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Belfield Lutheran Church · Daglum Lutheran Church · Medora Lutheran Church

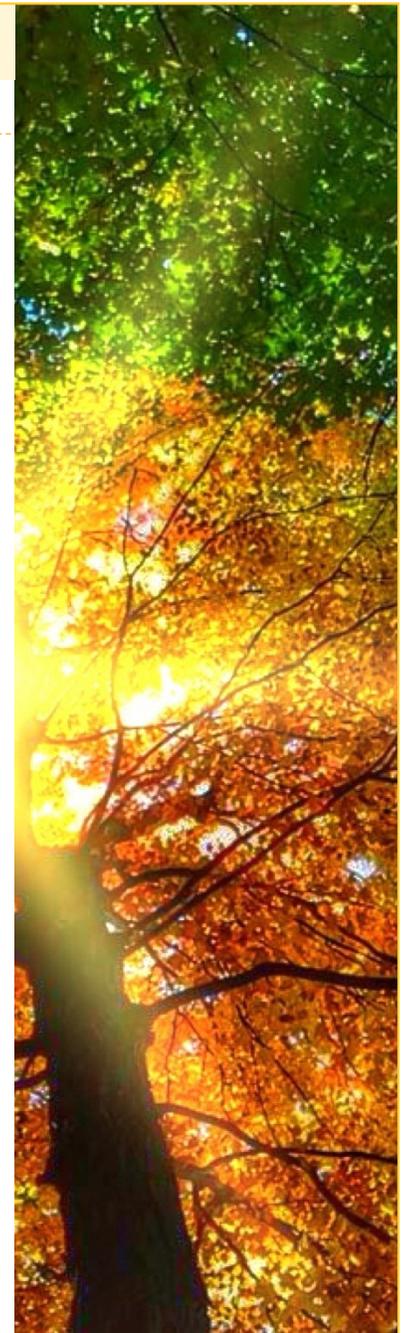
From the Pastor

New Beginnings - Change

September is filled with new beginnings! As most students and school staff returned to school in August, many are just now finding a new rhythm in new classrooms with new teachers and maybe even new students. Our Christian Education programs resume for Sunday School and Confirmation, and Bible studies continue on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Some of you have retired and others of you are starting new jobs. Some of you have moved and are adjusting to a new home and new neighbors. Babies are being born and grown children are moving out. Several weddings are being held this month, too! How do all these new beginnings affect us?

Most of these new beginnings require us to change. We might have to learn new rules, learn how to navigate a new routine, and/or learn how to make time for things that don't seem to fit anymore. Although many of us don't particularly care for change, we might admit that we cannot grow without change. (What if you hadn't changed since birth!?) Well, of course you have to change while you are growing up, but when can we consider ourselves grown up? There are always new things to learn as life changes around us. As costs increase, we have to figure out new ways to balance necessities with pleasures. The most significant changes, and probably the most important changes, are with regard to our relationships: relationships with family and friends, with teachers and classmates, with supervisors and coworkers. Each relationship changes as each individual grows.

I asked the question shortly after I moved to this area, "What keeps you coming to church?" The most prevalent answer I received was, "It's like family here." To me, that means there are meaningful relationships. There are people who care about one another and are willing to make time together a priority to the extent possible. That's exactly why worshiping together and making time for fellowship together is important - for our own individual growth and for the growth of our community. As we grow in community with others, we build



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Welca Fall Supper
- LYO
- Confirmation Classes Start
- Sunday School Starts!
- Women's Retreat

Sunday School Starts September 11th at BLC! Confirmation Starts at BLC on September 14th!



relationships. Relationships require commitment, communication, collaboration, and compassion. When we as individuals grow, we change, and when we change our relationships change.

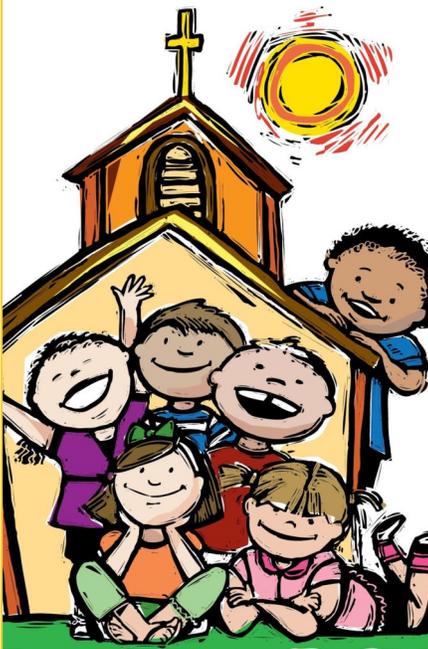
In this midst of our growing pains, we can be confident that one thing never changes:

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Let us continue to grow in our faith together so that we can share our faith together with those around us. In our growing and in our sharing, we have a firm foundation that will never change. Jesus has promised to be present where two or three are gathered together (Matt 18:19-20). Where two or three are gathered, relationships are built and change happens! Instead of dwelling on the change, let's focus on the joy of new beginnings and the ONE who never changes—Jesus!

