



Parish Visitor

Belfield Lutheran Church · Daglum Lutheran Church · Medora Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

This year on Reformation Day, 10/31/21, we celebrate with Addie Collins as she is confirmed. Reformation Day is a time in the church year when we commemorate the nailing of Martin Luther's 95 theses to a church door in Wittenberg Germany, and we recognize the importance of ongoing reforms in the Church. Re-formation continues daily as life happens to us and we learn new ways of being Church together.

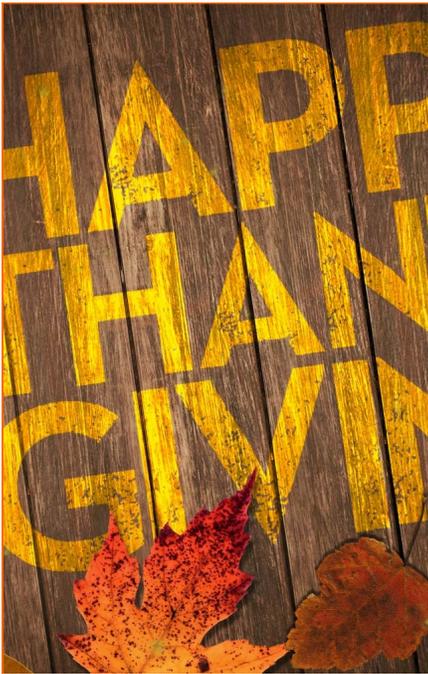
Not too many people like change. Most of us can't wait for things to "get back to normal". And yet, life calls for change all the time. We constantly learn from our mistakes, and we learn how to respond to news that changes our habits. We refrain from high cholesterol foods or high sodium foods after discovering heart disease. When we discover that someone has lied, we might become less trusting of that person and maybe even less trusting of others in general. We change. We adapt. We survive.

Rather than an effort to "return to normal" can we look at how we are being reformed? We are not reformed once and for all. As life happens around us, let us continue to be reformed over and over. We can respond to life changes with an attitude of expectation that "normal" is constantly changing. Instead of getting "back to normal," can we embrace the change from the perspective of "a better normal" for the sake of your neighbor?

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!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Bible Blessing
- Youth Events
- Covid/Flu Clinic
- Prayer List
- Financial Webinar



In affirming her baptismal promises, Addie takes one more step on her faith journey. She has written a statement of her faith that I expect will continue to be reformed as she grows together with us. We pray together with her that God will continue to grow and strengthen us in our faith, and encourage us to share our faith with those around us. Confirmation is not the end of learning about who God is and who we are as God's children, but rather a time we might be reminded of God's ongoing work to reform and transform us to be church together for the sake of the world.

+ *Pastor Dawn Busch*

For I know the plans I have made for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future Jeremiah 29:11



BIBLE Blessing

On Sunday, October 10th, 2021, Pastor Dawn held a BIBLE Blessing for those who brought their Bibles to Church.



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 third Saturday in November and December. 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. Our November webinar will be Holiday Spending, and we hope to see you there!

The Foundation for Financial Education (F3E) Presents

Holiday Spending

A financial education workshop
hosted by:

Belfield Lutheran Church



Discussion Topics:

- + Setting expectations
- + Budgeting
- + Building a naughty or nice list
- + Best practices when spending
- + Hidden holiday costs

Event Information

Date: Saturday, November 20, 2021

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

Place: (webinar)

RSVP: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



SCAN HERE

www.F3Eonline.org

(240) 499-0390

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If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Carmen Waldo, email c2waldo@yahoo.com or call or text 701-590-3934. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3013520996564752143?source=register>

