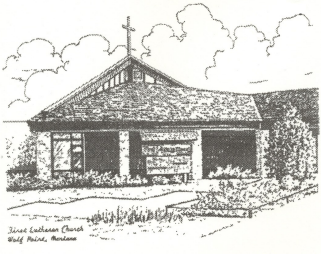


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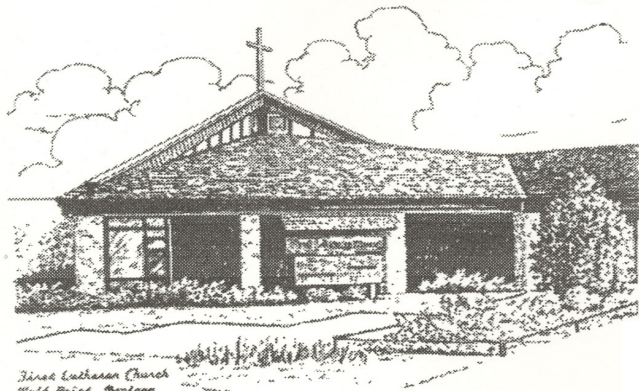
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## Prayer for letting go

— AVEPRAY —

Loving and merciful Father, in You, I find peace and strength. Help me to trust in You even more. May I learn to let go of the things I have no control over. Reign in my life and lead me to where You want me to be. Help me become obedient to Your plans, for I know these are for my best. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

AMEN



# The Parish Caller

April 2024



**First Lutheran Church**  
415 Johnson St.  
Wolf Point, MT 59201  
406-653-1333  
firstlutheranwp@nemont.net  
Office hours: Tues—Thurs  
9AM to 12PM  
Website:  
firstlutheranwp.org

Sunday Service: 10:30am

Sunday School: 9:45am  
2nd Sunday at: 11:30am

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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, 2024

If you are currently in college and would like to apply, please contact the church office @ 653-1333, [firstlutheranwp@nemont.net](mailto:firstlutheranwp@nemont.net) or stop by and pick one up.

# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Quilting *Xander Hoffman *Kaylee Johnson *David Petersen *Lewis Petrik BSK	<b>2</b> Quilting Autism Awareness BSK Angela Gone	<b>3</b> Nat'l Walking Day *Logan Wolff	<b>4</b> Nat'l Burrito Day *Tyson Bridges	<b>5</b> Deep Dish Pizza Day	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Faith Home Sunday School Worship Nat'l Beer Day *Dwight Larson	<b>8</b> *Jason Twitchell BSK	<b>9</b> Food Bank BSK Council Nat'l Unicorn Day	<b>10</b> Nat'l Sibling Day Int'l Day of Pink Angela Gone	<b>11</b> Nat'l Pet Day Angela Gone	<b>12</b> Nat'l Grilled Cheese Day Angela Gone	<b>13</b> Angela Gone
<b>14</b> Worship Sunday School Angela Gone	<b>15</b> Tax Day Child Screening BSK *Lora Davis Angela Gone	<b>16</b> *Duane Zimmerman BSK Angela Gone	<b>17</b> *Summer Garfield *Julie Nygaard Angela Gone	<b>18</b> Nat'l High Five Day Angela Gone	<b>19</b> Bicycle Day *Cheri' Nygard Angela Gone	<b>20</b> 4/20 Day Record Store Day Angela Gone
<b>21</b> Sunday School Worship Angela Gone	<b>22</b> Earth Day BSK Angela Back	<b>23</b> English Language Day Food Bank *Paisley Ferdina BSK	<b>24</b> Administrative Professionals Day Denim Day	<b>25</b> Take a Child to Work Day DNA Day Welca *Annalyssa Martinez	<b>26</b> Abor Day Nat'l Pretzel Day	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Sunday School Worship *Dolly Tattoo	<b>29</b> BSK	<b>30</b> *Judd Wolff BSK				





### 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.

**April 25<sup>th</sup> 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 - 12 Noon

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

**April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**



### 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 **Council or Youth** will be responsible for the month of April.

The **Volunteers** will be responsible for the month of **May**.

