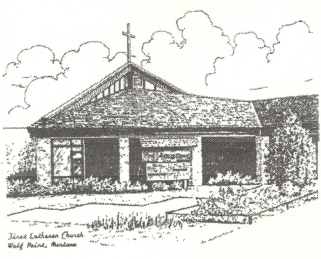


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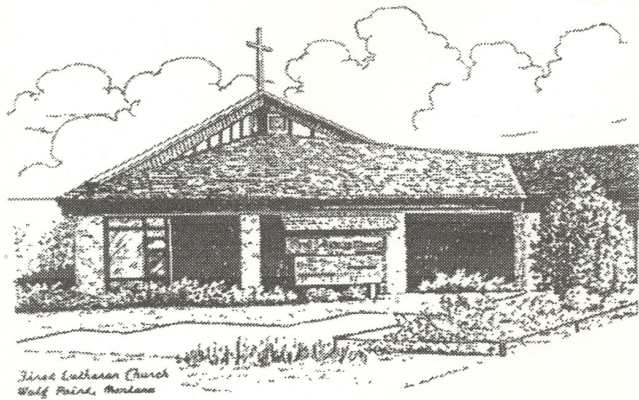
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Welcome to the New Year
The Year of our Lord 2021



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In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was with God
And the Word was God
John 1:1



Annual Meeting
January 31, 2021
After Church Service.

Have your reports into the office by
Sunday, January 3, 2021

Would you be interested in a brown bag bible study? It would be done during the lunch hour. Number of times per month would be determined by the group. Let the church office know or Phyllis Sethre 406-392-5365 or Georgia Willoughby 406-525-3334.

Church Council Minutes for December 15, 2020

Present at the meeting are: James Johnson, Jerald Petersen, Shane Reed, Sharon Hoffman, Cathy Wanderaas, Stan Dowse, Scott Montgomery, Vernie Moen and Pastor Bonnie.

Meeting was opened by Council President James Johnson.

Pastor Bonnie gave the Opening Devotions.

Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. Shane made a motion to accept the minutes and Sharon seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Expecting 10k PPP loan to be forgiven. We need a little extra in December but overall, we are in good shape. Cathy motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Motion was seconded and carried.

Pastor's Report: Please get all Annual Meeting reports to Angela no later than Friday January 8th. Pastor Bonnie presided for the funeral for David Wemmer. Bonnie also mentioned that the Madrigal Dinner will be live streamed. The attendance registers are to be shredded and discontinued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth & Education: Shane reported that nothing is scheduled but hopeful to schedule something for the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders come January.

OLD BUSINESS

- ◆ Building Use Policy—some wording was clarified. Scott made a motion to approve the revised Building Use Policy. Sharon seconded. Motion carried.
- ◆ Optimists will be using the education building December 16th, 17th, and 18th for Angel Tree wrapping and February 11th 2021 for the Drive Thru Dinner.
- ◆ The Pastor's new mic arrived and it works.
- ◆ Shane is still going to bring someone in to check on the sound room.
- ◆ New video technology was discussed.
- ◆ Discuss new confirmation classes to probably start in January.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ The Annual Meeting will be on January 31st with the same protocols as church service.
- ◆ The Budget meeting and regular meeting will be on Thursday January 7th, 2021 at 6pm.
- ◆ Church clean-up day will be moved to January 10th, 2021.
- ◆ Diann Gibson has submitted her letter of resignation from the Council.
- ◆ James Johnson will not be on the new council.
- ◆ Need new check signers. Will be reviewed for a later date.
- ◆ Dates of election to council need to be rerecorded.
- ◆ At least 2 new council members are needed.
- ◆ Angela will be out of the office from December 18th until December 30th.
- ◆ Christmas Eve service will be at 5pm with social distancing in place.
- ◆ Piano—anyone know of a sub for Sharon?

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.



WELCA CIRCLE MEETING

WELCA members meet each month. They welcome all ladies to join. If you are interested, please contact the church office for more information.

Next Meeting

January 28th

1:30pm



Quilting

The women's quilting group meets on the first Monday and Tuesday of each month, at 8:30am at the church.

Monday 8:30am-3pm

Tuesday 8:30am - 12Noon

They invite all who are interested in this project to come and join and work all or part of this designated time. You are not required to be an experienced quilter. There is a need for those who can sew, tie, piece and cut.

Next Quilting

January 4th & 5th



Prayer Shawl

If you are interested in taking part in the making of or if you know of someone who should have one given to them, please call Sandy Pipal, Delores Nelson or Georgia Willoughby.