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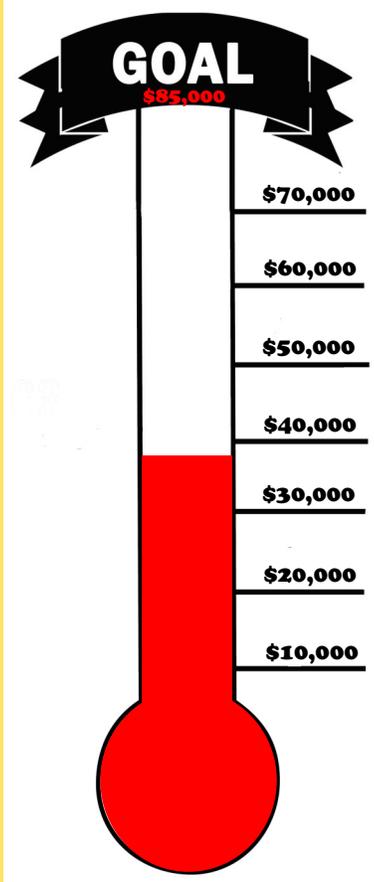
Please contact Pastor Dawn if you are a Youth interested in attending this Youth Gathering!



Veterans Day
November 11, 2021

**Build Up BLC
Fundraiser 2021**
Funds Raised:
\$38,102

We need to raise another \$46,898
to reach our goal of \$85,000



Pastor Dawn, Dawsyn and Tate at the LYO Conference 2021



**NOVEMBER
13**

Please join us for a
Workday at the Church

Belfield Lutheran Church, November 13th, 2021

We plan to paint the brick walls in the Sanctuary, stain the new trim work around the new windows, patch the hole in the kitchen wall, clean the church and tend to anything else that needs attention.

Please join us at 8:00 a.m. at the church! Thank you



Due to scheduling complications and volunteers, the **Parish Extravaganza** that was scheduled for November has been postponed.

Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

Our thanks to those that served in October
Serving in November

Paulette Dorval & Marina Reddig

Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild! See Jean Franklin for details.

Bible Study

Have you ever thought about being part of one?
Our Parish offers 3 different studies each week.

Sunday, 6:00pm, hosted by Terry & Dianna Dwelle
at their home south of Medora Please RSVP.

Tuesday, 3:30pm,
Belfield Lutheran Church. Zoom is available.
Pastor's text study looks at next week's readings.

Thursday, 7:00pm,
Belfield Lutheran Church. Led by Sue Willet

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Dawn.
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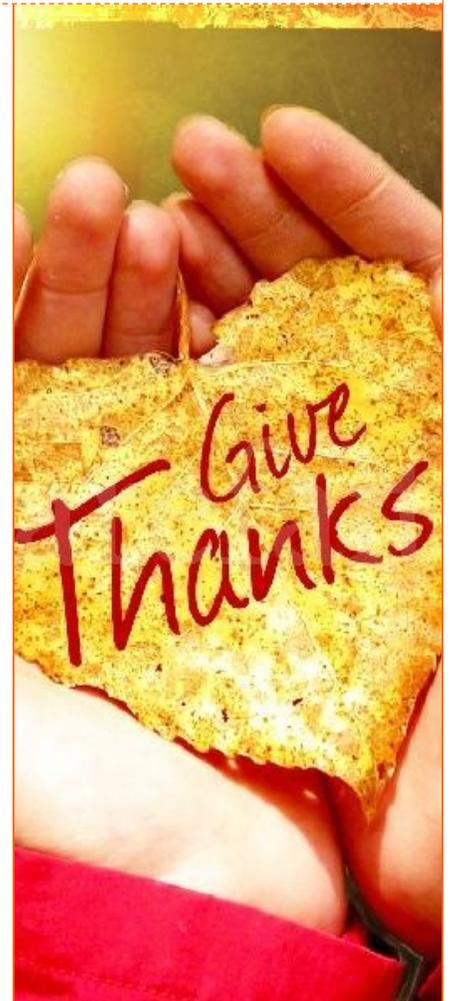
Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment
Proverbs 12:19

In our ongoing prayers...

