

Parish Visitor

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Blessing Families and Ministries



Medora, Belfield, and Daglum Lutheran Churches will receive a gift at worship on Sunday, February 7. Faith Simonieg, a New England, ND native will be leading worship and sharing what she sees God doing through missions. "I'm really looking forward to sharing stories with your people of what God is doing through missions" noted Faith Simonieg, WND Synod Staff Member. "I enjoy helping people share their gifts with their families and the ministries they love. When people's eyes light up and they realize they can do both-it's a great thing to be a part of" she said.

Faith (Farber) Simonieg grew up on a farm southeast of New England. She is a graduate of New England High School and Dickinson State University. Faith is married to Keith Simonieg. They are the parents of Austin and Alexandra, both independent young adults.

Faith lives in Dickinson and is a member of St. John Lutheran Church. Faith was Executive Director of the St. John Lutheran Church, Dickinson Trust Fund. She serves as the WND Synod Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation.

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Unable to be at worship? You can contact Faith by phone at 701-226-5865 or email at faith.simonieg@elca.org.

Faith sums up the purpose of supporting missions:

"All that we have is a gift from God and we have an opportunity to use a service for planning that will help us be good stewards of all that we have received and maximize those gifts for families and ministry."

God bless your time with Faith!

~Pastor Roger

February Worship Schedule

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| 7 | 8:30am | Worship & Coffee - Medora |
| | 10:00am | Worship & Coffee - Belfield |
| | 11:45am | Worship & Dinner - Daglum |
| 10 | 6:15pm | Ash Wednesday Service - BLC |
| 14 | 8:30am | Worship & Coffee - Medora |
| | 10:00am | Worship & Coffee - Belfield |
| | 11:45am | Worship & Dinner - Daglum |
| 17 | 5:30pm | Lenten Supper/Worship - BLC |
| 21 | 8:30am | Worship & Coffee - Medora |
| | 10:00am | Worship & Coffee - Belfield |
| 24 | 5:30pm | Lenten Supper/Worship - BLC |
| 28 | 10:00am | Worship & Coffee - Belfield |
| | 11:30am | Worship & Dinner - Medora |
| | 6:30pm | Contemporary Worship - BLC |

NO CONFIRMATION FEB 3rd
Students: Please take part in Lenten services beginning February 10.

Parish Ministry Highlights of 2015

God brought many blessings to our parish in 2015. A few highlights include:

- Seventeen new members received in Belfield
- More Baptisms than funerals in the parish.
- Eight weddings plus a renewal of vows and a 50th.
- Generous giving, in spite of the economic down turn to each of our churches with each congregation contributing 56% of their offerings to the parish budget to cover the joint parish expenses (Pastor, bulletin secretary, parish treasurer, worship supplies, adult education, Parish Visitor and office expenses).

Outreach and community service:

- Alternative Worship Services began in April in Belfield through September as led by Theresa Howie. Organist Jean Franklin and Anna Ross are part of the team.
- Our Second Mission trip to the Osage Indian Mission northwest of Tulsa, OK July 25- August 2 with 15 students organized by Kelcey Evers and chaperoned by Kelcey Evers, Angie Haverluk, Jeremy Schypkowski, and Ilya Leontovich.
- Spaghetti dinner and auction to raise funds for the mission trip.
 - Belfield Medora Food Pantry continuing to reach out to families in need
 - Medora gave a non-budget gift to upgrade a tent platform to a cabin at Badlands Ministries
 - Belfield continues to be a mission partner with Living Water Lutheran in Mandan
 - Medora served the June car show, Belfield WELCA's July Pavilion dinner and fall dinner, and Daglum's annual fall dinner.
 - Annual Christmas Reader's Theater in Medora
- Generous gifts to the Parish Visitor by sponsors. (See list on 2015 Pastoral acts page.) Theresa Howie has served as volunteer editor since April. Ongoing monthly assembly of the Parish Visitor by Medora Lutheran.

Educational Events including:

- "Making Sense of Scripture" taught at Terry Dwelle's in the winter
- Romans Bible Study lead by Terry Dwelle
- "Life Keys Retreat" - at Badlands Ministries in May and "Horticulture Days: Rediscovering Abundance" at Badlands Ministries in August
- "Jesus Calling: Living in God's Abundance" five study groups in the parish
- Mark Bible Study being led by Terry Dwelle on Saturday nights
- Badlands Ministries taught Bible School in July at Belfield.
- "Son Day School" was moved to Wednesdays to provide longer class time for students and teachers.

Site and Facility Improvements:

- New Doors and locks, painting Sunday School Rooms, bathroom remodeling and lilac removal at Belfield Lutheran; Medora's sewer repair, new clavinova and furnace; a new outdoor Christmas nativity at Daglum all were noteworthy improvements..

