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# Parish Visitor

Belfield Lutheran Church · Daglum Lutheran Church · Medora Lutheran Church

## *From the Pastor*

### *God's love letter*

Have you ever thought about the Bible as God's love letter to you?

(By you I mean all of you - plural)

First, God walks with you and talks with you and you have everything you need! (Even companionship). Then, you make your first mistake. Just like you might be disappointed in your own child when they are caught in an act of disobedience, God questions you and you want to hide. God knows where you are and what you did, and God still loves you. You are given a set of rules to follow, and you know exactly what is expected of you, but those rules are SO hard to keep! And then you are reminded that the rules aren't just for you to have a good relationship with God, but also to have a good relationship with your neighbors. God knows you (singular) are special and God still loves all creation. You (plural) are God's favorite! So life becomes pretty complicated because now you know God has a great big heart and God wants you to have a great big heart also. Life goes on and there are struggles and trials and you recognize we live in a broken world. No one else is getting it right so why should I bother? It's impossible for me to make up for all the wrong I've done. God is all around, and you can't hide. God sees you and God promises to never leave you.

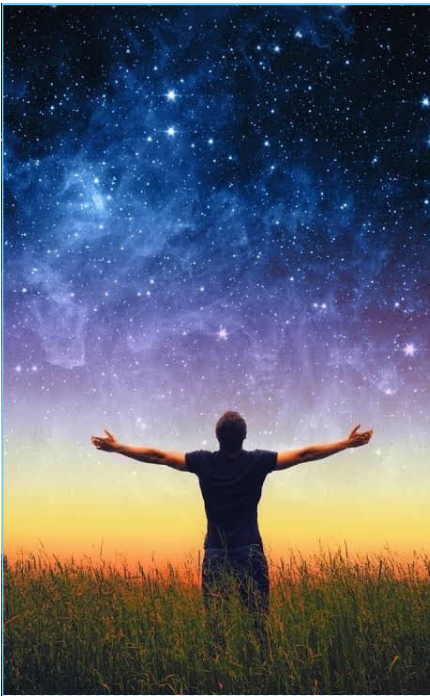
Then, something amazing happens! God shows up in the flesh! Jesus shows you who God really is and how much you are loved. Jesus is even willing to die for you!

We learn that even the first followers of Jesus didn't always get it right, and we can be assured of complete forgiveness. What an amazing gift!



### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST**

- Ash Wednesday Service
- Parish Extravaganza
- New Members
- 2022 Pastoral Acts
- Blood Drive



**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. **17** "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

In the end, God still wants to be with you. Jesus prays for you, the Holy Spirit intercedes and will give you words when you don't know what or how to pray. You are promised a place with God at a time no one knows, and one day, there will be no more pain or sorrow or death. We will all be with God in complete love for God and for all creation.

Talk about a God who is in love!! Thanks be to God!

+ *Pastor Dawn Busch*

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame. **Solomon 8:6**



Join us for Worship

February 22, 2023—7:00 p.m.

Belfield Lutheran Church

Lenten Mid-Week Worship - Wednesdays 6:30 PM

3/1/23—3/29/23 at Belfield Lutheran Church



# 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"?

"Faith Foundations", will be held

February 27th, 2023.

7:00 p.m. at Belfield Lutheran Church

Each class will include some Bible Study and discussion of faith practices.

## BELFIELD WELCA ANNUAL

Saturday, February 11th

11:00 a.m.

# Meeting



BELFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETARY

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### We Need Help With

- A Sexton
- Mowing
- General Upkeep
- and more!

The Belfield Lutheran Cemetery is looking for an apprentice Sexton. Wes Schurke, the current Sexton, would like to begin teaching someone what needs to be done to take care of the cemetery and what to do in the event he is not available when a family is in need of a plot.



Let's Join Us!

If you are interested in learning this very important job Please contact  
**Cory Smith at 701-590-4662**

Join us for fun and games after confirmation on **Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 P.M.**

**YOUTH NIGHT**

LIVE IN PERSON FEBRUARY 8TH

Belfield Lutheran Church

## Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild


Thank you to Doris Urban and Heidi Kukowski for serving in January

Serving in February

Jean Franklin and Sherri O'Brien

Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild!

See Jean Franklin for details.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran	2 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	3 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	4
5 <b>Worship</b> 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	6 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Luth. 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	7 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Luth. 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	8 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 6:30 pm – Youth Event – Contact Pastor Dawn	9 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	10 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	11 11:00 am –Belfield WELCA Annual Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran Church
12 <b>Worship</b> 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 9:00 am – Choir Practice 10:00 am – Belfield 11:30 am – BDM Parish Council Meeting - Belfield 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	13 6:30 pm – Belfield Council Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran Church	14 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Luth. 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	15 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran	16 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	17 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	18
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**Belfield Lutheran Church will be hosting a Blood Drive**

**February 27th, 2023 · 2:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Please contact Sara Bock 701-471-8989 for more information.**

Every blood donor is a hero.

