

November 2022

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Parish Visitor

Belfield Lutheran Church · Daglum Lutheran Church · Medora Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

All Saints

As Lutherans we are not afraid to proclaim the reality of sin and acknowledge our need for a savior. We *also* remember that God is gracious and merciful and that **we are all saved by grace through faith**, Even though we are sinners, because of God's grace we can also bear the name Saint. In our readings this month, the prophets name the evil they see in the world and announce God's will to punish. In individual and communal worship, we confess our sin, lament the evil within us, and trust in a God who loves us anyway.

For Lutherans this renewal begins in baptism. The baptism liturgy in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* uses themes we see throughout the November readings. We can renounce sin, death, and the devil knowing that all evildoers will be destroyed (Mal. 4:1, Lectionary 33). The recitation of the Apostles' Creed reminds us of the thief's proclamation of faith in Jesus (Christ the King). The thanksgiving at the font echoes the formulaic retelling of God's saving acts in Deuteronomy (Day of Thanksgiving). The blessing after baptism almost perfectly echoes Paul's vision that we are "marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit" (Eph. 1:13, All Saints). The welcome of the baptized into the "Lord's family" expands our view of who is family and to whom we owe our obligation, just as Jesus commanded in the giving of the golden rule: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31, All Saints).

Following the confirmation of 8 students this fall, All Saints Sunday is a good reminder that we are all saved by grace. We are all sinners in need of a savior, AND by God's grace we are all saints rejoicing in our Christ, Jesus. Let us rejoice and celebrate with those who have gone before us and those students who have affirmed their baptismal promises, confirming their faith alongside all the saints.

+ Pastor Dawn

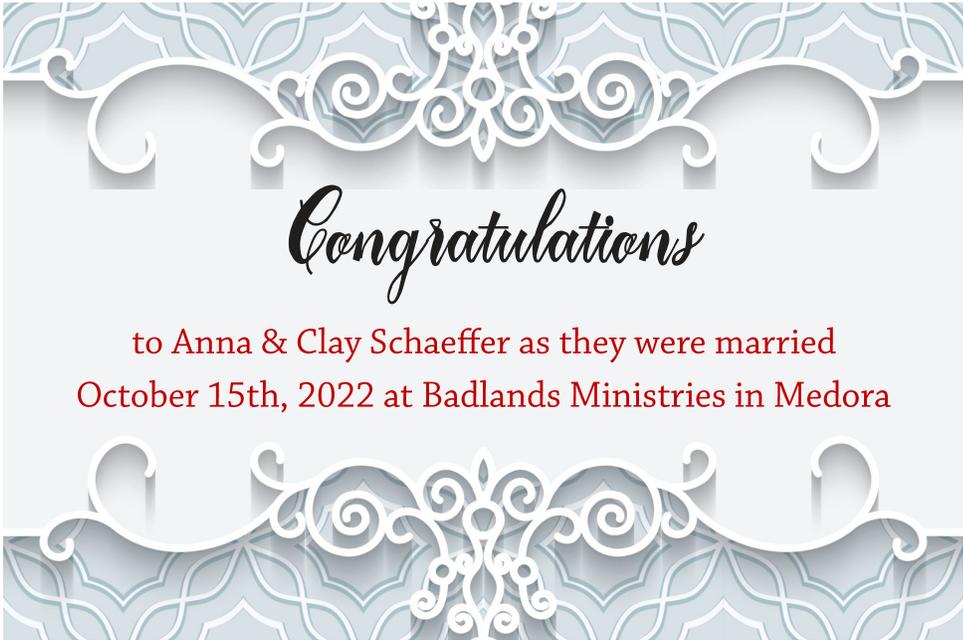


SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Thrivent Financial
- Badlands Ministries
- Women's Retreat



Happy Thanksgiving



Congratulations

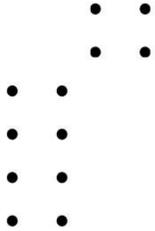
to Anna & Clay Schaeffer as they were married
October 15th, 2022 at Badlands Ministries in Medora

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6



INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

Travis Olson, Financial Professional with Thrivent, will be in Belfield to let us know what Thrivent can do for us.



Did you know Thrivent has funds available for us to use in fundraisers? Did you know Thrivent has savings opportunities for us?

Travis will join us for worship and share a brief presentation for us at coffee hour. He will be available for questions and answers.

Come and find out how Thrivent can help you!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Belfield Lutheran Church

November

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	2 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ Belfield Lutheran	3 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	4 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	5
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I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. Psalm 9:1



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OCTOBER 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Bishop Craig Schweitzer

So What Does the ELCA Conference of Bishops Actually Do?

A pastoral reflection from Bishop Craig following the Fall 2022 Conference of Bishops Meeting

The ELCA's Conference of Bishops (CoB) has just completed their fall meeting. The CoB meets twice a year in person. Additionally, they meet for quarterly online meetings and twice a month for continuing education, prayer, and conversation. The conference is comprised of the 65 synodical bishops, the Presiding Bishop, and the Secretary of the ELCA.

