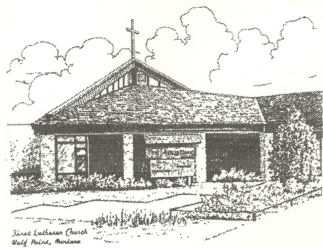


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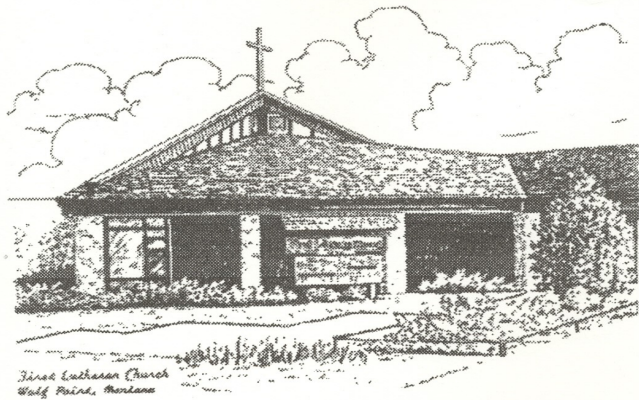
Applicant must be a confirmed member of First Lutheran Church of Wolf Point who is planning to pursue post-secondary higher education. Preference will be given to applicants planning to attend or presently attending a Lutheran college or seminary.

Bob & Elsie Penner Memorial Scholarship

Receipt of this award will be given to any member who attends seminary. If there is not anyone, then the scholarship will be awarded to the WPHS Valedictorian.

Application Deadline: May 10, 2021

If you are currently in college and would like to apply, please contact the church office 653-1333 or stop by and pick one up.



The Parish Caller

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First Lutheran Church
415 Johnson St.
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406-653-1333
Pastor Bonnie Novak
firstlutheranwp@nemont.net
Office Hours: Tues—Thurs
8AM to 12PM
Website: firstlutheranwp.org
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Thrivent Action Teams

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

Think about an unmet need in the community and how you could help. Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity, or educational event that can be completed within 120 days. Once your project application is approved, you'll receive a customized kit of resources that can include:

A pennant banner

Thank you cards, name tags and stickers

Thrivent Action Team T-shirts

A Community Impact Card with funds up to \$250 to kick-start your project.

How often am I eligible?

All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each member can lead per year depends on his or her membership type. Benefit members are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and associate members are eligible to lead one per calendar year. You must be 16 years or older to lead a Thrivent Action Team.

One action team, one project.

Multiple members cannot apply to receive a Thrivent Action Kit to be used toward the exact same project.

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Happy
Valentines
Day



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.

February 25th at 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

February 1st & 2nd



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.



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.



If you have any news or suggestions that you would like to put into the Parish Caller newsletter, please call or visit Angela at the church office.



After Church Coffee

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

The **Magdalene Circle** will be responsible for the month of **March**.

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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In a moment of creative inspiration, an entrepreneur who owned the coin-op laundry beside the church commissioned this sign for his window: "Where cleanliness really is next to Godliness!"



Radio Broadcasts February

Sunday Radio

Entire month of February
In Loving Memory of:
Vercil & Maud Mason
and
Ron & Maggie Allen
By: Ed & Sandi Mason

Morning Devotions

Entire month of February
In Loving Memory of:
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Rates

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

Sunday Radio Availability

Reserve your spots today! May-September and November are still available.

Morning Devotions

Reserve your spots today! May, July, November and December are still available.

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

FEBRUARY



- 1 Trevor Davis
- 2 Kyle Paulson
- 4 Ken Davis
- 7 Tanner Lindsay
- 11 Steven Remington
- 12 Kira Hoffman
- 14 Agnes Hesel
- 17 Ed Mason
- 19 Shane Gibson
- 20 Kay Golik
- 21 Merna Gess
Cindy Paulson
- 22 Jessica Smith
- 24 Karen Solheim
- 26 Connie Bridges
Kasey Reed
- 27 Cole Holen
- 29 Trenton Wemmer

21 Dean & Marlene Mahlum

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



The Volunteers who supported worship services in January
Pastor Bonnie Novak
LPA Laura Krauth
Volunteers for providing treats and coffee in January
Church Council for overseeing the needs of our congregation
Radio & Streaming Techs Cathy Wanderaas and Jim Albertson
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.

