July/August 2023



Parish Visitor

Belfield Lutheran Church · Daglum Lutheran Church · Medora Lutheran Church

From the Pastor

Altar comes from latin alta which means high. It is usually found on a raised platform to highlight the importance of the meal to be served and to allow others to see the actions at this special table. When I began leading worship in this parish, someone in Belfield suggested that maybe I should have a free standing altar that I can stand behind, rather than facing the wall or turning around with those precious elements.

The Gospel of Matthew tells us "While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26-28)

This is an amazing meal Jesus commands us to share, and this meal comes with a promise - forgiveness of sins. God uses the ordinary everyday elements of bread and wine to share an extraordinary meal with all people.

In the ancient church, the altar was freestanding and the presiding minister stood behind it, facing the people for this celebration. During later centuries, people were often considered "unworthy" to commune and the altar was moved to the far wall of the sanctuary (worship space), further away from the people, and the presiding minister stood with his/her back to the congregation. Luther defined one who is "worthy" as one who has faith in these words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin". That is all we need to be worthy and well-prepared to receive this gift of God's presence. Therefore, altars began to return to a free-standing position around which we gather and celebrate the very presence of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and the wine, given FOR YOU!

If you haven't yet had an opportunity to see it, please join us at Belfield Lutheran

Footnotes: 1 Altar Guild and Sacristy Handbook by S. Anita Stauffer



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Vacation Bible School
- Lay Preaching Academy
- Baptism
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- Pavilion Dinners
- Pancake Breakfast

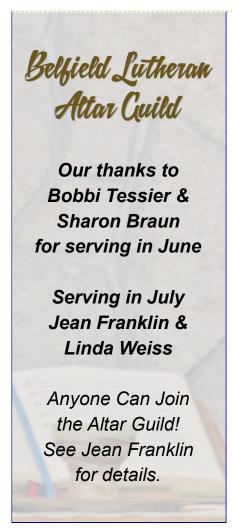


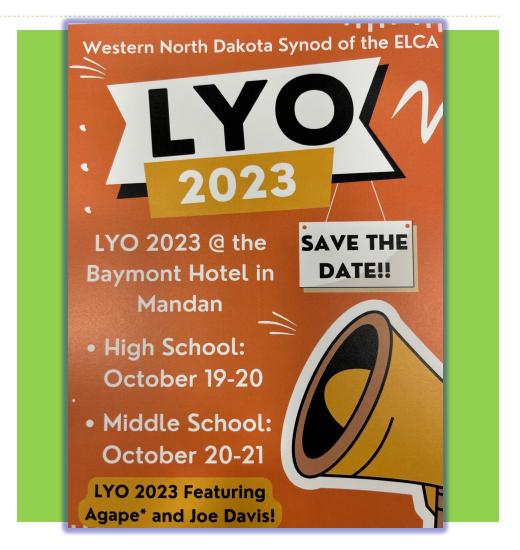
Church one Sunday for worship. A beautiful, new, free-standing altar holds these gifts of bread and wine prepared FOR YOU! This congregation celebrates Holy Communion every Sunday and welcomes you to join us! See the calendar for worship times and places in Daglum and Medora as well. See you there!

+ Pastor Dawn Busch



But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. **1 John 1:7**





Do you like to Mow? Looking to volunteer your time? If so, the Belfield Lutheran Cemetery could use your help!

If you are interested in mowing and trimming at the Belfield Lutheran Cemetery







FROM MOURNING TO DANCING:

A COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT

We understand that grieving the loss of a loved one is a uniquie process for everyone and we are here to support you! Join us on Tuesdays for a free 6-week support group. Each session will begin with a short educational presentation and conclude with time for each to share their thoughts, if they wish.

July 11 - August 15, 2023 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
St. John Lutheran Church, 146 6th Ave West, Dickinson ND

No RSVP required, but it is appreciated. tjohnson@countryhouse.net | 701-260-8533

Group facilitators: Tessa Johnson, MSN, BSN, RN, CDP, Executive Director CountryHouse and Evergreen; Michelle Massie, RN, Certified Life Coach, Certified Death Dula; Dave Jenkins, MS, Pastored in Church of Christ, Independent Christian Church, Southern Baptist Congregations, former CHI Hospice Chaplain; Cheryl Lantz, RN, PhD, Certified Dementia Practitioner, ELCA Certified Life Coach









YOUR HELP IS NEEDED WITH AUDIO & VIDEO DURING WORSHIP AT BLC

No experience Required and training is easy!