Volunteers will be responsible for the month of **January**.

Peace Circle will be responsible for the month of **February**.



Contact Angela at the church office if you have any news or suggestions that you would like to put into the Caller.

Donations Welcome



The quilting ladies need quilting supplies. If you would like to donate fabric, please drop it off at the church. It will be greatly appreciated.

2021 WELCA Books

You may pick up your 2021 Welca Books at the church office, the Narthex, or in the church kitchen.

MISSION ACTION

Be responsible for Circle's help with projects such as clothing drive, quilting, etc.

MISSION COMMUNITY

Bring the needs of the community to your Circle. Be in charge of any response.



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Treasurer's Report

General Fund November

Balance	(\$8,388.83)
Receipts	\$21,527.29
Expenses	\$14,151.10
Ending Balance 11/30/20	(\$1,012.64)



Music for January

1st Sunday

- 267 Joy to the World
- Screen-Be Unto Your Name
- 296 What Child Is This
- 276 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
- 277 Away In A Manger
- 282 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

2nd Sunday

- 732 Boring Cry
- Screen-Be Unto Your Name
- 396 Spirit of Gentleness
- 500 Now We Remain
- 466 In the Singing
- 575 In Christ Called to Baptize

3rd Sunday

- 301 Bright and Glorious Is the Sky
- Screen-Be Unto Your Name
- 798 Will You Come and Follow Me
- 661 I Love to Tell the Story
- 483 Here is Bread
- 310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

4th Sunday

- 315 How Good Lord to be Here!
- Screen-Be Unto Your Name
- 818 O Master, Let Me Walk With You
- 817 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
- 773 Precious Lord Take My Hand
- 765 Lord of All Hopefulness

5th Sunday

- 314 Arise, Your Light Has Come
- Screen-Be Unto Your Name
- 311 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
- 817 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
- 483 Here Is Bread
- 307 Light Shone In Darkness

January Readings

<u>1st Sunday</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Jeremiah 31:7-14	John 1:1-18
Psalm 147:12-20	
Ephesians 1:3-14	
<u>2nd Sunday</u>	
Genesis 1:1-5	Mark 1:4-11
Psalm 29	
Acts 19:1-7	
<u>3rd Sunday</u>	
I Samuel 3:1-20	John 1:43-51
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	
I Corinthians 6:12-20	
<u>4th Sunday</u>	
Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Mark 1:14-20
Psalm 62:5-12	
I Corinthians 7:29-31	
<u>5th Sunday</u>	
Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Mark 1:21-28
Psalm III	
I Corinthians 8:1-13	



Prayer List

- Shirley Ball
- Barb Borgen
- Phyllis Dahl
- Cazroy Danelson
- Susan Davis
- Kathy Doornek
- Sharon Dschaak
- Kerry Hanks
- Nancy Hopson
- Mary Hughes
- Deb Jenson
- Barb LaRoque
- Christy Lepper
- Rolinda Lewis
- Phil Marple
- Tracey Ost
- Vera Paulson
- Kristen Petersen
- Karen Solheim
- Donna Tihista

Pastor's Letter

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Happy New Year!! Seems like we would never reach this point...but here we are.

So...how will we start our new year? I have been thinking I would like to start by continuing to follow the star...to be in the light...because I am weary of the dark.

I know that being in the light is not easy right now. How can we carry God's light out into the world when we cannot even give a hug to our family members who are in nursing homes and hospitals or the only way we can talk with them is over the phone, or see them only through a window? So many of the "usual" things that we do during the course of our lives have been turned into the "unusual." Virtual has become the word of the year.

Thankfully the one constant in all of this is our God...who never left our side for one instant, even in the middle of all this messiness that has been the "normal" in our world.

"Even if we cannot gather in person, Emmanuel, God with us. Even if some of our Christmas traditions had to go, Emmanuel, God with us. Even if we might not get to hug family and friends, Emmanuel, God with us. Even if we were not able to sing carols beside each other, Emmanuel, God with us. Even if Christmas cheer was harder this year, Emmanuel, God with us." (Source is Unfundamentalist site on Facebook).

Emmanuel, God with us will help us find the words to pray when we don't have them. Emmanuel, God with us will help us figure out ways to care for one another. Emmanuel, God with us will help us carry His light out into the world when we think that we cannot.