+ *Pastor Dawn Busch*

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!. 2 Corinthians 5:17



Please check the
Website and
Facebook page
for updates!



9:00 a.m. Sunday School · 10:00 a.m. Church

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

Belfield Lutheran Church

BDM Confirmation 2022-2023

Classes will be starting soon!

All 7th-9th graders are welcome!

A Parent/Student Meeting will be held September 7th at 6:00 p.m. in Belfield.

Confirmation classes will be meeting

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. beginning September 14th

Please contact Pastor Dawn if you need to register.

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ELCA Lutheran Youth Organization **LYO ANNUAL SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING**



**PRESENTER
TONY MEMMEL**



**TOTAL FUN WITH
NEW FRIENDS!**

Join us for an Awesome Overnight Event together in Minot with youth from all over Western North Dakota!

Incredible Worship with an Inspirational Speaker, Tons of Fun Meeting New Friends and SO MUCH MORE!
Save the Date, Invite your Friends and Join Us!

9th-12th Grade: Thursday-Friday, October 20-21
6th-8th Grade: Friday-Saturday, October 21-22



Talk to your Pastor or Youth Leader to Sign Up!
Hold your Camera Phone to the QR Code for More Info.

The Women's Retreat that was scheduled for 9/23-9/25 has been cancelled. Instead of a weekend retreat, plans are being made for a one day retreat.



Welca Women's Day Retreat

Saturday,
November 5th,
2022

At Belfield
Lutheran Church
More details to
come!



**BLC WELCA
FALL SUPPER
10/16/2022**

**PLEASE WATCH
FOR
MORE DETAILS
WE HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
2 Corinthians 5:17*



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



**Will you please help
us fill this glass?**

Thank you.

Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

Thank you to Jenna Beck and Julie Newton

For Serving in August

Serving in September

Carmen Waldo and Sue Willet

Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild!

See Jean Franklin for details.



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Peter 1:3

In our ongoing prayers...

The family of Betty Cornell · The family of Alice Rogina
The family of Vernell Wagner · Shuhrke Family · Becky Yadon
The family of Sharleen Stigen · The family of Allan "Ted" Thompson
Bryce Wigert · Norma Newton · Lanie Nichols · Carol Johnson
Margaret Braun · Johnny Syminow · Mark Hinrichs · Page Myers
Nicole Koegl · Lincoln Lee Johnson · RoseMarie Andreas
Monica Hushka · Mark Trechok · Janeen Nichols · Delores Roy
Bennette Mansfield · Marilyn Oyhus · Mindy O'Brien
Chandler Nichols · Duane Davis · Carmen Ruud

Please pray for our students and athletes as they begin a new school year.
Please continue to pray for those who have lost their jobs, those with mental illness, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, those with Covid 19 illness and exposure, 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

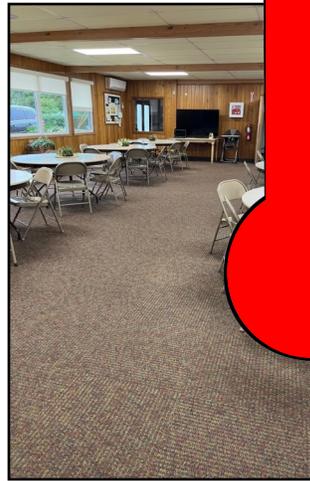


Build Up BLC Fundraiser!

The BLC Property Committee and the BLC Council would like to extend a huge thank you to all that have donated to our Build Up BLC Fundraiser! \$40,434 was raised in 2021 and \$20,499 in 2022, for a total of \$60,933! We need another \$24,067 to reach our goal of \$85,000. Thank you for your continued support!

Your generous donations have been used to replace the siding and windows, repair the masonry, replace the flooring throughout the church building, replace the boiler, upgrade the sound system in the sanctuary, install new air conditioners in the fellowship hall, kitchen and pastor's office, and update the narthex with new sheetrock, trim and paint.

The BLC Property Committee would like to thank those who have donated their time to help in renovation projects and fundraisers and those who have donated materials to help offset costs of repairs. Thank you!



Thank you to all who helped with the BLC Property Committee, Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser held at BLC on Saturday, August 20th! Thank you to all of those who came to support us as well.

Total Raised: \$1,145!





Gospel Seeds

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A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 2022

The Rev. Bradley Dokken Joins Western ND Synod Staff

On August 16, 2022, the Western North Dakota Synod Council voted unanimously to extend a call to the Rev. Bradley Lars Dokken. Pr. Dokken will serve as Associate with the Bishop for Leadership, Candidacy, and Call. Welcome, Pr. Dokken to the Western North Dakota Synod staff team!!



Pr. Dokken is a western North Dakota native, growing up in the Crosby area. His previous calls include Director of Youth and Family Ministries for the Watford City Area Lutheran Parish and First Lutheran Church in Williston. He has served three congregations as pastor; St John's in Marion WI, Peace Lutheran Church in Oshkosh WI and is currently serving as an intentional interim for English Lutheran in Hazen. Camping ministry is also an important part of his call to ministry, having spent several summers working at Upper Missouri Ministries in Epping. Pr. Dokken is a 2012 Wartburg Seminary graduate and was ordained to the ministry of word and sacrament on August 4, 2012. His spouse, the Rev. Stephanie Lorenz, is also a rostered minister in the ELCA and is currently serving as a chaplain at Sanford Health in Bismarck. They are proud dog parents to Gus, an 18-month-old Goldendoodle.