The Hand of God

Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother following Sunday worship. It finally stopped raining as they rounded the corner, where to their surprise and delight appeared a vivid double rainbow in the sky.

"Doesn't it look like an artist painted this rainbow?" his mother exclaimed. "I bet God painted this just for you!"

"Yes," replied Philip, "God did it, and he did it left handed."

Confused, his mother asked him, "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Philip, "we learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God's right hand."



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2021-6:00p.m.

First Lutheran Church council met for its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 6:00p.m. At this meeting information for the proposed 2021 budget was compiled. Those present were James Johnson, Shane Reed, Jerald Petersen, Sharon Hoffman, Cathy Wanderaas, Vernie Moen, and Pastor Bonnie.

The meeting opened with devotions by Pr. Bonnie. Her devotion was based on Deuteronomy 32.

Motion to accept the minutes from the December 15, 2020 meeting was made by Shane; seconded by Vernie; motion passed.

Jerald gave the treasurer's Report. The PPP loan given to the church will be completely forgiven. We are not eligible for a second PPP loan as each quarter's income for 2020 was more than 75% of 2019. It was suggested that a fundraiser be done to raise funds for designated funds, especially for the building fund. Cathy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Sharon seconded; motion carried.

All committee reports for the annual meeting report book are due into the church office by Friday, January 8.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building Use Request: There has been a request to use our building for the preschool screening on February 10, 2021. The Optimist Club has requested to use our building on February 11, 2021 for a drive-thru dinner fundraiser. Both requests were accepted.

Council Elections: people placed on the ballot will be Laura Krauth, Abby Reum (2nd term), Shane Reed (2nd term), and Cathy Wanderaas (2nd term). There is still one council position open. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the time of the annual meeting.

The annual meeting will be livestreamed.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

BUDGET MEETING:

Vernie made a motion to approve increases in all salaries; Shane seconded; motion carried.

It was suggested that the housing allowance be added to the annual meeting agenda.

Line items to be removed from the budget were Synod Office and LPA fees. It was suggested to zero out convention expense for this year as the Synod Assembly will be conducted virtually in 2021. Sharon moved to approve the amended budget; Vernie seconded; motion carried.

There being no other business to bring before the board, Shane made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Sharon seconded; motion carried.

Closed by praying together The Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Montgomery
Acting Secretary



Music for February

1st Sunday-Epiphany 5

532 Gather Us In
Screen-Be Unto Your Name
519 Open Your Ears, O
Faithful People
581 You Are Mine
466 In the Singing
OSB 187 Seek Ye First
543 Go, My Children, With
My Blessing

2nd Sunday-Transfiguration

816 How Good, Lord, to Be
Here
Screen-Be Unto Your Name
519 Open Your Ears, O
Faithful People
838 Beautiful Savior
496 One Bread, One Body
716 Christ Be Our Light
671 Shine Jesus Shine

Ash Wednesday

793 Be Thou My Vision
206 We Are Turning
336 Lamb of God
543 Go, My Children, With
My Blessing

3rd Sunday-Lent 1

423 Shall We Gather At the
River
206 We Are Turning
767 Lord Take My Hand and
Lead Me
483 Here Is Bread
496 One Bread, One Body
786 When Peace Like A
River

4th Sunday-Lent 2

820 O Savior, Precious
Savior
206 We Are Turning
798 Will You Come and
Follow Me
471 Let Us Break Bread
Together
OSB 14 Bind Us Together
677 This Little Light of Mine

February Readings

1st Sunday
Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
I Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

