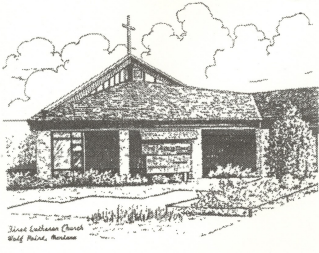


February 2023



THE PARISH CALLER
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
415 Johnson St.
Wolf Point, MT 59201

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FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIPS

First Lutheran Memorial Scholarship
Kent Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Laura Rathert Memorial Scholarship
Melvin Thompson Memorial Scholarship
Bob & Elsie Penner Memorial Scholarship

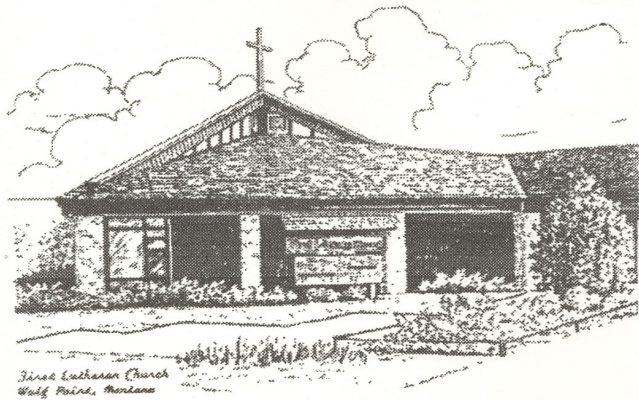
Applicant must be a confirmed member of First Lutheran Church of Wolf Point who is planning to pursue post-secondary higher education. Preference will be given to applicants planning to attend or presently attending a Lutheran college or seminary.

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, 2023

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 23rd 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 6th & 7th



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.



After Church Coffee

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

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

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.

OFFICIERS

President
Rebekah French
Helena, MT
Vice President
Ella Tweten
Nashua, MT
Secretary
Gloria Lannen
Choteau, MT
Treasurer
Cindy Bye
Shepherd, MT

BOARD MEMBERS

Myrna Mysse
Harlowton, MT

Sandy Pipal
Wolf Point, MT

Janel Novak
Great Falls, MT



Radio Broadcasts for
February

Sunday Radio

Entire month of February
In Loving Memory of:

Ed Mason
Ron & Maggie Allen
Vercil & Maud Mason
By: Sandi Mason

Morning Devotions

Entire month of February
In Loving Memory of:

Ed Mason
Ron & Maggie Allen
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Rates

Sunday Radio

\$200/month
\$50/week

Morning Devotions

\$200/month
\$50/week

*Reserve your spots for
2022 today!*

**May– August and
November are
available for Sunday
Radio**

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



February Birthdays

- 1 Trevor Davis
- 4 Ken Davis
- 7 Tanner Lindsay
- 11 Steven Remington
- 12 Kira Hoffman
- 14 Agnes Hesper
- 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



January Anniversaries

- 21 Dean & Marlene
Mahlum

If we missed someone,
please contact the office.



Gary Johnson for clearing our sidewalks and parking lots
Pastor Bonnie Novak
LPA Laura Krauth
Our Volunteers for providing treats and coffee in January
Radio and Streaming
 Jim Albertson, Scott Montgomery and Cathy Wanderaas
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

Council Minutes: January 8th, 2023

Present: Sharon Hoffman (president), Pastor Bonnie Novak, Jerald Peterson (treasurer), Scott Montgomery (secretary), Stan Dowse, Shane Reed, Doug Madison, Sandi Mason, Cathy Wanderaas,

Devotion: Bonnie leads the council in opening prayer.

Treasurer's: 21,753.29 income in December (very good), ended year 9,520.67 receipts under expenses. 7,619.63 is in the Boy/Cub Scouts account, mostly unused. There is 209,623.93 in the Memorial Fund. Shane motions to approve the treasurer's report; Cathy seconds. Motion carries.

Budget:

Following Synod guidelines, the council recommends a raise of 5% to \$46201 for Pastor Bonnie's salary. The Nashua church will continue to pay 25% of her salary. The church will maintain the same coverage of expenses for housing and fuel costs. Cathy motions to recommend this raise; Doug seconds. The motion carries. Bonnie notes her appreciation of the church's generosity, and how it enables her to provide a more effective ministry to the church.

The council recommends a 3% increase for the pianist and the secretary. Sandi motions to recommend this to the congregation; Stan seconds. The motion carries.

The council recommends maintaining the same level of Synod benevolence of 2%

The council recommends transferring the Logos budget toward the Sunday School budget.

The council recommends adding \$2,000 to the Utilities budget.

The council recommends keeping the remainder of the treasurer's proposed modifications.

Cathy motions to recommend the proposed budget, with the council's and the treasurer's modifications, to the congregation at the annual meeting. Sandi seconds the motion. The motion carries.

December Minutes: Cathy motions to accept the December minutes; Stan seconds. The motion carries.