Sign up at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or call the church office at 701-575-4703



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

## *In our ongoing prayers...*

The family of Audrey Kuntz · The family of Richard "Dick" Schuhrke  
Kwirt Johnson · Pastor Beth Parks · Bishop Craig Schweitzer · Doris Urban  
Maurice Obrigewitch · Craig McLaughlin · JoAnne Suomala · Dave Kuntz  
Randy Mosser · Steven Cowan · Philip Malkowski · Brad Johnson  
Denise Cowan · Dale Oyhus · Mary Knotts · Bryce Wigert · Al Urban  
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](mailto:newsletter@belfieldlutheran.org)



# BELFIELD DAGLUM MEDORA LUTHERAN PARISH

2022 Pastoral Acts  
(January 1 – December 31)

## Belfield Lutheran Church

### BAPTISMS:

Public Recognition – Lincoln Lee Johnson, May 22

### FIRST COMMUNION:

Molli Johnson, December 24

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMS:

Chase Kling, October 30

Gunner Jandt

Jordan Jung

Layton Bird

Logan Kukowski

Maci Wanner

Rubi Johnson

Rudy Hugelen

### WEDDINGS:

Taylor and Kiah Ridl, September 17

Mason and Casey Petri, September 24

Kadyn and Lexi Malkowski, October 1

### FUNERALS:

Ardene O’Connell (assisted), January 14

Allan Theodore “Ted” Thompson, June 21

Sharleen Stigen, July 6, burial August 5

Rhonda Tooley, September 29

RoseMarie Andreas (interment), November 3

## Medora Lutheran Church

### WEDDINGS:

Clay and Anna Schaeffer, October 15

### FUNERALS:

Laverne “Bunny” (Christianson) Nelson, June 5

Betty Cornell, July 26 (Stevenson Funeral Home)

### MEMBERSHIP ADDITIONS:

Carol Kostka, Clay Schaeffer, Brockton Walth-Schaeffer  
and Anna Busta, February 6

### BAPTISMS:

Cooper Dallas Laajala, February 20

### FIRST COMMUNION:

Hazel Kasian, December 24

Violet Kasian, December 24

## Daglum Lutheran Church

### FUNERALS:

### BAPTISMS:



Weekly Bible Studies

Confirmation Classes (Sept. – April)

Faith Foundations class monthly

Lenten Worship services including Ash  
Wednesday and Holy Week Worship  
(Palm/Passion, Maundy Thursday,  
Good Friday)

Devotions from the Badlands

Prayer for Rain online service 5/11/22

HS Graduate recognition 5/15/22

Synod Assembly 6/3-5

Medora BBQ Kickoff Blessing 6/5/22

VBS 7/11-14, HS Youth trip 7/17-23

Continuing Education including FCTE,  
Rostered Leader’s Retreat

LYO events 1/15, 8/20 and 10/20-22,  
monthly youth gatherings

St. Benedict’s and St. Luke’s worships  
(3/15, 6/7, 7/5, 9/6)

Badlands Ministries Board

Be counted as a Giving Heart on



# Giving Hearts Day

24-hour online fundraising event

To make a secure online donation to one or more of the charities go to:

## givingheartsday.org

**Support these SW North Dakota charities:**

- Assumption Abbey, Richardton, ND
- Badlands Ministries, Medora, ND
- Benedictine Living Community, Dickinson, ND
- Best Friends Mentoring Program, Dickinson, ND
- Camp ReCreation, Inc., Richardton, ND
- Chasing Horses Wild Horse Advocates, Dickinson, ND
- Dickinson Public Library Foundation, Dickinson, ND
- Home On The Range, Sentinel Butte, ND
- Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center, Elgin, ND
- Sunrise Foundation, Bowman, ND
- USpire ND - Healthy Families, North Dakota
- West River Health Services Foundation, Hettinger, ND



**Checks are also accepted!**

Checks must be dated and received by the charity on or before **Thursday, February 9, 2023!**  
Your donation goes directly to the charity of your choice!

*Your gift could improve life for so many in our region!*

# INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Please contact Pastor Dawn by February 5th so we can Welcome you to our church family on February 12th, 2023.

*For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:4-5*



## MEMBERSHIP



We want to remind our seniors how special and loved they are. KSLT invites you to help provide cards and special valentines (bought or hand-made), with a special note inside, that can be delivered into the hands of each person in a senior home, nursing home, or center within our five-state listening area.

If interested, please deliver your valentines to **Faith Expressions** in Dickinson by **Tuesday, February 7**

## My Golden Valentine

**2023 Parish Extravaganza**  
**Sunday, March 26th**  
**Soup Luncheon**  
**Games**  
**Auction**  
**More information to come!**

Belfield Lutheran Church  
Daglum Lutheran Church  
Medora Lutheran Church

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TO:



*February 2023 Worship Schedule*

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|-----------|------------|------------------|
| <b>5</b>  | 8:30 a.m.  | Medora Worship   |
|           | 10:00 a.m. | Belfield Worship |
|           | 11:45 a.m. | Daglum Worship   |
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|           | 10:00 a.m. | Belfield Worship |



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