

# Parish Visitor

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## Love Reigns!

Every day it hits! More darkness. More bad news. Terrorist attacks in Belgium. Chaos in our electoral campaigns. Terrible accidents. Death is all around. Jesus Christ is Risen today. Alleluia! Is Jesus REALLY alive and working in our crazy world? If so, what signs are there?

Seven signs follow:

- “Sure I’ll do it” said seniors Brook Hutzenbeler and Wyatt Fulton, and young adult Jacob Waldo when asked to take part in our Lenten dramas. Junior Tristen Schuhrke and other students were also glad to be asked. Jesus is alive as we serve willingly!

- “I’ll be happy to help provide props for the weekly Lenten Dramas” noted Elliott Lindbo. Elliott “wowed” everyone with his realistic camp-fire for week one. “But I’m puzzled by the props for the stained glass window we need in week four.” I also was unclear. Elliott used his artistic and creative gifts to tackle something challenging:

“I worked well into the night missing Sunday worship to make sure that the window was ‘just right.’ It was really a lot of work, but it took my mind off the loss of Helen,” Elliott noted. The result was beautiful. Elliott’s stained glass creation says “Love Your Neighbor as Yourself” and will be displayed at Belfield Lutheran church. (cont. pg. 2)



Elliott Lindbo



First Spring Crocuses. Photo by Pastor Roger.

## April Worship Schedule

3	8:30am	Worship & Coffee - Medora
	10:00am	Worship & Coffee - Belfield
	11:45am	Worship & Dinner - Daglum
10	8:30am	Worship & Coffee - Medora
	10:00am	Worship & Coffee - Belfield
17	8:30am	Worship & Coffee - Medora
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	10:00am	Worship & Coffee - Belfield
	6:30pm	Alternative Worship - Belfield

Elliott modeled Christian service so soon after the loss of his wife. Love heals as we use our gifts while grieving.

- “Pastor Roger, were you surprised by the slave auction at the Extravaganza? I suggested it to my kids and they said ‘yes’ and shared the idea with others. All were willing! Wasn’t it great to see what happened? (Nine students- grades 7-12 donated 8 hours of outdoor labor and generated \$100-150.00 each for the parish auction!). Two more students joined in! Over \$1500. or almost 1/3 of the funds generated from the auction was raised by this spontaneous suggestion from a mother attending her first Parish Extravaganza who suggested her children serve as slaves! Youth generosity and willingness to serve appealed to the bidders more than extra household items! All were blessed! Jesus brings new life as we’re open to new ideas from newcomers!



*Carlee Hutzenbeler and Great-aunt Jeannie Dietz*

- “Pastor Roger, the SonDay School students want to sing on Palm Sunday.” The students passed out palms, and prepared special foods while we worshipped. They produced a demonstration of faith showing that Jesus was untouched by sin and all are made alive through faith in Jesus!! Alleluia! Jesus works through faithful parents and teachers.

- “I’m going to Ecuador in August on a mission trip with my former church in Grand Forks,” said Craig McGlaughlin as we left worship at Medora. “Would you help us in Belfield?” I asked. “Sure” said Craig, a Bowman, ND native living in Belfield since 2010. Kelcey Evers and Craig met a week later to lay the ground work for a youth mission trip to Lake Traverse, SD in July. Craig and Sarah have always loved kids. They were active at campus ministry at UND. Craig was a lay confirmation teacher. Craig and Sarah survived the sudden death of their first born son 30 year year old son, Craig II. He died instantly of an aneurism while playing with his nephews and nieces at a June 2010 family reunion in Bowman. That very hour Craig and Sarah were moving into their new home

in Belfield. Craig’s father died December 4, 2012 and his mother January 28 2013. Craig and Sarah know death. But they know that in Jesus’ death and resurrection God’s love for all reigns, diminishing the pain of grief.

- “Pastor Roger, I’d like to play for Easter but I’m still not sure I’m up for it. My left hand hasn’t been right since my surgery, said Noel Nichols, Daglum’s long term organist; Belfield Lutheran’s former organist and an instructor to gifted organists Susan Thompson Johnson and Julie Pletan Newton. “Besides, I don’t know how to adjust this new organ at Daglum.” But Noel experimented in faith with the help of family and friends. Soon the organist who thought her playing days were over was playing “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” with the same gusto she had 60 years ago! Tears surfaced in nearby family members. That which appeared

dead came back to life. Jesus is alive as we encourage one another! Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia!

- “I came from Dickinson to your alternative worship to see my ‘rock star’ friend Jean Franklin a visitor noted at our Palm Sunday 6:30 p.m. worship. “I really enjoyed being here,” she added! Jean feels blessed as well: “I’m learning so much by being a part of it. Everyone is so KIND to one another and works together so well”. Thanks Jean and Anna for being a part of this team including people from four other churches. Who would have anticipated you leading Sunday night worship at Belfield Lutheran with Jay Haverluk, Theresa Howie, an African singer, Hispanic drummer, and a professional bull rider guitarist/singer?” Unity reigns! Watch!! Jesus is alive! Death is Defeated! Love Reigns!

*Alleluia!*

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today!!*

*Pastor Roger*



## *We Celebrate with...*

- **Loren and Sara Bock** on the arrival of their daughter, Ava Jennifer, born Friday, March 18th.
- **Adam and Kimberly Becker** on the birth of their son, Hewitt Timothy, born February 28th.

## *Our sympathy to...*

- Sharlene Schuhrke and her family in the loss of Sharlene's mother, Mary Ann Rudland, on March 7. Services were March 15 in Bowbells, ND.
- The family and friends of Sheila Schafer. Sheila passed away March 16th at the age of 91.

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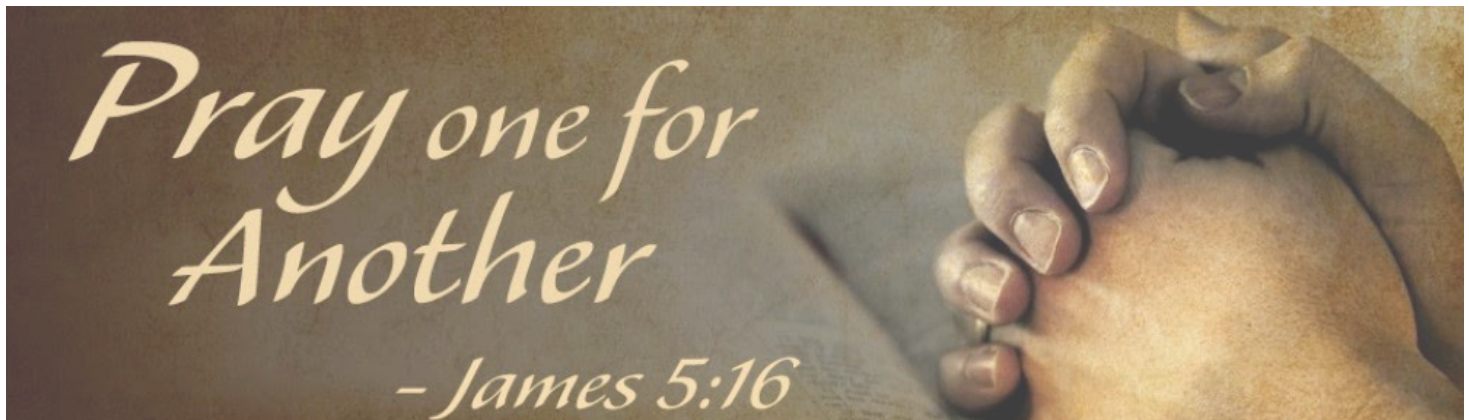
## *In our ongoing prayers...*

- **Haylee Fern and Tonya Schroyer** recovering from a vehicle accident in Belfield.
- Lynn Peterson's brother and sister-in-law, **Jim & Doris Broshat**, dealing with chronic illness.
- **Dan Sandvik**, undergoing treatment in Grand Forks.
- **John Ktytor** dealing with cancer and now residing in a nursing home in Strasburg.
- **Kathy Ktytor** 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.
- Barb Newton's sisters, **Mary** who has had mini strokes, and **Cleta**, who has 6 months to a year to live.
- **The family of Lisa Miller** whose daughters are recovering from PTSD and whose fiancé and son have been stuck in Europe for over 4 months. Pray for the financial means to return.
- Many families dealing with unexpected death/loss.
- **Dean Rodne** recovering from ankle surgery.
- **Glenda and Connie Redmond**
- **Laura and Bud Griffin**

*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](mailto:belfieldlutheran@gmail.com) or fill out a prayer request slip during worship and place it in the offering basket.*

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# 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!

**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.

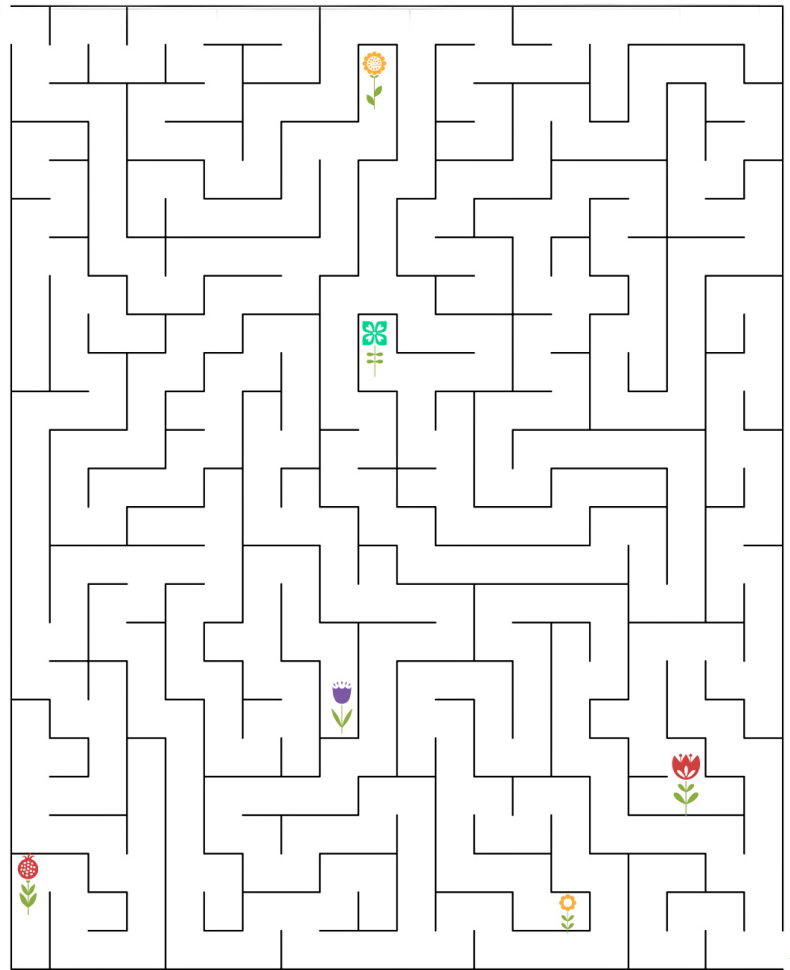
Have your parents talk to Amanda Johnson if they have questions.

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## SPRING MAZE

Rejoice  
in the  
Lord  
Always!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



# 2016 Belfield Lutheran Church Mission Trip

The Belfield Lutheran Youth invite you to join us for a free will Taco Bar Dinner to help raise money for the 2016 Belfield Lutheran Church Youth Mission Trip!

**Taco Bar Dinner**  
**Sunday April 10th**  
**11:00am - 1:00pm**

Belfield Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
506 2nd Ave NE

Silent Auction following dinner.



We are currently looking for items to be donated for the silent auction. We're accepting brand new and like-new items. Items can be dropped off at Belfield Lutheran, or call for item pick up.

Anna Ross - (701) 590-1041  
Marina Redig (701) 209-8488  
Craig McLaughlin (701) 206-0203



...and don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.  
Hebrews 13:16

## Synod Assembly Mission Project

# A SWEET DEAL FOR C.A.R.

The ministries of our companion synod, the Central African Republic (C.A.R.), have been selected as the special project for this year's synod assembly. Our congregation can participate by distributing tubes of M&M Minis, sharing the sweets, then refilling the tubes with quarters. Each tube holds about \$14. We'll bring the quarters with us to Synod Assembly, where it will be gathered together with the quarters of other congregations in an offering for the sake of ministry in Christ's name among our brothers and sisters in the C.A.R.

Your quarters will help :

- build schools and provide school supplies so children have access to education
- provide scholarships so young women can receive education and vocational training
- train new pastors and catechists to share the Good News of Jesus Christ
- support the work of the Emmanuel Health Center at Gallo which provides health care to remote areas of the C.A.R.
- support youth and young adult ministry, as well as outreach to both urban and very rural areas of the C.A.R.



**We'll announce a date for participation in April.**



## BADLANDS MINISTRIES *Upcoming Events*



### 2016 Registration is OPEN!

The retreat and summer camp information and registration is now available! Check out our website for all available program information—Register online today!  
[www.BadlandsMinistries.org](http://www.BadlandsMinistries.org)



### Now Hiring Summer Staff!

We are now looking to hire energetic & dedicated young adults who want to put their faith in action! Teach youth about The Bible, walk in faith with peers, learn more about yourself & God. Let this summer be an adventure of a lifetime—apply online today!



### Artistic Women's Crafting Retreat—April 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Do you enjoy the badlands, good food, friends, & crafting? Then you might be interested in our spring crafting retreat! It is a weekend for relaxation, finishing your latest projects & devotions.

\$175 (2 nights) or \$255 (3 nights)/person.

Please register by April 1<sup>st</sup>.



### Hammering out Faith with Dad—April 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>

A great opportunity for Dad to share quality time with his son or daughter! Together you will build a wooden cross & journey through fun devotions. This event is geared towards dads with children between 7-12 years of age! Don't miss this great weekend at camp!

Cost is \$150 per Father/Child Pair, register by April 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Facility Rentals

Looking for a place to have a Family Reunion? Get married? or host a Company Retreat? We still have weekends available this spring and early summer to rent our Retreat House, Dining Hall, Church, or Lodge. Call Becky at 701.290.8482 for availability and pricing!



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## Parish Visitor Newsletter Assembly & Fellowship

Looking for a place to dig into ministry? Consider joining the newsletter assembly team! It's just a few hours of service, every other month - collating, folding and labeling the newsletter that reaches homes all over North Dakota and beyond. It's a great opportunity for fellowship, with peaceful conversation or raucous laughter.



Assembly takes place the last weekend of each month, with Medora and Belfield congregations alternating. Interested in setting your hands to God's work with us? Please see Pastor Roger.

We can't thank Medora enough for faithfully assembling the newsletter each and every month to date, and we're happy to share in service.

*Pictured above: Mary Solberg, Theresa Howie and Elliott Lindbo assemble the March newsletter in Belfield.*

## *Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild*

Our thanks to Darnyl Malkowski and Sharlene Shuhrke for serving on Altar Guild in March. Your willingness to serve communion on the 1st of the month and on Easter was a blessing.

### **Serving this month:**

Connie Fulton and Dana Wanner

### **Serving in May:**

Barbara Hurt and Judy Kubischta

### **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.

## *BLC Choir - April*

April 3	9:00am
April 10	9:00am
April 17	After worship/coffee
April 24	After worship/coffee

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



## *Gospel Seeds... April 2016*

A Monthly Update from the  
Western North Dakota Synod Office

### **Gospel Proclaimers Needed...**

It has never been a secret that finding people to serve as pastors in rural places is difficult. To be honest, you and I are a part of the problem. We have not done a good job of raising up leaders from our own territory to serve in rural places. Together, with the Holy Spirit's help, we can change this situation. It's time to start talking about the joy of Gospel proclamation. So, it hits me; I get to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ! I need to let others know the joy of that calling... In times of joy and sorrow, in the midst of Spirit-filled renewal gatherings or around council tables in the midst of conflict – I get to proclaim that Jesus has risen! That sin, death, and darkness were defeated by the Cross.

We are “earthen vessels” easily chipped or cracked, yet it is through these vessels that God has chosen to share the Good News. Is the work difficult sometimes? Yes. Is this calling frustrating? Sure. But... it is also a gift. Who else might be called to ministry in Christ's church? Think about it. Pray about it. Let that person know their gifts are needed for Jesus' sake.

### **A New Path for Theological Education...**

So, what else can be done to provide high quality theological education, while at the same time, providing pastoral leadership in rural places? And, if we are going to tackle real issues about the need for leaders, how about we work to reduce or eliminate student debt at the same time? The Western North Dakota Synod, in partnership with Wartburg Theological Seminary, is in the process of launching a pilot project aimed at addressing those issues. The Rural Distributive Learning Cohort will allow students to enter a Master of Divinity Degree Program while serving in a congregational context. We believe that serving as a minister, while taking Master level courses, will help shape a candidate for Christ-centered service.

This program will not be for every student or for every congregation. In short, congregations will need to be relatively healthy - understanding they are called to look beyond themselves to serve their neighbor for Jesus' sake. Students will need to be self-motivated, able to juggle multiple tasks, and open for an adventure.

Our goal is to have two students accepted into this program by this fall. We look forward to sharing more with you

about this program as it progresses.

### **Tilling the Soil...**

It is not too late! There is still time to sign up for the “*Tilling the Soil*” workshop. This one day event is meant to spark our creative imagination and get us wondering where God is calling us to reach out in new locations and ways to proclaim God's grace and mercy given to the world through Jesus.

Come *Till the Soil* with us Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM to 3:00PM. We will welcome Rev. Ruben Duran, Director of New Starts within the ELCA, and Rev. Keith Zeh, Director of Evangelical Mission for the NW Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota.

Together, we will talk about how the larger church can help identify, explore, and possibly launch new ministries. Often, this does not mean building a new building – rather, it means letting your imagination flow freely.

We invite you to grab a couple of people from your congregation to come, learn more, and see what kind of creativity might begin to well up.

### **Synod Assembly:**

Now is the time to register for Synod Assembly. Our theme, “Living in God's Abundance”, will help us explore the abundance of gifts contained in our congregations and communities. We invite you to bring as many people as you would like, so, they, too, can learn about how God gifts people for the sake of serving others.

Once again, there will be an art show featuring the talents of people from the Western North Dakota Synod; please encourage people to participate. They can register their items through the synod web page.

Remember the Synod Mission Gala... It will once again be hosted by Lord of Life Lutheran Church. A limited number of tickets are available for the meal and auction of talents; get yours either online or by calling the synod office. We are also looking for items for the live and silent auctions; your donations are greatly appreciated!

Blessings, Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod



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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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# APRIL 2016

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To:



*Love Reigns!*

MY COMMAND IS THIS : LOVE  
EACH OTHER AS I HAVE LOVED  
YOU. GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE  
THAN THIS : TO LAY DOWN ONE'S  
LIFE FOR A FRIEND.

JOHN 15 : 12-13