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From the Pastor

I am...You are..We are..

This theme for the 2023 LYO gathering in Mandan invited us to reflect on ourselves, our friends and enemies, and our community. We reflected on this verse from 2nd Corinthians and spent time thinking about what that means for us. Here are some of the responses of the students who gathered together.

I AM...a student, a sister/brother, a daughter/son. I am funny, smart, nervous, kind, caring, generous, and excited. I am unique, loving, trustworthy, friend, beloved, enough, wonderfully made. I am a basketball player, a volleyball player, a track star, a musician, AND a child of God.

YOU ARE...classmate, family, teacher. You are helpful, honest, kind, fun, unique, loyal, strong, cool, awesome. You are mean, bully, difficult, and still a child of God.

WE ARE... North Dakotans, faithful servants, Lutheran, community, strong, united, friends, loved, broken, forgiven, saved by grace, AND children of God!

What would you add to these lists?

We spent time thinking about this verse from 2nd Corinthians:

"Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, I am strong." -2nd Corinthians 12:10

We are all the things that I am and You are when we come together. Even though we are weak, together with Christ, we are strong. As a parish of three churches, we are just a tiny part of the body of Christ. I pray that wherever you find yourself in the world today you will be reminded that you are a child of God. Have the confidence to say "I am a child of God!" Together, we are children of God in the body of Christ and God calls us together to love God and love our neighbors. Thanks be to God!

+ Pastor Dawn



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Thrivent Financial Webinars
- National Youth Gathering 2024
- Women's Retreat
- Faith Conversations
- Confirmation

Daglum Fall Dinner 11/19/23 after Worship

**Badlands Ministries Annual Meeting 11/18/2023
at Peace Lutheran Church or on Zoom**



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We are Thankful for YOU!



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| AUTUMN | FALL |
| BREAD | FAMILY |
| CASSEROLE | GRATEFUL |
| CORNUCOPIA | GRAVY |
| CRANBERRY | MAYFLOWER |
| NOVEMBER | PUMPKINPIE |
| PECANPIE | THANKFUL |
| PILGRIMS | THANKSGIVING |
| PLYMOUTH | THURSDAY |
| POTATOES | TURKEY |



*And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
Matthew 28:20b*



Congratulations to Taya Marie Jung on her Confirmation

Taya was confirmed on October 29th, 2023 at Belfield Lutheran. Please continue to pray for Taya as she continues to grow in faith.

Taya Marie Jung

Taya Marie Jung was born February 20, 2009 in Bismarck, ND.
 Scott and Kristen Jung are her parents.
 Taya was baptized October 1, 2011 at House of Prayer in Bismarck, ND
 Her baptismal sponsors are Zack Tiggelaar and Eric Jung.
 Taya's favorite Bible verse is Matthew 28:20b
 Luke 10:25-37 — "The Good Samaritan" is her favorite Bible story.
 Mary, Mother of Jesus is Taya's favorite person in the Bible.



Confirmation 2023



Taya's Faith Statement

I believe that God is the creator of heaven and earth. Everyone should believe this. God does everything and God is good. I believe that God is good all the time and all the time God is good. I believe this because I know God forgives even when you don't do what you're supposed to.

God has given me family, animals, shelter, food and water. God promises to always be with you. I like to spend time with God all day long, including praying and helping others.

My favorite Bible character is Mary, the mother of Jesus. God asked her to do something scary and God promised to be with her. God told her she was important and I believe that God thinks I'm important too.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	2 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	3	4 8:30 am – 4:30 pm ct. WND Synod Enrichment Gathering @ Velva ND
5 Worship Daylight Savings Ends 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 am – Daglum 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	6 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	7 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	8 5:30 – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 7:00 Choir Practice @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	9 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	10	11 9:00 am – 3:15 pm WELCA Women's Retreat @ Belfield Lutheran
12 Worship 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	13 6:30 pm – Belfield Council Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	14 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	15 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 6:30 pm – Youth Group @ Belfield Lutheran 7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	16 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	17	18
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COMMISSION FOR A RENEWED LUTHERAN CHURCH - PASTOR GAIL HAGERTY

In July, the 35 members of the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church (CRLC) met for the first time. The CRLC came together as 35 individuals from across the ELCA and left as a Commission, anticipating additional thought-provoking and challenging discussions and work. Pastor Gail Hagerty from WNDS is a member of the Commission.

