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Parish Visitor

Belfield Lutheran Church · Daglum Lutheran Church · Medora Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

Worship

What is worship? Many of you have different experiences of worship.

- Tradition
- Being fed / spiritual renewal
- Praising God
- Praying/Plea for help
- Transformation?

For some, worship is passive - As Pastor Lisa Lewton recently blogged, "We live much of our lives as consumers. Passively, we *consume* media, products, services, and entertainment. When we passively receive something, little is expected of us. We simply receive what is offered."

In our typical Lutheran Christian worship, we include liturgy. Liturgy is the work of the people. We all work together to express our faith and grow our faith. Liturgy is not one person speaking, reading, singing, and sharing, but instead it is all of us participating together. We might sing or read responsively, engaging in "conversation" of sorts. For example, I might offer a prayer ending in "Lord, in your mercy," and the congregation will respond "hear our prayer." There is also a basic pattern for worship among Lutherans. We *gather*. We encounter God's *word*. We share a *meal* at the Lord's table. And we are *sent* into the world.

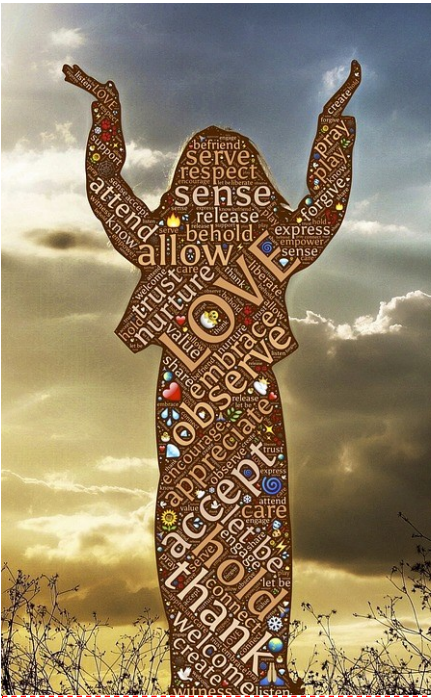
Are you a consumer or a participant? Are you gathering with others (in person or together with others online!)? When you hear God's Word, are you responding with those gathered, "Thanks be to God" (or even "really, God?")? If you are online, this might mean typing into the chat something that struck you as important or a question that it raised for you. If you are in person, this might mean continuing conversation at a fellowship time. Are you able to share in the meal of Holy Communion? How are you changed so that when you continue into the world in your everyday lives you respond to worship by loving your neighbor, serving all people, and working for justice and peace in the world?



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Extravaganza Pictures
- VBS
- Synod Assembly
- Sunday School Pictures
- Window Fundraiser

Senior Recognition will be held Sunday, May 14th, 2023



Pastor Lisa continues, “Worship is a communal expression of our faith in Jesus Christ and our yearning for deeper faith. It is not something we rate, like an Amazon purchase, nor is worship something we complain about when it doesn't "meet our needs.”

Worship is not created as an event to meet your needs. Jesus is the One who meets our needs! The Holy Spirit is active to gather us together in worship, and to enlighten us in the communal life into which we are called. Together we listen to the Holy Spirit and that requires participation. Not one of us can sit back and simply consume a single worship service.

Pastor Lisa concludes, “If you become a worship consumer, what does that mean for your neighbor who is hungry, addicted, tired, imprisoned, or depressed? Your neighbor needs the Spirit to deepen your faith as you worship in order to share the deep love of Christ with your life.”

See you in worship!

(To read her entire post:

<https://lisalewton.com/2023/03/29/when-does-worship-actually-start/>

+ *Pastor Dawn Busch*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... 1 Peter 1:3

**BLC Parish
Fundraiser for
Parsonage Windows
Click here to donate:
Belfieldluthern.org or
medoralutheranchurch.org
Thank You!**

EASTER SUNDAY BAND



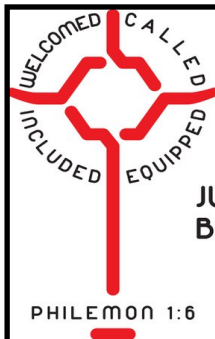
L to R: Reese Hugelen, Rudy Hugelen, Rex Hugelen, Bailee Ross, Maci Wanner, Justin Hutzenbiler and Darnyl Malkowski

Parsonage Windows

\$550 has been raised toward this project.
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



**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)

May

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran
Worship 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Choir Practice 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 am – Daglum 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	8	9	10	11	12	13
		8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	5:30 pm – Youth Goup @ Belfield Lutheran	7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran
Worship 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Choir Practice 10:00 am – Belfield 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	15	16	17	18	19	20
		3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	5:30 pm – Youth Goup @ Belfield Lutheran	7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	4:00 pm – Belfield HS Graduation
Worship 8:30 am – Medora 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 am – Daglum 12:30 pm – South Heart HS Graduation 2:00 pm – Beach HS Graduation 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	22	23	24	25	26	27
		3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	Holy Land Trip Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran
Worship 8:30 am – Medora 10:00 am – Belfield 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	29	30	31	Pastor Dawn is at continuing education followed by vacation 4/30 – 5/11. For Emergencies contact: April 30 – May 3 -- Pastor Mike Pretzer – Peace Lutheran Church, Dickinson May 4 – 11 -- Pastor Dorothy Stein – Dunn County Parish		
		3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran				

Belfield Daglum Medora Fundraiser

Parish Extravaganza 2023



Thank you to all who participated in the 2023 Parish Fundraiser and made it a success! Thank you to all of you that volunteered your time, donations, baked goods, planning, cooking, cleaning, greeting, etc., etc. Thank you to all the area businesses that donated items for the live auction! It takes a community to make this fundraiser possible. Thank you all for supporting the BDM Parish and participating communities.

