



Parish Visitor

Belfield Lutheran Church · Daglum Lutheran Church · Medora Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

Transitions

New year, new month, new seasons.. in the church year, we've experienced the coming of the Christ child and remembered our baptisms with the Baptism of our Lord, Jesus. We have heard God call us, alongside Samuel, Philip and Nathaniel, Jonah, Andrew and Simon Peter. In this new month, Jesus begins to demonstrate miracles, and brings Peter, James, and John up the mountain to be transfigured before them. Then, he immediately turns toward Jerusalem, and we begin following him on his journey to the cross.

There's an urgency in the gospel of Mark to recognize God's presence among us. One of Mark's favorite words is immediately. This year, it seems like we move immediately from Christmas to Lent.

This transition might seem to come immediately, but there are years of ministry and miracles, times of disappointment and times of joy in between our readings these weeks. Some transitions are smooth and others are a bit more challenging. With any transitions in our lives, we might wonder, "How did we get here?" And how do we move forward from here?

Our tendency is to focus on the past and how good things once were. We often wish things could go back to normal or at least settle into a new normal before the proverbial apple cart is upset once again. It is hard to look forward when we're focused on what's behind us. When we focus on what's in the past and then turn around to glance forward, we wonder what happened. Life continued without us even noticing. Just like with children growing up in your home, you blink, and they are off to college or out on their own starting a new life for themselves.

I don't think Jesus ever looked back. Jesus remembered the law and in the process of fulfilling the law he directed those around him to change their hearts, to look forward to what is to come and to actively participate in the coming of God's kingdom. Jesus taught us to pray "thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10, Luke 11:2) What does this mean? Luther says, "In fact, the kingdom of God comes on its own without our prayer,

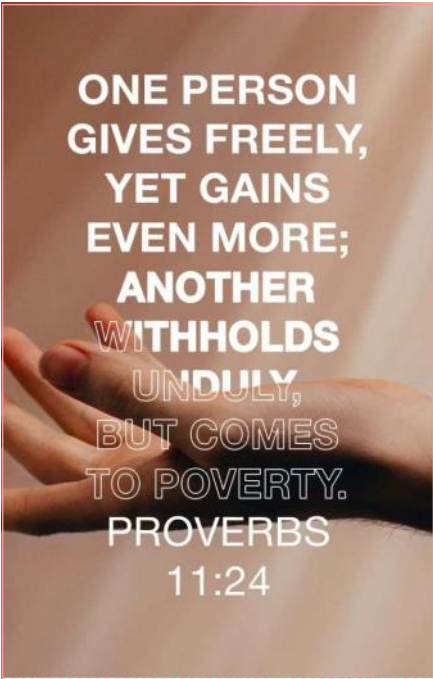


SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Ash Wednesday Service
- Parish Extravaganza
- 2023 Pastoral Acts
- Lenten Services
- Medora Raises \$3,387 for their Landscaping Fund! Thank you!

Thank you to all our church council members for serving terms in the past, the present & future!

ONE PERSON
GIVES FREELY,
YET GAINS
EVEN MORE;
ANOTHER
WITHHOLDS
UNDULY,
BUT COMES
TO POVERTY.
PROVERBS
11:24



but we ask in this prayer that it may also come to us.” How does this come about? Luther continues, “Whenever our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that through the Holy Spirit’s grace we believe God’s holy word and live godly lives here in time and hereafter in eternity.”

What transition do you find yourself in right now? At home, at work or school or retirement, or in our congregation or community? Let us help one another through the transitions in our lives by looking forward, having learned from the past and expecting a new and hopeful future.



Thy kingdom come. Amen.

+ *Pastor Dawn Busch*

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame. **Solomon 8:6**

Parish
Extravaganza



February 25th, 2024
Join us at the
St. Bernard’s Parish
Center, Belfield

Ash Wednesday



Join us for Worship

February 14th, 2024—7:00 p.m.
Belfield Lutheran Church

Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

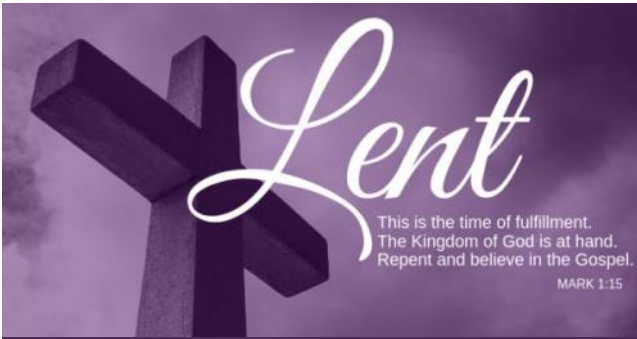
Thank you to Doris Urban and Heidi Kukowski for serving in January

Serving in February Linda Weiss and Sherri O'Brien

Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild!

See Jean Franklin for details.





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



2/21: God's covenant with David
2/28: God's New covenant (Jeremiah)
3/6: God's covenant with Abraham & Sarah
3/13: God's covenant with Noah
3/20: God's covenant with Moses

2.21.23 thru 3.20.23

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16*

In our ongoing prayers...

The Durgin triplets, Josephine Shypkoski-Thompson, Shirley Olson, Julie Augusto, Jason Kukowski, Bambi Mansfield, Barbara Hurt, Shelly Dukart, Brady Thompson, Todd Corneil, Delores Roy, Cord Kessel, Halle Blain, Kwirt Johnson, Glenda Buckman, Mary Knotts, Lanie Nichols, Mark Trechock, Marilyn Oyhus, JoAnne Suomala, Craig McLaughlin, Bernadette Obrigewitch, Maurice Obrigewitch, Johnny Syminow, Mindy O'Brien, Lincoln Lee Johnson, Monica Hushka, Madella Brinkman

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 including SPC Cole Potter.

