

# Parish Visitor

Belfield Lutheran Church · Daglum Lutheran Church · Medora Lutheran Church

## *From the Pastor*

It's September. Maybe you've heard me say this before, but this time of year always reminds me of new beginnings. Not too many people love change, and not too many people look forward to change. And, new beginnings are times of growth and change. Somehow, new beginnings are more exciting and enticing than 'change'. As the leaves begin to change colors, crops are being harvested, the days are cooler, and the skies are clear! It's a beautiful time to begin something new. New school years, new jobs, new opportunities for growth physically, intellectually, and spiritually.

God begins life with breath - with the Word of God speaking "Let there be..." and there is. And it is good. (Genesis 1) When this perfect creation goes astray, God starts new beginnings.. After the garden, after the flood, after the exile, after the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. With the ascension of Christ comes the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of churches proclaiming Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Promised One, the Savior of the world. All of these moments are turning points in the life of God's people.

We have experienced many 'new beginnings' in the last year - my experience as a pastor, your experience with different leaders, our experiences with a global pandemic, along with all of the other life challenges that we face - births, graduations, job changes, marriages, new and severed relationships, and deaths. What do these things teach us? You might think of a proverbial phrase, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade" or "chin up". Maybe it's ok to be sad or angry for a time. What matters is how you use that to create a new beginning. Maybe it's a new daily routine, a gratitude journal, or a simple smile to encourage others. What new beginning will you try today? If it doesn't work for you, are you willing to try something else and begin again? Let's continue to enjoy new



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Youth Gathering
- LYO
- Confirmation Classes Start
- Sunday School Starts!
- Women's Retreat



experiences together and see where God leads us!

**2 Corinthians 5:17** So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

How can we begin anew again this season? Will you pray with me?

*Creating God, you refresh us with your healing power and you bring about new life in each of us. Encourage us and guide us to use the gifts you have given us to share this life with those around us. Replace the fear of change with the excitement of new beginnings and strengthen us to follow you as a new creation. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen!*

+ *Pastor Dawn Busch*

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**11.14.2021**  
FOR THE  
18TH ANNUAL  
PARISH  
EXTRAVAGANZA

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



**CHOIR STARTS ON  
WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 8TH AT  
7:00 P.M.  
ALL ARE WELCOME  
TO JOIN!  
PLEASE CONTACT JEAN  
AT 701-238-0526**

# BDM Confirmation 2021-2022

**Classes will be starting soon!**

All 7th-9th graders are welcome.

A Parent/Student Meeting will be held September 1st at 6:30 p.m. in Belfield.

Confirmation classes will be meeting  
Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. beginning September 15th

Please contact Pastor Dawn if you need to register.

Church Office: 701-575-4703 Cell:701-260-7677 email: [pastordawn@ndsupernet.com](mailto:pastordawn@ndsupernet.com)



**have  
some fun**

**serve  
the  
community**



**be  
inspired.**



## **LYO: A High School Youth Gathering** Friday-Saturday, October 21-23 in Bismarck

**Inspired by Youth. Planned by Youth. Led by Youth...You can't miss it!**

**Save the Date for this Incredible Event with Awesome NoDak Youth!**

Please contact Pastor Dawn or Dawsyn Malkowski for more information.



All youth beginning 8<sup>th</sup> grade through those currently beginning 12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to attend. Please contact Pastor Dawn if you are interested! It would be awesome to have a group of young people participate in this national event.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!  
2 Corinthians 5:17*



**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is Sunday, September 12, 2021**

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

What do you have planned for this day?