It's easier than running your smartphone!

Contact
Darnyl Malkowski if you are interested.







And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. *1 John 1:3*



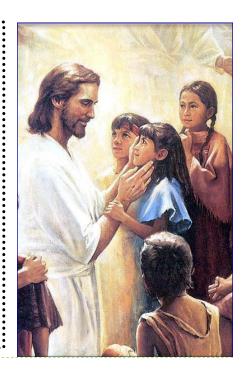
Vacation Bible School

will be held at Belfield Lutheran Church July 10th-13th, 2023

For more information please contact Amanda Johnson at aa_joh@yahoo.com or 701-690-7880.

Click here for the Registration Form

Registration forms need to be returned to Belfield Lutheran By July 2nd. Attn: Amanda Johnson, 13298 35th St SW, Belfield, ND 58622



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

In our ongoing prayers...

Remembering those in our prayers: The Family of Bud Griffin, Sherie Heine, Adam Gaustad, Todd Corneil, Cord Kessel, Larry Hanson, Lisa Solberg, Cory Tuhy, Halle Blain, Kathy Malkowski, Glenda Buckman, Rosemary Walter, Kwirt Johnson, Dale Oyhus, Mary Knotts, Pastor Beth Parks, Becky Yadon, Bernadette Obrigewitch, Maurice Obrigewitch, Craig McLaughlin, Carmen Ruud, JoAnne Suomala, Norma Newton, Margaret Braun, Mark Hinrichs, Johnny Syminow, Lincoln Lee Johnson, Lanie Nichols, Mark Trechock, Marilyn Oyhus, Chandler Nichols, Bennette Mansfield, those who have lost their jobs, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, all troops and their families and those working for peace in our world.

Please continue to pray for those who have lost their jobs, those with mental illness, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, all troops 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



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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Baptism Elsie Autumn Piepkorn



We rejoice with Max and Kari Piepkorn as their daughter Elsie is baptized.

Elsie Autumn Piepkorn was born 9/5/22 in St. Paul, MN, daughter of Max and Kari Piepkorn. Elsie's grandparents, Merrill and Connie Piepkorn are her sponsors. Welcome to the church family, Elsie!

BELFIELD PAVILION DINNERS WEDNESDAY 5:30PM-7PM Ages 13+ \$10, 6-12 \$5, 5 & UNDER FREE

JUNE 7TH – OPEN

JUNE 14TH – AFTER PROM COMMITTEE

JUNE 21ST – POCKET PARK COMMITTEE

JUNE 28TH – BELFIELD CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

JULY 5TH – OPEN

JULY 12TH – LUTHERAN LADIES

JULY 19TH – BELFIELD BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER

JULY 26TH – SUGAR AND SPICE

AUGUST 2ND – UKRANIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE

AUGUST 9TH – LUTHERAN PARISH

AUGUST 16TH – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

AUGUST 23RD - OPEN

AUGUST 30TH – BELFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION

Please join us Wednesday's this summer at the Belfield Pavilion Dinners!

Serving July 12th, 2023 will be the Belfield Lutheran Church WELCA

Serving August 9th, 2023 will be the BDM Lutheran Parish

If you are able to help bring salads or deserts, and are also able to help at one or both of the Pavilion meals, please email us at

newsletter@belfieldlutheran.org

August

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WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD

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JULY 2023

2023 Synod Assembly

Over 230 members of the Western North Dakota Synod gathered together in Bismarck June 3-5, 2022 for Synod Assembly. The theme for the Assembly was "Welcomed | Included | Called | Equipped." The WND Synod Why Statement guided this theme – "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."

Pre-assembly Events

Pre-assembly festivities began Friday morning as synod council prepared to welcome voting members and guests from across the synod, as well as shift the leadership responsibilities of the assembly since our Assembly Manager was not able to be present this year. We give thanks for the strong leadership of our synod staff and synod council in the many ways they went above and beyond this year. And hold our Assembly Manager, Sherie Heine in prayer as she continues down a path to healing.

