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From the Pastor

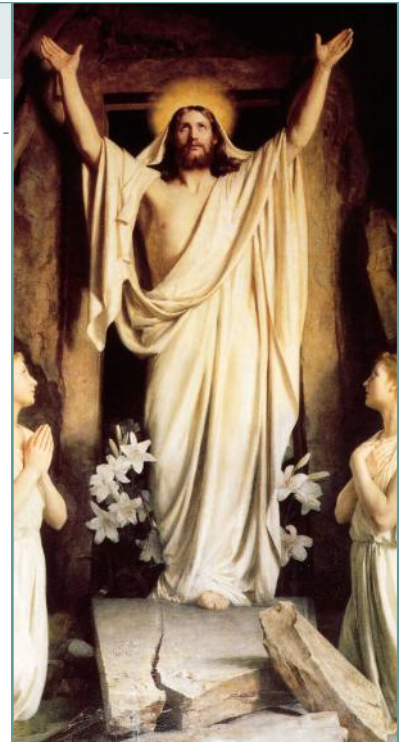
As I write this newsletter article, Easter is fast approaching. I don't know where your head goes when you think about Easter, but most pastors are thinking about all of the extra worship services to plan during Holy Week. We are also trying to remember all of the little details that need to be covered, (like picking up the palm branches for Palm Sunday). And we're trying to write the most amazing, unforgettable sermon to preach to a packed church on Easter Sunday morning. Mostly, pastors are hoping they survive Holy Week and Easter Sunday Morning only to live and preach again the following Sunday!

Perhaps you think about other things, like menus or Easter egg hunts or what to put in Easter baskets this year. Maybe you think about the family you are going to see over the Easter weekend. Maybe you think about traveling and the price of gas or who in your family won't be here this year for Easter. Maybe you think about the school break or spring cleaning. Maybe you think about jelly beans and chocolate!!

Well, in both of these examples, dare I say, there might not be much thought about Easter Joy, or Resurrection or New Life that comes from the empty tomb. Perhaps for all of us, there are too many other things to think about when Easter fast approaches. I'm just as guilty as anyone. Easter is the Church's biggest and most important celebration. Yet even the resurrection of Jesus from the dead can be overshadowed by our busy distractions!

Perhaps Mary of Bethany can teach us a lesson about what it means to prepare for Easter. In the book of John, as the very first Holy Week and Easter are fast approaching, we read the story of Mary who anoints Jesus' feet with a very costly perfume made of pure nard. She gets it. She understands to the core what the next few days will mean. And so she does something extraordinary, something kind. She anoints Jesus' feet and wipes them with her hair.

Pastor Steve Garnaas Holmes writes, "But maybe what's most remarkable is simply its kindness. Maybe faith is not as complicated as all that theological stuff, but simply being kind. Maybe the fragrance of our kindness fills the house where Jesus is. Mary's act may reflect not only her kindness toward Jesus but also her sorrow, knowing she's going to lose him. But that too, is something Jesus receives



Special Points of Interest

- Baptism
- "A Different View", by Karson Jung
- Job Opening
- Easter Services
- Confirmation Class Mid-Week Services Recap
- 2026 Synod Assembly

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above." Colossians 3:1



as a gift. Mary's act may be a bit of foreshadowing of the cross to come; and it is also a gift that shapes Jesus' ministry: a few days later he gathers his disciples for the Passover, and he does what he has learned from Mary: he washes their feet. Kindness received becomes kindness given."

Maybe this Easter, we can think about kindness. We honor the risen Lord when we are kind to our brothers and sisters or maybe I should say when we are kind to our friends and our enemies. Maybe this Easter our one take away can be kindness. Jesus suffered, died and rose again out of kindness and love for us. May we pass that same kindness and love to others!

Happy Easter everyone!

+ With Peace, Pastor Mike



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

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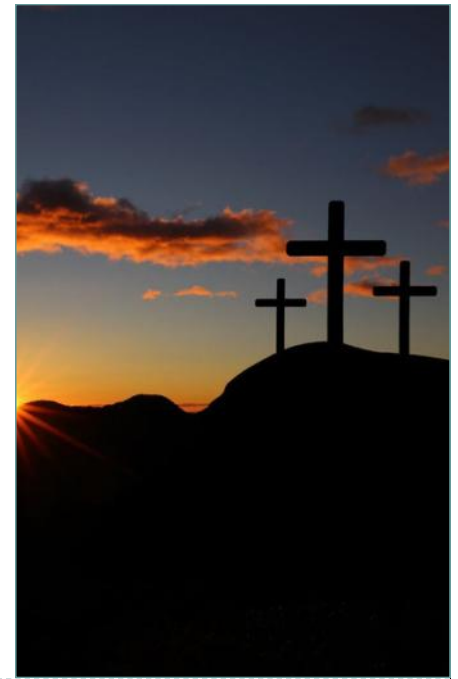
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Congratulations to the Lutheran “Church Ladies” who were part of the Belfield Booster Cub Hotdish Fundraiser and won Best Booth. Bobbi Tessier was the Church Lady and did a fantastic job of entertaining the crowd. She also cooked the hotdish. Thanks Ladies!

