



Parish Visitor

Belfield Lutheran Church · Daglum Lutheran Church · Medora Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

Thanksgiving

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
Thinking back on this last year, we have SO MUCH for which I give thanks!
Here is a sampling:

- For the parents who support their children in faith - bringing them to Sunday School, teaching, worshiping with them, and encouraging them to grow their faith in confirmation, camps, LYO, mission work, and service
- For those who lead and organize our parish - all parish council members and Belfield, Daglum, and Medora council members, Belfield property committee, and worship planning musicians
- For our Sunday School teachers
- For our custodians and lawnmowers
- For those who lead, organize, and support community events - Extravaganza, Pavilion Suppers, Medora BBQ, Rostered Leaders Gathering in Medora, Pan cake breakfasts in Belfield, Pig Roast Parish Event, Fall Dinners, Badlands Ministries Fall Event
- For those who commit to growing their faith in Bible Study participation and leadership
- For all who contribute to worship - readers, communion preparation and serving, musicians, leaders and preachers
- For all those who support the sound and video for live streaming in Medora and Belfield
- For all the Daglum potluck gatherings
- For those who serve our Belfield/Medora food pantry
- For the women who lead and participate in Belfield WELCA - community events, contributions to the Belfield Church (ie. pew cushions, banners, communion gifts, prayer shawls, coffee, baptismal blankets, honoring high school seniors, etc.)
- For the women who lead and participate in Daglum WELCA - community dinner,



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *Sunday School Program*
- *December Events*
- *Become a Council Member*
- *Christmas Services*
- *Prayer List*

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*



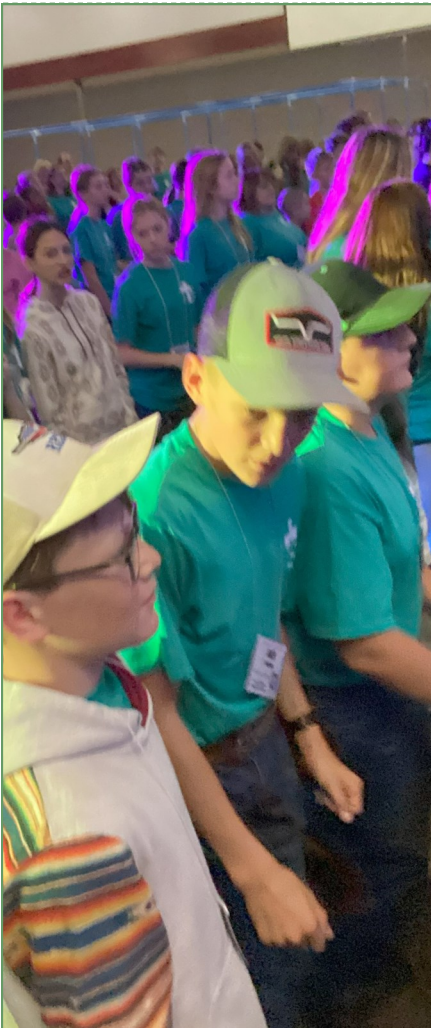
- contributions to Badlands Ministries, quilting for the benefit of our neighbors, etc.
- For those who participated and served at Medora community health gatherings
- For those who have contributed financially to support these ministries

I can't possibly list all the things I am thankful for, but please know that I am thankful for you. I am thankful you are reading this and participating in the life of this parish. I am thankful God has drawn you and loved you, even when you might not see it. All that we are given is a gift from God, and I thank God for you!

Sometimes I lose track of time, I lack sleep, and I can feel overwhelmed. I might even focus on the things that are going wrong. I don't know what I'm doing wrong when so many are missing. Instead, I was reminded, I need to focus on all of you who are showing up. Thank you!

The last three years I have submitted an article for this December newsletter on Advent - what does advent mean, what are the readings we hear as we prepare for the birth of our

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:10-11



Savior, Jesus? Lest I be remiss in reminding us of this season, let us be thankful for all we have, especially the love of our God who became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

- Most importantly, I give thanks for Jesus our Savior who is Immanuel, God with us! I am thankful for the love of God shown in and through each of you who have served in any way.

Thanks be to God!

+ Pastor Dawn



Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

Thank you to Paulette Dorval & Marina Pickett

For Serving in November

Serving in December

Amanda Johnson & Sara Bock

Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild!

See Jean Franklin for details.

