



Parish Visitor

Belfield Lutheran Church · Daglum Lutheran Church · Medora Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

Resurrection Life

Some of my favorite things about spring are the signs of new life around us! This year we might be wondering, "When!?!?" When will we finally see the ground underneath the snow?

In our Lenten season this year, these 40 days before Easter, we have spent time in midweek worship following the teaching of Martin Luther's Small Catechism. We started with the Ten Commandments and moved through Holy Communion, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, finishing with Holy Baptism. What fun to have different leaders from our area share in this teaching! I am thankful for the opportunity you had to hear from other leaders, and the gift it was to be reminded of all the ways God uses to teach us and help us grow in our faith.

The Ten Commandments give us a guideline to live in love for God and love for our neighbors. The sacrament of Holy Communion is a gift of nourishment to share in community, reminding us that we are forgiven alongside our neighbor at this table. The Lord's Prayer is one example of how to have a conversation with God, specifically shared by Jesus. The Apostles' Creed is one example of a faith statement that we all share in common. Finally, Holy Baptism is a sacrament that God does to us once and we are encouraged to remember daily. In our daily encounters with water, we are constantly reminded of God's forgiveness, redemption, and eternal salvation promised to us.

Martin Luther writes in the Small Catechism, in response to the significance of baptism, "It (baptism) signifies that the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Services
- Easter Services
- Synod Assembly
- Gospel Seeds
- Window Fundraiser



He is Risen

MAUNDAY THURSDAY SERVICE
APRIL 6TH, 2023
7:00 P.M.
BELFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
APRIL 7TH, 2023
7:00 P.M.
BELFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH

come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.” When we come out of the waters of baptism we are wet! How do we continue to walk “wet” through our lives? Can we leave a trail of wet footprints or water droplets like breadcrumbs for others to follow? Maybe that looks like sharing a smile, a hug, or a meal. Maybe that looks like serving in the community or praying for those in need.

As we move from the season of Lent into the season of Easter, let us identify the places where we need to change both individually and as a community of faith. When we live “wet” others see Jesus. Together we can expect to see new life, however deep it is under the snow, because God promises resurrection!

Happy Easter!
+ *Pastor Dawn Busch*



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

BLC Parish
Fundraiser for
Parsonage Windows
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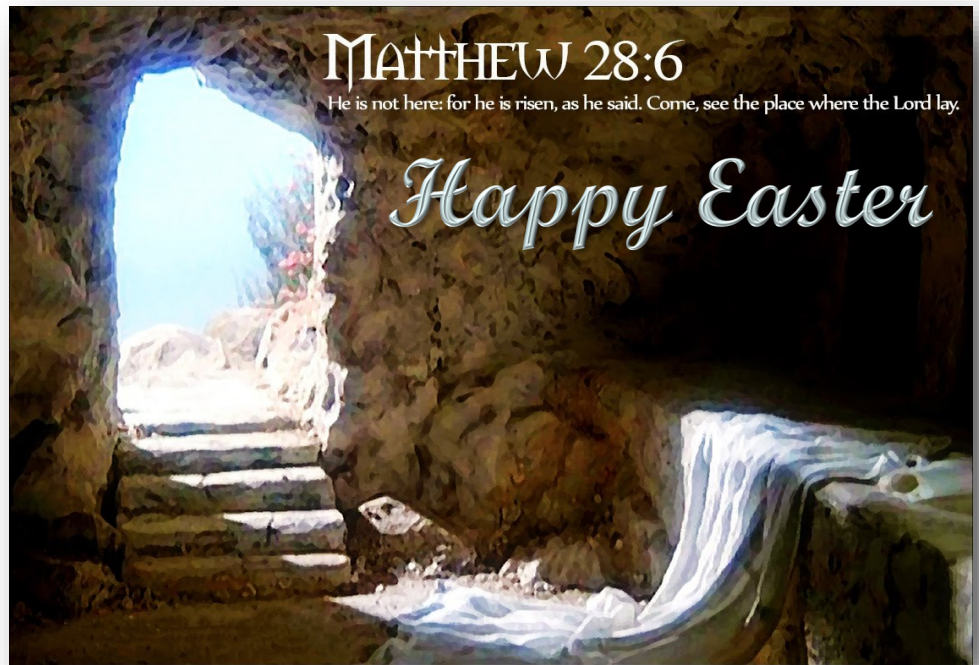
Parsonage Windows

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 belfieldluthern.org or medoralutheranchurch.org
- Mail to BDM Lutheran Parish, PO Box 416, Belfield ND 58622



