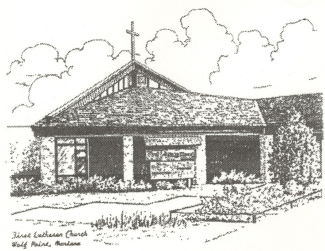


February 2024



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

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

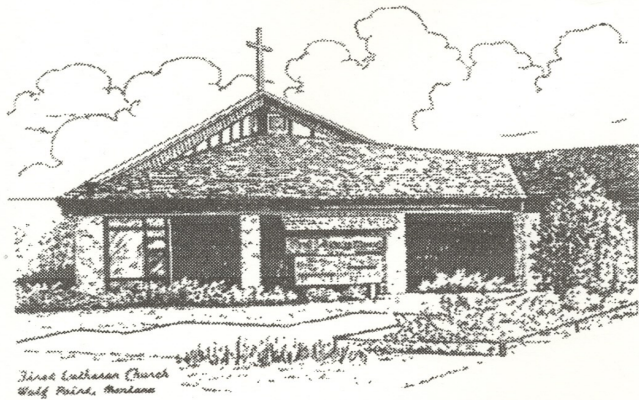
Applicant must be a confirmed member of First Lutheran Church of Wolf Point who is planning to pursue post-secondary higher education. Preference will be given to applicants planning to attend or presently attending a Lutheran college or seminary.

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, 2024

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.



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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 22nd 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 5th & 6th



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.

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)



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**.



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

Vercil & Maud Mason

By: Sandi Mason

Rates

Sunday Radio

\$200/month

\$50/week

Morning Devotions

\$200/month

\$50/week

*Reserve your spots for
2022 today!*

**April, May, July,
August and November
are available for
Sunday Radio**

**March and May -
December are
available for Morning
Devotions**

**Happy
Birthday**

February Birthdays

- 1 Trevor Davis
- 4 Ken Davis
- 7 Tanner Lindsay
- 11 Steven Remington
- 12 Kira Hoffman
- 14 Agnes Hesar
- 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
And Pastor Christine
Holler-Dinsmore**

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

VII. New Business

- A. The council recommends that the building & renovation committee meet soon.
- B. New members are needed for the church council
- C. The February church council meeting will be moved to February 7th to accommodate scheduling issues.

VIII: Budget

- A. Cathy motions to approve moving all the Logos money to the Sunday School fund. Shane seconds the motion. Motion carries. The council will recommend the budget change during the annual meeting
- B. Laura motions to suggest moving all the money from the Planning Committee 100th fund to the Building fund. Vernie seconds the motion. Motion carries. The council will recommend the budget change during the annual meeting
- C. Sandi motions to suggest moving the Synod donation to 1%. Vernie seconds the motion. Motion carries. The council will recommend the budget change during the annual meeting
- D. Besides the council's changes above, Shane motions to approve the budget as recommended by the treasurer. Laura seconds the motion. Motion carries.

IX. Preschool Committee

- A. Vernie motions to table the Council meeting briefly and open a meeting of the preschool committee. Laura seconds the motion. The preschool committee suggests that \$1,156 be moved from the preschool budget into the building fund, leaving \$500 in the preschool fund. The motion carries. Shane motions to adjourn the preschool committee meeting. Sandi seconds. The meeting is adjourned.

Shane motions to adjourn the meeting. Cathy seconds the motion

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting

January 9th

January 9, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.

Sharon Hoffman, President; Shane Reed; Cathy Wanderaas; Laura Krauth, Vice-President; Sandi Mason; Scott Montgomery, Secretary; Jerald Petersen, Treasurer; Vernie Madison

I. Devotions: Vernie opened the meeting with a prayer

II. Minutes of December Meeting – Addition to December minutes: The Head Start found a different building, so our facility is no longer needed by them. Cathy motioned to accept the minutes with the addition. Vernie seconded. Motion carries

III. Treasurer's Report – Motion Needed

December was a great month for giving. We finished the year with a \$3,629 surplus. We are still in the hole by \$7,286 in the general fund, but the improvement this year is great to see. Laura motions to approve the treasurer's report for November and December 2023. Sandi seconds the motion. Motion carries.

