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From the Pastor

Death...and Resurrection

One of my favorite things about spring are the signs of new life around us! Calves are born, new grass begins to grow, trees and flowers begin to blossom, the birds are singing more vigorously, and the days begin to grow longer

In our Lenten season this year, these 40 days before Easter, we are spending time in midweek worship with the theme "Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism". The focus for each midweek worship service is a portion of the promises made in baptism. How do we live out our baptismal promises: 1) to live among God's faithful people; 2) to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper; 3) to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; 4) to serve all people, following the example of Jesus; and 5) to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Isaiah reminds us our thoughts are not God's thoughts, nor are our ways God's ways. (Isaiah 55:8-9) In order to live out these baptismal promises, we are completely dependent on God. We admit that we have sinned, we receive forgiveness in the washing away of our sins and we ask God to help us change.

What did you say? Change?? NO way! I am comfortable with the way things are. Why do we have to change all the time? By definition, change requires something to be made different. When something is no longer what it once was, something has gone away (died) in order for something new to emerge (resurrection). Paul writes in 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!" (NRSV)

Martin Luther writes in the Small Catechism, in response to the significance of baptism, "It (baptism) signifies that the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

What needs to change/die in us, in order for new life to emerge? As we move from the season of Lent into the season of Easter, let us identify the places where we need to change both individually and as a community of faith. We can expect to see new life, because God promises resurrection!

Happy Easter!

+ Pastor Dawn Busch



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Confirmation Kids
- Gospel Seeds
- Baptism
- Easter Services
- Financial Webinar



Maunday Thursday Service

April 14th, 2022

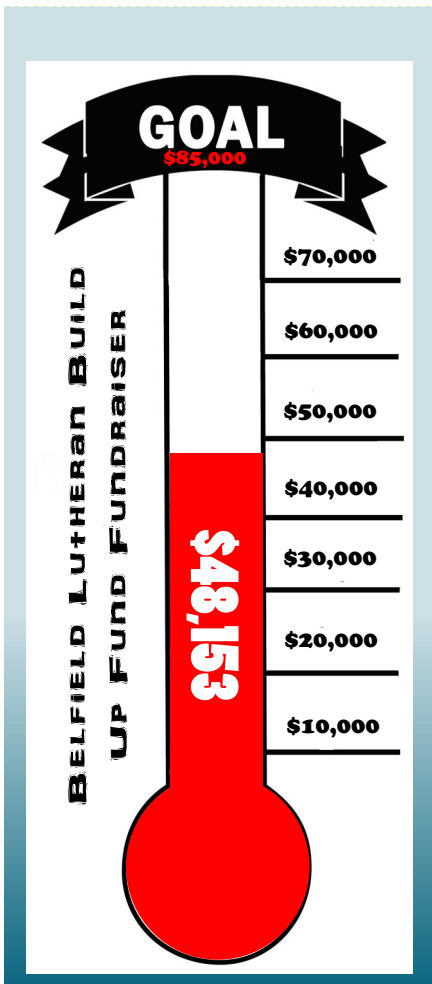
7:00 p.m. Belfield Lutheran Church

Good Friday Service

April 15th, 2022

7:00 p.m. Belfield Lutheran Church

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this? *John 11:25-26*



HE IS RISEN

"WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?"

*Easter Sunday Services
April 17th, 2022*

6:00 a.m. Daglum Easter Sunrise Service

8:30 a.m. Medora Easter Sunday Service

10:00 a.m. Belfield Easter Sunday Service



BAPTISM

We rejoiced with the Laajala and Griffin families as Cooper Dallas Laajala was baptized on February 20th, 2022 in Medora.

Cooper was born in Dickinson, ND, on April 12, 2021 to Mirya and Erik Laajala, and the grandson of Robin Griffin. Cooper's baptismal sponsors are Morgan Laajala and Ben Ruohonen. Welcome to the Medora church family!

