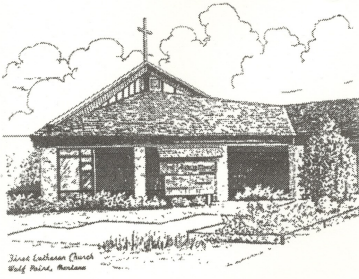


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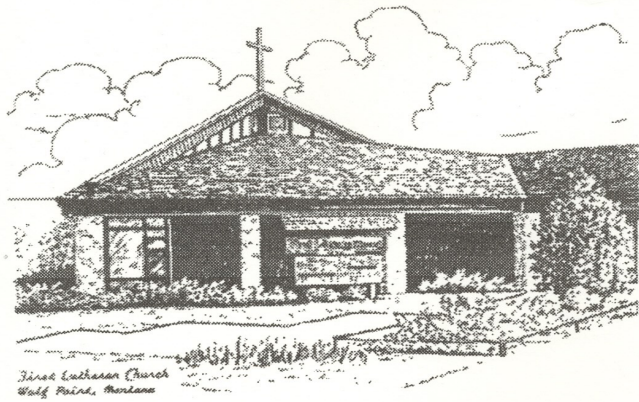
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January 14
 January 21
 January 28
 February 4
February 11
 February 18
 February 25
 March 3
 March 10
 March 17
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Questions? Contact

Brianna Vine
 701-8189339
 Or
 Erin Loendorf
 406-223-7906

Annual Meeting
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 After Church Service.

Have your reports into the office as soon as possible.

***Easter Sunday kids will sing in church.**

**First Lutheran Church
Council Minutes – December 12, 2023**

Members Present: Laura Krauth, Sandi Mason, Cathy Wanderaas, Shane Reed, Sharon Hoffman, Doug Madison, and Vernie Madison.
Members Absent: Stanley Dowse, Scott Montgomery, Abby Reum, and Jerald Peterson.

Pastor Bonnie led the devotion based on Psalm 90.

Minutes of the September and November council meetings were presented. Shane made the motion to approve with corrections made to change the date on the September minutes from 8/12/2023 to 9/12/2023; Laura seconded; motion carried.

Treasure's report was not available.

Pastor's report: Pastor presided at the memorial service for Gilbert DeSonia of Nashua. She officiated at the wedding of Brittany McKenny and Willam Richard in Great Falls.

Committee Reports:

The evangelism/stewardship committees are planning to hold trivia games/tournaments three weeks in January and in February. They will have chili and rolls after church. Free will offering will be made available for people to donate.

Shane reported for the property committee Has not received a bill for repairs that have been done on the roof. Shane was also able to fix the outlets in the Sunday school room – a breaker had been tripped. Was reported that two lights in the lady's bathroom still need to be repaired. Shane also reported that he and his sons will begin demolition of the showers and bathrooms upstairs before the end of the year. He will keep the council posted as to what he finds, and as to what materials he will need to make the repairs.

Old Business:

Smorgasbord: Laura and Sandi reported on the Smorgasbord. After the bills are paid, a donation of \$2500 should be able to be made to the church. \$353 was also made on the bake sale.

Cleaning: Pastor Bonnie will talk to the congregation during coffee hour after Christmas to let them know that formal cleaning days will not be held. Cleaning will be done when people have time to clean. The cleaning chart will be discussed and how to write down when and which areas have been cleaned.

Faith & Family: Sharon shared with the council a booklet compiled by Family Connections about all the available health, addiction & recovery, and mental health agencies and resources available in our area. Pastor Bonnie will contact the Region 6 office of Family Connections to see if we could get more booklets to have on hand.

Constitution: Cathy has completed all changes/updates to First Lutheran's constitution as per the model given by the ELCA. This updated constitution will be presented to the congregation for the first time at the 2023 annual meeting.

New Business:

Shane reported to the council that he had been approached by the pastor of the Community Bible Church to see if their overflow traffic could park in First's parking lot. Pastor Bonnie brought up the subject of liability should there be injury and/or car accidents. Our insurance agent will need to be contacted to see what our policy states about another church sharing our parking lot and where the liability responsibility lies.

There being no other business to discuss, Cathy Wanderaas made a motion to adjourn, Shane Reed seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50p.m.

Next council meeting will be on January 9, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Bonnie Novak



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 25th, 2024
Hostess Sandi Mason*



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 8th & 9th*



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 Peace Circle will be responsible for the month of February.

