

# Parish Visitor

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## Easter: God's Realignment of Life

Life is full of polarities. We make sense out of life by defining them.

- North/South
- Rich/Poor
- Conservative/Liberal
- Young/Old
- Birth/Death
- Friend/Enemy
- In Crowd/Outcasts
- Religious/ Non-religious
- Black/White
- Rural/Urban
- Righteous/Unrighteous
- Inclusive/Exclusive
- Possible/Impossible
- Logical/Illogical
- Vulnerable/Safe

This is only the beginning. We are quick to categorize. Humans like predictability. We feel safest when we are with people most "like us." We feel vulnerable when we let down our guard. We generally do that only with people we really trust.

We like order and predictability. Especially in our most intimate relationships and the parts of life that really matter. That includes our religious life as well.

Then along came Jesus. Jesus knew the religious laws better than the teachers. (Continued on page 2)



## April Worship Schedule

- 2 8:30am Worship & Coffee - Medora
- 10:00am Worship & Coffee - Belfield
- 11:45am Worship & Dinner - Daglum
- 9 8:30am Worship & Coffee - Medora
- 10:00am Worship & Coffee - Belfield
- 14 6:30pm Good Friday Worship - Belfield
- EASTER SUNDAY-
- 16 6:00am Worship & Breakfast - Daglum
- 8:30am Worship & Coffee - Medora
- 10:00am Worship & Coffee - Belfield
- 23 8:30am Worship & Coffee - Medora
- 10:00am Worship & Coffee - Belfield
- 30 8:30am Worship & Coffee - Medora
- 10:00am Worship & Coffee - Belfield

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His uncanny insights into people made them wonder who he really was. Was he the one who would bring order and make their lives safe? Would he turn things around as a political leader? Was he a prophet? He promised new life for all. He proclaimed and modeled hope for all. He was "too good to be true"! Then, he was put to death on a cross in Jerusalem's city dump. Even his most hopeful followers were scared, devastated and in despair. But Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the Mother of Jesus remained faithful. They came to anoint his body. They expected death. They found life! Jesus appeared to them and said "why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, he is RISEN!"

That day, the world was turned upside down! God changed history. Expected categories and polarities went out the window! Established hierarchies were overturned! Comfort levels built on the safety of human expectations and polarities were destroyed! The women were changed through what they had seen! They told the disciples who didn't believe them. So Jesus re-appeared to the skeptical men. They too believed! Order and predictability were replaced by surprising grace and mercy for ALL! That is the good news of Easter!

In Jesus, God is alive, present, and accessible to all!  
Hallelujah!!

*Pastor Roger*

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## Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

Our thanks to Sharlene Schuhrke and Darnyl Malkowski for serving on Altar Guild in March.

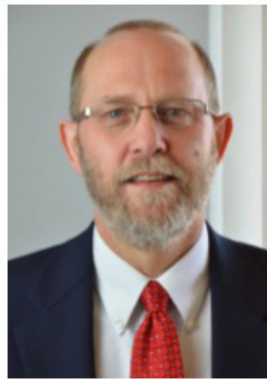
**Serving this month:**

Dana Wanner and Connie Fulton

**Serving in May:**

Barbara Hurt and Judy Kubischta

**Join the Altar Guild!** See Jean Franklin for details and to take your place on our 2017 Altar Guild calendar.



## Prairie Pastor : Program Comes to an End

Greetings All,

A chapter is closing - word came today from the KX Network that Prairie Pastor will no longer be aired. Last

Sunday was the last segment.

For 17 years I have been blessed to be able to speak for 1 minute and 15 seconds during the Sunday evening news. My focus was to speak to people who might not have been in worship that day, or for that matter any day. The goal was to share a Christ centered message that Jesus died for all - nothing - absolutely nothing can separate us... from Christ's love. Nothing we have ever done puts anyone outside of Christ's love. I hope that the message of the cross was a gift.

Themes were often simple - the beauty of Prairie, thanksgiving for God's abundant blessings, realizing that muddy pick-ups in the middle of summer are a sign of rain which on the semi-arid prairie is a gift to be praised. I have been able to share simple stories of faith - some of the words of wisdom spoken by young and old alike. My ears have been attuned this God gifted wisdom through these years.

The idea for Prairie Pastor came from former KX reporter Debbie Kuehn. Out of the blue she called me shortly after I arrived in Stanley for my first call back in 1999. "What would you think..." she said. That conversation made way for more conversations and sometime in early 2000 the first segment aired.

I am thankful to the KX Network for this opportunity, It has been a blessing to share the airwaves on Sunday nights - speaking a Gospel Word to a world which is hungry to know they are God's beloved. Farewell Prairie Pastor - it has been a good run.