Known to Coming in 2016

- 2015 Parish Extravaganza to be held when St. Bernhard's gym becomes available to safeguard the parish treasury.
- Belfield Council will develop a child and youth abuse prevention policy as required for insurance. -Medora Reception of New Members through transfer at a dinner February 28
- WND Synod Convention at Ramkota, Bismarck, June 10 & 11.
- Pastor Roger will be a delegate to the ELCA National Assembly August 6-13, 2016
- Increased electronic Newsletters to reduce publication costs with shared assembling with Belfield.
- Increased updating of the membership records and office filing system.

I thank God for the faithful service by our parish musicians, treasurers, and secretary, council members and volunteer worship leaders. I thank God for those of you who pray faithfully for me as pastor and each of our congregations. May we help each believer discover and use their gifts in our congregations so that the Good News of Jesus flows to and through open hearts, lives and wills that see & follow God.

In Christ,

Pastor Roger

We Celebrate with...

• **Mark John and Rebecca Ann Kasian** on the birth of their daughter, Hazel Lynn, born December 25th, in Dickinson and baptized January 24th at Medora Lutheran. Godmother Hannah Lee Rodne was present as sponsor,



as were Maternal Grandparents Dean and Debbie Rodne. Congratulations and blessings!

BLC Choir - February

Feb 7 - No Choir

Feb 14 - After Worship and Coffee

Feb 21 - 9:00am

Feb 28 - After Worship and Coffee

There's room for you in the choir! Talk to Choir Director/Organist Jean Franklin for more information.



Please join us for our 8th annual Valentine's Day Dinner

Badlands Ministries -Bethlehem Hall

4:00 PM February 14th 2016

Cost is \$50.00 per person

There are many ways to say I love you, but only one way to do so and help the camp! Enjoy good food, romantic music and a beautiful setting.

Appetizer: Variety of cheeses, fresh fruit, stuffed cucumbers, pinwheels

Salad: Romaine, spinach and mandarin orange

Entrée: Chicken Cordon Bleu, baked potato, vegetable medley

Fresh baked bread

Dessert: Cheesecake

For tickets or more information, please call the camp office by February 9th at 701-623-4332 or Becky at 701-290-8482

**BADLANDS
MINISTRIES**



Our sympathy to...

• Paulette Dorval and family in the loss of her mother-in-law, Dorothy Dorval. Dorothy died January 3.

• the family and friends of Helen Lindbo, who passed away January 12th. Services were held January 16th at Belfield Lutheran Church.



Helen Lindbo

In our ongoing prayers...

• The family of **Bill Haverluk**, on Bill's passing January 25th.

• The Dorval family on the passing of **Dorothy Dorval**.

• **Dan Sandvik**, hospitalized at St. Alexious.

• **John Ktytor** dealing with cancer and now residing in a nursing home in Strasburg.

• **Kathy Ktytor** dealing with cancer.

• **Vivian Sprynczynatyk** (LuAnn Solberg's aunt) dealing with cancer.

• **Mike Fitzpatrick**, undergoing cancer treatment in Spokane, WA.

• **Willie Laduc**, dealing with kidney failure.

• **Dwayne Shypkoski**, recovering from back surgery.

• **Marilyn Oyhus** dealing with health concerns.

• Dana Wanner's cousin's son, four month old **Stian** has been dealing with kidney issues since birth and will need a transplant.

Help keep our prayer list current. Names are removed after 3 months unless requested to remain. To add a loved one to the prayer list for next month's issue, please send their name to Theresa Howie at belfieldlutheran@gmail.com or fill out a prayer request slip during worship and place it in the offering basket.

Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers

Wednesdays, Feb 17 - March 16

5:30pm Supper/6:15pm Worship

Enjoy these special gatherings during the Lenten season as we prepare our hearts for remembrance of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Dramatic presentations add special meaning to these worship services.

BLC KIDS PAGE

Hey Kids! The Children's Ministry at Belfield Lutheran Church has some great things planned for you to be part of!

Son Day School - Here at BLC, we have Son Day School on Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Yep, Wednesdays! And it's so much fun, with Bible stories, games, and even snacks! **Be sure and tell Mom or Dad that during Lent, we will have Son Day School at our regular time (5:30). We'll eat together, have a short lesson and dismiss by 6:15 so you can attend service as a family.**

Bible School - It's never too early to put Bible School on your calendar for the summer! We'll have a ton of fun together from June 13th through 16th.

Have your parents talk to Amanda Johnson if they have questions.

Have fun coloring this picture! Can you read what it says out loud?