Sunday School Kids making Empty Tomb Rolls for Palm Sunday

The Empty Tomb Rolls represent Christ and the Tomb after he was resurrected. It's a great lesson for the kids and a wonderful dessert for the whole congregation! Thank you kids and Sunday School teachers for working so hard! They were delicious!



*He was buried, and he was raised on the third day, just as the scriptures said.
1 Corinthians 15:4*

In our ongoing prayers...

Remembering those in our prayers: The family and friends of Sergeant Jason Wallace, Dickinson Police Department, and all City of Dickinson Emergency responders, Bud Griffin, Lants Hurt, Larry Hanson, Lisa Solberg, Cory Tuhy, Kathy Malkowski, Glenda Buckman, Rosemary Walter, Halle Blain, Kwirt Johnson, Dale Oyhus, Pastor Beth Parks, Bernadette Obrigewitch, Maurice Obrigewitch, Craig McLaughlin, Mary Knotts, JoAnne Suomala, Norma Newton, Bryce Wigert, 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 and their families & 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 Dana & Maci Wanner for serving in April
Serving in May – Nita Northrup and Madeline Layton
Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild! See Jean Franklin for details.***





Gospel Seeds

WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD

WNDSYNOD.ORG

MAY 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

This Month's Writer: Pastor Mark Nygard

Come Celebrate a Double Church Birthday!

The Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Cameroon and Central African Republic are 100 years old this year, and we are throwing a double birthday party of them. On July 7-9, 2023, Lutherans from the United States and Canada will be gathering in the Twin Cities to mark the event, and we'd like you to be there.

It was March 8, 1923, actually, when they landed in Douala, Cameroon — Norwegian-Americans with names like Adolphus Gunderson from Stoughton, Wisconsin, his bride Marie Gunderson from Bode, Iowa, and Anne Olsen and Olette Berntsen, Lutheran deaconesses from Brooklyn. Troubled by the lack of Christian witness across a wide band of African geography known as “the Sudan,” they set out to share their faith with those who had not yet heard. After 26 days of walking bush trails and exploring places to begin their work, they settled down in a town called Mboula. Soon dozens, then hundreds, then thousands of African believers joined them, and our Lutheran World Federation companion churches in Cameroon and Central African Republic are the result.

And it all began 100 years this year. How often do you get to celebrate an event like that? This summer is the time.

We'll be arriving in the Twin Cities Friday, July 7th, and staying in the Hilton Garden Inn in Minneapolis, just across the street from Central Lutheran Church. Saturday morning we'll be bused to Luther Seminary for A Day of Song and Seminar. The five North American companion synods have invited Cameroonian church president Baïguele Jean, Central African church president Ngoe Joseph, and two women's leaders, Sodea Joëlle Kyria and Francine Grace Yaimann, to be present. You will hear them talk about current opportunities and challenges in their home churches. You will get to ponder how they do evangelical outreach so effectively in their context and wonder how we might do it better in ours. You will have a chance to be part of a missionary supper that evening before being bussed back to the Hilton. Sunday morning festal services at Central Lutheran will include ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as preacher. And we will conclude our weekend over coffee and fellowship at Central before saying our farewells.

It's the event of a century. Again, we'd like you to be there. Two online registration sites are available: <https://sdsynod.org/sudanmissioncentennial> for general registration, and <https://sdsynod.org/glocalyouth2023> for a unique program for youth. Check them out. And welcome!

Pastor Mark Nygard, retired ELCA missionary on behalf of the organizing committee

Synod Assembly 2023

Sat. June 3 – Sun. June 4, 2023

Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center

Pre-Assembly Workshops Fri. June 2

Registration now open at www.wndsynod.org/synod-assembly



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Easter and Mental Health

Struggling with a mental health issue, either your own or a loved one's, can often feel lonely and sometimes hopeless. Across the nation, and particularly in rural areas, there are a lack of trained providers and waiting lists are long to be able to see a mental health counselor. The state of ND is doing some great things with their Behavioral Health Unit to try and address the rising issues of mental health in our communities, but there are still many hurdles to getting good care. As people of God, we have something to offer in the midst of all of this. We have a God who claims us as beloved children. We have a Savior who brings life out of death. We have the Holy Spirit who calls us together as the body of Christ to love and care for one another and the world that God made. We are a people of hope, and we are a piece of the puzzle as our communities think about addressing these critical issues and bringing hope

**Holy
Land?**

**Have you ever thought about
visiting the Holy Land?
Come to an informational
meeting on May 24th at 7pm at
Belfield Lutheran Church**

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
John 14:27*

and wholeness to those who are struggling. May is Mental Health Awareness month. And in the church we are still in the season of Easter. A whole seven weeks to talk about and celebrate the new life and hope that we have in Christ. Seven weeks to talk about how our God can take even the most hopeless situations and breathe new life into them. What might it look like for the church to talk about these issues during the season of Easter and the month of May? What might it be like to include those who are struggling with mental health in our prayers each day and each Sunday?

How can our congregations open the conversation and reduce the stigma of mental health issues so that we could bring the new life and hope we have in Jesus Christ to those who are hurting?



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



Belfield Lutheran Church
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Medora Lutheran Church

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TO:

<i>May 2023</i> <i>Worship Schedule</i>		
7	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Daglum Worship
14	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship
21	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Daglum Worship
28	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship



Vacation Bible School will be held
at Belfield Lutheran Church
July 10th-13th, 2023