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From the Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace, from the One who is and who was and who is to come.

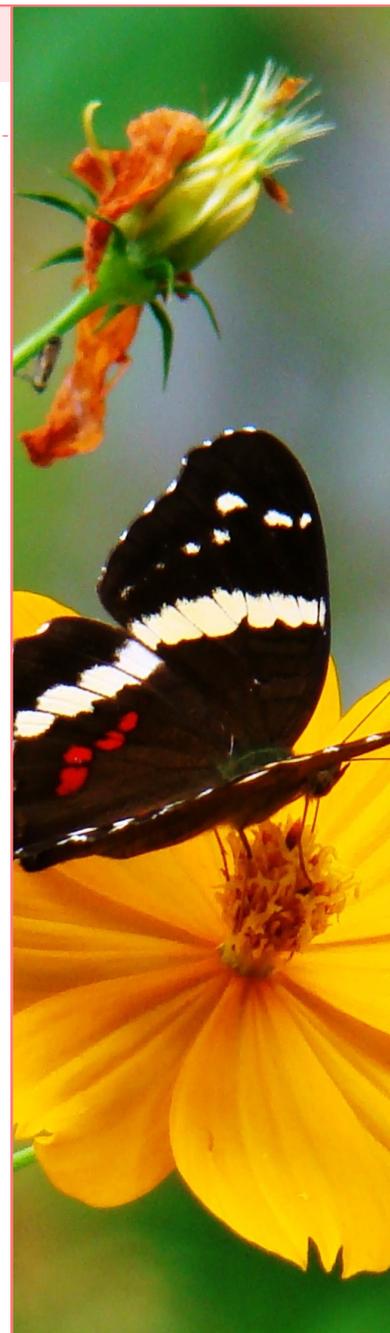
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Our Sunday morning readings for these 7 weeks of Easter give us an opportunity to engage some of Acts and Revelation, in conjunction with John's gospel. We typically think of Acts as a history of the early church. This book reminds us of how the Holy Spirit moves through you and I (the church!) to accomplish God's mission among us. Many read Revelation as a book about the end times, in which some find fearful and dramatic images, and others find hope and peace. These are two very different types of writings (one history and the other apocalyptic), and both reveal God's activity among us.

In Acts 16:6-10, the Spirit leads Paul and his companions to share their faith. They follow the lead of the Holy Spirit and faith is sparked in others.

6 They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. 7 When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; 8 so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. 9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

Where have you seen God active in your lives recently? Maybe God is present for you in the new signs of life this spring (green blades of grass poking up through the snow or newborn livestock figuring out what North Dakota spring is all about). Or maybe God is present in the neighbors who are helping with snow removal, calving, branding, or providing a meal. I find God's presence in each of you with whom I have connected. (If I haven't connected with you personally, please reach out and let me know who you are!) Would you be able to take a picture of where you see God this week and send it in? I'd love to include a page of "God-sightings" in our newsletter next month. How might we participate in what God is already doing among us?



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Pray for Rain Service
- Easter Band Ensemble
- Sunday School Pics
- Blood Drive
- Financial Webinar

PRAY FOR RAIN SERVICE— JOIN US ONLINE ONLY—MAY 11TH AT 7:00 P.M.



We expect our confirmation students to write faith statements in an effort to encourage them to articulate their faith. No matter your age, are you able to share your faith story? In what ways do you encounter God? How do you experience the Holy Spirit's movement in your life? I would love to include a short faith story from you in one of the coming newsletters. These stories will also give our students some examples of how we are willing to share our faith like we expect them to. Are you brave enough to share your story? Please email me pictures and stories so we can encourage one another and grow together in our faith.

+ *Pastor Dawn Busch*

Pastordawn@ndsupernet.com

Have you heard? The Belfield Lutheran Church was gifted the lot to the South of the Church. Please feel free to use the lot as a parking lot! Thank you to the anonymous donors who generously purchased the lot and removed the old building and made the lot usable.

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
Psalm 118:14

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 May will be held the 4th Monday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Belfield Lutheran Church
May will continue our focus on prayer! Please join us!

BELFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH TIME CAPSULE REVEAL





**Belfield Knights of Columbus
& Vitalant Blood Drive**

Open 1:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

**Belfield Community Center
St. Bernard's Parish Gym
404 3rd Ave NE
Belfield, ND 58622**



Visit: [Portal](#) :: [Sites \(vitalant.org\)](#) to register

**WELCA 18th Biennial Synodical
Convention Western North Dakota**

Please come and join us on June 17th & 18th
at St. John's Lutheran Church, Dickinson, ND

Keynote Speaker: Jessie Veeder
Awareness Sessions, Silent Auction, & Displays

Registration fee is \$90. for both days, includes Friday banquet,
Saturday breakfast and lunch, and 2 coffee breaks
\$45. for Friday only, \$45. for Saturday only

All women from the Belfield, Daglum and Medora congregations are
invited to attend.

Registration is due June 1
If interested in attending, please contact
Jean Franklin at 701-238-0526 by May 22

FINANCIAL WELLNESS WEBINARS

Belfield Lutheran Church is partnering with the non-profit organization Foundation for Financial Education (F3E) to host a series of financial wellness webinars. The webinars will be held at 10 AM on the 3rd Saturday in May and June. Anyone can sign up electronically to participate from your own home, or you can view the webinar from the Belfield Lutheran Church fellowship hall on the designated day and time. Pre-registration is required unless you attend the webinar from the church fellowship hall. Each webinar lasts about 45 minutes, and if you pre-registered and are unable to attend on the designated day, following the webinar broadcast, you will be emailed a link to watch the webinar at your convenience.

F3E offers a variety of webinar topics intended to help educate people and allow them to take charge of their financial wellness and achieve overall financial goals. The webinars are provided free of charge, and nothing is sold. We hope that you will find the webinars interesting and informative, and we are pleased to be able to offer them to our community. We hope to see you there!

The Foundation for Financial Education (F3E) Presents

CRYPTOCURRENCY EXPLAINED

A financial education workshop

HOSTED BY

Belfield Lutheran Church

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Blockchain Technology
- Bitcoin, Alt Coins & NFTs
- Buy and Hold or Trade?
- Tax & Legislative Treatment

EVENT INFORMATION:

DATE: Saturday, May 14, 2022

TIME: 10:00am - 11:00am Mountain Daylight Time

PLACE: Watch in person at Belfield Lutheran Church

RSVP: or copy / [CLICK HERE](#) to watch at home: [SCAN HERE](#)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5873063772539309070?source=register>

* Reservations are required! *

www.F3Eonline.org | (240) 499-0390 | info@F3Eonline.org

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Carmen Waldo, email c2waldo@yahoo.com or call or text 701-590-3934. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5873063772539309070?source=register>

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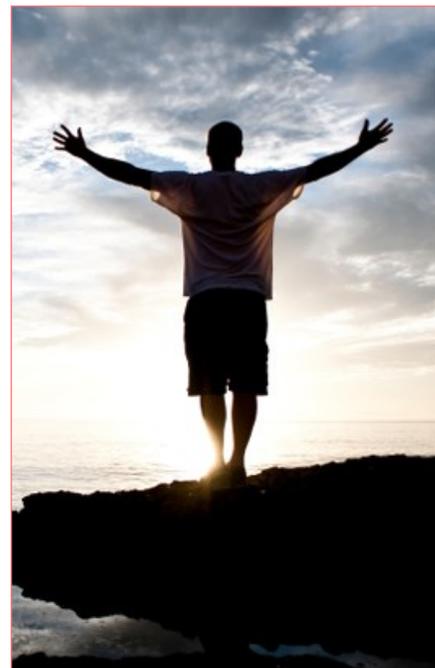
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Thank you for your generosity!



This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.
John 21:14

In our ongoing prayers...

