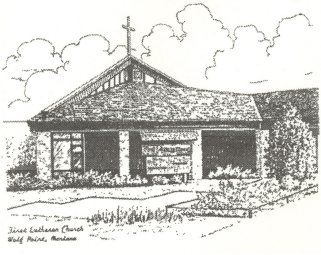


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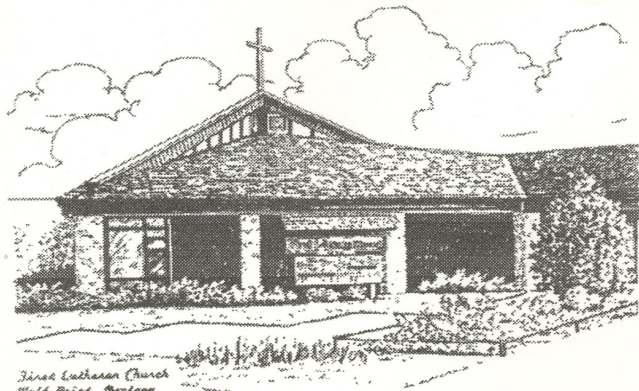
Applicant must be a confirmed member of First Lutheran Church of Wolf Point who is planning to pursue post-secondary higher education. Preference will be given to applicants planning to attend or presently attending a Lutheran college or seminary.

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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Office hours: Tues—Thurs
8AM to 12PM
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Sunday Service: 10:30am

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*Spring ahead 1 hour
before bedtime*

*Saturday,
March 9th*



A PRAYER FOR LENT

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You, I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love.

God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season nourish me with Your word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of Love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One God, forever.

Amen



March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Employee Appreciation Day	2 Read Across America Day *Maestro Martinez
3 *Lyndsey Young 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 2pm Faith Home Worship	4 8:30am Quilting BSK *Bill Elge *Meredith Nichols	5 8:30am Quilting BSK 5:30pm Council Meeting	6 National Oreo Day *Pastor Bonnie	7 National Cereal Day *Joann Hesper	8 *Kathleen Toavs International Women's Day	9 *Jared Fyfe Turn Your Clocks Ahead Before You Go To Bed
10 Daylight Saving Time 10:30am Worship 11:30am Sunday School 11:30am Congregational Meeting	11 BSK National Napping Day	12 *Michael Martinez 11am-4pm Food Bank BSK Pastor Gone	13 *Justin Dewitt *Chris Holen Pastor Gone	14 Pi Day Pastor Gone	15 World Sleep Day Pastor Gone *Edan Doornek *Janice LaCounte	16 *Gloria Sande Pastor Gone
17 *Crystal Hansen 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Worship St. Patrick's Day Pastor Gone	18 *Thomas Romo *Lori Sandi Pastor Gone	19 Spring Begins National AG Day	20 Int'l Day of Happiness	21 1:30pm Welca *Joann Hibi *Bill & Marlyce Braaten World Down Syndrome Day	22 World Water Day	23 National Puppy Day *Kelsie Neubauer
24 *Tim Davis 9:45 Sunday School 10:30am Worship Fyfe Baptism Palm Sunday	25 Int'l Waffle Day Full Moon *Jamie Gibson	26	27 World Theater Day	28 *Erica Monson *Landon Young	29 5:30pm Good Friday *Devin Loendorf	30 World Bipolar Day Nat'l Doctor's Day
31 *Lyndsey Nygaard 9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Easter Sunday						



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.

March 28th 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

March 4th & 5th



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** will be responsible for the month of **March**.

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



Get a hold of Angela at the church office if you have any news or suggestions that you would like to put into the Parish Caller newsletter.

MISSION ACTION

Be responsible for Circle's help with projects such as clothing drive, quilting, etc.

MISSION COMMUNITY

Bring the needs of the community to your Circle. Be in charge of any response.

Make sure you designate where you want your Choice Dollars for Thrivent to go before the end of March.

If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way 😊



Radio Broadcasts for
March

Sunday Radio

Entire month of March
In Honor of:

Women of the Church

By: The Patience Circle

Morning Devotions

Entire month of March
In Honor of all who

Minister to the
community

By: The Congregation of
First Lutheran Church

Rates

Sunday Radio

\$200/month
\$50/week

Morning Devotions

\$200/month
\$50/week

**For 2024 Radio
Availability**

April, July, August, and
November

**For 2024 Devotions
Availability**

June Through December

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



March Birthdays

- 2 Maestro Martinez
- 3 Lyndsey Young
- 4 Bill Elgie
Meredith Nichols
- 6 Pastor Bonnie
- 7 Joann Heser
- 8 Kathleen Toavs
- 9 Jared Fyfe
- 12 Michael Martinez
- 13 Justin Dewitt
Chris Holen
- 15 Edan Doornek
Janice LaCounte
- 16 Gloria Sande
- 17 Crystal Hansen
- 18 Thomas Romo
Lori Sande
- 21 Joann Hibl
- 23 Kelsie Neubauer
- 24 Tim Davis
- 25 Jamie Gibson
- 28 Erica Monson
Landon Young
- 29 Devin Loendorf
- 31 Lyndsey Nygaard



March Anniversaries

- 21 Bill & Marlyce Braaten

If we missed someone
please contact the office.



**Pastor Bonnie Novak
Peace Circle** for

providing treats and
coffee in February

Radio and Streaming

Scott Montgomery, Jim
Albertson, 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

*Be there for others, but
never leave yourself
behind.*

*People who shine from
within don't need the
spotlight.*

*Happiness is not by
chance, but by choice.*

*Don't let yesterday take
too much of today.*



Music for March

1st Sunday

324 In the Cross of Christ I Glory
232 Let My Prayer Rise Up
80I Change My Heart, O God
723 Canticle of the Turning
638 Blessed Assurance
Screen - Communion Hymn
805 Lead On, O King Eternal!