Many times, CoB meetings are fairly routine with a well-organized agenda that we diligently follow. This meeting had those elements, but it also contained other work and events that were not normal parts of our meetings. In many ways, it reflected the emerging landscape of our church. It was a sacred and holy time.

I'm honored to be able to share with you a few highlights from the Fall 2022 ELCA Conference of Bishops' meeting – We received reports from various committees, Churchwide staff and the Presiding Bishop. This reflects some of the “routine” parts of a CoB meeting.

We were joined by seminary presidents for a time of prayerful discussion about the call and candidacy processes in our church and began to discern the many ways that God may be calling us to live into these processes differently. The challenge of available rostered ministers for calls in this church is a concern not only for the Western North Dakota synod, but for nearly every synod in the ELCA.

We affirmed a new Relational Agreement among the conference that will shape our relationship with each other as members of the CoB, with other expressions of our church, and with our full-communion partners. This agreement will be reviewed by the CoB on an annual basis.

We spent time debating, discussing, and praying about the Conference of Bishops role within several memorials passed by the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly that asked for synodical bishop input and insight.

Specifically, our discussion focused on memorials about a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church, a review of the 2009 social statement Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust, and the processes related to on-leave from call roster status for rostered ministers of this church.

We were invited into a time of conversation and story sharing by the CoB's Congregational Vitality Committee. Bp. Katherine Finnegan (Northern Great Lakes Synod) and I serve on this committee and were called upon to facilitate the conversation.

We continued the CoB's work around issues of racism within our church by devoting a significant amount of our time together learning and listening to each other in new and renewed ways. This work will continue as we seek to one day become an anti-racist and more inclusive church. Finally, we celebrated with the entire church the 25th anniversary of Fund for Leaders. The ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship program supports students of tremendous promise attending ELCA seminaries. By making seminary more affordable, the ELCA Fund for Leaders enables more future rostered ministers to go to seminary and helps them graduate with less debt, empowering those whom God calls into ministry to go and serve as the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads. Cheryl Lantz from St. John Lutheran Church in Dickinson, ND is a Fund for Leaders scholarship recipient from our synod this year. Cheryl is in candidacy for word and service ministry (Deacon) and is currently studying at Luther Seminary. We are church, and each of us has a unique role to play in furthering the mission and ministry of the church. I invite to consider a financial gift to the Fund for Leaders scholarship program to help ensure that highly talented individuals will be able to answer the call to leadership for this church and for our future. Visit www.ELCA.org/fundforleaders for more information.

As the Apostle Paul said to the ancient church in Philippi, “I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.” (Philippians 1:3-5) so I give thanks for you today! The ministry and mission God is calling us into as a synod and a church is often complex and challenging. In all times and places, the work we do together is sacred and holy. May all that we say and do together continue to proclaim the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ!

With gratitude for the ELCA Conference of Bishops and each one of you,

Bishop Craig



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God's work. Our hands.

Badlands Ministries

UPCOMING

Check Out Our Upcoming Events this Year!

EVENTS



Sept. 17

Mother/Daughter Tea Party
Join us at the Backyard Play Cafe in Dickinson from 1:00pm - 2:30pm from crafts, activities, and a tea party with your best gals. Go to www.badlandsministries.org/retreats to register today.



Sept. 25

42nd Annual Fall Event
Badlands Ministries 42nd Annual Fall event will again be held at Badlands Ministries this year. Check the website for details as it gets closer.



Oct 1

Harvest Festival
Bring the whole family out to carve pumpkins, play carnival games, enjoy a hay ride, and so much more! Join us in the Dining Hall from 1PM-4PM.



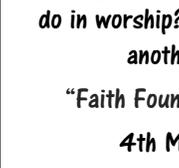
Oct 8-16

Adult Bus Tour to Cincinnati, OH
There's still room to join us on this wonderful adventure. Check the website for more details on transportation and cost.



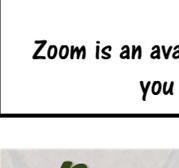
Nov 11-13

Fall Crafting Retreat
Spend a weekend in the badlands, eating delicious food, finishing up projects for the holidays and meeting new people. Go to our website to register today!



Nov 12

Fall Craft Class
Come out for the day and craft in the badlands. See our website for more details as the event gets closer.



Dec 10

Camp Christmas
Join us in celebrating the true reason for the season... the birth of Jesus! As always, this family fun event is free of charge.