The meeting was opened and closed with worship and centered on dwelling in the word Bible studies and reflections. Rev. Susan Johnson, national bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada served as facilitator for the commission, which is chaired by Rev. Carla Christopher and Leon Schwartz.

Community was strengthened as the group:

- Reviewed the memorial from the 2022 Churchwide Assembly and considered the group's charge. The memorial called for appointment of a diverse group to consider the statements of purpose for each of the expressions of the ELCA (congregation, synod, and churchwide organization) and their organizational structures.
- Discussed the group's charge to commit to anti-racism as directed by the 2022 memorial and committed to further listening and education to carry out the charge,
- Created and agreed to a process covenant to guide future work.
- Established that the main goal for the CRLC in 2023 would be to listen to the wider church.

The CRLC has a series of online and in-person meetings scheduled, with the next in-person meeting being scheduled for the first weekend in December. The group is to make recommendations to the 2025 churchwide assembly.

**This article was taken from the Western ND Synod E-News Publication [Synod E-news](#)*

*Offer to God a Sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the most high.
Psalm 50:14*

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Gospel Seeds

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Inviting Volunteers
Western North Dakota Synod
Paul N. Marsh, CFRE, GSB Fundraising



For more than a decade, church clients have repeated the same challenge to me: volunteers are harder to recruit than ever before.

Volunteers are the backbone of any successful congregational ministry. What used to be called the 80/20 Rule (80% of the work is done by 20% of the people) is now 90/10 or worse. So how do you reverse this trend in your church?

We have talked in this space about the process to get a financial gift: we **inform** about what we are raising money for specifically, we **inspire** by answering the question why this project is so important, we **invite** a specific gift or gift commitment, and we **thank** the donor. The process for recruiting a volunteer is the same!

Prospective volunteers want to serve, but most are concerned about signing on for an endless term of service, being drawn into unrelated tasks for which they have no interest or ability, and being unsupported. When you address these concerns up front, you will have a far greater chance of success in recruitment.

We suggest preparing a one-pager that describes three to five specific tasks of the role, the specific term of service (usually one year except for council members), and email and phone numbers for leaders who will respond to questions or problems which may arise. Also nice to have are some quotes from those who have served in that role in the past, describing how meaningful the role was to them.

Finally, plan an exhaustive annual volunteer orientation and training program.

When you begin implementing this plan for recruitment, you will see an increase in dedicated volunteers.



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Belfield, Daglum, Medora Lutheran Ladies Retreat

Saturday, November 11, 2023
Belfield Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Enjoy
A Bible Study, Music, Crafts,
Good Food, and Fellowship

Registration, coffee, and caramel rolls at 9:00am
Lunch will be provided
The retreat will run till about 3:15pm

Bring a Bible for the Bible Study
***Bring any old jewelry you have and a hot or cold glue gun
and glue sticks (if you have them on hand)**

Please RSVP to Jean Franklin at 701-238-0526
Text or Call
by October 29

Cost will be \$20 to be paid at registration

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Finding Hope, Humor, and Heart in Caregiving and touches upon caring for loved ones who can no longer care for themselves with real life stories and practical strategies that will help manage the emotional stress that may come with it. Available September 1st – November 30th. <https://bit.ly/caregivingvo12fas>

The Big Picture – 11 Laws That Will Change Your Life with Tony Horton. Tony, one of America’s best-loved and most-known fitness gurus, shares 11 rules that provide a clear path and purpose to achieving life goals and obtaining optimal health. Available September 1st – September 30th. <https://bit.ly/tonyhortonondemand>

Longevity Risk in Retirement: Steps to Retirement Security with Tom Hegna. Find out how to plan ahead for income you cannot outlive and care you may eventually need. Available Tuesday, September 26th at 10am and 6pm Mountain Time. <https://bit.ly/hegnalongevity>

Virtual, On-Demand Concert with Danny Gokey. Danny Gokey, former American Idol contestant shares his powerful testimony during an exclusive interview followed by an awe-inspiring session of worship and praise. Available September 1st – September 10th. https://bit.ly/DG_LIAM

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New Orleans JULY 16-20, 2024

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Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

Thank you to Shelly Dukart and Barb Newton
For Serving in October
Serving in November
Paulette Dorval & Marina Pickett
Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild!
See Jean Franklin for details.