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

### About Us

**What is WELCA? It's an easy way to say Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

Our organization includes Lutheran women who gather in more than 4,000 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for service, study, advocacy, fellowship and more! WELCA embraces ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. We have a place for you in Women of the ELCA.

### 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.



Radio Broadcasts for  
April

**Sunday Radio**

Entire month of April  
In Loving Memory of:

**Larry Grimsrud  
Kurt Grimsrud**

By: The Grimsrud Family

**Morning Devotions**

Entire month of April  
In Honor of:

**Morgan James Paulson**

By: Cam & Jodi Martin

**Rates**

**Sunday Radio**

\$200/month  
\$50/week

**Morning Devotions**

\$200/month  
\$50/week

*Reserve your spots  
today!*

*November Radio is Open*

*July Thru December is  
Open*

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



**April Birthdays**

- 1 Xander Hoffman  
Kaylee Johnson  
David Petersen  
Lewis Petrik
- 3 Logan Wolff
- 4 Tyson Bridges
- 7 Dwight Larson
- 8 Jason Twitchell
- 15 Lora Davis
- 16 Duane Zimmerman
- 17 Summer Garfield  
Julie Nygaard
- 19 Cheri' Nygard
- 23 Paisley Ferdina
- 25 Annalyssa Martinez
- 28 Dolly Tattoo
- 30 Judd Wolff



**April Anniversaries**

- 8 Carl & Cheryll Traeholt
- 14 Jim & Mary Albertson
- 22 Gordon & Sherri  
Heser
- 29 Kastor & Lona  
Simensen

If we have missed  
someone, please contact  
the office.



**Gary Johnson** for  
clearing our sidewalks  
and parking lots  
**Pastor Bonnie Novak  
Magdalene Circle** for  
providing treats and  
coffee in March.  
**Radio and Streaming**  
Jim Albertson, Scott  
Montgomery, Jodi Martin  
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.

**WHEN TO BE SILENT**

*Be silent When you are  
tempted to joke about sin  
(Proverbs 14:9)*

*Be silent If you would be  
ashamed of your words  
later (Prov 8:8)*

*Be silent If your words  
would convey the wrong  
impression (Prov 17:27)*

*Be silent When you are  
tempted to flatter a wicked  
person (Prov 24:24)*

***The danger of missing  
church is that soon you  
don't miss it.***





Hymns for April

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

- 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
- Screen Glory to God
- 80I Change My Heart, O God
- 63I Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- 15 Communion Hymn
- 595 Jesus Loves Me
- 376 Thine Is the Glory

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

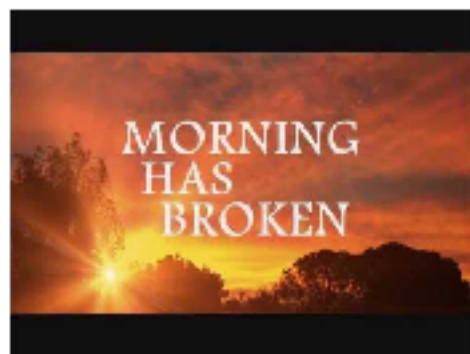
- 380 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives
- Screen Glory to God
- 80I Change My Heart, O God
- 532 Gather Us In
- 465 As the Grains of Wheat
- 47I Let Us Break Bread Together

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

- 379 Now the Green Blade Rises
- 3&4Glory to God
- 80I Change My Heart, O God
- 764 Have No Fear, Little Flock
- 15 Communion Hymn
- 496 One Bread, One Body
- 536 God Be with You Until We Meet Again

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

- 367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
- 3&4Glory to God
- 80I Change My Heart, O God
- 58I You Are Mine
- 483 Here Is Bread
- 556 Morning Has Broken
- 385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



prayer Requests 

Prayer List for April

- Jerald Petersen
- Susan Davis
- Ryan Hallet
- Scott Davis
- Kathy Doornek
- Pat Hallett
- Phil Marple
- Wade Hansen
- Doug Houg
- Keith Myhre
- 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 Albertson
- Bill & Irene Rathert
- Rick Leader
- Gary Sethre
- Barb LaRoque
- Pete Peters
- Mary Smith
- Jane Allen
- Dwayne Albertson
- Dave Fyfe
- Gayle Johnson
- Cory Garfield
- Patrick Wilkinson
- Ruth Orum