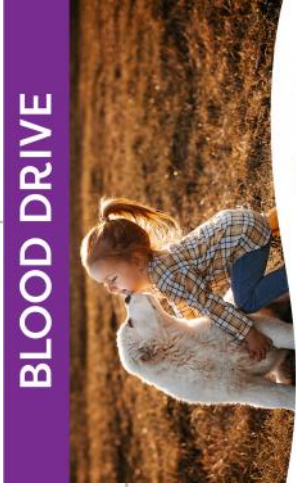


Please help us keep this prayer list active.

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



February

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Pastor Dawn is on vacation from 1/29/24 – 2/8/24. For emergencies, please contact: Pastor Beth Parks – Our Redeemer’s Lutheran in New England - (218) 790-7270</p>						
<p>Worship 4 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield 11:00 am – Choir Practice 11:45 am – Daglum 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle’s Please RSVP</p>	<p>5 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>6 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>7 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran</p>	<p>8 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>9 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>10 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran</p>
<p>Worship 11 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 9:00 am – Choir Practice 10:00 am – Belfield 11:15 am – Parish Council Meeting @ Belfield Luth. 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle’s Please RSVP</p>	<p>12 3:30 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>13 3:30 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>Worship 14 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran</p>	<p>15 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>16 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>17 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran</p>
<p>Worship 18 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 9:00 am – Choir Practice 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 am – Daglum 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle’s Please RSVP</p>	<p>19 6:30 pm – Belfield Council Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>20 3:30 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>Worship 21 5:30 pm – Soup Supper @ Belfield Lutheran 6:30 pm – Mid-Week Lenten Worship @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran</p>	<p>22 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	 <p>BLOOD DRIVE</p> <p>Belfield Community Blood Drive</p> <p>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM BELFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH 506 2ND AVE NE, BELFIELD, ND</p> <p>TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR LIFE-SAVING DONATION, SCAN THE QR CODE!</p>  <p>GIVE BLOOD vitalant.org</p> 	
<p>Worship 25 BDM Parish Extravaganza 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle’s Please RSVP</p>	<p>26 3:30 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>27 3:30 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>Worship 28 5:30 pm – Soup Supper @ Belfield Lutheran 6:30 pm – Mid-Week Lenten Worship @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran</p>	<p>29 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>24 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran</p>	<p>25 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran</p>

BELFIELD DAGLUM MEDORA LUTHERAN PARISH

2023 Pastoral Acts
(January 1 – December 31)

Belfield Lutheran Church

BAPTISMS:

Kylie Mae Ridl, February 12
Mira Morgan Ross, May 14
Maverik Allen Gawryluk, May 21
Clyde Joseph Ridl, September 3
OakLynn Ray Ridl, September 3
Hayley Marie Hutzenbiler, November 26

FAREWELL & GODSPEED:

Jung family, October 29

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMS:

Kiah Ridl, February 12
Taya Marie Jung, October 29

WEDDINGS:

Tori (Tooley) and Cole Olson, September 29

MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS:

Alexis Malkowski, February 12
Kasey Malkowski, February 12
Kiah Ridl, February 12

FUNERALS:

Audrey Kuntz, January 20
Richard “Dick” Schuhrke, February 3
Dwight Lindbo, June 1
Margaret Braun, September 15
Sharon Hutton, September 25
Norma Newton, September 30
Larry Hanson, December 21

Medora Lutheran Church

WEDDINGS:

Bryce and Wendi Hauge, August 7 (Pleasant Valley Ranch, TRNP)

FUNERALS:

Bud Griffin, May 30
Eleanor Jean (Jeanie) Vanvig, November 30

MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS:

Irene Johnson, February 12

BAPTISMS:

Elsie Autumn Piepkorn, June 18

Daglum Lutheran Church

BAPTISMS:

Evan Dale Jung, November 19

Other Parish Activities

Parish Extravaganza - Medora car show BBQ
WELCA Pavilion supper - Parish Pavilion supper
Belfield Pancake Breakfast
Serving Rostered Leader Synod Gathering at Badlands Ministries - Parish Pig roast
Badlands Ministries Fall Event
BLC WELCA Fall Dinner - Daglum Fall Dinner
Daglum Ladies Christmas Gathering



Weekly Bible Studies

Confirmation Classes (Sept. – April)

Faith Foundations class monthly / Faith Conversations

Lenten Worship round robin including Ash Wednesday and Holy Week Worship (Palm/Passion, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday)

Devotions from the Badlands

Prayer for Rain online service 5/11/22

HS Graduate recognition 5/14/23

Synod Assembly 6/3-5

VBS 7/10-13, HS Youth trip 7/14-16

Continuing Education including FCTE, Rostered Leader's Gathering in Medora, National Rostered Minister's Gathering in Phoenix, WPHO public health training

LYO events 1/13-14, 4/22, and 10/18-21, monthly youth gatherings

St. Benedict's and St. Luke's worships (12/28/22, 1/24, 2/22, 3/21, 4/18, 7/5)

Badlands Ministries Board

Vitalant blood drive 2/27 (with Sara Bock), 8/22 (with Tami Elefson and Craig McGlaughlin)

FHND community gathering in Medora (3/20, 10/2)

Holy Land 2025 trip planning (canceled)

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TO:

<i>February 2024 Worship Schedule</i>		
4	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Daglum Worship
11	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship
18	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Daglum Worship
25	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship

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