric as the campaigns for President start ramping up. No matter what side you are on, left or right, I urge you to please, please, please, think long and hard about what you share, copy and paste, or post on social media. Think about the commandment to love one another as Jesus loved us. It is possible for us to disagree on subjects and topics and still love each other.

May the peace of God be with you all,

Pastor Chris

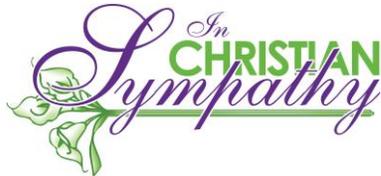


Confirmation Meeting

Confirmation Meeting for parents and students on August 25th at 10:45am in the West Room downstairs at Bethesda. Confirmation will begin September 11th 4:15-5:15 each Wednesday.



A list of Bethesda scripture readers is posted in the narthex of the church. If you need to exchange with someone, please indicate the change on that sheet so Tonia has the correct listing to add to each month's newsletter. Thank you!



Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Herb Horter and Carol Johnson who passed away in June.



There will be a Sunday School meeting on Wednesday August 14th at 5:30pm located in the basement at Bethesda Lutheran Church. All parents and anyone interested in helping with the Sunday School program are encouraged to attend.



Thank you very much to all who helped, served, set up and take down for our annual luncheon. We appreciate your help and time to make our luncheon a great success (again)! The tables were just gorgeous, and the meal was very tasty. Thank you to Kristi Espeland Anderson for your inspiring meditation. Thank you to Josey Helmer Heupel for singing the wonderful songs that we enjoyed so much. We give all our thanks and praise to God for our wonderful day. ~ Bethesda WELCA

August 4

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 11

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 18

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29--12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 25

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17



Come and Go Baby Shower
Meet Avery Lynn Hanson
Daughter of Cody and Bethany

Saturday August 3rd
Noon - 2:00 pm
Groton United Methodist Church
Registered at Target

Women of the ELCA

Bethesda May WELCA

Bethesda WELCA met on May 8th at 1:30 at Sun Dial Manor. Carol Raap was in charge of the program and before the Style Show, members and guests sang two hymns. The classic style show was so enjoyable for the residents as the models appeared in their various costumes adorned with money, toast, curtains, lollipops, lamp shade, and box suit. The models were Kathryn Bury, Muriel Bohn, Geneva Iverson, Linda Anderson, Glenda Bakken, Kay Espeland, Sharon Johnson, Bonnie Dolney, and Alice Jean Peterson.

A short meeting was held after bars were served to the residents, staff, and members. We discussed the luncheon, a day to make the salad together, how tables and windows should be decorated.

Secretary, Alice Jean Peterson



Bethesda June WELCA

Bethesda WELCA met on June 12, at 7:00 p.m. Eleven members were present. Bonnie Anderson did not disappoint the group with another great program on baptism. All those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Without God's word, it is just plain water, with God's word it is a baptism. Bonnie and Sharon Johnson presented a skit of reasons for baptism. Bonnie and Linda Anderson were in a skit explaining baptism and how it is a cleansing agent and it makes us feel clean. Without Jesus we would not and could not survive. Bonnie read a few quips from Little Lutherans and Growing Up Lutheran. She closed her program with a Father's Day message.

Bonnie Dolney and Jane Goehring presided over the meeting. We opened with the Purpose Statement read by the group. Correspondence and the secretary's report were read and approved as well as the treasurer's report. Carol Raap will apply for a Thrivent Grant for money for our luncheon supplies. It was decided to purchase the croissants from Wal Mart and to buy 13 dozen. We will purchase the chicken salad from Mike's. On July 15th we will meet at the church at 10:00 to make the salad. We will pick up the chicken salad on Tuesday. Church cleaning was discussed, and we will get the upstairs done before the wedding on the 29th.

Prayer concerns are the family of Carol Johnson, Richard Espeland, George Dolney, and Jeff Peterson who is hiking in Spain.

Our August meeting will be on the 14th with Kathryn Bury program chairman and Jill Hansmeier the hostess. We prayed the Lord's Prayer and sang the table prayer after which Geneva served delicious desserts and coffee.

Secretary, Alice Jean Peterson



Butler June WELCA

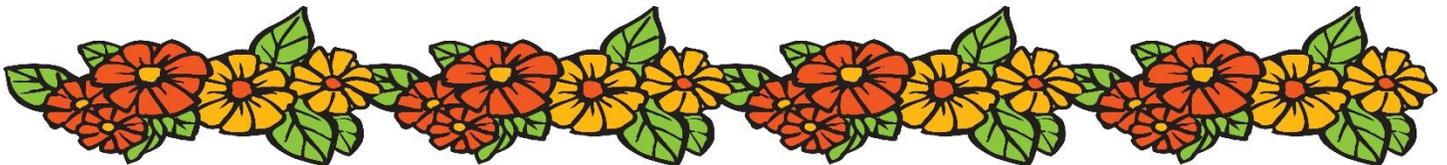
The Butler WELCA met at the church on June 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm with 7 members present. Julie was hostess. Bible Study was "Angels Among Us" from Genesis 18: 1-22; 19: 1-29. Kathy Nolte had the Offering Meditation. Purpose Statement was read. Secretary's report was read and approved. Correspondence was read. Treasurer's report: May Offering - \$75.00, General Fund - \$443.95, Altar Fund - \$243.32.

Mission Action Report: 32 Baby Care Kits are completed. We will be working on Personal Care Kits and School Kits. Old Business: Discussed Quilt Raffle.

WELCA Synodical Convention is June 22 at Zion Lutheran in Aberdeen. A motion was made and seconded to send \$50.00 to WELCA Synodical offering at Zion. Discussed church cleaning. The carpet in the basement needs cleaning.

