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Growing the Vision

Allan T. ("Ted") Thompson received a special gift. The Belfield Lutheran member was able to retire and move off the Thompson family ranch with peace of mind knowing that the 100+ year old ranch is in good hands.

Allan shares his story:

"My parents, Allan W. and Myrtle Thompson were married in 1938. We lived at the 'Thompson Camp' a log cabin on land my grandfather had purchased from Casper Stigen. They did some farming there, and they'd stay there awhile and call it the Thompson Camp. My parents started remodeling it to make room for us. We lived there until I was three and my sister Kay was seven. Then we moved to the current ranch site.

I never took being anything but a rancher too seriously. I graduated from NDSU in May 1966. Then I went to work for Caterpillar in Peoria, IL and came home and left for the US Navy. I enjoyed being an engineer at Caterpillar. But I knew I'd have to go into the service because I felt I had an obligation. I was scared of water. I got car-sick the first time we drove across Garrison Dam. I'd get queasy. Ten years later I'm bouncing around in a typhoon in the ocean in a "tin can,"- the destroyer we were on! After two years of active duty off the coast of Vietnam, I returned home in November 1969. They turned me loose from the navy the last day of October. Joyce and I were married in Barrington, Rhode Island August 12, 1967.

Everything was rewarding about ranching for me. There is a variety of stuff to do. You didn't spend your time behind the desk doing the same thing every day. I enjoyed every part of it. You'd get in a rut

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May Worship Schedule

2 9:00am LifeKeys Retreat - Badlands Ministries

3 8:30am Worship & Coffee - Medora
10:00am Worship & Coffee - Belfield
11:45am Daglum - Dinner

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10:00am Worship & Coffee - Belfield

30 6:30pm Alt Praise & Worship - Belfield

Bible Study in the Book of Romans at Dwelle's each Saturday night at 7:00pm.

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if you had to fix fence all year long. It was fun when the calves are on the ground. I looked forward to haying season if there was something to cut. Before you were done you were sure tired of it, but then it was time to do something else.

My grandfather put the ranch together, my dad built lots of fences and put in water, I put in more water and more cross fencing to improve the grazing rotation and provide better access to water. We were really limited in water from the beginning. I put in some wells and rural water pasture taps. There was no pasture grass more than a mile away from good water. Before that we had some brackish water, if it hadn't rained for a while. The cows would have to walk up to two miles for good water. That was a long walk especially in hot weather. The land really didn't change. We just made use of all of it, even the far corners.

My father learned a lot from his father. Grandpa was in charge! My dad gave me a lot of freedom. He let me make my own decisions. At times he didn't like a few things. He wasn't too excited when I bought a long-horn bull to breed our hereford heifers. 'Keep the longhorn away from the highway' he said. But after a couple of calf crops, he was okay with them. 'Some of them are starting to look like calves' he commented!

The Thompson ranch also adapted to changing local needs when they leased a portion of ground to be used as an oilfield waste disposal site. It will eventually be covered over with grass. They dug the pit,

lined it with 4' of clay, put in plastic that was seamed or welded, and then they put in their cuttings. There will be 4 feet of clay and then 4 feet of soil on top. The pit will be 60-100' deep. They'll have 7 acres open at a time and keep covering it. When it gets filled up they develop new cells. It will be returned to grass.

Retirement has been an ongoing process. The kids started doing more, and I started doing less. I started sliding out between 2005 and 2007. When my dad was 58 or 59 he wanted to know if I was thinking of being a rancher. He'd never changed a bit. Why would he quit? He enjoyed it so much! I was surprised! When I was about 57-58 I realized why. You just can't keep doing it anymore! We moved off the ranch in 2014.

Ted and Joyce's daughter Julie and her husband Cody Reis, and their three sons Dillon, Emmit, and Wyatt currently own and operate the ranch as the fourth and fifth generation of Thompsons. Great grandpa Albert T. put the land together, Grandpa Allen W. fenced and put in some water, "Dad" Allan T. ("Ted") put in more water and cross fences. Most important, he passed on the love of the land, a strong work ethic, and the ability and freedom to manage it as they see fit in these changing times. They're doing fine, and will keep it going for another generation.", Ted said with a smile.