Pastoral Acts *Belfield Lutheran Parish* *January 1, 2015 -December 31, 2015*

Belfield Lutheran Church

Baptisms:

Jase William Adams - April 5
Sophia Marie Jones,- April 12
Brea Rose Tooley, July 5
Molli Gray Johnson- September 20
Jacklynn Cook, November 1
Kyle Alu, November 1
Zander Shafer, November 1

Affirmation of Baptism:

Jonathan Joseph Schuhrke

Membership Transfers In:

Ken and Theresa Howie, November 8
Brian, Marina, Madlyn, Ava and Elle Redig, November 8
Anita Adams, December 13
Sara Bock, December 13
Joan Jurgens, December 13
Scott, Kristen, Brodie, Jordan, Paige and Taya Jung- December 13
Steve Klicker, December 13

Wedding:

Randy Urban and Melisa Warnecki June 20

Renewal of Vows:

Karen (Ingman) & Gene Buchholz, August 8, 1965
& 2015

Funerals , Memorial & Graveside Services

Barbara Thompson, January 24
Sheridan Barnhart, March 21
Helen Lindbo, August 17
Ruth Nessel, September 12 in Dickinson Cemetery
Kent Hart, October 24 at Stevenson Funeral Services

Medora Lutheran Church

Weddings:

Ethan Rodne & Laci Fladeland, Badlands Ministries, August 8

Jenn Whitney & Kyle Johnson, Badlands Ministries, June 27
Scott Russell and JaNae Mulder, at ND Cowboy Hall of Fame, July 10
Mallory Wolden & Ryan Thang, Pastor Roger's Home, July 18
Hayley Landstrom & Cody Amb at Buffalo Gap Resort. July 25
Benita Wald & Jim Drader Pastor Roger's Home, July 27
Ty Niedhardt and Sarah Esslinger, Tjaden Terrace, September 19

Funeral:

Richard Mosser, First Lutheran, Beach, January 10.

Daglum Lutheran Church

Graveside Service- Arlys Davies, July 19

2015 Parish Visitor Sponsorships

January- Pastor Steve and Joan Tangen
February- Dale and Holly Washburn
in memory of Muggs Vanvig
March- Randy and Sue Mosser
in memory of Marge and Dick Mosser
April- Pastor Roger Dieterle
in memory of Henry and Alfhild Dieterle
May -Choice Financial
June- Belfield Lutheran Parish
July- August Larry & Ruth Radebaugh
in memory of Nikki
September- Anonymous
October- Anonymous
November- Anonymous
December- Margaret Hart & Family
in memory of Kent Hart

Pastor Roger Dieterle, January 9, 2016

Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

Our thanks to Janet Lindbo and Shelly Haugvedt for serving on Altar Guild in February. Your willingness to serve communion on the 1st of the month and on Ash Wednesday is a blessing.

Serving in March :

Sharlene Schuhrke and Darnyl Malkowski

Serving in April:

Marilyn Oyhus, Connie Fulton and Dana Wanner

Join the Altar Guild!

Did you know that in addition to helping with communion each month, the Belfield Lutheran Church Altar Guild is responsible for making sure the correct color paraments are on the altar and lecturns for each Sunday of the month? Ladies interested in Altar Guild should see Jean Franklin.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION AT MEDORA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Medora Lutheran will welcome new members on Sunday, February 28th at 11:30am (as opposed to our normal 8:30 service time). Parishioners and guests are invited to join us for worship, dinner and new members reception.

If you are interested in joining Medora Lutheran Church, please see Pastor Roger by February 22nd.

Welcome!

Daglum News

Some of the Daglum ladies met Monday, January 11 to quilt. We gather to share our talents in creating quilts which give warmth to others. I think we all share a feeling that we are the ones who are blessed as we work in God's service. Having been connected with this group for several years, I have come to appreciate the value of our quilting project on many levels.



While Delores does the final sewing around the edges of each quilt, the other gals cut the blocks and do the tying. It's a miracle in process to watch the scraps of cloth and blue jean material be cut, sewn, and fashioned into a beautifully designed quilt.

As our "nimble fingers" are busy working, we share joys and prayer concerns, laugh and tease each other. We "tieers" do our best to keep up with Delores. Sometimes the men join us for lunch, and the gath-

Please note: *Daglum's Congregational Meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 21, following dinner.*

ering becomes a family social.

The quilts are donated to graduating seniors, the House of Manna, domestic violence, and other community emergencies. This past fall we donated a quilt to the Marla Hutzenbiler benefit auction. It is truly a blessing knowing the quilts will provide warmth for those who receive them.

We will soon be changing our decor in the fellowship room. One of our monthly activities is to decorate the tables with table cloths, flowers, candles, etc. Working with these creative, Christian women has given me a deep sense of joy.