Pre-assembly workshop attendees had the opportunity to attend 2 of 3 options Friday afternoon. Deacon John Weit, Executive for Worship of the ELCA, offered a workshop on the new ELCA worship resource *All Creation Sings*; Dr. Michael Chan, Executive for Faith and Learning at Concordia College, presented the workshop *Witness to the Work: Recovering the Spiritual Practice of Testimony*; and Paul Marsh, WND Synod Stewardship Specialist from GSB Fundraising, offered a report on the synod's visioning process and invited a brainstorming session to help us continue this visioning work that has been underway for the past two years.

Friday ended with an evening reception celebrating outdoor ministry. Summer staff from Badlands Ministries, Metigoshe Ministries, and Camp of the Cross Ministries – three of our synod's four bible camps – joined assembly participants sharing stories of faith and the gift of music. These gifted staff were blessed and sent to share the love of Jesus with children and adults across our synod.

Synod Assembly

Worship: Worship on Saturday morning began with a Land Acknowledgement honoring our Indigenous siblings. The Rev. Robert Schmidt from Bethel and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches in New Town, ND served as our Assembly Chaplain and offered the sermon during opening worship and prayer throughout the assembly.

Again this year, Sunday offered the entire synod an opportunity to worship together as Bishop Schweitzer shared a message with the assembly that was also shared via video or read by lay ministers in local congregations gathering in worship across the synod. This shared message offered an opportunity to celebrate our unity and connection even as we are dispersed in communities across this prairie.

Rostered Minister anniversaries were recognized during closing worship. Additionally, all rostered and synod authorized ministers received a blessing from Bishop Schweitzer and the assembly. All voting members also participated in a blessing and sending for mission to go and share the good news of Jesus across the synod.

<u>Bible Study:</u> Dr. Michael Chan also served as our bible study leader throughout assembly. He offered four different bible studies that lifted up the four words of our theme using texts from Acts 9, Isaiah 56, Exodus 3-4, Jeremiah 1, Proverbs 2:1-15, and Proverbs 9:7-12. All four bible studies are available on the synod Vimeo page – https://vimeo.com/wndsynod.

Synod Book Read: Bishop Craig Satterlee, bishop of the North West Lower Michigan Synod and author of the book You are Witnesses to These Things: Sharing the Story of Jesus, introduced the assembly to his latest book and the important role that sharing the story of Jesus has on living out our baptismal promises. Bishop Schweitzer is inviting and encouraging every synod congregation to read this book in 2023. An online book read will be offered this fall.

Partner Ministries: Throughout the assembly, we heard of the ways we are being invited to share the story of Jesus through our welcome, inclusion, calling, and equipping as a synod. Ministries featured this year included the work of the churchwide expression of the ELCA, Mission Investment Fund, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services of North Dakota (LIRS-ND), Concordia College, Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State University, and many, many more.

ELCA presiding bishop Elizabeth Eaton shared a video message about living out our baptismal calling in an ever-changing church and world. We've always been an immigrant church, and in most places of the church today that looks different than it has ever looked before. Bishop Eaton concluded her video message by saying "We know that the gospel changes lives. And as the world changes, we seek new ways to share the good news of Jesus with our neighbors. Together, we go out into our communities to share the love of Jesus, so that all may come to know God's grace in action. And together, we are called to offer our gratitude. First to God, for the grace given to us through Christ Jesus, and to you, who have faithfully served Christ's church in so many ways. Together, we are called."

Conference Caucuses: Caucuses are a time for voting members from geographic areas of the synod to meet one another and engage in conversation and prayer about the hopes and challenges of ministry in their local communities. We give thanks to our Conference Deans who led the caucuses and also provided leadership in several other capacities throughout the assembly.

Assembly Workshops: A variety of workshop were offered Saturday afternoon for learning and equipping, covering a variety of topics – an emerging lay preaching academy, stewardship best practices, utilizing volunteers, updates regarding a social statement being developed regarding faith and civic engagement, a workshop on Native American spirituality and Lutheran theology, updates regarding our work with Lutheran Immigration and Refuge Service of North Dakota, a wonderful offering on building consensus when we don't always agree, and a time of questions and conversation with Bishop Schweitzer.

greeting from Bishop Joseph Ngoe from ELC-CAR.

For continuing information regarding the 2023 Synod Assembly, please click here.