**We rejoice with Trevor and Apryl Ridl as their daughter was baptized at Belfield Lutheran Church on August 8, 2021. Raelynn Grace Ridl was born 4/4/20 in Dickinson and her baptismal sponsor is Caitlyn Wolf.**

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
1 Peter 1:3*

## *In our ongoing prayers...*

The family of John Hutzenbiler, Sr. · Kathy Hallahan · The family of Susan Kadrmas · The family of John Wagner · The family of Rory Johnson · The family of Carolyn Erickson · Carmen Ruud · Mark Trechok · The family of David Warner · Josh Kukowski · Page Myers · Monica Hushka · Doug Schwartz · Carl Hastings · Becky Yadon · Barbura Hurt · Carol Johnson · Daryl Potter · Chandler Nichols · Kim Duenow · Sharleen Stigen · Marilyn Oyhus · The family of Noel Nichols · Bennette Mansfield · Matthew Elefson · Mindy O'Brien and family · Janeen Nichols · Rose Marie Andreas  
All those with Covid 19 illness and exposure

***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](mailto:newsletter@belfieldlutheran.org)



# Build Up BLC Fundraiser!

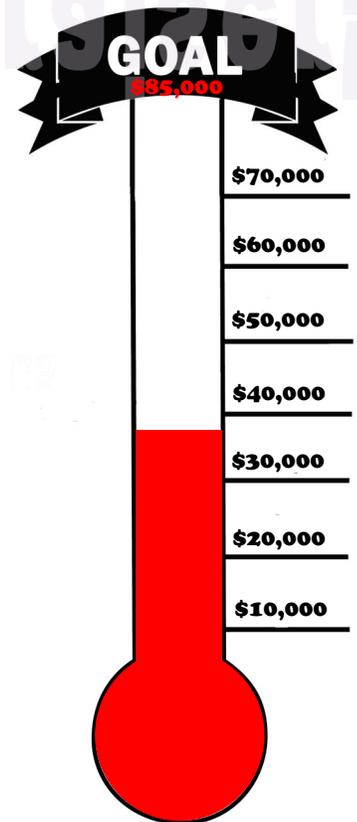
The BLC Property Committee and the BLC Council would like to extend a huge thank you to all that have donated to our 2021 Build Up BLC Fundraiser so far! We have raised \$37,772! Thank you for your continued support!

The new windows and siding are completely installed. Please stop by and take a look! The new boiler has also been installed We have also installed new air conditioning units in the fellowship hall, kitchen and Pastor's office. We are blessed!

If you have not donated and feel you can, please fill out the portion below and mail to Belfield Lutheran Church C/O Building UP BLC Fundraiser, PO Box 416, Belfield, ND 58622. You can also choose to donate online at <https://www.belfieldlutheran.org/give-online>. Please reference the Building UP BLC Fundraiser when donating. Please help us reach our fundraising goal of \$85,000! If you have already signed up to give a monthly donation, please remember to mail the donation to Belfield.



**Thank you**



Please accept my donation to the Building UP BLC Fundraiser

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# Gospel Seeds

WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD

WNDSYNOD.ORG

SEPTEMBER 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CRAIG

Brothers and sisters in Christ of the Western North Dakota Synod, grace, and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

It seems like several lifetimes ago since we gathered together at the beginning of summer in Minot, North Dakota or online thru Zoom for this year's Synod Assembly. We gathered around this text from the Gospel of St. Matthew in the 22nd chapter where we hear, "When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had been silenced by the Sadducees, they gathered together and one of them, a lawyer, asked Jesus a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to them, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart, with all of your soul and with all of your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:37-39) In Minot, at the Synod Assembly, that text was the centering text for our time together as we conducted the business of our Synod, as we gathered together in Bible study, as we joined in worship and prayer. Matthew's teaching to us and Jesus' words to us to, "love your neighbor as yourself" reflected across the entire scope of our time together.

My guess is that you've gathered in other ways over these summer months; family reunions, school reunions, class reunions, gathering together with friends in ways that you weren't able to do last summer because of the pandemic. Other ways that we've gathered with one another in the past have yet to return. We long for those things to return, to be like they used to be.

Several lay leaders in the church and a couple of our Rostered Ministers have recently said to me, "You know what, I'm tired of taking care of my neighbor; when is someone going to take care of me?" To which I've often responded, "Aren't you grateful that you have a neighbor who has paid attention and is taking care of you in and through this time?"