Our next meeting will be Monday, July 1, 2019. Lorraine will be hostess and Carol will have Offering Meditation. We closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary



Butler July WELCA

The Butler WELCA met at the church on July 1, 2019. Bible Study was "Jesus and the Angels" from Hebrews 1. Carol Flattum had the Offering Meditation. The WELCA Purpose Statement was read. The Secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report: June Offering - \$75.00, General Fund - \$468.95, Altar Fund - \$243.32.

Mission Action Report: We are collecting large bars of soap. Need towels for Personal Care Kits. Discussed Quilt Raffle. We will charge \$5.00 for 1 ticket and \$10.00 for 3. We will put the Quilt Raffle on the church website. We will wait until fall to clean the carpet in the basement.

Our next meeting will be August 5, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Lorraine will be hostess and Julie will have the Offering Meditation. We closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Flattum, Secretary

Bethesda WELCA Ladies' Luncheon 'Color My World'



Bethesda Lutheran WELCA held their annual July luncheon on the 17th at Bethesda Lutheran Church. 13 tables were decorated in different themes. The program began with devotions by Alice Jean Peterson, two vocal solos by Josey Helmer Heupel, an inspirational message by Kristi Espeland Anderson who was introduced by Carol Raap. A special gift was given to a former member, Laura Haaland, who has moved from Bristol to Louisville, KY. She has attended the luncheon the last two years. Door prizes were awarded to every table for the one with the closest birthday to July 17 and the one with the most jewelry. A prize for the oldest, Alice Duerre and the youngest, Josey Heupel.

Butler WELCA Quilt Raffle

All proceeds go toward Mission Support

Throw size 57" x 69"

Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10



Contact any Butler WELCA member to purchase tickets or call the church office at 492-3123 or email bethesdabutler@nvc.net



My wife, Pastor Rhia, and I are planning to host a tour of the Holy Land next year (September or October of 2020).

There will be a meeting in September to discuss the trip and explore who might be interested in coming with us. Watch the September newsletter for date and time.



The Andover Threshing show will be September 6-8 this year. All confirmands and their parents are expected to help out for one shift. As we look forward to the 2021 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, I will also expect anyone who will be in 9-12th grades that year and plans to attend to help out at the ice cream shack as this is our major fundraiser for the trip. Look for sign up sheets near the end of August.





Personal Care Kits

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel - dark colors preferred
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap - 4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Soap

No one likes to be dirty. A brand new bar of soap lets someone present him- or herself with dignity, keep hands clean and stay healthy. Those simple things are some of the very building blocks to success. LWR accepts new bars of any brand, in its original wrapping. Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) are highly preferred.

Donations toward shipping are also accepted.

LWR's Approximate Cost to Deliver Quilts,
Kits and Soap Overseas:

One Mission Quilt	\$2.25
One School Kit	\$1.40
One 18-Pound Carton of Soap	\$11.00

School Kits

- 4 - 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, no loose leaf paper
- 1 - 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 - 2 ½" eraser
- 1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Donations can be left at either church.



AUGUST BETHESDA WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Organist</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
8/4	Still Needed	Glenda B.	Gail	Fran M.	Pam D.
8/11	At Butler	-----	-----	Muriel B.	
8/18	Jill H. and Jennie W.	Kay E.	Kathryn		
8/25	At Butler	-----	-----		

AUGUST BUTLER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>
8/4	At Bethesda	-----
8/11	Wes N. and Wayne N.	Kaleb A.
8/18	At Bethesda	-----
8/25	Wes N. and Wayne N.	Karter M.



August 3	Sarah Lesnar
August 3	Scott Schiley
August 5	Carrie Rumpza
August 6	Thad Duerre
August 6	Mark Wattier
August 8	Karter Moody
August 9	Al Goehring
August 9	Caroline Bahr
August 11	Julie Flattum
August 14	Kinsley Ash
August 17	Clinton Huwe
August 19	Keenan Moody
August 19	Lane Stern
August 20	Gailand Henrichsen
August 22	Sharon Johnson
August 26	Lucas Dauwen
August 27	Heather Lone
August 29	Robin Anderson



Bethesda Financial Report

Needed weekly to meet the budget: \$1,379.77

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
5/26	\$ 594.00	\$252.58
6/02	\$ 425.00	
6/09	\$2,575.00	
6/16	\$ 225.00	\$ 20.00
6/23	\$1,806.00	\$100.00
6/30	\$ 45.00	\$492.70
7/07	\$1,397.00	\$270.00
7/14	\$ 385.00	\$ 12.48

As of July 19, 2019

Total 2019 yearly receipts:	\$33,145.72
Total 2019 yearly disbursements:	\$41,795.35

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!



AUGUST 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3  Come & Go Baby Shower for Avery Hanson 12-2 at Groton United Methodist
8 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 4 9am Worship at Bethesda with Diane Coffee Fellowship following Worship Pastor Chris at Churchwide Assembly ----	5 6:30 Butler WELCA -----	6 -----	7 No Office Hours -----	8 -----	9 -----	10 
9 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 11 9am Communion Worship at Butler Coffee Fellowship following Worship	12	13	14 Pastor's Office Day 5:30 Sunday School Meeting at Bethesda 6:30pm Bethesda Council Meeting 7:30pm Bethesda WELCA Meeting	15 	16	17
10 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 18 9am Communion Worship at Bethesda with Runner's Club Noisy Club Offering Coffee Fellowship following Worship	19  September Newsletter Items Due	20	21 Pastor's Office Day	22	23	24
11 th Sunday after Pentecost (green) 25 9am Worship at Butler Coffee Fellowship following Worship 10:45 Confirmation Meeting at Bethesda	26	27 	28 Pastor's Office Day	29	30 	31