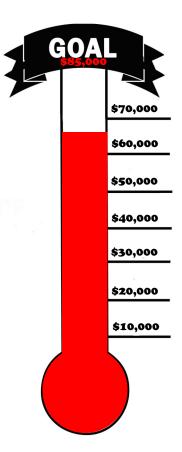
Build Up BLC Fundraiser!

The BLC Property Committee and the BLC Council would like to say thank you to all that have donated to our **Build Up BLC Fundraiser** in 2021 and 2022 and into 2023! We are getting closer to our goal of \$85,000 every year!

We have made many improvements to the church and your donations have helped make our plans a reality!

The office in Pastor Dawn's Office has had some water damage over the past year(s). We will need to tear open one wall to see where the leak is coming from. This issue is part of our plans in 2023 for repairs. We will also be landscaping around the church to ensure that the water flows away from the church foundation vs. towards it. We would like to replace the fence that surrounds the property and the creek. It is currently falling into the creek. We would also like to buy cushions for our pews. We have an estimate of \$6,000 to add cushions to all of the pews in the Sanctuary. If you would like to sponsor a pew, that would be an estimate of \$250.00 each.

If you have not donated and feel you can, please fill out the portion below and mail to Belfield Lutheran Church C/O Building UP BLC Fundraiser, PO Box 416, Belfield, ND 58622. You can also choose to donate online at https://www.belfieldlutheran.org/give-online. Please reference the Building UP BLC Fundraiser when donating. Please help us reach our fundraising goal of \$85,000! If you have already signed up to give a monthly donation, please remember to mail the donation to Belfield. Thank you



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Lay Preaching Academy

Are you interested in Lay Ministry? If so, this class is for you!

The Lay Preaching Academy was born out of a desire to serve congregations in Western ND who struggle to locate people to lead worship and preach, and also to serve the people who are being called to step into the role of preacher and worship leader and help them build their skills, knowledge and confidence.

The intent is that participants will learn to preach and lead worship with a fuller understanding of our unique ELCA Lutheran framework and a solid grounding in the Bible.

Course materials will be handouts provided ahead of time, as well as two books that the participants will be required to purchase. The two books are: "A Lay Preacher's Guide: How to Craft a Faithful Sermon" by Karoline Lewis and "Lutheran Trump Cards: Playing Our Best Hand in the 21st Century" by Dave Daubert.

For the first session to be offered this fall, we are inviting participants who have either no preaching experience at all or who have had just a few opportunities to preach, i.e. less than a dozen times. Another session will be offered in the spring for those with more experience.

The expectations for being a part of the Lay Preaching Academy are:

- Connect with an ordained leader of an ELCA congregation, either your own pastor or deacon, or a vice-pastor or nearby leader, if your church is currently without. The hope is for you to be affirmed and supported in this journey to preach.
- Participants should plan to faithfully attend each session, honoring the commitment of leaders and pears.
- Participants will read assigned material ahead of time to participate fully in discussion and learning during sessions. Participants will ask questions without fear of judgement from peers or

The 8 sessions will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. central time on the following dates via Zoom. Each session will last approximately 90 minutes. The sessions will be held on the following dates:

> September 19 & 26 October 3, 10, 17, 24 November 7 & 14

We look forward to seeing you!

Rev. Mark Narum, Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck

Rev. Desirée Uhrich, Christ Lutheran Church, Minot

Rev. Cole Bentley, Metigoshe Lutheran Church, Metigoshe

Rev. Lisa Lewton, St. John Lutheran Church, Dickinson

Rev. Sharon Baker, Rugby Leeds Lutheran United Parish

Rev. Zachariah Shipman, NW United Lutheran Parish in Alamo, Ambrose,

Crosby, and Wildrose

Fall 2023 Registration Link





Minneapolis & St. Paul, Minnesota

WHEN

Saturday & Sunday, July 8-9, 2023

HOTEL

Hotel Block is reserved at The Hilton Garden Inn Minneapolis Downtown | \$139.00 per night + tax and gratuity

WHAT

The Sudan Mission Centennial celebrates the founding & growth of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Cameroon and the **Central African Republic**



COST (EXCLUSIVE OF TRAVEL)

\$50 per person includes:

- 2 lunches
- transportation from hotel to conference on Saturday and **Program**

CONTACT US

for interest, contact The Rev. Kevin Jacobson at kevin.jacobson@elca.org

for registration, contact The Rev. Aaron Matson at companionsynod@sdsynod.org



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