IV. Pastor's Report: Pastor absent

V. Committee Reports:

A. Evangelism & Worship: Trivia and Chili will take place on six Sundays, starting on the 14th and happening every Sunday through the 18th of February

B. Property: Upstairs Bathroom- Shane plans to work several projects in the upstairs bathroom in February after the wrestling season is over.

C. Youth & Education: Wednesday bible study is on hold for a few weeks while some students finish wrestling season

VI. Old Business

A. Threshold on kitchen door has been fixed

B. Radio devotions - attempts have been made to fix the order of the devotion by several people, including Shane who recently talked to someone at the station. The order has still not been changed to match the devotional.

C. Cathy has a chart for building cleaning that will be posted and completed as needed.

D. The Hundred Club is using the Education Center on January 28th in the afternoon.

E. Building use: door was left unlocked after use by the Optimist Club. Laura was at the building soon after and was able to lock things up. The council is concerned about building use by other organizations. Does a church member need to be at the building when it is being used by others?

F. The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th.



Music for February

5th Sunday after Epiphany

611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Gloria-Glory to God
801 Change My Heart, O God
773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
465 As the Grains of Wheat
Pg. 15 Communion Hymn
870 We Praise You, O God

Transfiguration of Our Lord

514 O Word of God Incarnate
Pg. 15 Glory to God
801 Change My Heart, O God
315 How Good, Lord, to be Here
471 Let Us Break Bread Together
715 Christ Be Our Light
671 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Ash Wednesday

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

1st Sunday in Lent

326 Bless Now, O God, the Journey
232 Let My Prayer Rise Up
801 Change My Heart, O God
517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your
Word
496 One Bread, One Body
15 Communion Hymn
319 O Lord, Throughout These
Forty Days

2nd Sunday in Lent

715 Christ Be Our Light
232 Let My Prayer Rise Up
801 Change My Heart, O God
798 Will You Come and Follow Me
483 Here Is Bread
817 You Have Come Down to the
Lakeshore
812 Faith of Our Fathers



Prayer List

Jerald Petersen
Susan Davis
Ryan Hallett
Scott Davis
Kathy Doornek
Pat Hallett
Phil Marple
Wade Hansen
Doug Houg
Greg Beasly
Deb Jenson
Rolinda Lewis
DeVonna Ryan
Frank Chattel
Vikki Hammond
Bill & Myrna Lauckner
Jeff Hill
Easton Kalinski
Elliott Haynie
Doug Madison
Pastor Tim Whiteman
Jim & Mary Albertson
Nancy Hopson
Steve Dyrdaahl
Bill & Irene Rathert
Rick Leader
Gary Sethre
Barb LaRoque
Jere Rorvik
Pete Peters
Mary Smith
Jane Allen
Dwayne Albertson
David Fyfe
Family of Doug Erickson
Family of Doris Whitmus



February Readings

1st Sunday

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-22, 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

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



Pastor's Letter
February 2024

Are you ready? Ready to set out on our annual Lenten journey? Do you look at Lent as a journey...sacrifice...struggle?

This year we start our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Wait...what?? That's Valentine's Day!! Yes, it is, and how poignant that we begin on that day. We are being reminded about the sacrificial love that God had for us when he gave his only Son to die for us. Prayerfully we ask God to cleanse our hearts as rejoice knowing we are children of God, loved by our Heavenly Father.

This year in our journey we are asked in scripture to return to our baptismal call and our "immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ." We are tasked to focus on the five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism." (Sunday's & Seasons)

We look at the great flood and how God saved Noah and his family and how the water of baptism saves us. We immerse ourselves in the story of Abram and Sari where life is brought to them when they thought they were too old, and how they received new names just as we receive new names in baptism. We learn about the gift of law God gave to his people who had been freed from slavery and how important that is to our baptism. When we receive the sign of the cross at our baptism we have that as the sign we can look to for healing and hope. We hear again how our baptism draws us to God's heart through his Son.

What an amazing adventure God's word has planned out for us this Lenten season.

"We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world." (Sunday's and Seasons).

And the journey begins,

God's blessings,
Pastor Bonnie