We welcome everyone to join us in our quilting and other activities. We worship twice a month, and the services are followed by a potluck dinner. Please call Delores Smith at 701-575-4755 or Ruth Molm at 701-629-9912 for directions to our "little church on the prairie." If you would like a ride to attend services or events, we would be glad to arrange to car pool. Until next time, be well and keep Jesus in your heart. ~ Ruth Molm



Gospel Seeds... ***February 2016***

A Monthly Update from
the
Western North Dakota
Synod Office

Making the God Connection...

Is Sunday morning (or whatever day of the week you worship) connected to the rest of the minutes, hours and days of your week? Worship can either be an event to attend or a way of living. If it is an event to attend – then it is confined to one hour, to one place (whatever building you gather in), on the other hand if it is a way of life then we seek to live immersed in our baptism, being Christ's presence wherever we are and with whomever we encounter. Let me be honest, it is nearly impossible to always be Christ's presence – we are sinners after all. But I do want to argue that faith in Christ was never meant to be a weekly event; instead we are invited to live a daily God-shaped faith journey.

So, what does it look like to be involved in a living faith journey? It might look like wondering where God at work in your family, neighborhood, workplace, school or congregation? It might look like taking stock of how you are spending your time – in what ways are you using your God-given gifts to love and care for your neighbor? It could mean thinking about your daily work, whatever that is whether you are paid for it or not and deeply ponder how might God be using you during those hours or how might God use you?

A daily faith journey is connected to God's Word. It can be as easy as reading a chapter a day from the Bible and pondering what God is saying through God's Word. It might be followed by a time of prayer lifting up to God your joys and sorrows, your fears and questions. I keep a sheet of paper in my Bible to keep a running prayer list – a way to remind myself of the people and things I need to be praying about.

A daily faith journey is best walked with others. Who might you be able to trust to talk with about deep issues of faith? Might you be the one to start a Bible Study/Faith Talk group in your congregation, neighborhood or place of work?

You are a baptized child of God, you are called to walk daily, dripping wet, remember those waters and that you have been claimed as God's very own child. You have been claimed, not just in your hour of worship but all of you – every bit of you – and every moment of your life.

Synod Assembly...

June 10 & 11, Ramkota Inn Bismarck. Mission Gala
June 9th!

How then shall I live???

We are called to a living, daring faith – which daily seeks to do God's will. But how do you do that? Or have you ever asked the question, "But what gifts do I have to share?" This year's assembly will feature a number of people, ordinary people discerning what it means to be faithful in daily life. We believe God has gifted us with an abundance of Time, Talents and Treasures. The question we are left with is how, through those blessings might we bless others.

Come listen to presenters help us engage questions of life and faith. Plan to attend now and bring as many people from your congregation as you would like.

Special Guest...

Each year a representative from our churchwide office is present with us. This year we are blessed to have Rev. Dan Rift the Director of ELCA World Hunger. During this year's assembly Dan will share stories of people living their faith while working to end hunger.

Lenten Invitation...

Once again you are invited to get involved with the "Sweet Deal for CAR". Tubes of M&M's are available at the synod office. Invite members of your congregation to take the tubes, enjoy the candy and then fill them with quarters. Each year this effort raises over \$35,000 to help our companion synod Central African Republic engage in Christ centered ministry. This money supports schools, medical facilities and scholarships.

Year End...

The fiscal year for your synod concluded January 31st. We want to thank each of you for your financial gifts (Mission Support) which allows synod staff to be in congregations preaching and teaching; helping raise up new pastors, working Call Processes and much more. That money also helps support Lutheran Campus Ministry locations including (Minot State, UND and NDSU), feed the hungry through World Hunger, send Missionaries around the world and much more. Thanks for your faith financial support.

God Bless - Bishop Mark Narum



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Contributions, including articles, reports, photos and drawings are welcome, and will be used as space permits.

Photo Submissions:

Have a great photo of church or community events, or the beautiful North Dakota landscape? We'd love to share them for all to see in the Parish Visitor! Contact Theresa Howie at belfieldlutheran@gmail.com for more info.

Church Bulletin Submissions:

If you have announcements or prayer requests for the weekly church bulletin, please call or email Lynn Peterson by Wednesday night. Contact info for Lynn can be found in staff listing above.

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Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2:30-6:30-Blood Drive @ Belfield Lutheran Sharleen Schuhrke is Coordinator – 575-8241 Walk-ins Welcome	2	3 NO Confirmation Confirmation students are to attend and take part in Lenten Worship beginning February 10	4	5	6 10:00 AM-“12 Women of The Bible” – Women’s Bible Study- Everyone Welcome 7:00 PM “Mark” Bible Study at Dwelle’s
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