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Belfield Lutheran Church · Daglum Lutheran Church · Medora Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

We finally made it to May, the cold has finally released its grip and the grass is starting to get green again! I think it is safe to say we have officially made it through winter. And, without missing a beat, off we go to the next thing; mowing the newly green grass, mother's day, graduation, gardening, lawn work, trips to the lake and vacations. We seem to be constantly on the move. Actually, being forced to slow down and stay home a few extra days this past winter was kind of nice.

No doubt, at this time of year, you will be on the road more often than you have been the past several months. One of the Gospel texts that we read in church during the Easter season was about the followers of Jesus on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). They were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus on the evening of the resurrection, but in shock and dismay over the death of Jesus, they did not recognize him when he appeared and walked with them.

We know in our head that Jesus/God is always with us, but on our journey through life, on the busy roads between here and there, we too, often fail to recognize Jesus in our midst. We have lots of reasons and excuses (we're busy, we're ultra focused, we're distracted by shiny things, etc.) So we miss him and we miss out on a deeper connection. But Jesus is by our side none the less. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is finally recognized when he breaks bread with those who couldn't "see" him. This simple act was all it took for them to have their "ah-ha" moment.

Wherever the road takes you in the months to come, I hope you also have some "ah-ha" moments of your own. Look for Jesus/God around you. Talk to God wherever you are. Be present in the ordinary and familiar moments of life where Jesus likes to hang out. In doing so, your eyes will be opened to the incredible love that surrounds you. It is an amazing realization! Nourished by this loving presence, may you be a loving gift to the other people you meet on the road of life with you.

With Peace,

Pastor Mike Pretzer



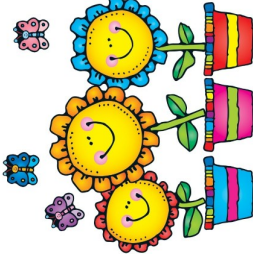
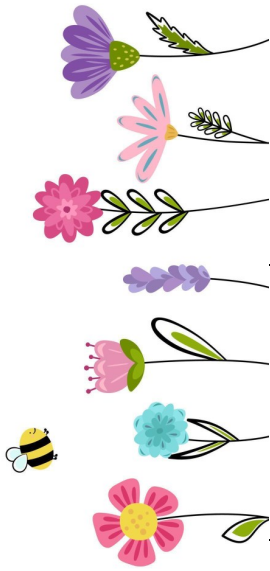
Special Points of Interest

- Synod Assembly
- Prayer List
- VBS—Save the Date!
- 2026 Graduates



Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 am - Daglum	4	5 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran Church	6	7 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran Church	8	9
10 Worship 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am – Belfield	11	12 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran Church	13	14 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran Church	15	16
17 Worship Senior Sunday 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am – Belfield	18	19 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran Church	20	21 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran Church	22	23
24 Worship 8:30 am – Medora 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 am - Daglum 12:30 pm - South Heart HS Graduation 2:00 pm - Belfield HS Graduation	25 6:30 pm – Belfield Council Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	26 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran Church	27	28 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran Church	29	30
31 Worship 8:30 am – Medora 10:00 am – Belfield						

COMING SOON

June 25th - Blood Drive at St. Bernard's Parish Center

July 8th - BLC WELCA Pavilion Dinner

July 20-23rd - VBS at Belfield Lutheran Church

August 22nd - Belfield Lutheran Church Pancake Breakfast

August 26th - Parish Pavilion Dinner

October 19th - Blood Drive at Belfield Lutheran Church



Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.
Luke 12:27

In our ongoing prayers...

Remembering those in our prayers: Family of Melanie Wagner, Danielle O'Brien, Ruth Johnson, Lynn Peterson, Brian Ott, Barbara Hurt, Joey Berger, Harold Hugelen, Donald Suomala, Kevin Kuntz, Diedra Hlibichuk, Sherri O'Brien, Rick Baxter, Kris Hastings, Bonnie Streitz, Robin Sandaker, Barb Newton, Sandy Simnioniw, Tom Adams, Rick Wolfgram, Randy Wolfgram, Emma Hlibichuk, Denise Tibbs, Christine Perrin, Shirley Olson, Gerry Suomala, JoAnne Suomala, Mary Knotts, Dolores Roy, Cord Kessel, Halle Blain, Marilyn Oyhus, Craig McLaughlin, Lincoln Lee Johnson, Mindy O'Brien, Josephine Shypkoski-Thompson, those who have lost jobs, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, all troops and their families, including Chief Master Sergeant Dustin Chapman and those working for peace in our world.

God of protection, Watch over Danyka & Jayd Novak as they prepare to deliver their twins. Strengthen their tiny bodies, guide their caregivers, and fill their parents with calm and hope. Bring the babies safely into fullness of life. Amen.

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 Dana & Maci Wanner for serving in April
Serving in May Nita Northrop & Madeline Layton
Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild!
See Jean Franklin for details.

There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off. Proverbs 23:18



Join us May 17th, 2026 during worship in Belfield as we honor the 2026 Graduating Seniors! We will also have time to celebrate with the graduates after worship with coffee & cake. We hope to see you there!



**BADLANDS
MINISTRIES**



Belfield Day Camp

July 20 – 23, 2026

Belfield Lutheran Church

Monday – Thursday | 10am – 3pm

Thursday | 2pm Closing Worship

**2026
VBS at
BLC**

**\$20/child
Plus a Packed
Lunch**

Go to the BLC website for registration
and additional information.

www.belfieldlutheranchurch.org

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you
may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

Baptism

Kyrie Emryse Mohler



We celebrate with Michelle Doughty and Jared Mohler as Kyrie was baptized on April 26th, 2026 at Belfield Lutheran Church. Kyrie Emryse Mohler was born December 6th, 2025 in Bismarck. Kyrie's baptismal sponsors are Tiarra Iverson and Justin Hutzenbiler.

*We welcome you into the
Lord's family, Kyrie!*

**Click Here to
Register Now**

Each Church Needs at
least 2 Delegates to at-
tend to vote on the new
Bishop Election.
6 Votes!



2026 WND Synod Assembly

Rough Rider Center | Watford City, ND

May 29 – 31, 2026

Look for news and event updates posted on the
Synod Assembly page as they become available.

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Worship Schedule

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	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Daglum Worship
10	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
17	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Graduation Celebration Daglum Worship
24	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
31	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship

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