April Readings

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

- Acts 4:32-45
- Psalm 133
- I John 1:1—2:2
- John 20:19-31
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter
- Acts 3:12-19
- Psalm 4
- I John 3:1-7
- Luke 24:36b -48
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
- Acts 4:5-12
- Psalm 23
- I John 3:16-24
- John 10:11-18
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
- Acts 8:26-40
- Psalm 22:25-31
- I John 4:7-21
- John 15:1-8
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
- Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm 98
- I John 5:1-6
- John 15:9-17



Treasurer's Report February

Beginning Bal. -	(11,722.13)
Receipts	7,515.31
Expenses	9,626.09
Ending Bal. -	(13,832.91)

Sunday Offerings March

March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$ 905.00
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,775.00
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,510.00
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 580.00

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

**Pastor's Letter  
April 2024 Caller**

**He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!!**

What a journey we have completed. What a great phrase of adoration we can now say!

So now what? Now where do we go and what do we do? Well...we go out. We go out and spread the Good News of our risen Savior. We tell once again the wonderful story of what Jesus did for us, that we have been forgiven, and He will be with us each step of the way as we go out into the world bringing His light of love and mercy into every nook, cranny, and corner of the world.

As children of God we must be the branch to all people so that, like us, they can find new life in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father. Because of what we do in our daily life, hopefully people will wonder why...why we have hope...why we have peace...why we have contentment, when our world seems to be flipped upside down. How wonderful it will be to share our story with them and invite them to be part of that story too.

How wonderful to be Easter people. To hear the story once again of how Jesus gave everything, even his life, to save us from sin, so we may have life eternal with Him. People need to hear this story...people will want to hear this story. Let's not keep this story to ourselves.

Hallelujah! The Lord is Risen...He is Risen indeed.

Blessings,

Pastor Bonnie

Pastor Bonnie on  
Vacation





## **2/18/24 Annual Meeting**

### **First Lutheran Church, Wolf Point**

Sharon Hoffman calls the meeting to order.

Pastor Bonnie Novak begins the meeting with a devotion.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Cathy Wanderaas mentions that the updates to the constitution need to be added to the agenda. Gary motions to approve the agenda; Shane Reed seconds. The motion carries.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Steve Wanderaas motions to approve the 2023 Annual Meeting minutes; Shane seconds. The motion carries.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

In 2023 we made \$3,629 more than we spent. There is still about a \$7,000 deficit left from losses during previous years, but the growth is encouraging. Money in the designated funds grew by about \$4,000. Cathy motions to approve the treasurer's report; Vernie Madison seconds. The motion carries.

#### **Approval of Reports**

Shane motions to approve all reports as included in the annual report; Gary Johnson seconds. The motion carries.

To the property report, Gary adds that the roof is in the process of being repaired and should be finished soon. The sidewalk in front of the church still needs to be replaced. We are waiting for a bid for fans in the Education Center. Shane will begin work on the upstairs bathrooms soon.

#### **Budget**

The council recommends a transfer of \$159.27 from the choir fund to the sound & music fund. The council recommends a transfer of \$184.28 from the songbook fund to the sound & music fund. The council recommends a transfer of \$995 from the Logos fund to the Sunday School fund. The council recommends a transfer of \$283.68 from the 100th Anniversary Planning committee to the building fund. Gary motions to approve the transfers; Doug Madison seconds. The motion carries.

The Preschool board recommends that \$1,521.01 is transferred from the Preschool fund to the First Lutheran building fund. Shane motions to approve this transfer; Barb Olson seconds. The motion carries.

Gary motions to approve the budget as recommended by the treasurer; Steve seconds. The motion carries.

#### **New business**

- Cathy nominates Barb Olson as a new member of the church council; Scott Montgomery seconds. The motion carries.
- Scott nominates Stan Friesen as a new member of the church council; Cathy seconds. The motion carries.
- A discussion was held about the updated constitution.

Cathy motions to adjourn the meeting; Shane seconds. The meeting is adjourned with a closing prayer.