



First Lutheran Church Newsletter

February 2024

Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday is on February 14th. Please join us for a special worship service at 7:00 p.m. This will be the first of our Midweek Lenten Worship Services held on Wednesday evenings.

Soup Suppers During Lent

We will have soup suppers before our Lenten Services at 6:00 p.m. They will begin on Ash Wednesday and run through the season of Lent. Please come enjoy the fellowship and feel free to bring a pot of your favorite soup and/or a dessert to share!

LifeLight Bible Studies Continue

We have two LifeLight Bible Studies continuing this month. The one on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. is studying the Triune God, and the Tuesday evening study that meets from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. is studying 1 & 2 Chronicles. Please feel free to join one of these studies at any time!

Boards & Council to Meet

Just a reminder that our Boards & Council will meet on Tuesday, February 20th. The Board meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the Council Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline... Please note the deadline for the March Newsletter is Tuesday, February 20th.

Sunday
Morning
Schedule

Worship
Service
8:30 a.m.

Sunday
School &
Bible
Class
9:45 a.m.

Worship
Service
11:00 a.m.

Holy
Communion
is
celebrated
on the 1st &
3rd Sundays

Followers of Jesus – Reunion Were You There?

**Classical School
Sunday, March 3, 2024
9:45 a.m.**



We are Looking for a Preschool/Pre-K Teacher

The First Lutheran School Board has begun planning for the 2024-25 school year. We want to make members of the congregation aware we will be conducting interviews soon for a new Preschool/Pre-K teacher. Our current teacher, Leah Klemp, will be moving to a new position in our Classical School next school year. The Preschool/Pre-K teaching position is mornings only, five days a week, with all holidays and summers off. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please contact Sherry Rossiter, FLC School Board Chair, at ssrossiter@aol.com or 406-544-6182 for further information. Thank you.

Night to Shine

Please keep the Night to Shine event in your prayers. It will be held on Friday, February 9th, at the Hilton Garden Inn. Thank you to so many of our members who have worked hard to make this event such a success!

February Servants

Elders

8:30 a.m. - Steve Stiff
11:00 a.m. - Brent Kunz

Head Ushers

8:30 a.m. -
11:00 a.m. - Don Lorenzen

Council Meeting Highlights

Here are highlights from our January Council Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, January 16th.

Senior Pastor:

- First Sunday in Lent is February 18th.
- Palm Sunday is March 24th.
- Easter is March 31st.
- Pentecost is May 19th.

Pastor Carlson: Pray for blessings for our congregation and all visitors through our door.

Deaconess:

- Women in the Word began January 11th with a study of Daniel.
- Mexico Mission Trip planned for April 11th – 18th.
- Planning VBS with Board of Parish Ed.

Treasurer:

- General fund on 12/31 was \$27,722.96 and Special Fund was \$151,661.42.
- Offerings are down \$2,185.46 this fiscal year.

Committee Reports:

- South Avenue/House of Grace: Various repairs taking place at the House of Grace including a sliding glass door, plumbing and electrical. It was moved to present to Voters' to set a goal to tithe 20% of Grace House gross income for missions to be decided upon at each Voters' Meeting.
- Nominating Committee: First meeting to come soon.

New Business:

- Our Vice President has resigned.

Elders:

- Night to Shine has full participation and has a waiting list.

School Board:

- Looking for a new preschool teacher.
- Maisey Manhan is the new music teacher.
- Curriculum Review Committee formed.

Properties Board:

- Pantry flooring and old refrigerator and freezer in pantry replaced.
- Four furnaces of eight needing to be replaced have been replaced. Looking to replace one per year for remaining four units.
- Dishwasher repairs needed.

Stewardship Board: Distributed end-of-year statements.

Community Outreach: Looked at online directory and better ways to inform congregation about it.

Fellowship Board:

- February 14th is Ash Wednesday with first Soup Supper.
- Planning a movie night on April 17th.
- A Prayer Walk and time of fellowship being planned for May 2nd.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, February 20th

God's
love
endures
FOREVER.

Psalms 136:1

School News

The students from First Lutheran Classical School presented “A Night of Waiting” during the last Advent service. A dinner theatre was presented with warm bowls of soup, rolls and dessert while the students took a guided tour through the Old Testament prophecies of the coming Savior. The students then invited the congregation and families to worship the coming of the baby Jesus through more scripture and song. A BIG THANKS go out to Melissa Johns and Dave Christensen for the vision of this event and the putting together of all the parts and pieces.



LWML News

In March we will be putting together **BIRTHDAY BAGS** for the Missoula Food Bank. We will be collecting these items:

cake mix

napkins

candles

stuffed animal

anything for a child, teen or adult for a birthday celebration

can of frosting

paper plates

toys

We filled about 100 bags last year. If you would like to contribute any of these items, place them in the box in the Narthex. You can complete a whole bag, buy some items or donate money as we have someone who will do the shopping for you. God bless your generosity.

MEETINGS

LWML Meeting-----Tuesday, February 13th, at 1:00 p.m. at Church

Youth and Cradle-----Monday, February 26th, 1:00 p.m.

Altar Circle-----Tuesday, February 27th, at 1:00 p.m.

Mary Martha Circle-----Tuesday, February 27th, at 7:00 p.m.

Please return your Night to Shine cards to Joyce Anderson as soon as possible.

A LOOK AHEAD

National Prayer Day is May 2nd. Linda Hightower and Joyce Anderson will be organizing a Prayer Walk on that day. Save the date. Last year's Prayer Walk had to be held in the Fellowship Hall because of bad weather, but it was inspirational.





CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love,
which connects us to God and to one another.

*Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse
(on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse
(on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.*

- a. We
- b. Above all,
- c. My command
is this:
- d. And over all
these virtues
put on
- e. Greater
- f. See what
great
- g. There is
no fear in



- 1. each other as I have
loved you. John 15:12
- 2. has no one than this: to
lay down one's life for
one's friends. John 15:13
- 3. But perfect love drives
out fear. 1 John 4:18
- 4. each other deeply,
because love covers
over a multitude of sins.
1 Peter 4:8
- 5. the Father has lavished
on us, that we should
be called children of
God! 1 John 3:1
- 6. because he first loved
us. 1 John 4:19
- 7. which binds them all
together in perfect
unity. Colossians 3:14