MATTHEW 28:6

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Happy Easter

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES—APRIL 9TH, 2023

6:00 A.M. DAGLUM EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

8:30 A.M. MEDORA EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00 A.M. BELFIELD EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE



Gospel Seeds

WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD

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APRIL 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

This Month's Writer: Rev. Brad Dokken

Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy, Call, and Leadership



In early February, over 600 people from across the ELCA gathered together in Anaheim, CA for the annual Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza – affectionately know as “The E”. A dozen people from our synod were a part of this group that gathered around the theme of “Enough”. We worshipped together, ate together, laughed together, learned together, and, most importantly, learned that we are enough because God has created us and loves us unconditionally.

While this event is geared towards leaders who work with young people in our congregations, it really provides solid information for anyone who is doing ministry because the issues facing our young people are truly facing all of us.



As I sat at the table having lunch with our synod, I couldn't help but look around and think about the faces that were missing, the ones that I thought could benefit from being here.

Instantly, names popped into my head and I knew that my task for the next year would be to encourage others to join us, to spend some time in a setting where they could be renewed and energized for the work ahead.

Here it is, my invitation to you. If you work with young people, either in a volunteer capacity or in a paid position, think about joining us next January 18-21 in New Orleans for Extravaganza 2024: DREAM and we will engage around the theme verse

“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your <children> shall prophesy, and your young...shall see visions, and your old...shall dream dreams.” – Acts 2:17

The bonus is that at this event, in addition to all of the other opportunities I mentioned, you will also get a sneak peek into plans for ELCA Youth Gathering that will be happening later in the summer. If your congregation plans on taking folks to that event, this is an excellent time to catch a glimpse of what is to come.

I would love to talk to you more about this possibility and why I think you should make plans to join us.



Blessings to you!

Pastor Brad Dokken

Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy, Call, and Leadership

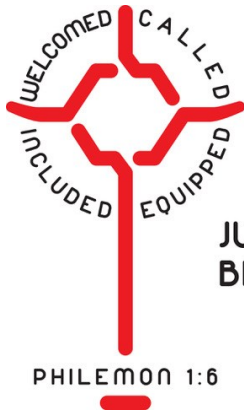


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April 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Worship Palm Sunday 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 | 3 | 4 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Luth. 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran | 5 Worship Maundy Thursday 7:00pm at Belfield Lutheran | 6 Worship 7:00pm at Belfield Lutheran | 7 Worship Good Friday 7:00pm at Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran | 1 |
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**WND SYNOD
ASSEMBLY
JUNE 2-4, 2023
BISMARCK, ND**

WND SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center

Pre-Assembly activities will begin on Friday, June 2, 2023. Synod Assembly opens with worship on Saturday morning and concludes with worship in the early afternoon on Sunday, June 4, 2023.

Bishop Craig will provide a video sermon recording and sermon manuscript that can be used by lay leaders in local congregational worship on June 4 allowing us all to worship together as an entire synod. Rostered Ministers are expected to attend and participate in the full Synod Assembly schedule.

Registration Opens April 15th, 2023 [Western North Dakota Synod \(windsynod.org\)](http://windsynod.org)



BLC Work Day!

Saturday, April 15th, 2023

8:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m.

Clean the church and Upper

Level of the

Food Pantry

See you there!



*I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.
Philemon 1:6*

In our ongoing prayers...

Family of Nicole Koegl, Kathy Malkowski, Glenda Buckman, Rosemary Walter, Halle Blain, Kwirt Johnson, Pastor Beth Parks, Randy Mosser, Dale Oyhus, Bernadette Obrigewitch, Maurice Obrigewitch, Craig McLaughlin, JoAnne Suomala, Mary Knotts, Bryce Wigert, Norma Newton, Lanie Nichols, Margaret Braun, Johnny Syminow, Mark Hinrichs, 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 Altar Guild

**Thank you to Darnyl Malkowski & Alexis Malkowski for serving in March
Serving in April— Dana & Maci Wanner**

Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild! See Jean Franklin for details.



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April 2023

TO:

April 2023 Worship Schedule

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| 2 | 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m. | Medora Worship Belfield Worship Daglum Worship |
| 6 | 7:00 p.m. | Maundy Thursday Belfield Lutheran |
| 7 | 7:00 p.m. | Good Friday Belfield Lutheran |
| 9 | 6:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Daglum Easter Worship Medora Easter Worship Belfield Easter Worship |
| 16 | 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Medora Worship Belfield Worship |
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