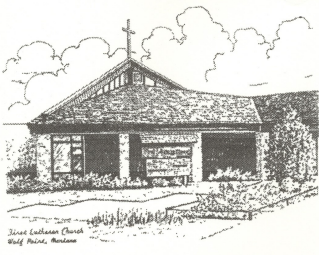


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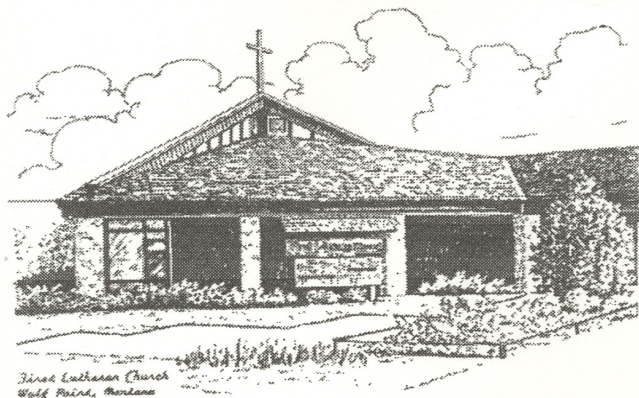
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HAPPY New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...





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Church Service
 10:30am

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Spring Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
1/8/2023	9:45am	First day back after Christmas Break
1/15/2023	11:30am	Rally Sunday with Pastor Bonnie
1/22/2023		*No Sunday School*
1/29/2023	9:45am	Regular Class
2/5/2023	9:45am	Regular Class
2/12/2023	11:30am	Rally Sunday with Pastor Bonnie
2/19/2023	9:45am	Regular Class
2/26/2023	9:45am	Regular Class
3/5/2023		*No Sunday School*
3/12/2023	11:30am	Rally Sunday with Pastor Bonnie
3/19/2023	9:45am	Clay project with Vivian Schultz
3/26/2023	9:45am	Regular Class
4/2/2023	9:45am	Regular Class
4/9/2023	11:30am	Easter Sunday and kids sing during church
4/16/2023	9:45am	Regular Class
4/23/2023		*No Sunday School*
4/30/2023	9:45am	Regular Class
5/7/2023	9:45am	Regular Class
5/14/2023	11:30am	Last Day of Sunday School Celebration!

Annual Meeting

January 29, 2021

After Church Service.

Have your reports into the office by

Thursday, January 5, 2023

Council Minutes

December 13th, 2022

Present: Pastor Bonnie Novak, President Sharon Hoffman, Treasurer Jerald Petersen, Sandi Mason, Stan Dowse, Scott Montgomery, Shane Reed, Cathy Wanderaas, Vernie Madison

Devotion: Lead by Pastor Bonnie

Approval of Minutes: Shane motions to approve the minutes; Sandi seconds. The motion carries
Treasurer's Report: The church is still \$20,000 receipts under expenses. Cathy moves to approve the treasurer's report; Shane seconds. The motion carries.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Bonnie has presided over 3 funerals in the last month. Since October, she has presided over 7. Bishop's convocation was November 1-2. The focus was about what was done differently during COVID years, what was good and bad. Fort Peck Cluster met in Nashua. They are planning a retreat in the summer along with the Northeast cluster. Pastor Bonnie is stepping away from the racial justice task force, but will continue to serve on the Care for Creation task force. The women's bible study continues. The study is "The Mothers & Daughters of the Bible Speak" on Wednesdays.

Committee Reports

Youth & Ed: Working on Apostle's Creed, five students are attending

Property: Six light bulbs were changed, leak on bathroom upstairs is being worked on

Old Business

- Piano - still waiting, but will pick up in the coming weeks
- Computers - bought, and need to be installed
- Found stuff to update the website. Sharon, Cathy, and Bonnie are working to post new information.
- Bell tower - Jerald talked to someone who is familiar with masonry, and he will take a look at it when there is a chance.
- Smorgasbord - Overall a success, lots of people were helping. Many cookies arrived. First seating served over a hundred, second seating served about 40 people. They plan to have a wrap-up meeting in the coming week.

New Business

- ELCA has updated the model constitution, Council will review, along with our old appendix and approve as needed.
- Annual meeting set for January 8th after church
- Move cleaning day to January 15th rather than doing on New Year's Day or during the church meeting
- Is there a list of homebound persons or people who would benefit from visitation?

Vernie Motions to adjourn. Sandi seconds. The motion carries. The council closes 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 26th 2023*



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 2nd & 3rd*



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.

The Magdalene 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.

Our Mission

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Purpose

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.



Our logo—with the cross, water and a white lily—identifies women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as children of God; baptized, forgiven, adopted into God's family, full of grace and hope in eternal life. It is a reminder of the growth, beauty, and vitality that rises out of that life-giving baptismal water. It is also a reminder of the mission of the church to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19)



Treasurer's Report

General Fund November

Balance	(22,204.45)
Receipts	11,213.68
Expenses	10,879.12
Ending Balance	(21,869.99)

General Fund Offering November

12/4 ~ \$1,460.00

12/11 ~ \$3,087.00

12/18 ~ \$3,986.00

12/24 ~ \$672.00

12/25 ~ \$4,976.00

To meet our budget, we need
to take in \$2,800.00 to the
General Fund each week.