Pr. Dokken's philosophy when it comes to ministry is to remind people that God loves them and meets them where they are at. He loves to hear people's stories and help them see how we are all connected. We live in a world that desperately wants to know that they matter and belong; it is our calling as God's beloved to help others know how deeply God loves them.

He is an avid baseball and football fan, cheering on The Minnesota Twins and Vikings, along with being a life-long Chicago Cubs fan. He is also active in community theater productions, loves a good mystery novel, and is constantly in search of the best piece of bread pudding. He and his wife love going to Walt Disney World any chance they get and can be found enjoying local restaurants when possible.

Western North Dakota Synod Vice-President Bruce Carlson said, "We welcome Pr. Dokken to the synod staff team and are excited to see how God will work through

him in our shared mission and ministry to encourage and equip the ministries of our synod."

"I am deeply humbled to be called to this ministry," Pr. Dokken offers, "and to have the opportunity to walk alongside people as they are discovering what God is up to in their lives. I am grateful to Deacon Anderson and the ministry she has provided and will continue to provide for our synod. I am thrilled to join the staff of the Western North Dakota Synod as we look at how we can do ministry in diverse settings to best serve God's people."

Reflecting on this change within our synod's staff team, Bishop Craig Schweitzer said, "I am overwhelmed by the Spirit's work across this church as we have engaged in a season of celebration for the ministry of Deacon Beth Anderson, listened for what God might be calling us into next, and embraced holy conversations with candidates who imagined a call to synod ministry as an exciting new opportunity. I give thanks for Deacon Anderson's fourteen years of service to our synod and I'm excited to begin serving with Pr. Dokken. His wealth of knowledge of congregational systems and leadership challenges, deep love for the landscape and people of western North Dakota, and unending passion for sharing the love of Jesus will be a great asset for our synod's future mission and ministry."

Pr. Dokken's call to the synod begins on September 1, 2022.



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September

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	2 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	3
Worship 4 8:30 am – Medora 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 pm – Daglum 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	Labor Day 5	3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	7 1:00 pm – WND Synod public health class @ Belfield Lutheran 6:00 pm – Confirmation Parent/Student meeting @ Belfield Lutheran 7:00 pm – Choir practice @ Belfield Lutheran	8 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	9 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	10
Worship 11 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield 6:00 pm – Rostered Leaders Supper @ Badlands Ministries	Rostered Leaders Gathering @ Badlands Ministries 12	Rostered Leaders Gathering @ Badlands Ministries 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran 13	14 1:00 pm – WND Synod public health class @ Belfield Lutheran 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 7:00 pm – Choir practice @ Belfield Lutheran	15 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	16 Wedding Rehearsal @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	17 Wedding @ Belfield Lutheran
Worship 18 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 pm – Daglum with Fall Dinner to follow 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	6:30 pm – Belfield Council Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran 19	3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran 20	21 1:00 pm – WND Synod public health class @ Belfield Lutheran 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 6:30 pm – Youth Night @ Belfield Lutheran 7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ Belfield Lutheran	22 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	23 Wedding Rehearsal @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	24 Wedding @ Belfield Lutheran
Worship 25 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield 11:00 am – Badlands Ministries Fall Event 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	7:00 pm – Faith Foundations Study @ Belfield Lutheran 26	3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran 27	28 1:00 pm – WND Synod public health class @ Belfield Lutheran 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 7:00 pm – Choir practice @ Belfield Lutheran	29 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	30 Wedding Rehearsal @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	October 1 Wedding @ Belfield Lutheran

**This season at BDM Parish is a time of
Opportunity - You are needed!**

Have you ever walked into an event and even though you have seen some of the people before, no one said hello, smiled, or asked about you? Was that uncomfortable?

We want everyone who walks in the doors of our worship spaces to feel welcomed and wanted. Will you help this happen by being a Greeter, Usher, or Worship assistant?

The training is simple – “be present”.

We can even create a task just for you.

Contact the Parish Office at 701-575-4703 or email: pastordawn@ndsupernet.com



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 September will be held the
4th Monday, September 26th 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.*

YOUTH NIGHT

Friends & Fun!!

September, 21st

Belfield Lutheran Church

6:30 p.m.

7th-12th Grade

DAGLUM FALL SUPPER

*The Daglum Fall Supper will be
Sunday, September 18th, 2022
immediately following the church
service. Take a drive out to our little
country church on the prairie and take in
the lovely colors of autumn. Enjoy a
delicious meal, including homemade pies,
as we gather to share the gift of fellowship
with one another. A free will offering will
be taken to raise funds for our church's
missions.*

See you there!

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September 2022 Worship Schedule

4	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Daglum Worship
11	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
18	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Daglum Worship
		Daglum Fall Supper
25	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
		Badland's Ministries Fall Event



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