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From the Pastor

Happy New Year! Our church calendar begins with the season of Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. It's called Advent because we are anticipating the coming of or the arrival of Christ - our Savior. Waiting is hard! I'm not sure whether it's harder to wait for something unknown, like test results that might be bad news; or if it's harder to wait for something exciting, like a new baby or a new job. Some of you might love surprises and others want to be prepared. Either way, we spend this time of Advent preparing. Many decorate trees and send cards or letters to loved ones. Some prepare to travel, others prepare to serve a family meal, and others quietly decorate in hope that indeed God comes to us, Immanuel, God with us.

What are you waiting for this year? Many are still waiting for things to be "back to normal." How might you wait with eager anticipation that something new is coming? I don't necessarily like the phrase "new normal" either, because it fools us into thinking there is such a thing as "normal". Rather than looking for "normal", will you find the courage to try something new? God invites us into something new every day. With each new day, we have new opportunities to wonder, to experiment, and to change from our old habits and make something new. We have new opportunities to forgive and to be forgiven. We have new opportunities to love and to be loved.

While you wait, I encourage you to reflect on the presence of Christ among us. Where do you see Jesus in the world around you? In what way might you reflect the presence of Christ in your life? Maybe you have an advent calendar and you take time each day to light an advent wreath. With each day, find time to reflect on the birth of Jesus, the Christ child, and what impact this has on your life.

In this part of the world, we wait with hibernating animals and expectations of pure-white snow covering the ground. We wait for the arrival of our Messiah who promises to bring peace on Earth. Peace be with you all as you wait and wonder and make something new!

+ *Pastor Dawn Busch*



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Advent
- Christmas Services
- Covid/Flu Clinic
- Annual Meetings
- Financial Webinar



Sunday School Program

Come join us for the 2021 Sunday School
Christmas Program

December 19th, 2021 during Worship
at Belfield Lutheran



And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of
these is love. *1 Corinthians 13:13*



2021 LYO CONFERENCE

A message from Dawsyn Malkowski, LYO Badlands Representative

The LYO gathering in October was a time and place that strives to make everyone comfortable worshipping together while meeting new people and having fun. I got to spend an extra day with some amazing people who also serve on the LYO board with me from Western ND. The board organizes the theme, the speaker for the event and so much more in a series of meetings that are just as fun as the actual gathering itself. Throughout the gatherings and board weekends I've met amazing friends who I'll keep in touch with for a long time. It's a great place to meet new people who also want to grow in faith.

Dawsyn Malkowski

Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

Our thanks to those that served in November

Serving in December

Sara Bock and Amanda Johnson

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



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship Services

Christmas Eve "Candlelight" Service

4:00 p.m. · Medora Lutheran

8:00 p.m. · Belfield Lutheran

Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m. · Belfield Lutheran

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

A financial education workshop

HOSTED BY

Belfield Lutheran Church

Where do our taxes go? Tax avoidance

Do I need a tax advisor? Tax-free savings

Tax-deferral vs. tax-deductible vs. tax-free Why you shouldn't wait to get your refund

Workshop Info

DATE **Saturday, December 18, 2021**

TIME **10:00am – 11:00am Mountain Standard Time**

PLACE **Webinar**

RSVP **[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**



SCAN HERE

Reservations are required!

www.F3Eonline.org | (240) 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://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4611027828839905039?source=register>

BELFIELD LUTHERAN WORKDAY



Thank you to those who helped Paint the wall in the Sanctuary, staining the new trim, trimming trees, removing shrubs and cleaning Belfield Lutheran Church on November 13th.

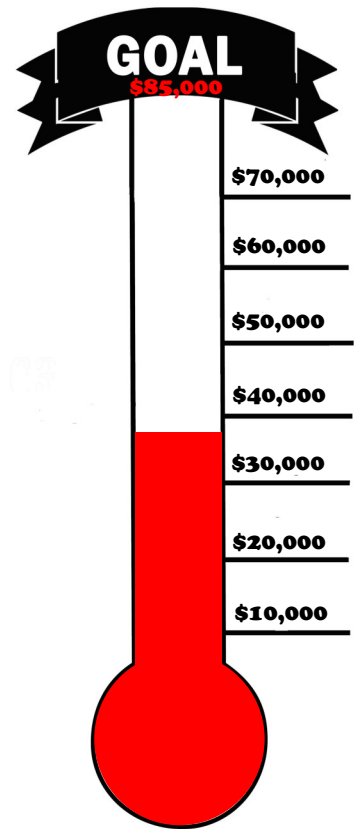
Build Up BLC Fundraiser!