“The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.” Proverbs 4:18

Baptism Jameson Kyle Barnett



We celebrate with Jerzi Kukowski and Cody Barnett as their son Jameson was baptized on March 22, 2026 at Belfield Lutheran Church. Jameson was born July 17th, 2025 in Dickinson. Jameson’s baptismal sponsors are Blake and Branden Chruszch.

We welcome you into the Lord’s family, Jameson!

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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.

A DIFFERENT VIEW

Hello, my name is Karson Jung. I am a 17-year-old high schooler that lives in Dickinson. I have a rare retinal disease called Leber congenital amaurosis. Also known as LCA. This disease makes me have very limited vision.

LCA is a genetic disease that causes your retina's rods and cones to malfunction. I can still see a little bit, but I have no peripheral vision. It's almost like I'm looking through two very small donuts all day. I don't have good depth perception or any night vision. Due to the limited vision, I walk with a seeing cane. The cane is a very new thing to me. The biggest part to my disease is that it's a progressive disease. I used to see a lot more than I do now. I used to not walk with a cane. And boy, it was tough when I needed it. I got bullied for having limited vision already and now I have a cane. You can only imagine what I was feeling. I was very angry for the longest time. About two and a half months ago I had an exceptionally bad day, probably one of the worst days I've ever had. When I woke up the next day, I had class. On the way to school, my dad reminded me that we had family worship and supper at our church that night. I remember saying that I was going to sit in the sanctuary and see what God had to say. I told myself, "If somebody says something I'll blow up." Miraculously, nobody said anything about my vision to me that day. To make things even better, when I got into my dad's truck, he told me that the Pastor from our church called him. Our Pastor, Lisa Lewton wanted me to speak in front of the church about visual impairments and blindness.

We met with Paster Lisa the same day and I asked her why she wanted me to talk. She told me the story of Jesus spitting in the dirt to make mud and rubbing it on a blind man's eyes. That man was cured of his blindness. That story made her think of me. That experience alone made me have a new perspective on things. And till this day, I haven't doubted my self-worth, and I haven't been angry or discouraged. I forgot how capable I could be.

When I talked at my church, I had never felt prouder of myself. The amount of people I made

smile really made me feel better about myself. Members of the congregation thanked me for sharing my story, through hugs, handshakes or a simple thank you. I felt like I had a place in the community again. I think Jesus had my back on that one.

Another thing that I learned is that people don't understand right away. They see me walking with my cane and assume I'm fully blind. Their assumptions are fair, how would you know? People get curious and some ask the right way and some ask the wrong way. My friends and family that are close to me understand it and do a pretty good job explaining it to other people. Even after explaining what I can see to people, some still don't understand why I need my cane. Two months ago, that would've upset me. I have a different view now. No pun intended! Having my condition is what made me understand. Hearing and seeing people getting cured of their diseases doesn't make me feel jealous. I am the person that I am because of my disability. To me, it's my superpower.



Karson and his family

Mid-Week Lenten Services 2026

Belfield Lutheran Church Confirmation Class

"Who's Cross is it anyway?"



Thank you to this years confirmation class for leading worship every Wednesday during Lent and for putting on the skit, "Who's Cross is it anyway?". They did a great job!

Thanks to those that came out to enjoy the soup suppers prior to worship and to those who helped cook. Thanks for supporting our youth!

Thanks to Carmen and Dana for leading the kids and for Darnyl for running sound and video each Wednesday.



L to R: Kailee, Abby, Lillian, Irelynn, Carmen, Jett, Landon, Ivan and Dana





He is Risen...

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

7:00 p.m. Good Friday
Worship Service at
Belfield Lutheran Church

6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
at
Daglum Lutheran Church

8:30 a.m. Easter Worship at
Medora Lutheran Church

10:00 a.m. Easter Worship at
Belfield Lutheran Church

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29

In our ongoing prayers...

Remembering those in our prayers: Lynn Peterson, Noah Obrigewitch, Doris Urban, 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 Sargeant Dustin Chapman and those working for peace in our world.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

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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5	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship
12	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Palm Sunday
17	7:00 p.m.	Belfield Worship Good Friday
19	6:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service at Daglum Medora Worship Belfield Worship
26	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship

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