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From the Pastor

Fall has arrived. I know this because my garden is spent, the daylight is getting shorter, the cool night air creeps in my bedroom through the open window, and the tree leaves are gathering on the ground at my back door.

To me, fall means change and I welcome it. I'm ready to retire my lawn mower for another season. I am ready to catch up on "house" work and take a break from yard work. And it is no secret, I like winter. I like the whiteness of snow, cross country skiing, and the end to flies and mosquitoes. I like the four distinct seasons in North Dakota and I embrace each one wholeheartedly.

I know last month I suggested that this time of year can be about new beginnings, but fall also seems to be a season in which we can be a little more reflective. This season combines dying and letting go with beauty and peace, calling us to slow down and reflect on life, change, and what is yet to come.

Falling leaves remind me of a poem I read several years ago written by a pastor who has a gift with words and shares them in a daily email devotion entitled *Unfolding Light* (www.unfoldinglight.net). He reflects on how our acts spread far and wide for the benefit of many. And then he touches on how our mistakes add to the fertile ground within us which in turn enhances our actions and the positive impact we make in the world. It is a beautiful cycle; living, growing, sharing, making mistakes, forgiving, learning, letting go. And then it repeats.

Even within us there is dying, change, reflection and letting go. Maybe that is why the season of fall touches us so deeply. What we see so vividly on the outside matches what is happening on our inside. But often we don't realize that the dying and the letting go will ultimately give rise to newness; to spring and the fertile ground that brings forth new life.

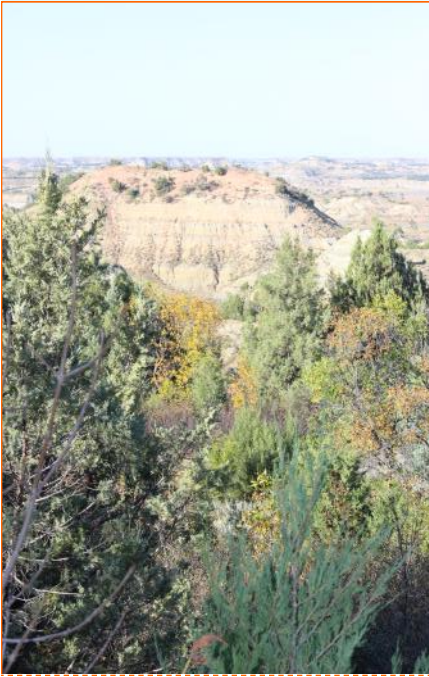
I hope you have time and space to do some of this reflecting, letting go, and wrestling with whatever it is that is dying in your life. So often we ignore and shut out these thoughts. This fall embrace them and acknowledge their value. All cycles and seasons of life are important. As you go through this process, may you trust that God is with you in every



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Welca Fall Supper
- LYO
- Inspirational Speaker
- Confirmation Save the Date
- Backpack Blessing

Join us for the 2025 BLE Fall Supper October 5th, 4:30-7:00 PM



season of your life.

And now, here is that poem! It's called, Reckoning.

All the greatest things you have done,
with those of all the masters,
are little purple berries
on the end of bare branches
that songbirds come and eat
and then migrate far,
strong and beautiful.

All the mistakes you ever made
fall like leaves and rot
in God's good dark earth
until, after time and regret
and a winter of letting go,
it all becomes rich, black soil.

By Steve Garnaas-Holmes, Unfolding Light. Published on November 14, 2012

With Peace,

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed to us. Romans 8:18



confirmation

Kaleb Romanyshyn

Join us as we celebrate with Kaleb as he affirms his baptism at Belfield Lutheran Church. Watch for the date!



BELFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 FROM 4:30-7 PM

SERVING: HAM, SWEDISH MEATBALLS,
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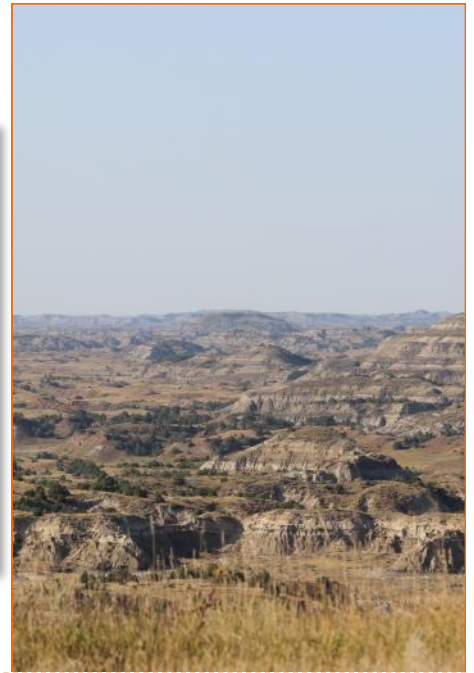
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Backpack Blessing 2025



Deacon Cheryl Lantz blessing the student and teacher backpacks for back to school



I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

In our ongoing prayers...

Remembering those in our prayers: The family of George Wolf, Kevin Kuntz, Donald Suomala, Diedra Hlibichuk, Sherri O'Brien, Rick Baxter, Kris Hastings, Bonnie Steitz, Debbie Baca, Robin Sandaker, Barb Newton, Sandy Simnioniw, Tom Adams, Rick Wolfgram, Randy Wolfgram, Emma Hlibichuk, Denise Tibbs, Christine Perrin, Duane Tessier, 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

Please continue to pray for those who have lost their jobs, those with mental illness, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, all troops including PFC Cole Potter, and their families & 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

In Loving Memory...



George J. Wolf, 91, Medora, died on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at CHI St. Alexius Dickinson. George's Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, September 25, 2025 at the Medora Community Center, Medora with Fr. Shane Campbell as celebrant. Inurnment will take place at a later date at the Medora Cemetery.

*"Eternal rest grant unto him,
O Lord"*



Darnyl and Pastor Mike cleaning up after the Parish Pavilion Meal

2025 LYO – OCTOBER

In Dickinson October 16-17th, 2025

High School
October 16-17

Middle School
October 17-18

LYO 2025: Wanted

*But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.
1 Samuel 12:24*



Badlands Cluster Meeting at Belfield Lutheran Church, September 20th, 2025

Badlands WELCA Cluster hosted Deb Hadley on September 30th, 2025 at Belfield Lutheran Church. Deb is a motivational speaker, sharing her loss of two children and how she recovered with God's help. Her words were amazing and inspirational.

There were 65 people attending and the Badlands Cluster had their

catered meal and business meeting in the afternoon.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3:30 pm Wednesday School @ Medora Lutheran 5:30 pm - Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 6:00 pm - AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran 7:00 pm—Choir Practice @	2 7:00 pm - Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	3	4
5 Worship 8:30 am - Medora 10:00 am - Belfield 11:45 am - Daglum 2:00 pm - Bible Study @ Dwelle's 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Belfield WELCA Fall Dinner	6	7 8:00 pm - AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	8 3:30 pm Wednesday School @ Medora Lutheran 5:30 pm - Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 6:00 pm - AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran 7:00 pm—Choir Practice @ Belfield Lutheran	9 7:00 pm - Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	10	11
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October 2025 Worship Schedule

5	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Daglum Worship
12	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
19	8:30 a.m.	Medora Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Daglum Worship
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	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship

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