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

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)



**General Fund Offering
November**

- 12/3 ~ \$1,850.00
- 12/10 ~ \$6,495.00
- 12/17 ~ \$2,258.00
- 12/24 ~ \$1,240.00
- 12/31 ~ \$3,390.00

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



Music for January

Baptism of Our Lord

- 423 Shall We Gather at the River
- 3-4 Glory to God
- 801 Change My Heart, O God
- 456 Baptized In Water
- Communion Hymn
- 817 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore
- 786 When Peace Like a River

2nd Sunday

- 315 How Good, Lord, to be Here!
- 3-4 Glory to God
- 801 Change My Heart, O God
- 798 Will You Come and Follow Me
- 496 One Bread, One Body
- 483 Here Is Bread
- 581 You Are Mine

3rd Sunday

- 661 I Love to Tell the Story
- 3-4 Glory to God
- 801 Change My Heart, O God
- 671 Shine Jesus, Shine
- Communion Hymn
- 807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
- 697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

4th Sunday

- 514 O Word of God Incarnate
- 3-4 Glory to God
- 801 Change My Heart, O God
- 310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
- 465 As the Grains of Wheat
- 471 Let Us Break Bread Together
- 773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand



Prayer List

- Jerald Petersen
- Helen Burt
- Susan Davis
- Ryan Hallet
- Scott Davis
- Kathy Doornek
- Pat Hallett
- Phil Marple
- Wade Hansen
- Doug Houg
- Greg Beasley
- Deb Jenson
- Rolinda Lewis
- DeVonna Ryan
- Frank Cattel
- Vikki Hammond
- Bill Lauckner
- Jeff Hill
- Easton Kalinski
- Elliott Haynie
- Doug Madison
- Pastor Tim Whiteman
- Nancy Hopson
- Steve Dyr Dahl
- Bill & Irene Rathert
- Family of Phyllis Sethre
- Barb LaRoque
- Jere Rorvik
- Ned Parpart
- Pete Peters
- Mary Smith
- Jane Allen
- Dwayne Albertson
- David Fyfe
- Jim Albertson
- Rick Leader



**YOU CROWN THE YEAR WITH YOUR GOODNESS,
AND YOUR PATHS DRIP WITH ABUNDANCE**

PSALM 65:11

**Pastor's Letter
January 2024**

Happy New Year!! Hard to believe that it is 2024!!

When I was younger, this date seemed so far into the future. A future depicted having us all driving flying cars, dressed in metallic suits, visiting far away planets as part of our daily commute. Very "George Jetson-esk!"

With each new year, and all the uncertainty that it makes us think of, we should feel blessed that in the church we begin each new year in the same way, with the story of Jesus' baptism. A story that has Jesus being made ready to begin his ministry, not alone, but baptized with the Holy Spirit, so he can go out and baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is our gift from God. A gift we have from the day we are baptized. We are given this wonderful advocate to be by our side, and to speak to God when we don't know what to pray for, when we don't know what we need. Thankfully, we don't have to know, because the Holy Spirit speaks to God on our behalf. This gift is one of the wonderful reasons we baptize infants in the Lutheran Church, because it is a gift, something we don't have to do anything for, a gift freely given.

This year, let us pray that we will remember this gift in our daily lives, as we begin each day, and as we end each day. Let this gift be one that isn't just put on a shelf gathering dust, never looked at, never thought about. Let us give thanks for this gift; a gift that is with us, for us, helping us, watching over us, and speaking to God for us, easing some of the uncertainty of what this year may bring.

Blessings as we rejoice in the story of Jesus' baptism, our own baptisms, and in the gift of the Holy Spirit we received at our baptisms.

Pastor Bonnie



Radio Broadcasts for
January

Sunday Radio

Entire month of January
Open

Morning Devotions

Entire month of January
In Memory of:

**Our Grandparents:
Fred & Ella Krauth
Earl & Mary Rose
Trotter**

By: Wade & Laura Krauth

First Lutheran Church in
Wolf Point is hosting
Trivia Games every
Sunday starting on
Sunday **January 14** and
finishing up on Sunday
February 18. We will
serve lunch right after
church at 11:30 (free will
offering!) and then we
will start the fun right
after. So, get your 2-3-4
person trivia teams
together and join us for
some easy and
challenging questions!
You are sure to have a
good time and show off
your vast knowledge!
Come join us! For more
information call 406-697-
0755 or 406-942-0320

**Happy
Birthday**

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 Hesel
- 18 Traci Gibson
- 20 Parker Hesel
- 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 Hesel
- 6 Grant & Pepper
Zimmerman
- 14 Cam & Jodi Martin
- 24 Janice & Lenny
LaCounte



**Pastor Bonnie Novak
Peace 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.