As we continue to travel through this time that is unlike any other in human history, some of us believe that coronavirus and the pandemic are already in the rear-view mirror. For others the pandemic is still very present and real.

May Jesus' teaching guide us as we enter into fall; as we come back together for events like Rally Sunday and God's Work Our Hands Sunday; as church school and confirmation ministries happen; as worship returns to some reflection of what it was before; and even in those times when nothing really returns to what it was before, continue to be kind to one another, to serve alongside one another, to take care of each other.

As fall programming begins and fall activities take place, know that you are held in prayer, that your synod staff is available to walk with you in whatever way we can be supportive and helpful, and that, together as church, as church made up of the Western North Dakota Synod, 160 or so congregations, part of this crazy little church called the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we do this together. We love the Lord our God with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind and we love our neighbor as ourselves.

God bless you and may God's grace and peace be with you always.

## Upcoming Events

<http://wndsynod.org/events>

Sept. 9 – Lunch and Learn Zoominar led by synod staff (Second Thursday of each month) – Watch for more details!

Sept. 12 – 14 – Rostered Leaders Gathering in Medora, ND

Oct. 21-23 – LYO Gathering at the Ramada Hotel in Bismarck, ND



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## Belfield, Medora, Daglum Lutheran Ladies Retreat

Friday - Sunday  
September 24 - 26, 2021

at  
Badland's Ministries Retreat Center in Medora

Enjoy  
A Bible Study, Music, Art, Nature,  
Good Food, Fellowship

**Cost will be \$100**  
**This amount is nonrefundable**  
**We will need at least 14 to register to make it**  
**financially feasible.**

**To register, give a check or cash for the full**  
**amount to:**

Jean Franklin or Nita Northrop

You can also mail the amount, your  
cell number, and address to:

Nita Northrop  
Box 32  
Belfield, ND 59622

**Payment in full is due by:**  
**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

It will be a fun and meaningful weekend!  
Hope to see you there!

**Sponsored by Belfield's WELCA**



Our prayers continue for the family and friends of Noel Nichols. Noel passed away July 17<sup>th</sup> and her funeral was Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at Stevenson Funeral Home followed by a reception of homemade cookies and unsweetened iced tea! Her burial took place at Daglum Lutheran Cemetery on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our sympathies to the family of Susan O. Kadrmas. Susan passed away on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at her home in Bismarck, surrounded by her family. Susan's Funeral Service was held Monday, August 23, 2021 at Belfield Lutheran Church with Rev. Dorothy Stein officiating. Her Burial took place at Belfield Lutheran Cemetery.

Our prayers to the family of John Hutzenbiler, Sr. John passed away August 9<sup>th</sup> at his home surrounded by his family. A funeral service for John Matthias Hutzenbiler Sr, 72, of Dickinson was held Friday, August 13, 2021 at Stevenson Funeral Home. Burial followed at Belfield Lutheran Cemetery. Military honors were presented by William C Blaire Post #144.

## You're Invited to Sunday School!

Where: Belfield Lutheran Church

When: Sundays at 9:15

Who: All children ages 4 to Grade 6!

**We are excited to resume**

**Sunday School on**

**September 12th, 2021**

**We hope to see you there!**

*Please check the Website and Facebook page for updates!*

**Please watch for more information on  
Upcoming Health Clinics in Belfield and  
Medora. These clinics will be offered by  
Southwest District Health, in our areas!**

# September

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3:30 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study @ Belfield 6:30pm – Parent/Student Confirmation meeting@Belfield	2 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	3 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	4
<b>Worship</b> 8:30 am – Medora 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 am – Dajlum 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle’s Please RSVP	6 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	7	8 3:30 pm – Pastor’s Bible Study @ Belfield 7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ Belfield	9 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	10 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	11
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**September 2021  
Worship Schedule**

<b>5</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Daglun Worship
<b>12</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship
<b>19</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Badlands Ministries Fall Event
<b>26</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship



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