Each of us as individuals and congregations are blessed as we identify and discern the unique mission God gives us today. This means adapting to changing needs and situations. May we, like Allan T. "Ted" and his father Allan W., honor God by bestowing on our fourth and fifth generation leaders the blessings of our trust, prayers, and encouragement.

Pastor Roger

We Celebrate with...

• Congratulations to **Brooke Tooley** in the safe birth of her daughter Breya Rose born April 9 in Dickinson. Pray for her continued health and growth.
• Congratulations to **Alex and Breanna Haspert**, proud parents of Mattea Constance Haspert. Mattea was born in Dickinson, February 4.

Our Sympathy to...

• Our Sympathy to Sharon and Marty Braun. Sharon's dad **Don Shirley** died March 31 at Las Vegas.
•LuAnn and Ken Solberg. LuAnn's aunt, **Olga Ktytor**, died March 10. Her funeral was March 17.
• **Craig Pool** and family on the loss of Craig's mother.
• Angie and Jay Haverluk and Mary Ellison in the loss of Angie's mother, **Kathy Hollar**. Kathy, who is also Mary's sister-in-law, died March 14 in Bismarck. Her funeral was March 21, in Beach.
• Doug and Mary Ellison in the loss of Doug's brother **Gary Ellison**, who died March 22 in Bismarck. Services are pending at the time of this writing.
• The family and friends of **Dalen Dorval**, Leonard and Sharon Dorval's 17 year old grandson, killed in a car accident near Ray, ND.
• The family of **Sheridan Barnhart**. Sheridan died February 23 in Wyoming. His memorial service was March 21 at Belfield Lutheran.
• Denise Tibbs in the loss of her sister-in-law, **Kathy Chernenko**. Kathy died March 19. Services were held March 26, in Watford City.

Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
1 Corinthians 13:7

In our ongoing prayers...

• **Bruce and Mary Baer,** recovering from a fire.
• **Betty Cornell**, recovering at St. Benedict's after falling and breaking her hip.
• Damon Ross' grandmother, **Jean Ross**, who is battling breast cancer.
• **Paul Hutzenbiler**, preparing to serve our country as a Marine in boot camp in San Diego.
• **Krysten Padelford**, young friend of the Howie's, battling cancer.
• Barb Newton's sister, **Cleta Gifford**, dealing with lung cancer.
• Sharon Braun's father, **Don Shirley**, is in the hospital.
• **Jerome Tveter**, friend of Dana Wanner, dealing with blood cancer.
• **Elaine**, friend of Paulette Dorval, recently di agnosed with pancreatic cancer and in palliative care.
• Craig McGlauglin's brother-in-law, **Ernie Ward**, hospitalized in Denver.
• **Glenda Redmond**, dealing with Progressive Supra-nuclear Palsy.
• **Carol Berg**, secretary to Pastor Roger at Zahl, dealing with cancer.
• Lynelle Smith's brother, **Kelly Dahl**, dealing with cancer.
• Pastor Roger's sister-in-law, **Phyllis Dieterle**, dealing with cancer.

Help keep our prayer list current. Names are removed after 3 months unless requested to remain. To add a loved one to the prayer list for next month's issue, please send their name to Theresa Howie at belfieldlutheran@gmail.com or Lynn Peterson at petersonlynn@yahoo.com by the 15th day of the month.

First Communion

Welcome, children, to the Lord's Table! We celebrate with **Jordan Jacob Jung and Paige Renee Jung**, children of Scott and Kristen Jung; **Rubi James Johnson**, daughter of Kwirt and Amanda Johnson; **Bailee Mackenzie Ross**, daughter of Anna and Damon Ross, **Ava Jo Redig and Ellie Lynn Redig**, daughters of Brian and Marina Redig; and **Hadley Jo Tessier**, daughter of Zach and Larissa Tessier.