Rebecca Kasian · Amanda Johnson · Lanie Nichols
Delores Roy · Margaret Braun · Rene Praus · Johnny Syminow
Mark Hinrichs · Nicole Koegl · Lincoln Lee Johnson
Madella Brinkman · Duane Davis · Carmen Ruud · Page Myers
Becky Yadon · Carol Johnson · Rose Marie Andreas · Monica Hushka
Mark Trechok · Janeen Nichols · Sharleen Stigen · Marilyn Oyhus
Mindy O'Brien · Chandler Nichols · Bennette Mansfield

All those who have lost their jobs, those with mental illness, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, with Covid 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



Belfield Lutheran Church Easter Sunday Band Ensemble



Band Members left to right: Maci Wanner, Gunnar Jandt, Rex Hugelen, Reese Hugelen, Rudy Hugelen, Justin Hutzenbiler, Darnyl Malkowski, Not pictured: Jean Franklin



Maci Wanner, Clarinet
Gunnar Jandt, Tenor Saxophone



Reese, Rex and Rudy Hugelen
Trombone



Darnyl Malkowski, Trumpet
Justin Hutzenbiler, Trumpet

Important

Youth Group Gathering

MAY 18TH AT 6:30 PM

BELFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH
ALL 7-12 GRADERS PLEASE ATTEND!

Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

Our thanks to Dana Wanner and Maci Wanner
for serving in April

Serving in May - Nita Northrup

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



After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.
Mark 16

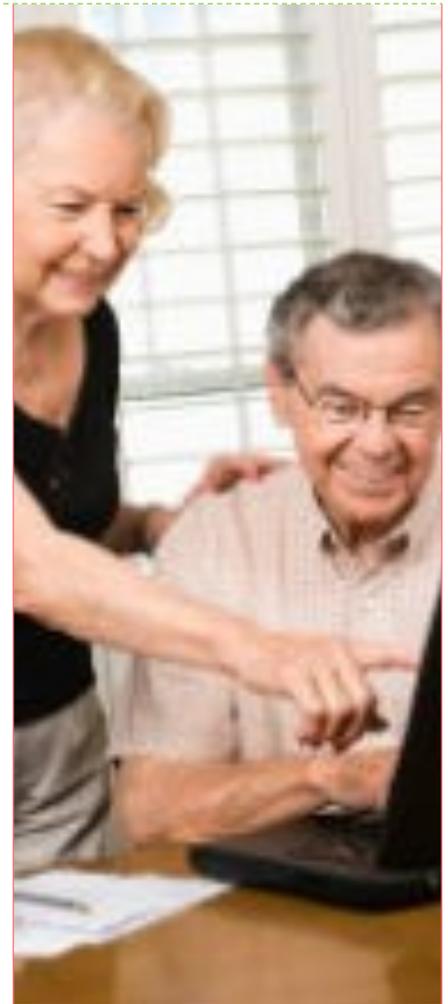
Fall Prevention

Falls are NOT a normal part of aging. However if you or a loved one has suffered a fall, don't be embarrassed or shameful. Instead, think of it as a learning experience to make a change in your life to prevent a further fall. Less than half of adults who fall talk to their doctors about it. As a professional who helps people recover from falls, this statistic breaks my heart. If you don't tell anyone about it, you will not receive the help you need! If you (or a loved one) find yourself in a fall situation, here are some quick tips immediately after a fall:

- Assess for injury- see if you hit your head or you are experiencing any severe pain
- Call for help- call or yell for someone, push life alert button or call 911 if it is an emergency
- Safely get up- if you aren't in severe pain or in an emergency situation, use a sturdy piece of furniture or someone's assistance to slowly get back up into sitting or standing
- Tell your doctor as soon as you can and ask for help to prevent another fall

This is a quick, general list that does not include details specific to individuals. If you are fearful of falling or have more concerns, please reach out to your primary care doctor or a trusted healthcare provider for more guidance. Follow "Revitalize Physical Therapy" on Facebook and Instagram for more tips!

Written by: Hannah (Rodne) Freiboth, PT, DPT





Palm Sunday Parade & Empty Tomb Rolls



Palm Sunday Parade Start



Palm Sunday Parade End



Sunday School Kids making Empty Tomb Rolls for us to enjoy at coffee hour!

Picture to left: Violet & Oliver Kasian, Ava Bock, Lucas Beck.

Picture above: Lillian Beck, Hazel Kasian and Sadie Hrabik



Thank you to Anna Ross for sharing her special gift of song with us! We appreciate Jean Franklin for playing the organ for us at Belfield Lutheran Church.