Let us pray: God of Love, come forth for us. May our lives magnify you. Surprise us, shower favor on all your people. Have mercy on the needy; tonight, each day, always. Mighty One, heal the broken. Heal us to be your hands, heart, and light. Bless our lives that we can be a sign of your heart, your hope. God of love, startle us with new life, cause our hearts to rejoice. Savior God come forth for us. May our lives magnify you. Amen (source of this prayer is from RevGalBlogPals).

Blessings as we begin this new year together, bathed in the light of Christ, as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Pastor Bonnie

January 2021

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1
Happy New Year

2
Happy Birthday
Stan Friesen
Darla Shumway

3 2 Christmas
10:30am Worship
Lector Georgia W.

4 8:30am Quilting
Nat'l Spaghetti Day

5 8:30am Quilting
Happy Birthday
Chandra Young
Happy Anniversary
Richard & Joann Heser
Nat'l Bird Day

6 Epiphany
Happy Anniversary
Grant & Pepper
Zimmerman

7
6pm Council
Happy Birthday
Kevin Hansen
Nat'l Bobblehead Day

8
Last Day to Turn in
Annual Reports to
Angela

9
Happy Birthday
Karen Jeide
Wade Krauth
Law Enforcement
Appreciation Day

10
Baptism of Our Lord
10:30am Worship
Lector Taylor G.
Clean-Up Day
Happy Birthday
Larry Olson

11
Nat'l Milk Day

12
Happy Birthday
Kendall Johnson

13
Happy Birthday
Rollie Paulson
Happy Anniversary
Cam & Jodi Martin

14
Nat'l Hat Day

15
Religious Freedom Day

17 2 Epiphany
10:30am Worship
Lector Shane R.
Happy Birthday
Gordon Heser

18
Happy Birthday
Traci Gibson
Martin Luther King Jr.

19
Nat'l Popcorn Day

20
Happy Birthday
Parker Heser
Red Cross Blood Drive
Inauguration Day

21
Happy Birthday
Dorothy Traeholt
Nat'l Hug Day

22
23
Nat'l Pie Day

24 3 Epiphany
10:30am Worship
Lector Cathy M
Happy Birthday
Ralph Ferdina
Dave Fyfe
Loren Warmbrod
Happy Anniversary
Janice & Lenny Lacounte

25
National Spouses Day

26
Happy Birthday
Jim Albertson
Commemoration
Victims of the Holocaust

27
1:30pm Welca
Happy Birthday
Tia Nygard
Data Privacy Day

28
29
Happy Birthday
Robert Balbinot
Slade Martinez
30
Happy Birthday
Christie Ferdina
Nat'l Croissant Day

31 4 Epiphany
10:30am Worship
Lector Cathy W.
Annual Council Meeting
Happy Birthday
Betty Fyfe
Nat'l Hot Chocolate Day



Radio Broadcasts January

Sunday Radio

Entire month of January

Sponsored by: Magdalene Circle

Morning Devotions

Entire month of January

Sponsored by: First Lutheran
Church

Rates

Sunday Radio \$200/mo
 \$ 50/wk

Morning Devotions \$200/mo
 \$ 50/wk

Sunday Radio Availability

Reserve your spots!
January, February, May –
September and November are
still available.

Morning Devotions

Reserve your spots!
January and April – December
are still available.

If you are interested in
dedicating an available month,
please stop by the church office
or call 653-1333.

JANUARY



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- 2 Stan Friesen
Darla Shumway
- 5 Chandra Young
- 7 Kevin Hansen
- 9 Karen Jeide
Wade Krauth
- 10 Larry Olson
- 12 Kendall Johnson
- 14 Rollie Paulson
- 17 Gordon Hesel
- 18 Traci Gibson
- 20 Parker Hesel
- 21 Dorothy Traeholt
- 24 Ralph Ferdina
David Fyfe
Loran Warmbrod
- 27 James Albertson
- 28 Tia Nygard
- 29 Robert Balbinot
Slade Martinez
- 30 Christie Ferdina
- 31 Elizabeth Fyfe



happy anniversary

- 5 Richard & Joann Hesel
- 6 Grant & Pepper
Zimmerman
- 14 Cam & Jodi Martin
- 24 Janice & Lenny Lacounte

If we have missed someone or
you know who should be added,
please contact the office.



The Volunteers who
supported worship services in
December

Pastor Bonnie Novak
Peace Circle for providing
treats and coffee in December

Church Council for overseeing
the needs of our congregation

Radio & Streaming Techs Jim
Albertson and Cathy
Wanderaas

Musician Sharon Kolstad

Water system maintenance
Cam Martin

The Members of this church
family who consistently
support First Lutheran and its
mission with their time,
talents and financial resources.