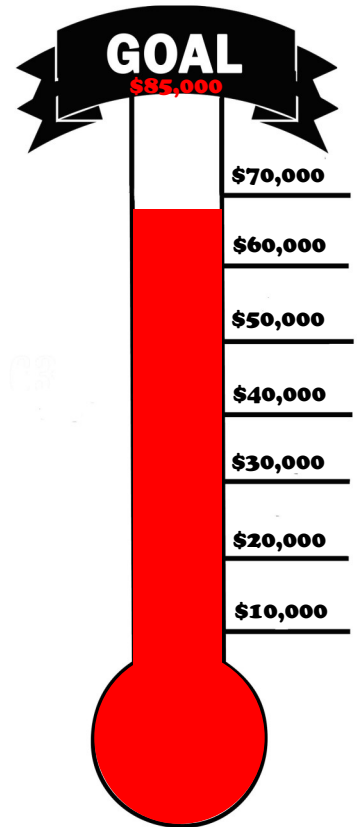
Build Up BLC Fundraiser!

The BLC Property Committee and the BLC Council would like to say thank you to all that have donated to our Build Up BLC Fundraiser in 2021 and 2022 and 2023! We have raised a total of 68,461.33. We need an additional 16,538.67 to reach our goal of \$85,000!

In 2023, we had to open the North wall in Pastor's office to find the source of a water leak. It was determined that the leak was coming from the landscaping issues and an issue with the siding. Please see the landscaping pictures below. The issues have been fixed, but we need to refinish the office. The electrical wiring needs to be updated and the walls will need to be fixed. The cost to update the office is around \$7,000.

We would also like to remove the paneling in the hallway and replace with sheetrock and paint. The estimate for that is around \$7,150.

If you have not donated and feel you can, please fill out the portion below and mail to Belfield Lutheran Church C/O Building UP BLC Fundraiser, PO Box 416, Belfield, ND 58622. You can also choose to donate online at <https://www.belfieldlutheran.org/give-online>. Please reference the Building UP BLC Fundraiser when donating. Please help us reach our fundraising goal of \$85,000! If you have already signed up to give a monthly donation, please remember to mail the donation to Belfield. Thank you



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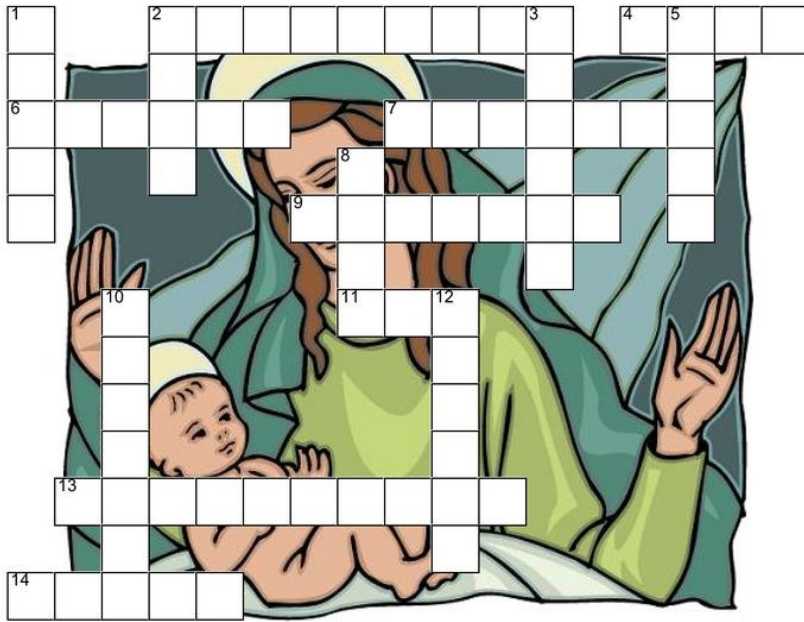
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Christmas Nativity Crossword

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Across

2. The town where Baby Jesus was born.
4. Jesus mother's name.
6. The inn-keeper told Mary that she could stay in the _____ with the animals.
7. There was a _____ star that lead the wise men to Baby Jesus.
9. _____ brought Jesus gifts and travelled far.
11. Baby Jesus was also the son of _____.
13. The wise men _____ baby Jesus.
14. The manger was filled with _____ to make it comfortable for baby Jesus.

Down

1. Mary was told by the angel to call the baby _____.
2. An angel told Mary that she would have a very special _____.
3. Jesus lay in a _____.
5. An _____ told the Shepherds about Jesus birth.
8. Jesus was also known as the newborn _____.
10. Jesus would be our _____.
12. Mary rode on a _____ to find a place to stay.

