



Parish Visitor

Belfield Lutheran Church · Daglum Lutheran Church · Medora Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

Setting Expectations

Throughout this Epiphany season, we have been focusing on Paul's letters to the Corinthians. In these letters, Paul highlights the gifts that have been given to the people of Corinth and reminds them that not one gift is greater than another. We all have the gift of the Spirit, and without it we cannot proclaim Jesus is our Lord. We all have unique gifts that contribute to the function and mission of our communities. We all have the gift of God's love, and we are called as disciples of Jesus to share these gifts with all people and all creation. (1 Corinthians 12-13) As we work together to build relationships - both with God and with one another - it's important to communicate.

It's always a good idea to begin with a set of goals and communicate those goals in a way that effectively sets expectations for all participants in any new relationship. When I was extended the call to serve this parish, there were several things you outlined as expectations for me. Some of you have asked for things to change, and others of you miss 'the way things used to be'. Without change, we cannot grow, individually or as a community of faith.

When called to serve this parish, I was asked to do the following:

1. Become acquainted with the members of Belfield, Daglum & Medora, encouraging them to become active participants in our Christian journey together.
2. Acknowledge, raise up, and utilize members' talents and abilities. Be a visible pastoral presence in the Belfield, Daglum & Medora communities.
3. Welcome members of all ages, meet with them where they are in their faith journey and guide them in their personal relationship with God, especially the youth!
4. Coordinate and lead the pastoral care ministries of the three congregations.
5. Work with members and the councils to build up attendance and to restore relationships with members.

I have also been encouraged to participate in Synod activities and Badlands Ministries Bible Camp.

Here are some of the ways I have worked toward these goals:

1. Weekly phone calls, visits, and written notes, connecting with members and visitors and those who are unable to attend in person. This has been difficult without a directory for me to know how to reach some of you. I continue to encourage you to reach out anytime you'd like to visit!
2. I have tried to encourage each of you with the gifts I have observed and I know that we have had more of you volunteer to read Scriptures during worship, and I'm looking forward to some of you sharing musical instruments with us for Easter.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Pastoral Acts 2021
- Fundraiser
- Giving Hearts Day
- Pastor's Report
- Financial Webinar



3. I am excited to connect with our youngest members and I have enjoyed leading confirmation and youth gatherings. I have worked to put together a new study for several of our young adults (and others!) who have expressed interest in how to read the Bible.
4. I have actively called and visited any of our members in nursing home facilities, as well as others who have been ill or unable to worship with us in person. I have also been involved in visiting those who request a Lutheran pastor from the hospital or other assisted living situations. I would welcome others to make these calls and visits as well!
5. Without a directory, it has been difficult to know who we are missing. As we begin to build our next parish directory, I will continue to work through older ones, along with our existing records, to update records and continue building relationships. It is my understanding that some who had not worshiped with this parish for many years have begun to reconnect. All of our councils are reading through "The Invitational Christian," a book by Dave Daubert, in an effort to imagine what it looks like to be welcoming.

As a Pastor in the Badlands Conference of the Western North Dakota Synod, I have connected with other leaders in our conference by way of joint worship services, Devotions from the Badlands, and LYO advisor for our conference. I have recently been elected Dean of our confer-

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. *Isaiah 41:10*



ence and elected to the Board of Badlands Ministries as well. I look forward to continuing this work alongside each of you! I couldn't do it without your gifts.

As a part of my call, these are the things which have been promised to me:

1. You are willing, energized, and excited congregations ready to do God's work! You will support my efforts toward effective ministry.
2. You will lend your time and diverse talents to aid my efforts.
3. You will maintain and grow your commitment to attendance, inviting and encouraging others to attend, and participate in worship and service.
4. You will continue your efforts toward relationship building, increasing the strength of your community and support the ministry of our parish and pastor.

It is my prayer that we will continue to engage in ministry together as individuals, as congregations, and as a parish. My door is always open! Please communicate with me in whatever way works for you and remember that you are people God has called together for such a time as this. Let us give thanks and praise to God for one another!