FINANCIAL WELLNESS WEBINARS

Belfield Lutheran Church is partnering with the non-profit organization Foundation for Financial Education (F3E) to host a series of financial wellness webinars. The webinars will be held at 10 AM on the fourth Saturday in April and the 3rd Saturday in May and June. Anyone can sign up electronically to participate from your own home, or you can view the webinar from the Belfield Lutheran Church fellowship hall on the designated day and time. Pre-registration is required unless you attend the webinar from the church fellowship hall. Each webinar lasts about 45 minutes, and if you pre-registered and are unable to attend on the designated day, following the webinar broadcast, you will be emailed a link to watch the webinar at your convenience.

F3E offers a variety of webinar topics intended to help educate people and allow them to take charge of their financial wellness and achieve overall financial goals. The webinars are provided free of charge, and nothing is sold. We hope that you will find the webinars interesting and informative, and we are pleased to be able to offer them to our community. We hope to see you there!

The Foundation for Financial Education (F3E) Presents

Legacy Planning & Creating Generational Wealth

A financial education workshop hosted by: **Belfield Lutheran Church**

Discussion Topics

- ✓ Creating Generational Wealth
- ✓ Wealth Accumulation & Taxes
- ✓ Your Family's Financial Wellness
- ✓ What is a TOD?
- ✓ Charitable Giving

Event Information

Date: Saturday, April 23, 2022

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am Mountain Daylight Time

Place: Watch in person at Belfield Lutheran Church

RSVP: or copy / [CLICK HERE](#) to watch at home:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3556559898080485136?source=register>

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www.F3Eonline.org | (243) 499-0390 | info@F3Eonline.org

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Carmen Waldo, email c2waldo@yahoo.com or call or text 701-590-3934. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/133776082382538497?source=register>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	2
Worship 3 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Choir Practice 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 am – Daglum 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	4	5 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	6 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 6:30 pm – Lent Worship @ Belfield Lutheran	7 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	8 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	9
Worship 10 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield 11:15 am – Choir Practice 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	11	12 2:30 pm – Faith Foundations Study @ Belfield Lutheran 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	13	14 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm – Worship @ Belfield Lutheran	Good Friday 15 7:00 pm – Worship @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	16
Easter Worship 17 6:00 am – Daglum 8:30 am – Medora 10:00 am – Belfield 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	18	19 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield 6:30 pm – Belfield Council Meeting @ the Parsonage 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	20 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 6:30 pm – Youth Group @ Belfield Lutheran	21 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	22 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	23 10:00 am – Finance Webinar (Legacy Planning) @ Belfield Lutheran 1:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran
Worship 24 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield 11:15 am – Choir Practice 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	25 7:00 pm – Faith Foundations Study @ Belfield Lutheran	26 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	27 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran	28 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	29 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	30 9:30am – Spring 2022 WELCA Badlands Conference Gathering at Badlands Ministries

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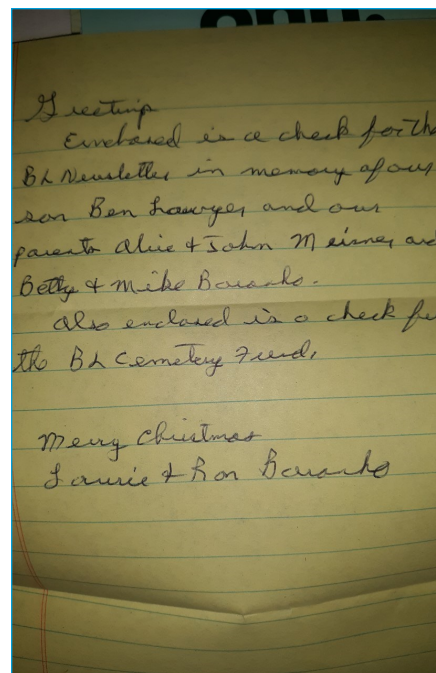
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Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

John 20:1

In our ongoing prayers...