Pastor Dawn sharing her message with the kids during Easter Sunday's Children's Sermon.



Thank you to Bailee, Irelynn and Mira Ross for giving the kids Easter Goodie Bags on Easter Sunday.

Not pictured: Bailee Ross





Gospel Seeds

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2022 Synod Assembly A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

This Month's Writer: Bishop Craig Schweitzer

Jesus: Everyday. Everywhere.

"And remember, I am with you always." Matthew 28:20b

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ!

I've lived in North Dakota my entire life. I live 2.4 miles from the home I grew up in on North Fourth Street in Bismarck. Needless to say, I've witnessed and endured many wild weather events on the prairies of our beautiful state. The Holy Week blizzard of 2022 will be forever part of my memory as an historic event. It was a Holy Week journey unlike any other!

It is my hope and prayer that by the time you read this month's Gospel Seeds, the last remnants of our spring blizzard will be gone, spring will finally have arrived, and family, farm, and livestock are safe and sound without needing to worry about, at least for a short time, the threat of mother nature's power. After all, one of the most important events in our life of faith as a synod is taking place soon – SYNOD ASSEMBLY!

The 2021 WND Synod Assembly's theme focused our attention on Jesus' commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39) When the 2022 Synod Assembly gathers in a few short weeks, Jesus' commandment will still be ringing in our hearts and minds. After all, loving our neighbor is only possible because Jesus is always walking with us.

"Jesus: Everyday. Everywhere." (Matthew 28:16-20) is the theme of the 2022 Western North Dakota Synod Assembly. Under this theme we will listen deeply to the ways Jesus' commissioning of the first disciples at the end of Matthew's gospel is also the commissioning for Jesus' disciples across Western North Dakota in 2022.

The Synod Assembly is the highest legislative authority of a synod. Voting members from all 163 congregations across the synod will gather for worship and prayer, decision making and education, inspiration and fellowship. Throughout the assembly, we will hear from many of our ministry partners, have opportunities for learning and conversation, elect leadership to serve our synod, dive deeply into Holy Scripture during times of Bible study, and consider resolutions and memorials that will shape future mission and ministry for our synod and this church.

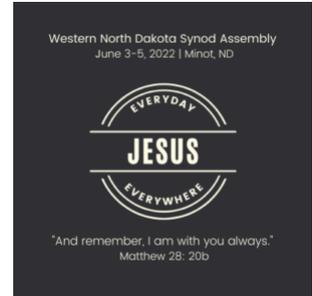
This year's assembly schedule is a little different. At their October 2021 meeting, the WND Synod Council unanimously approved moving the days of Synod Assembly from Thursday–Saturday to Friday–Sunday. It is our hope that this will give those who have been unable to participate in previous Synod Assemblies due to work or other commitments a chance to be part of this important event in our synod's mission and ministry. It is also our hope, that this will give all Rostered Ministers of our synod a chance to worship together without the worry of rushing home to lead Sunday morning worship.

I will offer a video sermon recording and manuscript for local congregational worship on June 5, 2022, so that all Rostered Ministers will be able to attend and participate in the full Synod Assembly schedule.

Much more information can be found on the Synod Assembly website – www.wndsynod.org/synod-assembly.

Finally, I invite you to keep all of our voting members in prayer for the Spirit to guide and bless our time together. Please join me in prayer in these final days of preparation...

Gracious God, you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Your guiding hand walks with us as we prepare to meet in assembly this year. Inspire those who have been called to serve as voting members of the 2022 Western North Dakota Synod Assembly to be bold in their proclamation and a witness to your presence in our lives each day. Direct us by the light of your Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, in the name of Christ Jesus, our risen Lord and Savior we pray. Amen.



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TO:

1	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Daglum Worship
8	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
15	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Daglum Worship
22	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
29	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship

Parsonage Fund

We, your BDM Parish Council, have been working on updates and repairs in the Parsonage. Painting and flooring on the main floor, and basement windows 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:

- Repair and update downstairs bathroom
- Replacing the Exterior Doors
- Replace (or repair missing) shingles
- Upstairs Windows will also need replacing

Will you please

help us fill this glass?

Thank you.