+ Pastor Dawn Busch

<p>BELFIELD WELCA ANNUAL MEETING</p> <p>Sunday, February 27th after Church</p>	
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Faith Foundations

Have you ever wondered why we do some of the things we do in worship?

Or

Why we teach the command to “love one another”?

“Faith Foundations”, begins the 4th Monday of each month, starting January 24th, 2022.

7:00 p.m. at Belfield Lutheran Church

Each class will include some Bible Study and discussion of faith practices.

Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

Our thanks to Doris Urban and Heidi Kukowski for serving in January.

Servicing in February

Sherri O'Brien & Melissa Schmidt

Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild!

See Jean Franklin for details.

FINANCIAL WELLNESS WEBINARS

Belfield Lutheran Church is partnering with the non-profit organization Foundation for Financial Education (F3E) to host a series of financial wellness webinars. The webinars will be held at 10 AM on the third Saturday in February and March. Anyone can sign up electronically to participate from your own home, or you can view the webinar from the Belfield Lutheran Church fellowship hall on the designated day and time. Pre-registration is required unless you attend the webinar from the church fellowship hall. Each webinar lasts about 45 minutes, and if you pre-registered and are unable to attend on the designated day, following the webinar broadcast, you will be emailed a link to watch the webinar at your convenience.

F3E offers a variety of webinar topics intended to help educate people and allow them to take charge of their financial wellness and achieve overall financial goals. The webinars are provided free of charge, and nothing is sold. We hope that you will find the webinars interesting and informative, and we are pleased to be able to offer them to our community. We hope to see you there!

SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING 101

A FINANCIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP
HOSTED BY

Belfield Lutheran Church

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Understanding the basics of Social Security
- How to optimize your benefits
- Advantages of applying after full retirement age
- How are your benefits calculated?
- How cost-of-living adjustments affect your Social Security

EVENT INFORMATION

DATE: **Saturday, February 19, 2022**

TIME: **10:00am - 11:00am Mountain Standard Time**

PLACE: **Watch in person at Belfield Lutheran Church or**

RSVP: **copy / [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**



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If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Carmen Waldo, email c2waldo@yahoo.com or call or text 701-590-3934. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1018783704514129936?source=register>

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 3:30 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study @ Belfield 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	2 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran	3 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	4 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	5 1:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting
Worship 6 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Choir Practice 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 am – Daglum 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle’s Please RSVP	7 6:30 pm Belfield Council Meeting	8 3:30 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study @ Belfield 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	9 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran	10 Giving Hearts Day givingheartstoday.org 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	11 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	12
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Thank you for your generosity!



Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.
James 5:16

In our ongoing prayers...