The Family of Marian Crook • Amanda Johnson • Lanie Nichols
Noah Hoon • Delores Roy • Margaret Braun • Rene Praus
Rebecca Kasian • Johnny Syminow • Larry Johnson • Mark Hinrichs
Brent Seaks • Madella Brinkman • Nicole Koegl • Lincoln Lee Johnson
Lance Waller • Duane Davis • Carmen Ruud • Page Myers
Becky Yadon • Carol Johnson • Rose Marie Andreas • Monica Hushka
Mark Trechok • Janeen Nichols • Sharleen Stigen • Marilyn Oyhus
Mindy O'Brien • Chandler Nichols • Bennette Mansfield

All those who have lost their jobs, those with mental illness, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, with Covid illness and exposure, all troops & 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



Parsonage Fund

We, your BDM Parish Council, have been working on updates and repairs in the Parsonage. Painting and flooring on the main floor, and basement windows are a few of the things that have been completed. Our goal is \$12,000. You have heard the term glass half full. Since we haven't had the Extravaganza for the last 2 years, we need to refill our glass in a different way. These funds will be used to continue this process. Some of the things that need to be done are:

- Repair and update downstairs bathroom
- Replacing the Exterior Doors
- Replace (or repair missing) shingles
- Upstairs Windows will also need replacing

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Thank you.



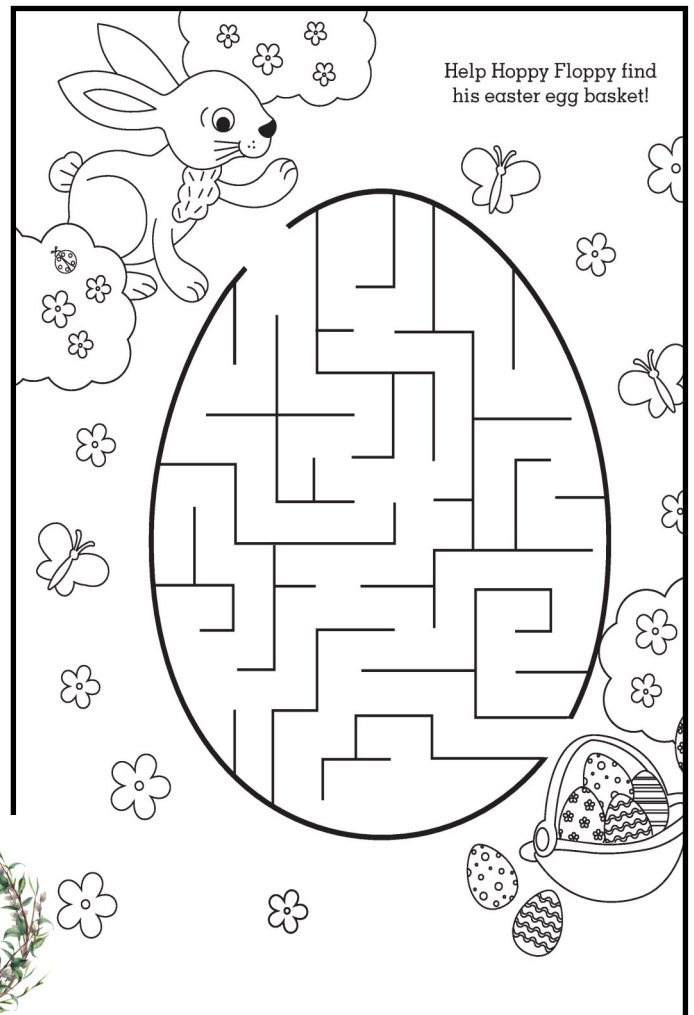
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TOMB



Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

***Our thanks to Sharlene Schuhrke and
Darnyl Malkowski for serving in March.***

Serving in April

Dana Wanner

Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild!

See Jean Franklin for details.



**After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.
*Mark 16***

Fall Prevention

Have you or a loved one experienced a fall? Falls can be devastating for some individuals but are preventable! Environmental factors can easily be changed to help reduce your or a loved one's risk of falling.

1. High contrast colors. Including high contrast colors where surfaces change will make seeing and moving around in your home easier. Examples include contrasting colors from floor to wall, hardwood floor to carpet, where steps or a ramp begins/ends, rug to floor, floor to furniture or other tripping hazards such as cords or ledges.

2. Non-slip treads. Place non-slip stickers, mats or treads anywhere the floor can become slippery. Recommendations include: shower floor, right where you step outside of the shower, around the toilet, indoor/outdoor stairs, ledges or any surface that is slippery by nature such as hardwood floor.