Pastor's Report & Committee Reports will be presented at the annual meeting.

Old Business

- Piano - Scott will take over delivery of Wellness Center piano
- Smorgasboard made a net profit of \$2,764

New Business:

- Clean on 1/15/23, then go back to cleaning & potluck on the first Sunday
- The 100 Club will use our building for their annual meeting on January 29th at 2:00
- The annual meeting will take place on January 29th
- The council wonders about the possibility of a youth coordinator; Bonnie will inquire with Glasgow's church to see how they support that position and what it entails.

Cathy motions to adjourn the meeting; Doug seconds. The motion carries.

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			6:30pm Confirmation *Trevor Davis	4:30pm BSK Groundhog Day	Nat'l Wear Red	*Ken Davis World Cancer Day
5:45am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 2pm Faith Home Worship	6:30am Quilting 4:30pm BSK	7:30am Quilting 4:30pm BSK	8:1pm Bible Studay 6:30pm Confirmation	9 4:30pm BSK	10	11 *Steven Remington
12 10:30am Worship 11:30am Sunday School *Kira Hoffman	13 4:30pm BSK	14 Food Bank 4:30pm BSK Valentine's Day *Agnes Heser	15 1pm Bible Studay 6:30pm Confirmation	16	17 Random Acts of Kindness	18 Nat'l Drink Wine Day
19 Pancakes and Bingo 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Worship *Shane Gibson	20 Presidents Day 4:30pm BSK *Kay Golik	21 *Merna Gess *Cindy Paulson *Dean & Marlene Mahlum 4:30pm BSK	22 1pm Bible Study Confirmation Ash Wednesday *Jessica Smith	23 1:30pm Welca 4:30pm BSK	24 *Karen Solheim	25
26 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Worship *Connie Bridges *Kasey Reed	27 4:30pm BSK *Cole Holen	28 4:30pm BSK				



Music for February
1st Sunday

733 Gather Us In
Gloria-Glory to God
512 Lord Let My Heart Be Good
Soil
715 Christ Be Our Light
15 Communion Hymn
465 As the Grains of Wheat
838 Beautiful Savior

2nd Sunday

820 O Savior, Precious Savior
Gloria-Glory to God
512 Lord Let My Heart Be Good
Soil
731 Earth and All Stars!
496 One Bread, One Body
483 Here Is Bread
810 O Jesus, I Have Promised

3rd Sunday

315 How Good, Lord, to Be Here
Gloria-Glory to God
519 Lord Let My Heart Be Good
Soil
671 Shine, Jesus, Shine
15 Communion Hymn
817 You Have Come Down to the
Lakeshore
638 Blessed Assurance

Ash Wednesday

606 Our Father, We Have Wandered
11&12 Be Not Afraid
353 Were You There
338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

4th Sunday

320 The Glory of These Forty Days
232 Let My Prayer Rise Up
512 Lord Let My Heart Be Good
Soil
517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your
Word
471 Let Us Break Bread Together
785 When Peace. Like A River.
618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



Prayer List

David Bellajohn, Phyllis Dahl,
Susan Davis, Fay Dahl, Scott Davis,
Kathy Doornek,
Linda Gay, Pat Hallett, Wade Hansen
Doug Houg, Floyd & Gayle Johnson,
Deb Jensen, Rolinda Lewis,
Phil Marple, DeVonna Ryan
Frank Vinton, Vicki Hammond,
Pearl Wagner-Nickels
Marion VorVorck, Bill Lauckner,
Corrine Daley, Larry Boyum
Elliott Haynie
Pastor Tim Whiteman,
Samantha Reed, Stephanie Sundheim



February Readings

1st Sunday
Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 112:1-10
I Corinthians 2:1-16
Matthew 5:13-20

2nd Sunday
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
I Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

3rd Sunday
Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

4th Sunday
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11



1st Sunday
Gary Johnson

2nd Sunday
Scott M.

3rd Sunday
Shane
Reed

4th Sunday
Cathy Madison

PASTOR'S LETTER
FEBRUARY 2023

We find ourselves in the spotlight this month. We are to lead by the examples of Jesus' teaching and be "salty" and "shiny."

This can be hard to do with all that is going on in our world and in our lives. I don't know about you, but after the 10th day of fog, and not being able to go where I wanted and needed to go, my disposition was not very "shiny."

And this being "salty." How can we be expected to do good works and uphold righteousness and justice, when all around us only evil is being mentioned online, on T.V., over the radio, and in printed form.

We can find answers to this question and hope when we turn to Isaiah who reminds us that when we "loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light of God breaks forth like the dawn."

Jesus himself reminds us that, "We are called to let the light of our good works shine before others." It is through our Baptism that we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

Never are we called to be "shiny" or "salty" on our own. Our Lord Jesus, the light of the world, is always waking with us. Helping us remember that we don't have to do extra-ordinary works, only works in his name. That is how we bring light to all of his children.

"Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see." (Christ Be Our Light-ELW#715)

Shine, God's children shine. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Bonnie