

From the Pastor

Out of Order

Do you ever feel like hanging an 'out of order' sign around your neck? We all have those days that we feel like we aren't getting anything accomplished, we didn't get enough sleep, or we aren't eating well. These are just a few reasons why we might not be our best selves. When we don't feel our best, we don't act our best and oftentimes do things we probably shouldn't. When I discover myself in this state, I find it helpful to take a step back and remember I am a child of God. I am not God. I don't want to be God. And, as a child of God I need help to live in the ways God wants. How do I know what God wants? What if we start with what God commands, recognize who we believe God is, and then learn how to care for our spirits?

Traditionally, the season of Lent has been a time of preparation to receive sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. On Wednesday evenings this year, we will worship together using an evening prayer service titled "With Awe and Love: A Midweek Service Based on Luther's Small Catechism". Our parish has continued to place importance on the need for us to learn and understand this teaching from Martin Luther as a way of understanding who we are as Lutheran Christians. And guess what!? It starts with God's commands, and it helps us to recognize who we believe God is by confessing our faith (Apostles' Creed) and it teaches us how to care for our spirits by learning how to pray (Lord's Prayer) and understanding the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

The Small Catechism was designed as a teaching tool of the faith, not just within the church but in the home. Luther intended for the home to be the place where faith was first shared and taught. He included basic prayers for morning and evening, and suggested ways to worship, praise, and revere God during each part of our day. When I find myself feeling 'out of order' this is one way I can take care of my spirit. I am reminded of God's commands and my need to confess my sin and repent. I can confess my faith and ask God to provide what I need to move forward. Finally, I remember my own baptism and celebrate with all the saints in the meal of Holy Communion. I am refreshed and ready to take on whatever life presents to me next.



SPECIAL POINTS OF

- Lenten Service
- Parish Extravaganza
- New Members
- Baptism
- Window Fundraiser

All go to one place. All are from dust, and to dust all return. Ecclesiastes 3:20



I hope you will join us for soup and conversation between 5:30-6:20pm each Wednesday in March, followed by worship at 6:30pm. We have the privilege of hearing from Pastor Mike Pretzer, Pastor Lisa Lewton, and Diane Melbye in three of our 5 services this month! Come and see! And put yourself back in order with the help of God!

Peace be with you!



Lutheran World Relief has provided resources to congregations for promoting giving for relief from the earthquake in Turkey. Resources include graphics for online media and bulletin inserts for print media.

You can give directly at <u>wr.org/quake</u> or by mailing to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write "QUAKE" in the memo line.



I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes. **Job 42:5-6**

This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel. MARK 1:15

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Belfield Lutheran Church Lenten Mid-Week Worship Wednesday Soup Suppers 5:30-6:20, Worship 6:30 PM

The confirmation students are hosting and providing soups, and would love your contributions if you would like to share a favorite soup or bread. Our theme this year is "With Awe & Love: a midweek Service Based on Luther's Small Catechism.

3/1: Ten Commandments 3/8: Holy Communion 3/15: Lord's Prayer 3/22: Apostles' Creed 3/29: Holy Baptism

The first week of this series sets the stage with the handing down of the Ten Commandments in Exodus. The following weeks look at each major section of the Small Catechism in turn: The Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and Holy Communion. Studying the Small Catechism offers a way of growing closer to God by thinking on God's word and the basics of our faith.





We rejoice with Trevor and Apryl Ridl as their daughter Kylie was baptized at Belfield Lutheran Church. Kylie Mae Ridl was born January 23rd, 2023, in Dickinson. Kylie's baptismal sponsors are Tyler and Jerica Ridl.

NEW MEMBERS

We give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of our congregations and parish: Alexis Malkowski, Kasey Malkowski, and Kiah Ridl (Belfield) And Irene Johnson (Medora)





Parsonage Windows

The parsonage is in need of new windows on the main floor. The current windows are original to the house and frost up in the winter.

10 windows are needed at an average cost of \$2000 per window for a total of \$20,000 for all of them.

If you would like to donate to this project, please do one of the following:

-Leave in the offering plate – indicate for the parsonage

-Click Support at <u>beltieldlutheran.org</u> or <u>medoralutheranchurch.org</u>

-Mail to BDM Lutheran Parish, PO Box 416, Belfield ND 58622



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Daglum Quilter's **Give Back**

Once again, Daglum Lutheran Church members have been busy guilting! They have completed 3 large quilts which will be given to Home on the Range and 2 smaller quilts that will be given to DVRCC or House of Manna.

The previous Singer sewing machine had to be retired. so a new machine has begun its work! The new machine was purchased with a Thrivent Gift card.

The guilt photos you see throughout the newsletter were made with love by the members of Daglum Lutheran Church.

Photos and commentary submitted by Donna Sandvik



I wait for the lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning. Psalm 130:5-6

In our ongoing prayers...

Family of Dick Schuhrke, Family of Audrey Kuntz, Damon Hall, Rosemary Walter, Halle Blain, Kwirt Johnson, Pastor Beth Parks, Randy Mosser, Maurice Obrigewitch, Craig McLaughlin, Al Urban, JoAnne Suomala, Dale Oyhus, Mary Knotts, Bryce Wigert, Norma Newton, Lanie Nichols, Margaret Braun, Johnny Syminow, Mark Hinrichs, Nicole Koegl, Lincoln Lee Johnson, Duane Davis, Carmen Ruud, Becky Yadon, Carol Johnson, Monica Hushka, Mark Trechock, Janeen Nichols, Marilyn Oyhus, Mindy O'Brien, Chandler Nichols, Bennette Mansfield

Please continue to pray for those who have lost their jobs, those with mental illness, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, 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

Belfield Lutheran Attar Guild

Thank you to Jean Franklin and Sherri O'Brien for serving in February Serving in March - Sharlene Schuhrke and Darnyl Malkowski Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild! See Jean Franklin for details.

In Loving Memory

Our continued prayers to the family and friends of Audrey Kuntz.

Audrey's Celebration of Life was held on January 20th at Ladbury Funeral

Service, Dickinson

Rest eternal, grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.



Our continued prayers to the family and friends of Richard W. Schuhrke

Richard's Celebration of Life was held on February 3rd at Belfield Lutheran Church, Belfield

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