The BLC Property Committee and the BLC Council would like to extend a huge thank you to all that have donated to our 2021 Build Up BLC Fundraiser so far! We have raised a total of \$38,682. We need an additional \$46,318 to reach our goal of \$85,000!

We have installed a new boiler, siding, windows, wall air conditioners in the kitchen, fellowship hall and Pastor's office. The entryway has been updated with new walls, paint, coat rack and lighting. The Sanctuary walls also have a new coat of paint! The new windows have new trim that has been stained as well. We still need to update the flooring throughout the entire building, fix the masonry on the outside of the building and work on the landscaping.

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



Please accept my donation to the Building UP BLC Fundraiser

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In Memory / Honor of: _____

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Tear this section off & keep for your records.

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\$ _____

Every _____

We've partnered with
**Belfield Lutheran
Church**

STOCKING THE BELFIELD FOOD PANTRY

Local Belfield students helping stock the food pantry!



Vaccination Clinic



When: Wednesday, December 1st
Times: 3:00-4:30PM
Where: Belfield Lutheran Church
-506 2nd Ave NE
For: Ages 6 months and older

Call to schedule:
701-483-0171

We file all Blue Cross Blue Shield, Sanford Health insurances, Medicare, and ND Medicaid.
We accept check, cash, or credit.
Please call the office if payments are a barrier.

Southwestern District Health Unit offer:
Seasonal Influenza (6months and older)
High Dose Influenza Vaccine (65 years and older)
Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines

High Dose Influenza Vaccine for 65 years and older will be available in limited quantity.

Walk-ins are welcome. Appointments are appreciated.

PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT.

Thank you Belfield Lutheran Church for your partnership with this event.

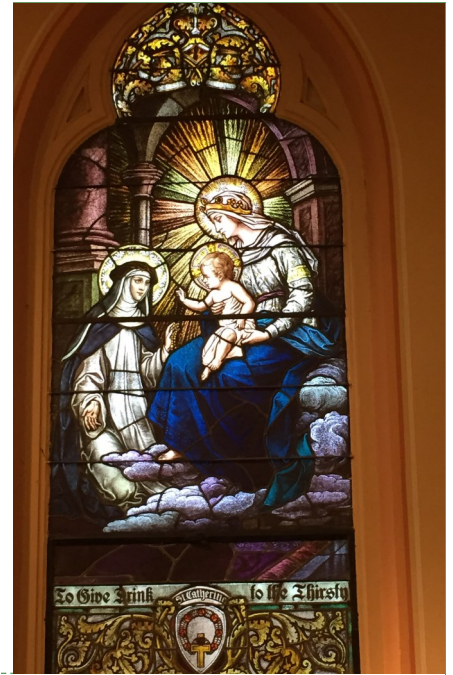
YOUTH GATHERING at BELFIELD LUTHERAN

Third Wednesday of every month will be a gathering time for 7-12th graders from 6:30-7:30 p.m. See you there!



UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETINGS 2022

- Daglum Annual meeting 1/16/22
 - Medora Annual meeting 1/23/22
 - Belfield Annual meeting 1/30/22
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*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
Proverbs 12:19*

In our ongoing prayers...

Marcia Pool • Jerry Binstock • Kathy Hallahan • Carmen Ruud
Mark Trechok • Rose Marie Andreas • Mindy O'Brien • Janeen Nichols
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
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



December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ Belfield	2 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	3 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	4
Worship 5 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	6 6:30pm – Belfield Council Meeting	7 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	8 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ Belfield	9 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	10 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	11
Worship 12 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield 11:15 am – 1 st Communion Class @ Belfield Lutheran 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	13 10:00 am – Belfield	14 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	15 5:30 pm – Confirmation @ Belfield Lutheran 6:30 pm – Youth Group @ Belfield Lutheran 7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ Belfield	16 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	17 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	18 10:00am – Taxes and the IRS Webinar – see newsletter for details
Worship 19 8:30 am – Medora 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – Belfield Worship & Sunday School Program 11:45 am – Daglum Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	20 10:00 am – Belfield	21 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	22	23 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm – Medora Christmas Eve Service 8:00 pm – Belfield Christmas Eve Service 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	25 Merry Christmas 10:00 am – Belfield Christmas Day Service
Worship 26 8:30 am – Medora 10:00 am – Belfield 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's Please RSVP	27	28 3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	29	30 7:00 pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	31 Happy New Year 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	



Gospel Seeds

WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD

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A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CRAIG SCHWEITZER

Sisters and brothers in Christ across the Western North Dakota Synod, in this Advent season, grace and peace to you from our Savior Jesus.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The prayer we just shared together is the Prayer of the Day for the first Sunday of Advent this year. It speaks to where my heart and mind as we enter this holy season in 2021. I've been reflecting on the thousands of ways I've witnessed the sharing of our treasures during my first year serving as your Bishop.

It is an incredible joy and honor to serve as your Bishop in this synod. It is a remarkable time in the life of people of faith. A time unlike any other in human history. And, in spite of all that stands before us, we continue to be invited to share our treasures in order for the gospel of Jesus to be abundantly shared.

When I was serving in a local congregation, I would offer thanksgiving every time our tithes and offerings were gathered during worship. As part of that thanksgiving, I would say, "It is the gifts of our hands, feet, voices, and financial resources that enable

God's work to happen through us." In other words, it's the sharing of treasures that we have first received from God that allow God's work to happen through us.

Thank you for the many ways you have shared your treasures to bring blessing upon your local congregation! Thank you for the many ways you have shared your treasures through Mission Support and direct financial gifts to the synod that bless the work of our synod and the global church! Thank you for the many ways you will share your treasures as God's grace enfolds you and Christ's presence in your life strengthens you in all that you say and do in the days and years to come!

Blessed Advent. And, very soon...Merry Christmas!

Bishop Craig



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Congratulations to Addie Marie Collins on her Confirmation

Addie was confirmed on October 31st, 2021 at Belfield Lutheran. Please continue to pray for Addie as she continues to grow in faith.



Addie's Faith Story

I believe God is our Lord and Savior. God is good to all of those that accept him into their lives. God Saves people and helps people through hard times, such as a death in the family. I feel that if you look close enough God will present a reason why something has happened.

I believe in God because he shows me my way through life. God showed me the way to persevere and never give up through hard times. When I am anxious or just don't know what choices to make it always helps to turn to God and pray for help and guidance.

God is our Creator. He is Great all the time. I worship God by praying and going to church as well as spending time in nature where he has created the wildlife and lands. We need to pray to be forgiven for our sins. I plan to live a life as a faithful person to God by praying to God in good times and bad times. I also will live my life by living it according to his plan. Like helping others where I can and being a kind unjudging individual.

Addie Marie Collins was born November 3, 2006 in Glasgow, MT.

Kipper and Shanda Collins are her parents.

She was baptized on April 23, 2017 at Belfield Lutheran Church.

Her baptismal sponsors are Cory & Kellsey Roberts

Addie's favorite Bible verse is John 3:16.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" is her favorite hymn.

John is Addie's favorite person in the Bible because John tells the story of Jesus.

faith



Celebrating the simple depths of baptism



We rejoice with

Christopher and Kristina Jung as their son Owen was baptized on November 21st, 2021 at Daglum Lutheran Church.

Owen is the grandson of Donna Sandvik.

Owen Daniel Jung was born 1/30/2021 in Waconia, MN.

Owen's baptismal sponsors are Alison Jung & Steven Hay.

Congratulations Owen Daniel Jung

We welcome you into the Lord's family, Owen.

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December 2021 Worship Schedule

5	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Daglum Worship
12	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship
19	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Daglum Christmas Worship
24	4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship
25	10:00 a.m.	Belfield Worship
26	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship

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