Rev. Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western ND Synod ELCA

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Alternative Worship - Sunday, April 23rd  
Belfield Theater - 6:30 pm

## We Celebrate with...

- **Rebecca and Mark Kasian**, along with big sister Hazel Lynn, on the birth of Violet Ann, Sunday, March 19th in Bismarck.



- **Aurora Rae Thompson** (born May 6, 2011), daughter of Tallis Rae Eaton-Shaw and Dakota James Thompson on her baptism on Sunday, March 12, at Belfield Lutheran. Sponsors were Robert Jeffrey and Andrea Lyn Thompson. Barb and Walt Warner are the paternal great-grandparents.

- **Jeremy and Samantha Froehlich** on the baptism of **Emma Josephine Froehlich**, Sunday, March 19. Emma was born November 30, 2016. Baptismal sponsors were Carlee Hutzenbeler and Wyatt Froehlich.



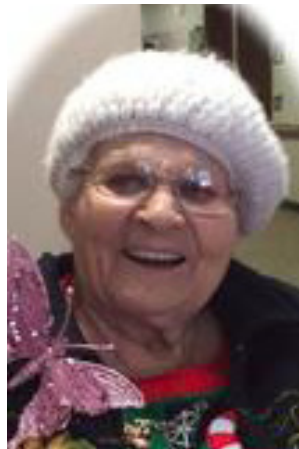
- We mention again the baptism of **Onyx Wilbur Adams**, Sunday, January 22. Onyx was born to Jaden and Anita Adams, November 14th, 2016, at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck. His sponsors were Ross and Janell Jepson. We thank God for his faithfulness in

caring for Onyx through time spent in the hospital after his birth.

Please pray for all of the children and families of our Parish and community.

## Our Sympathy to...

- The family of Dorothy Rhoads, who passed away March 17 after a battle with cancer. Services were March 25th at Belfield Lutheran.



- Larry and Chris Johnson in the loss of Larry's brother Jerry, who passed away March 3 and Chris' mother Sophie Gawryluk who passed on March 9. Jerry's services were March 10 at St. John Lutheran in Dickinson. Divine Liturgy for Sophie was March 14 at St. Demetrius.

## In our ongoing prayers...

- **Glenda and Connie Redmond** recovering at home.
- **Estelle Lundgren**, a new resident at St. Benedict's.
- **Marilyn Oyhus** in therapy at St. Luke's.
- **Dick Schuhrke** recovering from surgery at Hilltop Home in Killdeer.
- **Ryan Hugelen and Ryan O'Brien** recovering from an accident near Belfield.
- **Connie Fulton** following surgery.
- **Barb Newton** recovering from carpal tunnel surgery.
- **DerriAnn Johnson** after a fall.
- **Janeen Nichols** recovering from surgery.
- **John Hutzenbeler Sr.** dealing with leukemia.
- **Dave Jurgens** healing from a broken leg.
- **Charlene Grosulak**

*Help keep our prayer list current. Names are removed after 3 months unless requested to remain. To add a loved one to the prayer list for next month's issue, please send their name to Theresa Howie at [belfieldlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:belfieldlutheran@gmail.com) or fill out a prayer request slip during worship and place it in the offering basket.*

# Belfield Youth - On a Mission!

*"All Christians are called to be missionaries within their spheres of influence.*

*Kenzia L. - Philippines*

Grace and peace to you. We are all called by Jesus to the Great Commission of Acts 1:8. What a blessing it is to see God at work reaching out to people all over the world through His ministries at Belfield Lutheran Church!

In response to this, our youth feel called to participate on a mission team here in our home town of Belfield during the week of June 4th-June 9th, 2017.

Our one week mission OR community outreach will focus on Community Service where we will do the following:

- First, we will be allowing God to work in our lives through the personal enrichment that comes from this type of a mission trip.
- Second, we will be working together to help clean up yards in our community.
- Third, we will build 2 new ramps for the Belfield Food Pantry.

As we pray for God's blessing on this upcoming trip, we invite you to become a part of our community outreach. There are two primary ways in which you can participate.

First and most importantly, you can pray. Prayer is the single most important element for the success of any mission trip. Therefore, we ask that you pray for this project to accomplish what God wants to happen...for lives to be drawn to Him...and, especially, we ask that you be a daily personal prayer partner for our youth during the week of our trip.

We are raising support as a team, and we invite you prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to help make this community outreach team possible. Items for our April 23rd 2017 Silent Auction and Free-will chili dinner, gift cards to local grocery stores, food items, and materials for the week, are all needed. All contributions are tax deductible.

If you have questions or would like to discuss ways to participate, please call either Craig McLaughlin at 701-206-0203, Marina Redig at 605-209-8488 or Anna Ross at 701-590-1041.

The goal of this community outreach mission trip is to open our lives and the lives of those within our community to the reality of God's presence right here in Belfield. It is a mission trip designed to bless lives through the physical work that we do, but even more so by deepening our own walk with Christ.