2nd Sunday
2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

3rd Sunday
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
I Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

4th Sunday
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38



Prayer List

Ann Lansrud
Shirley Ball
Aileen Brandt
Phyllis Dahl
Cazroy Danelson
Susan Davis
Kathy Doornek
Sharon Dschaak
Kerry Hanks
Nancy Hopson
Deb Jenson
Barb LaRoque
Rolinda Lewis
Phil Marple
Tracey Ost
Kristen Petersen
Karen Solheim
Donna Tihista
Kathy Toavs



At dinner after church on Palm
Sunday little Maria began
chattering away about learning a
new song in Sunday school
about a cross-eyed bear named
Gladly.

It took her parents a while
before realizing that the hymn
Maria had been singing was
really: "Gladly The Cross I'd
Bear."

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i> 8:30am Quilting BSK	<i>2</i> 8:30am Quilting BSK	<i>3</i> Nat'l Signing Day	<i>4</i> BSK World Cancer Day	<i>5</i> Nat'l Wear Red Day	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> Epiphany 5 10:30am Worship 11:30am Clean-Up Lector Georgia W	<i>8</i> BSK	<i>9</i> BSK 5:15pm Council Nat'l Pizza Day	<i>10</i> 9am-4pm District Child Screening	<i>11</i> BSK Int'l Day of Women & Girls in Science	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> World Radio Day Internet Friends Day
<i>14</i> Transfiguration of Our Lord 10:30am Worship Lector Scott M Valentine's Day	<i>15</i> BSK Presidents Day	<i>16</i> BSK Mardi Gras	<i>17</i> Ash Wednesday	<i>18</i> Optimist Drive- Thru Dinner Nat'l Drink Wine Day	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> World Day of So- cial Justice
<i>21</i> 10:30am Worship Lector Shane R	<i>22</i> BSK Nat'l Margarita Day	<i>23</i> BSK	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 1:30pm Welca BSK	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 10:30am Worship Lector Cathy M						

PASTOR'S LETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

"Let your light shine" – Matthew 5:16

As I was on hold with my insurance provider, listening to the wonderful "mu-sac" that was playing, I found myself becoming more and more frustrated. I should not have to be straightening this out...it should have been taken care of by someone else.

Finally, after what seemed an eternity, a customer representative came on the line. Her voice was far too cheerful for my mood. Thankfully, I took a deep breath before I told her the reason for my call, not taking out my frustration on her.

During our conversation, she told me that she was working from home, sometimes having three computer screens to look at to solve problems that people were calling her with. She was grateful that she could work from home and that she had not lost her job during the shutdown and closures of so many companies.

She was shining her light as she spoke to me on the phone, assuring me that the problem could be solved, and that it was just an error in communication and insurance codes. I thanked her for her patience with me in answering all the questions I had for her, and for walking with me through these problems.

That is letting your light shine! That is what we are being asked to do each day we are here on this earth. We are challenged to not take the easy way of putting our heads down and being in darkness. God's hope is that we will have faith, and we will trust he is walking with us in our dark and frustrating times.

During these times of fear and frustration we can be a light by making sure not only our physical but mental health is good. We have to care for ourselves before we can care for anyone else.

We can still care for our family and friends by checking in with them by text, email, phone calls, and good old snail mail, to let them know that they are on our minds and close to our hearts during this time.

We can let our light shine when we are out and about by giving a smile and a hello to people we meet on the street. Who knows, that could be the only positive thing that happens to them on that particular day.

When we find ourselves frustrated, exasperated, lonely, or just "out of sorts" as my Grandma Hallett would say, we need to stop, take a deep breath, and invite our Lord to walk with us, to get us through whatever is happening, so that our light will shine as we live our call as children of God.

Blessings as we continue to walk with our Lord in all that we do, letting our light shine for all people to see, so that one day there will be no dark places, and that hope, mercy, and love will be the shining lights in our world.

Blessings,

Pastor Bonnie