FAITH
Conversations

Let’s have conversations about Bible Stories and how we experience God in our lives.

Join us in person or online for “Faith Conversations”

The October class will be held the 4th Monday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Belfield Lutheran Church

Zoom is an available option—please contact Pastor Dawn if you need to attend the class via zoom.

BLC Farewell to the Jung Family

Belfield Lutheran Church bid farewell to the Jung Family October 29th, 2023 as they transition to New England. Please to continue to pray for their family as they walk through this journey.



*Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.
Psalm 107:8-9*

In our ongoing prayers...

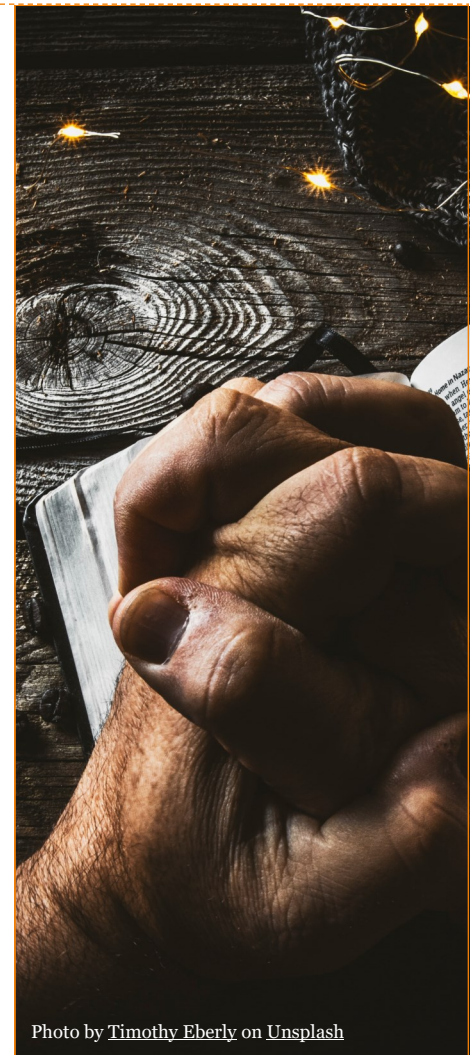
Remembering those in our prayers:

Remembering those in our prayers: The Family of Becky Yadon, The Family of Norma Newton, The Family of Sharon Hutton, The Family of Duane Davis, Sue Mosser, Sherry Solberg, Delores Roy, Todd Corneil, Darrell Hanson, Cord Kessel, Larry Hanson, Cory Tuhy, Halle Blain, Glenda Buckman, Rosemary Walter, Kwirt Johnson, Mary Knotts, Pastor Beth Parks, Craig McLaughlin, Lanie Nichols, Bernadette Obrigewitch, Maurice Obrigewitch, JoAnne Suomala, Johnny Syminow, Mark Trechock, Lincoln Lee Johnson, Monica Hushka, 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 including PFC Cole Potter, 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



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Worship Schedule

5	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Daglum Worship
12	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
19	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Daglum Worship
26	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship

On All Saints Day, let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God for the lives of All saints, especially those connected to our parish.

Becky Yadon	Dick Green
James Barnett	Billy Hinrich
Norma Newton	Dick Schuhrke
Sharon Hutton	Audrey Kuntz
Carmen Ruud	RoseMarie Andreas
Margaret Braun	
Bud Griffin	
Dwight Lindbo	
Tim O'Brien	
Jason Wallace	