For more information:
701-623-4332 www.badlandsministries.org

Parsonage Fund

We, your BDM Parish Council, have been working on updates and repairs in the Parsonage. Painting and flooring on the main floor, basement windows, shingles on the house and garage, gutters and the basement bathroom repairs and update are a few of the things that have been completed. Our goal is \$12,000. You have heard the term glass half full. Since we haven't had the Extravaganza for the last 2 years, we need to refill our glass in a different way. These funds will be used to continue this process. Some of the things that need to be done are:

Replacing the Exterior Doors including storm doors
Upstairs Windows also need replacing



\$12,000

\$7233

\$6913

\$4400

\$400

Will you please help us fill this glass?

Thank you.

Faith Foundations



Have you ever wondered why we do some of the things we do in worship? Or why we teach the command to "love one another"? Join us in person or online for "Faith Foundations" Class in October will be held the 4th Monday, November 28th 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.

Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

Thank you to shelly Dukart and Barb Newton
For Serving in October

Serving in November
Paulette Dorval and Marina Redig

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



Belfield, Daglum, Medora Lutheran Ladies Retreat

Saturday, November 5, 2022
Belfield Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

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

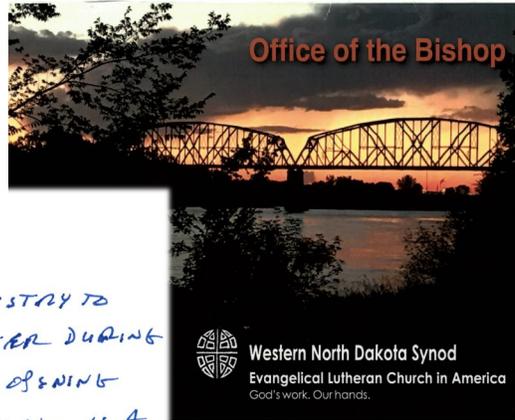
Registration, coffee, and caramel rolls at 9:00am
Lunch will be provided
The retreat will run till about 4:00pm

Bring a Bible for the Bible Study
Bring a full roll of scotch tape, a scissor to cut paper,
and a manicure scissor for our craft
We will be making Iris Folded Cards

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

Cost will be \$20 to be paid at registration

Sponsored by the Belfield WELCA



Minden, Belfield, & Jaglum
Lutheran Churches,
Thank you for your ministry to
our synod's rostered minister during
this recent gathering. The opening
meal, prepared and served by you, is a
blessing this annual event!

God's Bishop
Pastor - CRAIG

*Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.
James 1:17*

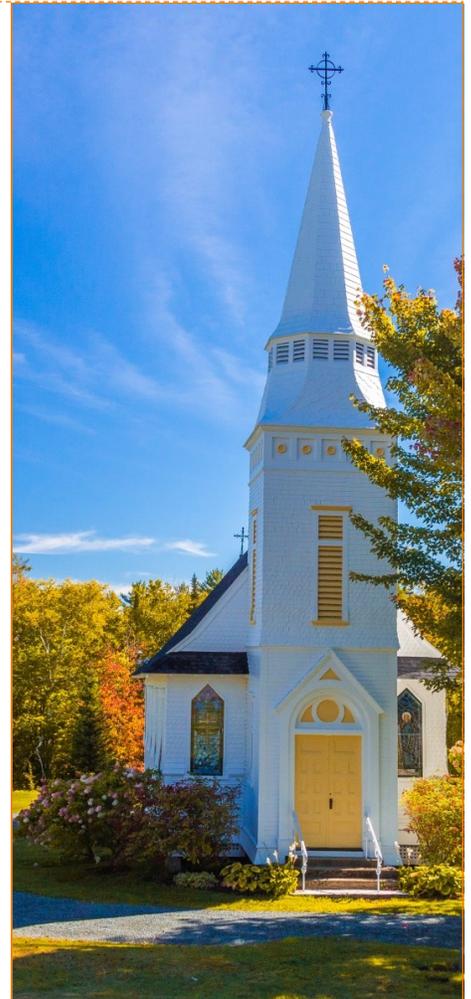
In our ongoing prayers...

The family of RoseMarie Andreas · The family of Purn Webb
Jeannie Redmond · Schuhrke family · Philip Malkowski · Steven Cowan
Denise Cowan · Dale Oyhus · Mary Knotts · Bryce Wigert
Norma Newton · Lanie Nichols · Margaret Braun · Johnny Syminow
Mark Hinrichs · Nicole Koegl · Lincoln Lee Johnson · Duane Davis
Marilyn Oyhus · Carmen Ruud · Mindy O'Brien · Becky Yadon
Monica Hushka · Mark Trechok · Janeen Nichols · Carol Johnson
Bennette Mansfield · Chandler Nichols

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



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November 2022 Worship Schedule

6	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Daglun Worship
13	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
20	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Daglun Worship
27	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.

Ardene O'Connell
Allan Theodore "Ted" Thompson
Sharleen Stigen
Rhonda Tooley
Laverne "Bunny" (Christianson) Nelson
Betty Cornell
Naomi Rossow
Carl Hastings
Mylo Bock
Jesse Urban
Connie Shure
Elizabeth (Betty) Kuntz
Marian Crook