The Family of Naomi Rossow · The Family of Gary Newton
Kathy Hallahan · Marina Reddig and Family · Carmen Ruud
Mark Trechok · Rose Marie Andreas · Mindy O'Brien
Darcy Fossum · Judy Newton · Elizabeth (Betty) Kuntz · Page Myers
Madella Brinkman · Josh Kukowski · Becky Yadon · Monica Hushka
Doug Schwartz · Carl Hastings · Lance Waller · Connie Shure
Carol Johnson · Duane Davis · Daryl Potter · Chandler Nichols
Kim Duenow · Sharleen Stigen · Marilyn Oyhus · Matthew Elefson
The Family of Ron Peterson · Bennette Mansfield
All those with Covid 19 illness and exposure
Those seeking sobriety, and 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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	8:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Health Clinic @ Medora Community Center 5:30pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ Belfield	7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	
Worship 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 am – Daglum 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	8	9	10	11	12	13
	6:00pm – Belfield Council Meeting	3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	5:30pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ Belfield	7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	Belfield Lutheran Church Work Day 8:00 a.m. – Done @ Belfield Lutheran
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		3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	5:30pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 6:30-7:30 pm – Youth Group/National Gathering Meeting @ Belfield 7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ Belfield	7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	10:00am – Holiday Spending Webinar – see newsletter for details
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Gospel Seeds

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OCTOBER 2021

A MESSAGE FROM Sherie Heine

Associate to the Bishop for Congregational Life & Director for Evangelical Mission

“Anything can happen.” (Mark 9:23b)

It’s certainly been a long few months of *anything* and seemingly *everything* happening! We’ve all lived it and continue to live it! Let’s be honest.... These past months have been a mix feelings and a mess of emotions. As we gathered with the Rostered Ministers of our Synod for retreat and learning in Medora a few weeks ago, our time of rest and renewal was centered on a guiding Scripture from Mark 9:14-29 (Message). This gathering – the people and the focus – was exactly what I needed. What many in attendance needed. Perhaps what many of you may need?

Rev. Lisa Lewton (St. John, Dickinson) captured our time and the message in a recent eloquent blog entitled, **“When One Feeling Isn’t Enough”**. She consented to sharing it with you. Thank you, Pastor.

Last week, I spent a few days with my colleagues in Western North Dakota at an annual theological retreat. We both retreated by resting and catching up, and engaged in theological learning and discussion. It’s no secret that Western North Dakota is not the most desirable location in the country to do ministry! Lutherans leaders often prefer to land in a metro area, and so what leaders in other areas might miss is a tight-knit collegial community. It is tight-knit because we know we need each other to survive! There is no sense of competition among churches, but instead a culture of support.

And so when the conversation at our retreat centered around processing the past year and looking ahead at the work yet to do, there was a flood of feelings. There was grief and hope, disappointment and gratitude, mercy and frustration, all at once.

Did you know you can feel at least two feelings at once? You do it all the time. You feel love for your spouse and also utter shock that the two of you are still married. You feel gratitude for your child and ongoing irritation that said child continues to leave a trail of messiness throughout the house. You feel content in your life at the same time you feel curious that there might be something more.

There are so many feelings in the world right now! It might be helpful to remember your neighbor may be as confused about her feelings as you are about yours. I live in one of the Covid-sickest parts of the country, so while I’m grateful people have started reconnecting at the church I serve, I feel deep concern for people’s health. Should we be gathering? I think, yes. Should we be cautious? Also yes. Is it good for our souls to gather in the same space? Absolutely yes. Even now? I think, yes.

Argh. It’s no small task to be human these days, with so many feelings bubbling inside of us. I encourage you today to take note of your feelings. Here is [a link with a list of feelings](https://baynvc.org/list-of-feelings/) (https://baynvc.org/list-of-feelings/) if you need some help. Then, you might ask a friend or people in your family to do the same. My very favorite tool to engage you in conversation around feelings with your own self or with others feelings are [GROK cards](https://groktheworld.com/) (https://groktheworld.com/).

There is a lot going on in your life if you start to dig around a bit. As I learned in a room full of pastors, deacons and a flood of feelings, naming the truth of what we are experiencing is an invitation for Christ’s healing love.

I pray you find healing in Christ’s love.

Sherie



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November 2021
Worship Schedule

7	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Daglum Worship
14	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship
21	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Daglum Worship
28	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**



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