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From the Pastor

HOPE

Many of us live our lives in a season of hope. In what, or for what do you hope?

We often express hope as wishful thinking or an expectation that something positive is going to happen: “I **hope** it won't snow” or “I **hope** I win the lottery.” This idea is supported in scripture. However, in the Old Testament, Hebrew words translated as “hope” refer to “waiting with expectation” and also to “trusting and being full of confidence.” Often this kind of hope is used in connection with trust in God’s saving help.

We recognize trouble and despair and longing in the Psalms – the poetry in the Bible that includes those who are crying out to God in many places and circumstances, and giving God praise.. not only for what God has done, but for what they **hope** God will do. Psalm 130 is an example of a Psalm that expresses trust in the Lord, especially in times of trouble. Verse 5 says, “*I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God’s word I **hope**;*” another translation reads, “*With all my heart, I am waiting, Lord, for you! I trust your promises.*” The Psalmist is waiting with expectation and trust that God will come to the rescue.

On Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem with people shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!” The word Hosanna means “Help” or “Save Us” It is a prayer of hope that Jesus is the one who will save. I don’t imagine the events following were exactly what were expected or hoped for. And yet, in waiting, God shows us that Jesus is indeed the one who saves us. Hosanna is a prayer we continue to express today, waiting in expectation and trusting, fully confident that God has saved us and will return to bring us peace. We might not be saved in the ways we might like from the oppression of the world, the bullies, or the trauma. We are saved from our own sinful human nature! We are promised forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus our Christ.

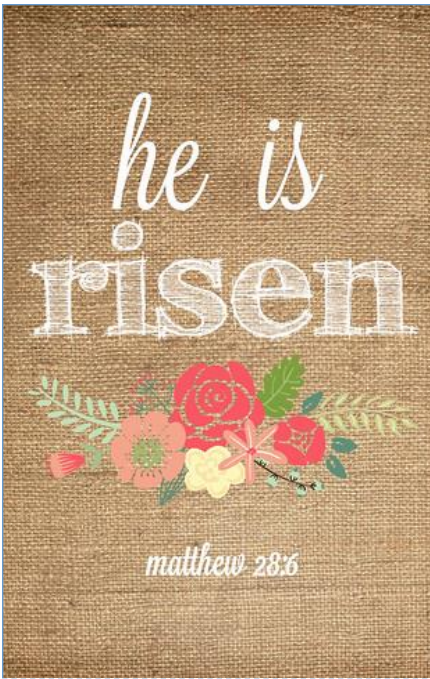
In God’s Easter promise, we continue to hope. Rather than hoping for things to make *our* lives better, what if we hope for the things that will help *our neighbors* to live



Special Points of Interest

- Synod Assembly
- Prayer List
- Baptism
- Youth Night

Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near. Matthew 4:17



better lives? And then, we continue in our faith and hope for Jesus to return! We hope for God's saving help to include protection and blessing, and we know God will not always answer our prayers in the ways we might expect. We also know God is faithful. Therefore, we continue to hope, pray, and live Easter lives, knowing Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

+ **Pastor Dawn Busch**

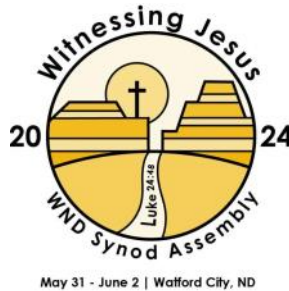
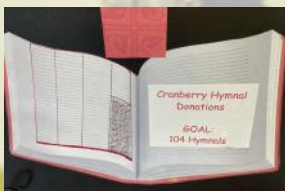


*I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit, apart from Me you can do nothing.. **John 15:5***

Belfield Lutheran Church Hymnals

At Belfield's annual meeting in January, it was agreed that our worship space is in need of new hymnals. Would you be interested in sponsoring a hymnal? If so, there is a sign-up sheet at the back table of the fellowship hall where you may indicate how many you are sponsoring and if you are donating in honor of or in memory of someone specific.

Each hymnal, including shipping, costs approximately \$30. Please note on the envelope of your contribution that your donation is for hymnals. If you would like to mail in your donation, please mail a check to:
**Belfield Lutheran Church
PO Box 416, Belfield ND
58622**



THE 2024 WND SYNOD ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD MAY 31-JUNE 2, 2024 IN WATFORD CITY, ND

WHAT IS SYNOD ASSEMBLY?

The Synod Assembly is the annual gathering of all 159 congregations of the Western North Dakota Synod. We gather together for worship, education, celebration, and to do the business of this synod.

WHO ATTENDS THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY?

Each congregation elects lay voting members based on their baptized membership numbers (see [Voting Member Information](#) for ratio). Rostered ministers (pastors and ELCA deacons) who hold a letter of call from a congregation or synod council, as well as retired ministers also have voice and vote in the assembly plenary sessions. Attendance at the assembly is expected of all rostered ministers under call.

