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From the Pastor

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This past month we have been watching a Canada Goose nesting on a muskrat mound in the shallow water of the pond in our pasture. The water is close to the road, so every time we drive by, we look to see the location of the goose. Is she still on the nest? And the gander. Where is he hanging out today? We also ponder our perceived development of the eggs. When is this hatch date ever going to come?

It seems like such a long wait. The goose is usually motionless on her mound of eggs, patiently incubating them for the required 4 weeks. What love and dedication she has for this month long vigil! The gander is never far away. He has as much patience, though maybe not as much sacrifice. They are a lovely pair as they work together to bring new life into this world. They say geese mate for life. These two are definitely devoted to raise a family.

This past month I have also ours sitting on a nest. She's side of the Quonset in the tall old rusty barbed wire. I no-rest of my family members have seen her, there would need any more ducks," they the flock is prohibited ac-family. But I don't mind if this breed. I like seeing the hatch-grass. It doesn't seem right to disrupt nature's tug on this hen to be a mother. The duck is as vigilant as the goose on the pond. Always motionless when I walk by, she diligently keeps her eggs warm beneath her. It's the dedication and the love of a mother.



noticed a domestic duck of barely noticeable along the grass underneath a ring of ticed her, but I don't think the have seen her. If they would be much to do about getting her eggs away. "We don't would say. Reproduction of cording to the rest of my duck is successful. I like her lings scampering through the

Being surrounded by all of this life feels so sacred. Every day I am reminded how precious life is and how beautiful and exciting a new life can be. It's a celebration. It's God's miraculous gift. It's precious and holy. With the summer season upon us, no doubt you will get to experience new and exciting things. The summer allows us to experience life in new ways. Take time to notice the sacredness around you. Take time to see the dedication and the holy of those you are with. Celebrate the many gifts of life that God is sharing with you. God loves you and God is even more dedicated to you than a mother goose. Happy Summer everyone!

With Peace,
Pastor Mike

Special Points of Interest

- Prayer List
- 2026 Graduates
- Vacation Bible School
- College Faith Story



This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24



How college has affected my faith

By Morgan Vesey

Moving away to college is a monumental change for everyone and for me it was nothing different. Moving to college particularly was a change for me in my faith life. I found that going to church was hard when battling deadlines and trying to set up some form of a schedule. Because of this difficulty, first semester I ended up mainly watching church online while doing my schoolwork. I kept reading my bible at this time, because I find that not only hearing the word of God but reading it, helps me understand my path in life. During these months I also attended church with my roommates when able but found that those churches just didn't feel like the right "fit". Hearing the word of God is important, but when I attended with them something about the environment just felt off. Call me a person of habit, but I had never attended any church that wasn't either Catholic or Lutheran. I think it important to visit other churches, but the way I was being told the word just didn't sit right with me. I felt like there was a high amount of interpretation within the sermons, and little of finding what the verse was trying to get across. My boss at bible camp, Chris Moe, once told me that pulling singular verses out of a passage isn't an issue if you know what came before and after in that lesson. Different sections of Christianity have different ways of giving sermons, the important part is whether

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Genesis 8:22



The Belfield Lutheran Church roof above the fellowship hall is being worked on. A patch has been done and the council is looking into further renovations of the roof and internal fixes for the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate, please visit our website and to the support tab and donate online, or send a check to the church and state that you want the funds to go to the BLC Roof Repair. Thank you

or not it connects you to God. In these times I didn't find that I was being connected. To put this into perspective, it felt like I was standing outside of a glass room. The information I wanted to know more about was there, but muffled. Because of this I decided that I was going to keep with my old system for Sunday mornings of listening to church online. This moves us into second semester. After going back to our church over winter break, I found that what I truly missed was the community behind me. I was hearing the word, but the missing piece was being able to understand it at the same pace as the other people that would normally surround me. I told my boyfriend Nolan about this, and he told me about a campus ministry called CRU. CRU meets every Wednesday and he invited me to go with him. The first time I went I was nervous. I didn't know exactly how CRU would go and what would be discussed, but luckily, I loved it. It had kind of the same

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COMING SOON

404 3rd Ave. NE Belfield, ND—Open 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM, Contact is Tom Tessier

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

July 8th - BLC WELCA Pavilion Dinner

July 20-23rd - VBS at Belfield Lutheran Church

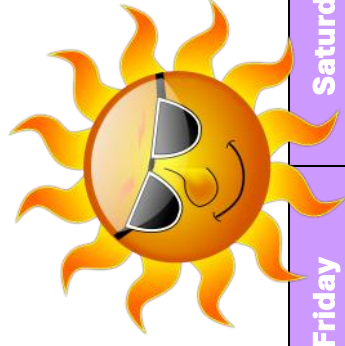
August 22nd - Belfield Lutheran Church Pancake Breakfast

August 26th - Parish Pavilion Dinner

October 19th - Blood Drive at Belfield Lutheran Church



2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1		2 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran Church	3	4 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran Church	5	6
7 Worship 8:30 am – Medora 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 am – Dalum	8	9 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran Church	10	11 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran Church	12	13
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After graduation, Logan will continue working for Creek Bend Services, a fencing business he and his cousin started in 2025. Logan plans to receive his Welding Certification from DSU.