We are excited to see the difference our youth can make in the community while also developing stronger relationships. Thank you for your support of this exciting and important mission.

Yours, in the love of Jesus,  
Belfield Parish Youth Leadership Team

Youth Sponsored  
Chili Dinner & Silent Auction  
Sunday, April 23rd  
Following worship at Belfield Lutheran

A free will offering will be received.

## *Communion Instruction*

All parents and their children who would like to begin communing as a family are invited to attend 2 times of instruction. The first will be Palm Sunday, April 9 after worship in Belfield. The second will be Wednesday, April 19 at 5:30.

Call Pastor Roger at 701-290-0080 if you have any questions.



## Gospel Seeds... April 2017

### A Monthly Update from Western ND Synod Staff

Registration is Open April 1st!!!

You are invited to register for Synod Assembly June 1-3 at the Grand Hotel, Minot. Assembly registration will open April 1st. Our theme for this year's assembly: *Always Renewing: One Lord – One Faith – One Baptism*. This theme will help us focus on the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation.

Each congregation is allowed at least two voting members - more depending on the size of the congregation. However, we encourage congregations to bring as many visitors as they would like. The point being, we want as many people as possible to experience this faith-filled time together.

We are blessed to have with us this year Rev. Dr. Sam Giere from Wartburg Seminary. Sam will lead the Pre-Assembly workshop on Thursday, June 1st. He will help us all dive deeply into Martin Luther's central tenants and how this can be a gift today. He will also be our Bible Study leader during Assembly.

Mission Gala Tickets soon on sale!

A limited number of tickets will be available beginning April 1st for a seat at our Annual Mission Gala. The cost of the ticket is \$30. The event is being held at Christ Lutheran Church's Augustana Hall.

You will be treated to an excellent meal complete with appetizers, entrée' and dessert. There will also be the opportunity to bid on Silent Auction items – which will be sold to the highest bidder that evening, as well as, bid on a limited number of live auction items.

All proceeds from this great evening benefit the Western North Dakota Mission Endowment Fund.

Assembly Resolutions & Rules:

The Synod's Website: [WNDSynod.org](http://WNDSynod.org) is the best place for you to keep up with the latest Assembly information. Through that site, you are able to find the Rules of the Assembly, the Resolutions which will be presented, biographies of those who will be speaking at Assembly and much more. If you have questions, know that synod staff is available to help you - just call or email us.

Annual Report of Endowment Fund

Did you know that in 2016 congregations and individuals donated over \$69,000 to the Ministry Endowment Fund? And that in the same time period, the Ministry Endowment Fund was able to give twelve individuals

scholarships and helped nine rostered leaders with debt buy-down?

Did you know that in the same time frame over \$118,000 was gifted to the Mission Endowment Fund and that seven grants were dispersed? All of this has happened because of faithful and faith-filled people across our synod.

An annual report is now available on the synod website under the Resources tab. Please share this information widely as we continue to work to let people know how their generosity is having a positive impact across this synod.

Proposal to add third Endowment Fund

Currently, the synod has a Ministry Endowment Fund which provides scholarships and debt buy-down for rostered leaders. There is also a Mission Endowment Fund which provides seed money for creative, Christ-centered ministry within the synod. The 2017 Synod Assembly will hear and decide on a proposal to add a third endowment fund tentatively named the Accompaniment Fund.

So, what would this third fund do? Think of it this way, Ministry Fund grants provide support to raise up leaders for God's church including congregations here on the prairie. The Mission Fund distributes grants to congregations as they renew their Christ-centered mission and ministry. However, in order for these endowment funds and grants be effective, it takes human resources behind the scenes. For the Ministry Fund grants to be effective, synod staff members must spend time accompanying people as they discern a call to ministry and then walk with them through the seminary process. Mission Fund grants make a difference in our synod because congregations are accompanied by synod staff in teaching, listening, and asking questions about the congregation's dream for expanding ministry.

The Accompaniment Fund will provide the resources necessary to fund the synod staff time required of the mission and ministry work in our synod. It is a way to look to the future by providing a consistent stream of revenue. The full case statement is part of the 2017 Synod Assembly materials.

God Bless!



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*Contributions, including articles, reports, photos and drawings are welcome, and will be used as space permits.*

### **Photo Submissions:**

*Have a great photo of church or community events, or the beautiful North Dakota landscape? We'd love to share them for all to see in the Parish Visitor! Contact Theresa Howie at belfieldlutheran@gmail.com for more info.*

### **Church Bulletin Submissions:**

*If you have announcements or prayer requests for the weekly church bulletin, please call or email Lynn Peterson by Wednesday night. Contact info for Lynn can be found in staff listing above.*

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*Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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To:



*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!*

2 Corinthians 5:17