2nd Sunday

592 Just as I Am, Without One Plea
232 Let My Prayer Rise Up
80I Change My Heart, O God
660 Lift High the Cross
595 Jesus Loves Me!
47I Let Us Break Bread Together
779 Amazing Grace

3rd Sunday

338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
232 Let My Prayer Rise Up
80I Change My Heart, O God
379 Now the Green Blade Rises
465 As the Grains of Wheat
Screen - Communion Song
543 Go, My Children, With My Blessing

4th Sunday

344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
232 Let My Prayer Rise Up
80I Change My Heart, O God
338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
483 Here Is Bread
Screen - Communion Hymn
856 How Great Thou Art

Good Friday

349 Ah, Holy Jesus
35I O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
347 Go to Dark Gethsemane

5th Sunday

365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Screen - Glory to God
80I Change My Heart, O God
366 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
496 One Bread, One Body
483 Here Is Bread
376 Thine Is the Glory



Prayer List

Jerald Petersen
Susan Davis
Ryan Hallett
Scott Davis
Kathy Doornek
Pat Hallett
Phil Marple
Wade Hansen
Doug Houg
Keith Myre
Deb Jenson
Rolinda Lewis
DeVonna Ryan
Frank Chattel
Vikki Hammond
Mill & Myrna Lauckner
Jeff Hill
Easton Kalinski
Elliott Haynie
Doug Madison
Pastor Tim Whiteman
Jim Albertson
Nancy Hopson
Bill & Irene Rathert
Rick Leader
Gary Sethre
Barb LaRoque
Pete Peters
Mary Smith
Jane Allen
Dwane Albertson
Dave Fyfe
Gayle Johnson
Cory Garfield



Treasurer's Report

Beginning Bal (7,286.80)
Receipts 11,476.31
Expenses 15,911.64
Ending Bal (4,435.33)

Sunday Offering February

02/04/24 \$1,180.00
02/11/24 \$2,212.00
02/18/24 \$1,925.00
02/25/24 \$1,100.00

March Readings

1st Sunday

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
I Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

2nd Sunday

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

3rd Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-12
John 12:20-33

4th Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

5th Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
I Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

**Pastor's Letter
March 2024 Caller**

"From dust you came, to dust you shall return."

Where did you take your ashes that were placed on your forehead on Ash Wednesday? If you received them during the day and had places to go, did you leave them on an endure funny looks while you were out and about, or did you scrub them off, so you weren't stared at, or had to explain them?

It is sad that so many people don't realize there is a season of Lent and have no idea what a grey cross on a forehead means. Most people only equate the word "Lent" with having to give something up. It is a season that is looked at through a lens of scarcity.

In the passage we read from Mark on Feb. 18th we heard the temptation story of Jesus and how he was driven into the wilderness by the same spirit that had earlier descended upon him at his Baptism and gave him God's blessing. (Sounds like scarcity to me.) But what we forget is that Jesus was not left alone in that wilderness. He had angels watching over him, helping him to win against the evil the devil was trying to trick him into.

When we hear the words, "and dust you shall return" hopefully we can hear them through the lens of living a life as a beloved child of God, having been cared for and guided through the times of scarcity we had imagined ourselves to be in.

May that little grey cross be our guide through this season of Lent that will give way to resurrection life at Easter.

Blessings,
Pr. Bonnie

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting

February 7th

Present: President Sharon Hoffman, Secretary Scott Montgomery, Sandi Mason, Vernie Madison, Pastor Bonnie (via phone)

- I. Bonnie opened the meeting with a devotion
- II. Minutes of January Meeting - no motion due to short numbers
- III. Treasurer's Report – No treasurer's report this week (Jerald Gone)
- IV. Pastor's Report: Pastor Bonnie presided over Delores Whitmus's funeral. Ash Wednesday services will be on February 14th at 5:30 p.m.
- V. Committee Reports:
 - A. Evangelism & Worship (Trivia & Chili) Three weeks of trivia have been well-attended and are going well. There will be three more weeks of trivia (Feb 11, Feb. 18, and Feb. 25)
 - B. Property: Gary said the person doing the roof will finish up when it gets warmer. No evidence of leaks after recent thaw and rain.
 - C. Stewardship: No report
 - D. Youth & Education: Youth group will plan on starting again on the 21st of February. Sunday school will continue through Easter.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Health & Faith:
 - B. Radio room: Jodi has learned the radio room and will help out there, which is very appreciated by the radio crew. Others are welcome and encouraged to learn as well.
 - C. Radio devotions: Still not corrected. Pastor Bonnie has talked to the radio station.
 - D. Church cleaning: Members are encouraged to write down on the checklist in the Education Center when a chore has been completed so that the church knows that it has been completed and tasks are not being done twice.
 - E. Building use (access & lock-up): Sharon or Scott will check on the building after events to make sure that lights are off and the building is locked.
 - F. The annual meeting is scheduled for February 18th and will have been announced at least twice in church.
 - G. The council wonders what funds can be used for fans in the Education Center.
- VII. New Business
 - A. The Optimists will use the building on February 15th for their Valentine's drive-thru dinner
 - B. The council wonders, can flooring be updated a little at a time? Starting with the hallway and the Narthex, then moving into the Sanctuary once funds are available
 - C. Next council meeting will be on the 12th of March,
- VIII. The meeting is adjourned at 6:18 p.m.
- IX. Closing Prayer