Rubi plans to study biology at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD.



Maci plans to attend Montana State University in Bozeman, MT in the fall. She plans to study Psychology and Minor in Biology.



Rudy plans to enter the workforce after graduation.



Gunnar will attend the University of Colorado in Boulder, CO to study Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science.



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6



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*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16*

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2026 Wednesday Night Pavilion Meals

5:30-7:00PM

Adults \$10.00

Children 6-12 \$5.00



June 10 th	Danielle O'Brien (Varsity Girls & Boys Basketball)
June 17 th	Belfield Auxiliary Legion
June 24 th	Catholic Daughters
July 1 st	
July 8 th	Belfield Lutheran Church WELCA
July 15 th	Belfield Baptist Church
July 22 nd	Ukrainian Culture Institute
July 29 th	WCAG
August 5 th	Sugar & Spice
August 12 th	Knights of Columbus
August 19 th	Kelli Kessel-BHS Close up
August 26 th	BDM Parish (BDM Lutheran Parish)
September 2 nd	Choice Bank—Appreciation Meal

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volunteer to
help with the
supper,
please talk to
Jean and/or
Nita**

Call 701-575-4235 ext. 2 to schedule



flow as church did at home and the people that were there didn't judge me for being there for my first time. I started going whenever I could, which was sadly once every other week because of a club meeting at the same time every other Wednesday.

Now that you know the whole backstory of what my last 2 semesters have looked like in faith life, I want to talk about how it has changed since coming to Montana State University. Personally, I think the main thing that has changed is how much I value it. 3 years ago, I started working at badland ministries to better my relationship and understand my faith. Those weeks I spent there massively helped me by helping me be comfortable with discussing my beliefs. Bringing that into college, I found that it made my faith even more important to me. Being able to have adult conversations and listen to other people has helped me understand why I enjoy being involved within my church back home. The reason being is it makes me a more understanding person. Montana State has many ministries on campus, and being able to find my place in one gives me an opportunity to hear from other people about their walk through faith.

To cut to the chase, college has affected my faith life by allowing me to grow closer to God and grow into being an adult at the same time. These 8 months have allowed me to gain confidence about where I want my life to lead and what I want to continue being apart from, and my faith is something that I'm sure of keeping on the current path it is on.

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Genesis 8:22



Volunteering at church matters because it quietly reshapes both the community and the person doing the serving. The impact is bigger than "helping out" — it's about belonging, purpose, and spiritual formation.



The core reason it matters: it turns faith into action.

Most people believe something about love, compassion, generosity. Volunteering is where those beliefs stop being ideas and start becoming habits. It's the difference between thinking about kindness and practicing it until it becomes part of who you are.

Why it matters for the church community

- **It builds real relationships** — Serving side-by-side breaks down barriers faster than small talk ever will.
- **It strengthens the church's mission** — Churches run on people, not programs. Every greeter, teacher, musician, tech volunteer, or behind-the-scenes helper is part of the engine that keeps ministry alive.
- **It creates a culture of shared ownership** — When people serve, the church stops being "that place I go" and becomes "my community."

Why it matters for the person serving

- **It gives purpose** — Humans need to feel useful. Serving taps into that deep need to contribute to something bigger than ourselves.
- **It grows character** — Patience, humility, empathy, leadership — these don't grow in isolation. They grow when we show up for others.
- **It deepens faith** — Many people say they feel closest to God not while listening, but while serving.
- **It combats loneliness** — Volunteering creates connection, routine, and belonging — three things people often don't realize they're missing.

Why it matters beyond the church walls

- A church that serves well becomes a church the community trusts.
- A church full of volunteers becomes a church full of people who carry compassion into their workplaces, families, and neighborhoods.
- Service inside the church often becomes service outside the church.

The non-obvious insight

- Volunteering isn't just about filling a need — it's about forming an identity.
- People become who they repeatedly show up as.
- Serving shapes you into someone who notices, cares, and acts.

BLC is looking for volunteers to Mow the Church & Parsonage Lawn, Tech Assistants, Ushers or anything else you can offer!

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You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter.
Psalm 74:17

In our ongoing prayers...

Remembering those in our prayers: Family of Gerry Suomala, Whitley Novak, Marley Novak, Danielle O'Brien, Lynn Peterson, 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, 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, their families, and 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 Altar Guild

Thank you to Nita Northrup & Madeline Layton for serving in May
Serving in June Sharon Braun & Doris Urban
Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild! See Jean Franklin for details.



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Worship Schedule

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	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Dalum Worship
14	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
21	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
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	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship

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