The Family of Jesse Urban · The Family of Ardene O'Connell

Lantz Hurt · Brent Seaks · Johnny Syminow · Mark Hinrichs

Nicole Koegl · Lincoln Lee Johnson · Elizabeth (Betty) Kuntz

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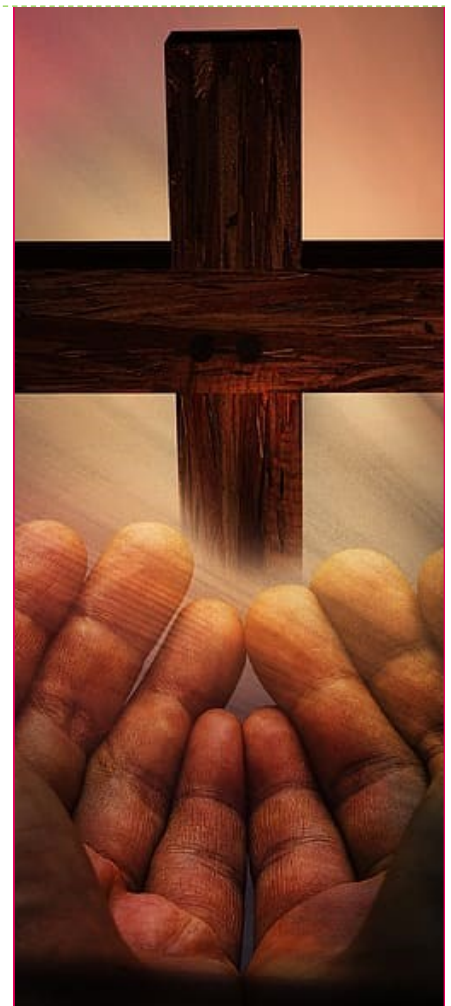
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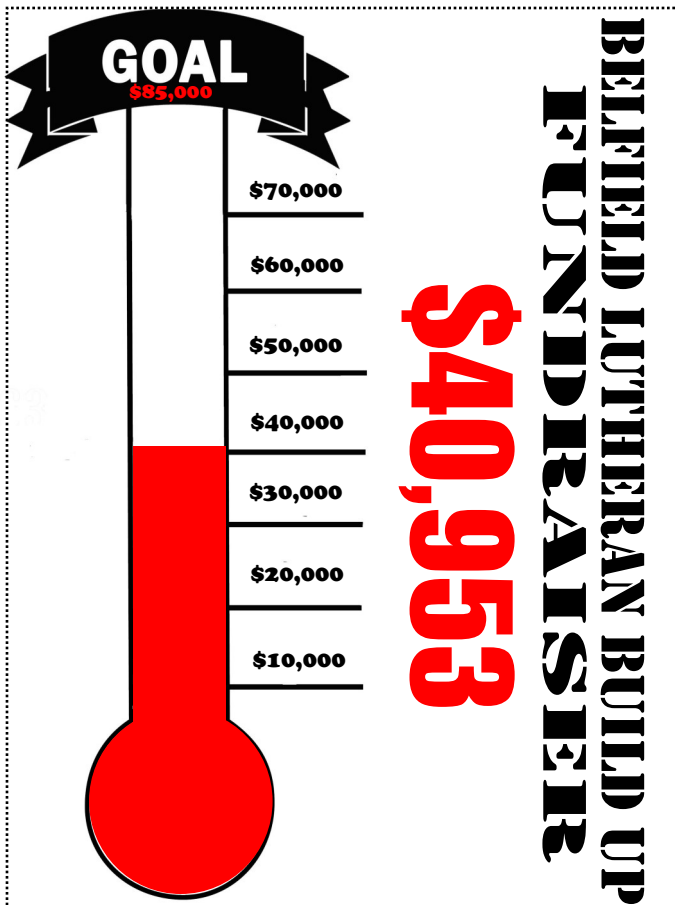
Mindy O'Brien · Chandler Nichols · Bennette Mansfield

All those with Covid 19 illness and exposure, those who have lost their jobs, those seeking sobriety, and all troops & 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





2021 Build UP BLC Fund

Building Projects Completed

*Foyer Remodel (\$2,950)**

** (Funds from the Wreath Fundraiser were used to pay for the majority of this remodel)

*New Windows & New Siding and New Gutters (\$40,970)

*New Boiler (\$14,684)

*New AC Units in the Kitchen, Fellowship Hall and Pastor's Office (\$11,500)

*Electrical work for the AC Units (\$4,365)

*New Blinds for the Fellowship Hall & Kitchen (\$1,429.17)

Misc. Property Expenses 2021

Sanctuary Lighting, Sign Repair

Replaced Bathroom Sinks, Backflow valve for Boiler, Sound System Repairs, Tree Trimming

Drain Opening, Boiler Inspection, Kitchen Light

Covers and Property Insurance

Total Property Spend in 2021: \$84,723.12

Project Suggestions for 2022

Masonry Work, Landscaping, New flooring throughout the Church, New Sound System

Thank you to all who have donated and continue to give!

FEBRUARY 10 Giving Hearts Day
Help someone.

ASSUMPTION ABBEY
BENEDICTINE ABBEY ON THE PLAINS

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Sunrise
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WEST RIVER HEALTH SERVICES FOUNDATION

Please join us in participating in Giving Hearts Day on **Thursday, February 10th.**

Simply go to givingheartstoday.org on this day and make an on-line donation to one or more of these local charities.