*"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger"
Suddenly a great company of heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God...
Luke 2:12-13*



EVENTS IN DECEMBER

12/2/23 Daglum Ladies Christmas Party

12/8/23 Medora Lutheran Church will be serving eats on the streets in Medora for Cowboy Christmas 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

12/8/23 Badlands Ministries Hosts Camp Christmas at 1:00 p.m.

12/17/23 Santa Lucia Celebration Belfield Lutheran Church during 10:00 a.m. worship

12/20/23 Belfield Lutheran Church Sunday School Christmas Program 6:30 p.m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS





Christmas Eve Worship Services

COME & JOIN US!

We Invite you to celebrate the most beautiful time of the year with us!

DAGLUM
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
12/17/2023
11:45 AM

MEDORA
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
4:00 PM

BELFIELD
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
8:00 PM



Merry Christmas

Celebrating the simple depths of
baptism

Hayley Marie Hutzenbiler

We rejoice with Paul Hutzenbiler Jr. and Emily Harner as their daughter Hayley is baptized 11/26/23. Hayley Marie Hutzenbiler was born August 2nd, 2023 in Fargo, ND. Hayley's baptismal sponsors are Jordan Filipi and Justin and Jacob Hutzenbiler. Welcome to the Lord's family, Hayley.



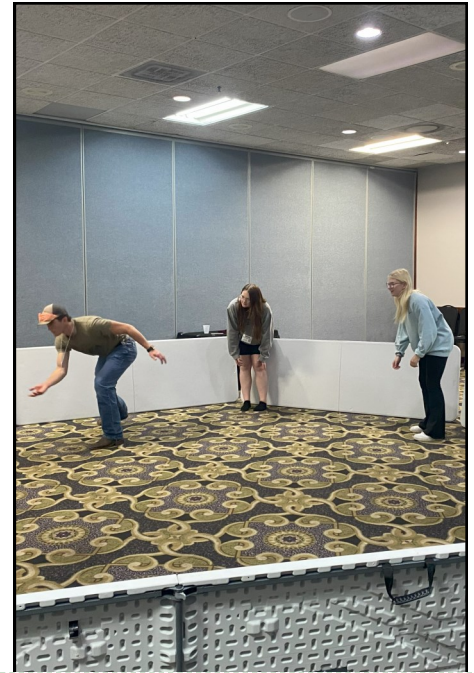
"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:14

Eva Dale Jung

Celebrating the simple depths of
baptism

We rejoice with Christopher and Kristina Jung as their son Evan is baptized today. Evan is the grandson of Donna Sandvik. Evan Dale Jung was born 5/15/2023 in Maple Grove, MN. Evan's baptismal sponsors are Jonathan & Ariel Sandvik. We welcome you into the Lord's family, Evan.





When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. Luke 2: 15

In our ongoing prayers...

Remembering those in our prayers:

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those who have lost jobs, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, all troops, including SPC Cole Potter, and their families and those working for peace in our world.

Please help us keep this prayer list active.

To add a loved one to the prayer list for next month's issue, please fill out a prayer request slip during worship, making sure to indicate your desire to have the request published in the newsletter, and place it in the offering basket or email us at newsletter@belfieldlutheran.org





*So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.
Luke 2: 16*

Church Council: Take Your Seat at the Table

Hello BDM Parish (that's you – Belfield, Daglum, and Medora members)!

Provided are some details about how our Council functions.

Belfield council usually meets on the third Monday of every month, with online options available. Meetings typically last about 1.5hrs. Medora council meets 3-4 times/year, and Daglum meets as needed. The Parish council consists of 3 people from each congregation and they meet 4 times per year to make decisions that affect the entire parish. The majority of the meetings are:

- a) reviewing church finances
- b) discussing new business which may require Council approval and
- c) going over old business (ie. Outstanding items for review)

Finance discussions might be around new projects the church is proposing like landscaping or building upgrades. Examples of new business would include projects like a sound system or other ideas for building relationships in community.

We start with devotions and finish with prayer. We always have an enjoyable time together and recognize the importance of our role in helping congregations and the parish fulfill the mission to which God calls us.

Please consider joining the Council in 2024!

Please speak to Craig McLaughlin for more information.



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December 2023 Worship Schedule

5	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Daglum Worship
10	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
17	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Daglum Candlelight Service
24	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	4:00 p.m.	Medora Candlelight Service
	8:00 p.m.	Belfield Candlelight Service
25	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Christmas Day Service
31	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship



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