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 15, 2024

[2024 WND Synod Assembly | Western ND Synod](#)

Celebrating the simple depths of

baptism

Aurora Lucille Toso

We rejoice with Mattea and Tyler Toso as their daughter Aurora was baptized at Belfield Lutheran Church. Aurora Lucille Toso was born August 1, 2023 in Dickinson, ND. Aurora's baptismal sponsors are Riley Hugelen and Markie Toso. We welcome you into the Lord's family, Aurora.



*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.
Matthew 5:14*

In Loving Memory...

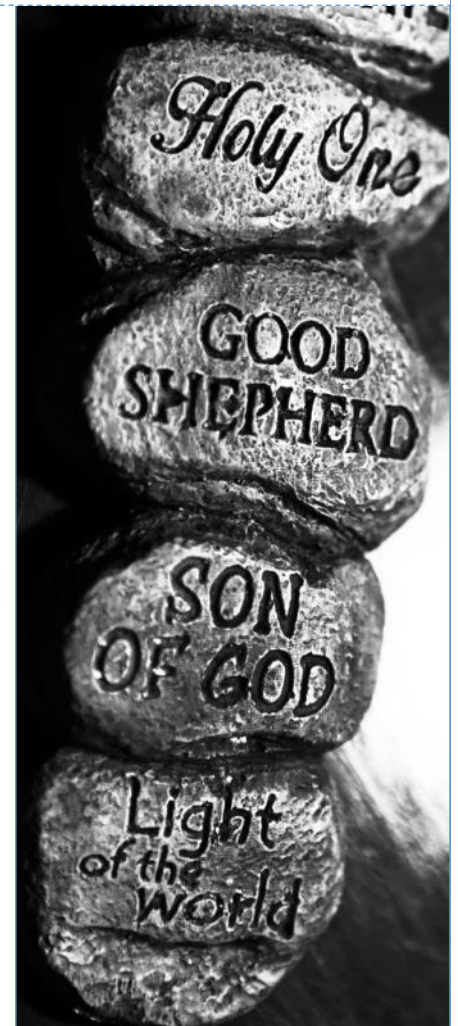


Janice Corneil, a cherished soul who departed this world on March 9, 2024, at the age of 84. Janice's life was a tapestry of love, laughter, and unwavering dedication to her family and friends. Funeral services were held on March 15, 2024 at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dickinson, ND, with Pastor Mary Wiggins offering solace and celebration of Janice's life. She was laid to rest at the Medora cemetery, amidst the tranquility she so loved.

A Funeral Service for Jordan Binstock, 28, of Dickinson, was held Friday, February 16, 2024 at Stevenson Funeral Home, Dickinson, with Pastor Lisa Lewton officiating. Jordan passed away February 12, 2024 at his home in Dickinson.



A Parastas (Funeral Service) for Philip (98) and Kathryn (102) Malkowski, of Fairfield was held March 8, 2024 at St. Demetrius Ukrainian Catholic Church with Father Martin Nagy celebrating. Burial followed at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery. Philip passed away Thursday, March 7, 2024 at Hilltop Home of Comfort in Killdeer. Kathryn passed away Sunday, February 25, 2024 at Hilltop Home of Comfort in Killdeer.



April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	3 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	4 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	5	6
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Youth Night

April 17th, 6:30 PM at BLC
We will continue to work through
the youth gathering theme,
“Created to Be”.

There are two students attending
the National Youth Gathering in
July! Please watch for ways to
help us get there as we raise
\$2000 in the next month!

Do you know how to use a cell phone?!?

We simply turn on the sound system, add batteries to the microphone(s), and then turn on the appropriate microphone during worship.

There are 10 easy steps to starting the video, and if you can use a cell phone, you have all the skills it takes!

Are you already trained to help? Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the back table of the fellowship hall so the same person doesn't have to do it every week.

We need YOU!



Whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

John 5:24

In our ongoing prayers...

The Family of Janice Corneil, Family of Kathryn and Philip Malkowski, The Family of Jordan Binstock, The Durgin triplets, Roger Malkowski, Tom Adams, Rena Olheiser, Linda Wagner, Duane Tessier, Noah Hoon, Madella Brinkman, Gerry Suomala, Shirley Olson, Julie Augusto, Bambi Mansfield, Josephine Shypkoski-Thompson, Barbara Hurt, Shelly Dukart, Brady Thompson, Todd Corneil, Delores Roy, Cord Kessel, Halle Blain, Mary Knotts, Lanie Nichols, Mark Trechock, Marilyn Oyhus, Glenda Buckman, JoAnne Suomala, Craig McLaughlin, Johnny Syminow, Bernadette Obrigewitch, Maurice Obrigewitch, Lincoln Lee Johnson, Mindy O'Brien, Monica Hushka

those who have lost jobs, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, all troops, including SPC Cole Potter, and their families and 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 Darnyl Malkowski & Alexis Malkowski for serving in March

Serving in April Dana & Maci Wanner

Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild!

See Jean Franklin for details.



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Worship Schedule

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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

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