Each gift this day will make a huge difference in our communities!

Upcoming Events

Virtual Camp Christmas - December 18th

Badlands Ministries virtual Camp Christmas will be available to view December 18th on our website and social media. *If you are interested in sharing your holiday music with us, please contact Chris Moe at 701-290-6575 or e-mail at ad@badlandsministries.org.*

Winter Crafting Retreat - February 18th - 20th

Join us for a weekend of relaxation and crafting in the badlands! Avoid the cold—spend time inside sipping coffee and sewing, scrapbooking, knitting, and more. For more details and information on cost, check out our website.

Fearless Faith Retreat— March 11th & 12th

Melanie A. Brown is a renowned speaker and will be leading a retreat to empower women and their faith. Join us each day for one session, or spend the weekend in the beautiful badlands. Check our website for more information on the different sessions available and details about the event.
www.badlandsministries.org/retreats
DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EVENT!
Questions? Contact Debi Simmonds @701-290-8482

Spring Crafting Retreat - November 20th - 22nd

Enjoy great food and lovely accommodations as well as relaxation and time for prayer and spiritual renewal. Crafters of all kinds are encouraged to attend. For more details and information on cost, check out our website.

NOW HIRING SUMMER STAFF!!

Are you looking for a really kickin' summer job? Are you at least 17 years of age? Do you want to get paid to teach kids about God, play games, do crafts, hike, and grow in your faith? **WELL LOOK NO FURTHER!!** Check out the link below for more information or contact Chris Moe at 701-290-6575.
www.badlandsministries.org/staff

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Gospel Seeds

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FEBRUARY 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

This Month's Writer: Murray Sagsveen, Synod Attorney

We are entering a new year, and many of us have adopted resolutions or goals for the following twelve months. Let me suggest a few governance-related resolutions/goals for the congregation councils of all synod congregations during 2022:

1. Is the congregation's membership list current? The [Model Constitution for Congregations](#) states that the "Congregation Council shall provide for an annual review of the membership roster" (C12.07.) and that only voting members may vote at congregation meetings (*C8.02.c. and C10.06).
2. Has the congregation recently updated its constitution to conform with the *Model Constitution for Congregations*. If not, the congregation council or a council-appointed committee should plan to review the existing document, review likely amendments to the *Model Constitution for Congregations* by the Churchwide Assembly this August, and draft amendments for submission to the congregation's annual meeting in late 2022 or early 2023.
3. Has the congregation recently reviewed its bylaws (if any) to ensure they do not conflict with the congregation's constitution or the [ELCA's social statements](#)?
4. Has the congregation incorporated its bylaws (if any) into the constitution document as urged by the ELCA in the introduction to the Model Constitution for Congregations?
5. Does the congregation have an endowment fund and, if so, was it established prior to 2011? The resolution or bylaw establishing the endowment fund should be reviewed to determine if it has been updated to address state laws passed in 2011 related to qualified endowments (N.D.C.C. § 57-38-01.21) and to restricted accounts (N.D.C.C. § 10-33-21(7)).
6. When the congregation was incorporated, it filed articles of incorporation with the North Dakota Secretary of State. Many congregations were established more than a century ago, so the articles of incorporation may contain articles that conflict with state law or the congregation's constitution. The articles of incorporation should be located, reviewed, and (if necessary) updated.
7. Has the congregation council adopted key policies such as related to personnel, ethics, conflicts of interest, volunteer management, appropriate workplace environment, reporting inappropriate behavior, and supervision of minors?

The Synod can assist congregations with any of the important leadership work outlined above. Feel free to contact the synod office at 701.223.5312 or info@wandsynod.org for more information.