Music for January

1st Sunday

275 Angels from the Realms
of Glory
267 Joy to the World
512 Lord, Let My Heart Be
Good Soil (2x)
279 O Little Town of
Bethlehem
277 Away In A Manger

286 Your Little Ones, Dear
Lord
290 Go Tell It on the
Mountain

2nd Sunday

732 Borne Cry
3-4 Glory to God
512 Lord, Let My Heart Be
Good Soil (2x)
396 Spirit of Gentleness
442 All Who Believe and Are
Baptized
817 You Have Come Down to
the Lakeshore
575 In Christ Called to
Baptize

3rd Sunday

301 Bright and Glorious Is
the Sky
Screen Be Unto Your Name
512 Lord, Let My Heart Be
Good Soil (2x)
798 Will You Come and
Follow Me
184 Let the Vineyards Be
Fruitful Lord
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
512 Lord, Let My Heart Be
Good Soil (2x)
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 Hopeful ness

5th Sunday

655 Son of God, Eternal
Savior
Screen Be Unto Your Name

512 Lord, Let My Heart Be
Good Soil
715 Christ Be Our Light
483 Here Is Bread
712 Lord, Whose Love in
Humble Service



Prayer List

David Belakjon
Larry Boyum
Fay Dahl
Phyllis Dahl
Corinne Daley
Susan Davis
Scott Davis
Patrick Desjarlais
Kathy Doornek
Linda Gay
Pat Hallett
Vikki Hammond
Wade Hansen
Elliott Haynie
Doug Houg
DeWayne Jager
Deb Jensen
Floyd & Gayle Johnson
Bill Lauckner
Rolinda Lewis
Phil Marple
Linda Nielsen
Linda Novak
Allan Pipal
DeVonna Ryan
Marion VorVorck
Pearl Wagner-Nickels

**Pastor's Letter
January 2023**

**“The hope and fears of all the years, Are met in thee tonight”
(From the hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem)**

What a promise we are given...at the birth of the Christ Child...all we hope for and all we fear are taken care of. Prayers heard...prayers answered.

This, I believe, is what helps us continue on especially during the times we see as scarcity and not abundance. We have felt this scarcity this past year in the drought, the economy, and the loss of so many from our faith communities and families. 2022 did seem to present itself as a time of scarcity.

In this hymn, we also sing, “Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!” We want our Lord to be with us no matter what is happening here on this earth. We hope that we are strong enough to get through the scarce times because of our belief He is always with us. Hopefully we feel this the strongest when the world is telling us that things are bad. What a lot of the world forgets is to talk with God, to make fears known, to make heartache known, to let God into their hearts, so that fears can be given to our God, so we can give ourselves to the miracle of Christ's birth.

This month we celebrate Epiphany...the celebration where God manifests as the baby Jesus, revealing himself to the world. Revealing Himself so a ministry with people can begin...where light will be brought into the darkness...where hope can be found.

**“As a star, God's holy Word, Leads us to our King and Lord;
Brightly from its sacred pages, Shall this light throughout the
ages, Shine upon our path of life, shine upon our path of life.”
(From the hymn Bright and Glorious Is the Sky).**

Let our light shine. Blessings

Pr. Bonnie

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30am Worship Happy New Year	2 8:30am Quilters *Stan Friesen *Darla Shumway	3 8:30am Quilters 4:30pm BSK	4 1pm Bible Study Nat'l Spaghetti Day	5 *Chandra Young **Richard & Joann Heser 4:30pm BSK	6 **Grant & Pepper Zimmerman	7 *Kevin Hansen
8 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Council 2pm Faith Home Worship	9 *Karen Jeide *Wade Krauth 4:30pm BSK	10 *Larry Olson 4:30pm BSK	11 1pm Bible Study Confirmation Nat'l Milk Day	12 *Kendall Johnson 4:30pm BSK	13 Mail Out Annual Reports	14 *Rollie Paulson **Cam & Jodi Martin
15 10:30am Worship 11:30am Sunday School Nat'l Hat Day	16 4:30pm BSK Martin Luther King Jr.	17 *Gordon Heser 4:30pm BSK	18 1pm Bible Study Confirmation *Traci Gibson	19 4:30pm BSK Nat'l Popcorn Day	20 *Parker Heser	21 *Dorothy Traeholt Nat'l Hug Day
22 10:30am Worship	23 4:30pm BSK Nat'l Pie Day	24 *Ralph Ferdina *David Fyfe *Loran Warmbrod **Janice & Lenny LaCounte 4:30pm BSK	25 1pm Bible Study Confirmation	26 1:30pm Welca 4:30pm BSK Nat'l Spouses Day	27 *James Albertson	28 *Tia Nygard Data Privacy Day
29 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Annual Meeting *Robert Balbinot *Slade Martinez	30 *Christie Ferdina 4:30pm BSK Nat'l Croissant Day	31 *Elizabeth Fyfe 4:30pm BSK Nat'l Hot Chocolate Day				



Radio Broadcasts for
January

Sunday Radio

Entire month of January

In Honor of:

Our Faith Community

By: A Radio Listener

Morning Devotions

Entire month of January

In Honor of:

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Rates

Sunday Radio

\$200/month

\$50/week

Morning Devotions

\$200/month

\$50/week

*Reserve your spots for
2022 today!*

**February, May-August
and November are
available for Sunday
Radio**

**February, April, June-
August and November
and December are
available for Morning
Devotions**

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



January Birthdays

- 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 Hesar
- 18 Traci Gibson
- 20 Parker Hesar
- 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



January Anniversaries

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



Gary Johnson for
clearing our sidewalks
and parking lots

Pastor Bonnie Novak

Patience Circle for

providing treats and
coffee in December

Radio and Streaming

Jim Albertson, Cathy

Wanderaas and Scott

Montgomery

Sharon Kolstad for our
music

Cam Martin for the

water system
maintenance

The Members of this

church family who

consistently support First

Lutheran and its mission

with their time, talent

and financial resources

*Blessed be the Lord, who
daily loads us with
benefits...*

Psalm 68:19

*...blessed are they that
have not seen and have
believed.*

John 20:29