3. Clothing. Choose comfortable clothing that fits well, not too loose or too restrictive. If your pants are too long, get them hemmed. Wear good fitting shoes preferably with grips on the bottom and avoid shoes without a back. Ill-fitting clothing and shoes can easily present as a tripping hazard if pieces are not secure or become too baggy.

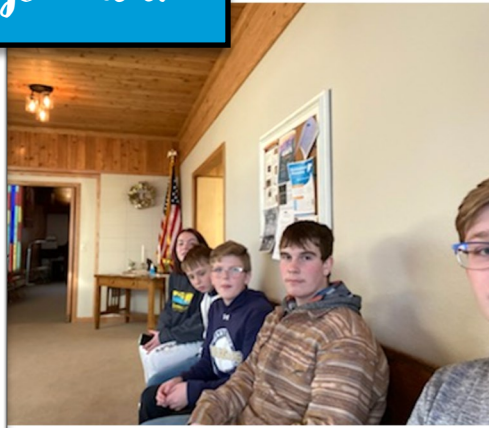
This is a quick, general list that does not include details specific to individuals. If you are fearful of falling or have more concerns, please reach out to your primary care doctor or a trusted healthcare provider for more guidance. Follow "Revitalize Physical Therapy" on Facebook and Instagram for more tips!

Written by: Hannah (Rodne) Freiboth, PT, DPT





Youth Night Scavenger Hunt





Gospel Seeds

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A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

This Month's Writer: Bishop Craig Schweitzer

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Savior Jesus!

I pray that your Lenten journey has been a blessed and holy time. The Lenten season was different for many of us once again this year. War. Division. Hatred. Violence. Anger. It's all just so much. It's all so heavy.

Our Synod Council recently adopted a "why statement" for our work together as synod. Think of this as our new mission or purpose statement. Our why statement emerged after more than 12 months of conversation and prayer around the mission and ministry God is calling our synod into. I believe it also speaks to the truth that we don't do any of this work alone. That's important for us to hear and be reminded of from time to time, because sometimes everything can feel a bit overwhelming.

I invite you to join me in giving God thanks and praise for the prayer-filled, Spirit-led work that has been done by our Synod Council. We continue to seek the Spirit's guidance as we live out this mission and ministry together.

*To encourage and equip the ministries of the Western North Dakota Synod – ELCA,
so that the Good News of Jesus Christ is proclaimed,
and all God's children feel welcomed and included in the ministries to which God calls us.*

Over the next several months we will continue to see our Synod's mission and ministry unfolding as we seek to encourage and equip one another in this work. Just a few examples of how this will happen include:

- the ongoing monthly Lunch & Learn Zoominars (the second Thursday of the month),
- Annual Congregational Roadmap Retreat at Camp of the Cross (April 30th) strengthening and renewing relationships with the ELCA Foundation, Mission Investment Fund, and Gronlund/Sayther/Brunkow Consultants (GSB) to offer ongoing support for stewardship ministry across congregations and ministries of our synod (click here for an [Introduction to GSB](#)), and,
- the 2022 Synod Assembly at the Grand Hotel in Minot (June 3-5) – www.wndsynod.org/synod-assembly.

I look forward to seeing you at one, or all of, these synod events as we together we share in the proclamation of the good news of Jesus across our synod and around the world!

As our Lenten journey comes to an end, may our joyous pronouncements of "He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!" ring out across our synod. And may our work together as synod bear witness to Mary Magdalene's joy after she has witnessed the resurrection firsthand – "I have seen the Lord!!" May it be so.

Annual Roadmap Retreat

Saturday, April 30, Camp of the Cross, Garrison

Designed for church leadership and ministry teams (council, executive team, staff teams, committees, etc.) come spend a day together developing goals for the next year that are rooted in prayer, aligned around shared values, built on existing strengths & resources, and include next steps. **More info at** wndsynod.org/events

Synod Assembly 2022

Sat. June 4 – Sun. June 5, 2022

Grand Hotel, Minot

Pre-Assembly Workshops Fri. June 3



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APRIL 2022 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

3	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	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	6:00 a.m.	Daglum Worship
	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
<i>Easter Sunday</i>		
24	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship

