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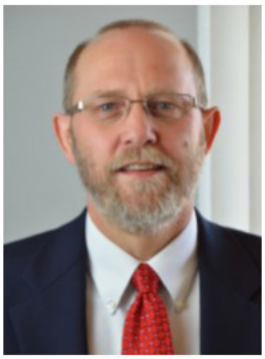
Jesus Says...

Do you Ever wonder what practical difference, if any, Jesus teachings make for your life?



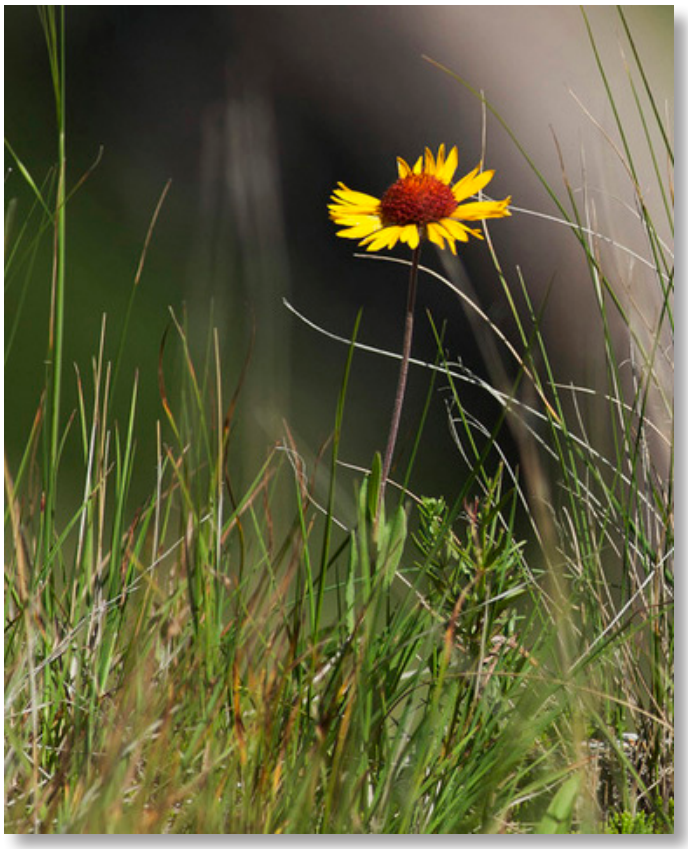
Bishop Mark Narum

Come and hear the Teachings of Jesus in a new way beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Bishop Mark Narum will present practical insights and wisdom each week during Lent in a short reflection on Jesus' teachings on anger, lust, violence, telling the truth, respectful relation ships, and dealing with conflict. Bishop Mark's down to earth presentations on the Sermon of the Mount begin at 6:15.

Join us for soup and bread if your schedule allows. Serving will begin at 5:30 and continue until 6:15. We will end our weekly times together with a hymn and prayers by 7:00 p.m. so that individuals and families of all ages, including those with small children, can come and be fed, both physically and spiritually.

We're grateful that there are those of you who love to make and share soup or bread. To select an evening that might work for you to provide soup or bread for one or more of our Lenten services, please call or text Connie Fulton (701-290-6720) or Deb Hutzenbeler (701-590-0617). We welcome friends to serve together as your schedule allows March 1- April 5.

Why are we doing a study on the Sermon on the Mount? (Continued on page 2.)



March Worship Schedule

5	8:30am	Worship & Coffee - Medora
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	11:45am	Worship & Dinner - Daglum
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"Jesus Says..." (Continued from page 1)

In the early years of Christianity, Lent was used as a time to help the followers of Jesus grow in faith and learn what it meant to be Jesus disciples. Many chose to be baptized at Easter after weeks of in depth study. This year, as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the the Reformation we, as Lutherans, are desiring to help all rediscover the joy and fulfillment God desires to give us as we live and become the community God calls us to be.

It's a privilege and gift that Bishop Narum has taken the time to lead us through weekly studies on the words of Jesus in the Sermon of the Mount.

Bishop Mark Narum describes the reason we're doing this:

"The Sermon on the Mount is a call to action. At the same time these words are challenging. How does one live up to Jesus teaching? A call to love enemies, to always speak well of others, to pray as a way of building a relationship with God not to look good before others, a call to give freely."

Would you like to grow and learn how to apply Jesus teachings in your daily life? Then bring your children, friends, and neighbors to a time of good food, spiritual teachings from Jesus, and fellowship.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Pastor Roger

When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

Mark 6:34

Welcome New Members!

We celebrate the reception of Samantha Elizabeth Quast, Linda Rose Block, and Donovan O'Brien as new members, January 29 at Medora. We appreciate their talents and the gifts they add to our community of faith.

THANK YOU!

IT WAS AN EXTRAVAGANZA INDEED!

Our 14th Annual Extravaganza was held on February 5th, 2017. We served 196 people and raised $10,000+ for our parish.

I want to thank everyone that helped to bring success to this event. Whether you helped at the event, donated something for the auction or Bobbie's Pantry, or just came and enjoyed the wonderful soup and maybe bid on an auction item. You were what made it a success.

Thank YOU!
Tami Elefson

We Celebrate with...

• **Ryan and Miranda Griffith,** along with older brother Liam on the birth of London Lee, January 30, in Las Vegas, NV. Carmen and Derwyn Zuroff are maternal grandparents.

In our ongoing prayers...

• **Ryan Hugelen and Ryan O'Brien** recovering from an accident near Belfield.
• **Connie Fulton** recovering from surgery.
• **Randy Wolfgram** for the loss of his house to fire, and for the man who lived in the house.
• **Lowell Lindbo** and family for the loss of their shop to fire.
• The family and friends of **Christopher Okland**.
• **Barb Newton** recovering from carpel tunnel surgery.
• **Jennifer (Peterson) Kinney** undergoing chemotherapy.
• For God's peace and wisdom in the situation at **Standing Rock.**
• **DerriAnn Johnson** after a fall.
• **John Hutzenbeler Sr.** dealing with leukemia.
• **Dave Jurgens** healing from a broken leg.
• **Charlene Grosulak**
• **Julene Griffin**
• **Dorothy Rhoads**
• **Lewis Getz**

Our Sympathy to...

• The family of Lane Kalmbach, Marcia Pool's brother, who passed away February 4 after a battle with cancer. Services were in Minot.

WORSHIP NIGHTS WITH THE BAND!

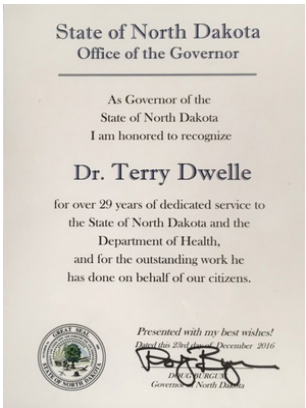
Worship Nights return in April at the Belfield Theater. Services will alternate between Belfield Lutheran Church and the theater, as part of our continued mission of outreach to the community.

Our thanks to those who attended the February service! See you in April!

Congratulations, Terry Dwelle!

Diana and Terry Dwell, Lindsey Vanderbusch and Jennifer Schaefer smile for the camera at Terry's retirement party.

Best wishes to Terry Dwelle on his retirement after 29 years of service to the State of North Dakota. May God continue to bless you as you and Diana enjoy the days ahead.



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Office of the Governor

As Governor of the
State of North Dakota
I am honored to recognize

Dr. Terry Dwelle

for over 29 years of dedicated service to
the State of North Dakota and the
Department of Health,
and for the outstanding work he
has done on behalf of our citizens.

Presented with my best wishes!
Dated this 23rd day of December 2016

DOUG BURGUM
Governor of North Dakota

Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

Our thanks to Janet Lindbo and Shelly Haugvedt for serving on Altar Guild in February.

Serving this month:
Sharlene Schuhrke and Darnyl Malkowski

Serving in April:
Dana Wanner and Connie Fulton

Join the Altar Guild! See Jean Franklin for details and to take your place on our 2017 Altar Guild calendar.

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.

2016 Ministry Highlights

God brought many blessings to our parish in 2016. A few at worship were:

- Three baptisms at Belfield, one at Medora.
- Six weddings
- Five new members received at Daglum, eight at Medora
- We continued the soup and bread suppers followed by Lenten Dramas.
- Steve Klicker, Tom Holdahl, Rebecca Kasian, Marty Braun, Paul Douglas and Bishop Narum all led worship and/or preached.

Outreach, Community Service, and Partnerships:

- Alternative Worship Services at Belfield Lutheran and in the area as led by Theresa Howie, Jean Franklin and Anna Ross.
- Our third mission trip to Lake Traverse, SD, July 24- 29, with eight students in attendance, organized by Craig McLaughlin and chaperoned by Marina Redig and Damon Ross.
- Taco bar dinner and auction to raise funds for the mission trip.
- Belfield Medora Food Pantry continued to reach out to more families in need. Joan Jurgens became pantry treasurer.
- Belfield continues to be a mission partner with Living Water Lutheran in Mandan.
- Funds were raised for Central African Republic, our Synod's Mission partner.
- Medora served breakfast at the June rodeo and lunch at the June car show to help meet medical needs.
- Belfield WELCA's July Pavilion dinner and fall dinner, and Daglum's annual fall dinner.
- Generous gifts to the Parish Visitor by sponsors. (See list on 2016 Pastoral acts page.) Theresa Howie continues to serve as the volunteer editor. Assembly of the Parish Visitor is shared between Medora Lutheran and Belfield Lutheran.
- Parish Extravaganza was held in March 2016 when St. Bernard's was available again. A "slave auction" of students was a highlight of the day.
- Generous giving to the parish in spite of economic challenges with each congregation contributing 65% 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).
- Craig McLaughlin, Jennifer Schaefer, and LaRae Tschetter, all were trained in the Stephens Ministry program at St. John's Lutheran.
- Paul Douglas and Judy Kubischta took part in the "Tilling the Soil" event in Bismarck.
- Craig McLaughlin and Linda Block took part in GIFTS events in Minot.
- Craig McLaughlin and Pastor Roger attended the WND Synod Assembly in Bismarck June 10 & 11.
- Theresa Howie attended a three day workshop at Luther Seminary called "Rethinking Sunday Morning."
- Pastor Roger served as a delegate to the ELCA National Assembly August 6-13, 2016

Educational Events:

- "Son Day School" was moved to Wednesdays in Belfield to provide longer class time for students and teachers. It returned to Sunday mornings at worship in September 2016.
- Badlands Ministries taught Bible School June 3-6 at Belfield. The congregation covered all expenses.
- Three students at Belfield and five at Medora Lutheran received first communion instruction.
- Seven third year confirmation students, Pastor Roger & Marty Braun & Marina Redig attended a confirmation retreat with Presbyterian youth & adults at Badlands Ministries.
- Book of Mark Bible Study and study of Islam as lead by Terry Dwelle.

Site and Facility Improvements:

- Medora re-shingled their building and rebuilt their cross.
- Medora updated their constitution and renewed their incorporation with the state of North Dakota.
- Belfield Lutheran received new candle holders.
- The Food Pantry did some remodeling.
- Pastor Roger sprayed and Ken Howie reseeded the parsonage front yard into chemically tolerant grasses.
- Ground work was laid to redo ceiling lights in the Fellowship Hall in 2017.

2017 is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Where is God Calling us?

- We will began 2017 by asking you the first question Jesus asked his disciples: What are you seeking? What do you need? What do you hope for?
- We will share these perceived needs with our leaders to shape, inform, and possibly reform what and how we "do church."
- We will begin to integrate some of the insight gleaned from attending "Rethinking Sunday Morning" at Luther Seminary in July.
- We will continue to seek, invite and integrate all the baptized to discover their calling in God's Kingdom and place in our congregations.
- We will examine the place of technology's role in ministry and mission in our day as did Luther.
- We will seek to expand and strengthen the role of our lay leaders beginning by hosting a local, week-long youth service event in Belfield based out of Belfield Lutheran Church this summer.

I thank God for the faithful service by our parish musicians, treasurers, and secretary, custodians, council members and worship leaders. I thank God for those of you who pray faithfully for me as pastor and each of our congregations.

Pastor Roger Dieterle

Gospel Seeds… March 2017

A Monthly Update
from Western ND Synod Staff

A Time of Listening…

I continue to learn it is just as important to listen well as it is to speak well. Friday, February 10 – about 30 people gathered at Christ Lutheran in Minot, many who serve on synod council, to listen to one another and to talk. This was the third event in our synod's Season of Listening. These conversations are meant to make room for people to honestly talk about issues which divide us.

In these conversations we try to provide a safe space for a variety of perspectives to be shared. It is in this sharing that we come to understand another person's point of view.

There are many things which threaten to divide us – it could be economic differences, political affiliations, racial divides, even our age groupings. What unites us is more powerful than all of these if we can confess that our first allegiance is to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the creator of all that is and all that will be. Christ died for each of us – all of us on both sides of any issue, of this I am most certainly convinced.

Issues will not go away…

I am also convinced that we will never experience a time where all of us will agree on everything. We were created unique at our very core so it stands to reason that each of us will look at the world differently.

We are the body of Christ, each in need of the other, none able to say to the other you are not needed. We are in this life together. Can we be bold enough to speak clearly what we believe and listen just as closely to the other?

GIFTS Events:

Here are a couple of upcoming GIFTS events, both with an eye toward this being the 500th Commemoration of the Reformation.

March 4 – Dr. Martin Lohrmann, Wartburg Theological Seminary "Freedom in Christ as a Call to Serve" First Lutheran, Minot.

April 1 - Dr. Dirk Lange, Luther Seminary "Worship as an Act of Reformation" Trinity Lutheran, Bismarck.

Cost is $15 per person. Please contact the synod office to register.

Actions Taken…

Your elected representatives who form the Synod Council gathered in Minot February 10-11. Listed below are some of the actions taken.

-Were presented with a new document synod staff uses with congregations in the call process. The document gives an update on activities engaged on behalf of the congregation, a listing of all congregations in the call process and how long they have been in process and a listing of all calls filled in the past year.

-Reported that Mission Support shared by congregations with the synod was $1,054,000 which is above the budgeted income of $975,000. We celebrate these gifts but also heed that the figure is a decrease of about $28,000 from the previous year.

-Reviewed congregational giving from across the synod and engaged in discussion of giving trends and what synod council members believe will happen in the future.

-Reviewed and revised the 2017 Synod Budget. Also set a 2018 budget which will be presented to our Synod Assembly in June. After much conversation it was decided to freeze Mission Support to ELCA Churchwide at $47% of what the synod receives from congregations.

-Approved Rostered Leader Compensation Guidelines for 2018 which will now go to synod assembly for action. The guideline provides for equalized salary for all rostered leaders – Deacons and Pastors, which is in alignment with previous synod assembly actions. The guidelines are based on a 1% salary increase.

-The 2018 Proposed Synod Budget also contains a 1% salary increase for synod staff.

Excellent and Committed Synod Council…

I want you to know that your synod council is a committed group of people, willing to engage in serious discussions and provide direction for synod staff. This is a gift. They take their roles seriously, speaking on behalf of the congregations across this synod. You are blessed and I am thankful!

God Bless!

Rev. 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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MARCH 2017

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