Installation of Council Members

Congratulations, prayers and support to Belfield Lutheran Church's newly installed council members. Pictured, left to right, Carmen Waldo (Treasurer), Marty Braun (President), Ken Solberg, Pastor Roger and Nita Northrop (Secretary). Members not present were Kwirt Johnson (Vice President) and Shelly Haugvedt.

Baptisms

• We celebrate the baptism of **Sophia Marie Jones**, daughter of Danielle & Jacob Jones. Sophia was born January 19th, 2015 at St. Alexius in Bismarck. She joins big brother Asher. Sophia's baptismal sponsors are Rachael Solberg, Jacob Strombeck and Josh & Courtney Vetter. Maternal grandparents are Ken and LuAnn Solberg. Pray for her continued spiritual growth.

• **Jase William Adams**, son of Jaden William Adams and Anita Marie Adams at Belfield Lutheran. Jase was born January 11, 2015 in Bismarck, ND. His sponsors are Jerri James and Dillan Jepson. Pray for his continued spiritual growth.

Rebecca Kasian giving Children's Sermon on Easter at Medora.

We did it again!

The Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser was a success! We raised enough money for this year's youth mission trip to Osage Nation in Oklahoma.

It is remarkable how much we can accomplish together in this community and I just want to let you know how much I (and of course the youth) truly appreciate all of the generosity that this community has given in the past two years for our mission trips. With over 50 individuals, families and businesses donating silent auction items, we had over 150 auction items and baskets to bid on in the last two years.

Our mission trip this year is on the Osage Nation Indian Reservation in Oklahoma. We will be leaving July 25th and returning August 2nd. We are very excited to be helping on the reservation with work projects in their community, providing lessons and activities for children at Kid's Club and learning more about the people and their culture. This is a wonderful experience for our youth and adult leaders. It is amazing how much we learn about ourselves, each other and God on these trips. It is a powerful experience that I wish everyone could experience at least once in their life.

We still have two spots for youth open. If you know of any youth currently in grades 6-12 who would like to join us, please contact me.

~Kelcey Evers

To help support this trip, mail your gift to:

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Worship Nights!

Alternative Worship? Contemporary Worship? Whatever you want to call it, we're giving all praise and glory to God in music, prayer and fellowship the last Saturday of every month! Plan to join us at our next gathering and get your worship on!

Saturday, May 30th at 6:30pm
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Interested in joining the band, or just want more info?

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High School Senior Recognition

Join us as we honor our graduating seniors Sunday, May 17, after morning worship at Belfield Lutheran.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	ALTAR GUILD Barbara Hurt Judy Kubischta				1	2 9:00 -5:30 PM "Life Keys" retreat at Badlands Ministries 7:00 PM "Romans" Bible Study at Dwelle's.
3 **COMMUNION** WORSHIP 8:30 AM-Medora-coffee 9:00 AM-Choir Practice 10:00 AM-Belfield-coffee 11:45AM-Daglum-dinner	4	5 1:30 PM-Pastor's Text Study, Dickinson 6:30-7:45 PM – New Members Class @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 PM-AA Meets @ Belfield Lutheran	6 4:40 PM-"The Study" Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran.Last Chapter 31 – "The End of Time" 5:30 PM – Confirmation	7	8	9 7:00 PM "Romans" Bible Study at Dwelle's.
10 **MOTHER'S DAY** WORSHIP 8:30 AM-Medora-coffee 9:00 AM-Choir Practice 10:00 AM-Belfield-coffee	11 5:30 PM-Belfield Council meets-Nita serves	12 1:30 pm. Pastor's Text Study, Dickinson 6:30-7:45 PM – New Members Class @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 PM-AA Meets @ Belfield Lutheran	13 5:30 PM – Confirmation	14	15 **June Newsletter Deadline**	16 7:00 PM "Romans" Bible Study at Dwelle's.
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