Upcoming Events – More info at www.wandsynod.org/events

Lunch & Learn Zoominar – February 10 at Noon – Council Training for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

Leadership Book Read – Wednesdays @ 11 am, Jan. 19-Feb. 23 on Zoom, "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going"

Forming Faith Series – Growing Young Mondays @ 7:30 pm, February 28 – April 4 on Zoom

Synod Council Meeting – Minot – February 25-26, 2022

Synod Assembly 2022- Sat. June 4 – Sun. June 5, 2022

Grand Hotel, Minot

Pre-Assembly Workshops will be held Fri. June 3



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BELFIELD DAGLUM MEDORA LUTHERAN PARISH

2021 Pastoral Acts
(January 1 – December 31)

Belfield Lutheran Church

BAPTISMS:

Danica Rae Northrop, January 10
Preston Lucas Urban, May 30
Raelynn Grace Ridl, August 8
Lincoln Lee Johnson, December 28

FIRST COMMUNION:

Mira Ross March 7
Lucas Beck, December 19
Lucas Layton, December 19

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMS:

Addie Collins October 31

MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS:

Natasha Bird (Jason, Layton, and Ethan) January 24

WEDDINGS:

Elroy and Doris Urban, May 30 – Renewal of Vows

FUNERALS:

John Hutzenbiler, Sr. Funeral at Stevenson Funeral Home in Dickinson, ND, burial at Belfield Lutheran Cemetery, August 13
Sue Kadrmas (Pastor Dorothy Stein presiding), August 23
Gary Newton burial at Mandan Veteran's Cemetery, October 12

Weekly Bible Studies
Confirmation Classes
Lenten Worship services including Ash Wednesday and Holy Week Worship (Palm/Passion, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Devotion, Easter Sunrise, etc.)
Devotions from the Badlands
Prayer service for rain 5/12/21
Synod Assembly 6/4
VBS 7/26-29 LYO retreat 8/5-7
Continuing Education including FCTE, Rostered Leader's Retreat
LYO events 3/7 and 10/20-22, monthly youth gatherings
12/28/21 St. Benedict's and St. Luke's worship

BELFIELD DAGLUM MEDORA LUTHERAN PARISH

*2021 Pastoral Acts Continued
(January 1 – December 31)*

Medora Lutheran Church

WEDDINGS:

Dustin and Lizzie Mathiason Crossings in Dickinson, ND, January 2
Lawrence and Tracy Buzalsky Tjaden Terrace in Medora, ND, July 3
Jerett and Hannah (Rodne) Friebboth Rodne Ranch in Medora, ND, September 25
Troy and Tasha Klimesh Tjaden Terrace in Medora, ND, October 9

FUNERALS:

Eugene “Junior” Braunberger, Jr., January 22
Mert Burman Schlotmann Interment at Medora Cemetery, October 15
Naomi Rae Rossow Funeral at Medora Community Center, November 1

SERVICE OF GOD-SPEED:

Paul and Joann Douglas, April 4

BAPTISMS:

Nash Dale Karpyak, June 6

FIRST COMMUNION:

Piper Rodne, December 24

Daglum Lutheran Church

FUNERALS:

Noel Nichols, July 30 at Stevenson’s Funeral Home; Burial at Daglum Cemetery July 31

BAPTISMS:

Owen Daniel Jung, November 21

Trinity Lutheran Church - Wibaux

FUNERALS:

Jeannie Moore Smith, December 3 at Trinity Lutheran Church; Burial at Wibaux Cemetery

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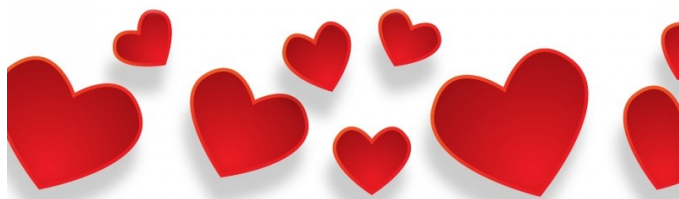
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February 2022 Worship Schedule

6	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Daglum Worship
13	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship
20	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Daglum Worship
27	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship



**YOUTH GATHERING at
BELFIELD LUTHERAN**

**Third Wednesday of every
month will be a gathering time
for 7-12th graders from
6:30-7:30 p.m. See you there!**

