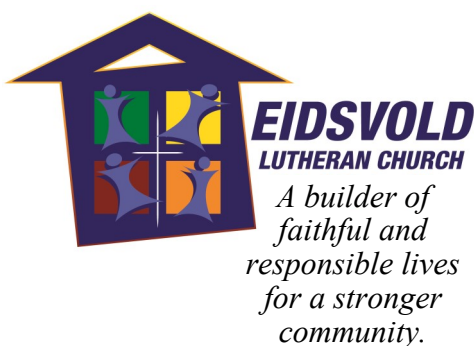




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Eidsvold's Church Council

Rosella Thompson, President
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Monday & Tuesday 1p-4p
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We are blessed!

As we all know, God is good but this past month God's blessings were over the top. First of all, we rented the parsonage. As of this writing the renters have not moved in but should be here shortly. We have a pastor moving in but not sure which church except it is one in Kalispell. I also do not know if the pastor has a family coming with him.

Our second blessing is that Gage Thompson, my grandson, will be doing the on-line broadcast most of the time. Hooray! He learned in one Sunday what it took me over four weeks to learn. Of course, his brain is a whole lot newer than mine.



The next blessing and biggest we have received is we have hired part time Steve Seilhymer who is a Lay Pastoral Associate. An LPA is a congregational lay person who has received religious educational training, through the synod, in order to provide short term pulpit supply when a congregation is without a pastor. His official title is Interim Administrator. He will not be preaching every Sunday but will find pastors to fill in as needed. He is helping is with our current budgets, providing technical support and so much more. He has gotten the electronic sign up to date and running smoothly, understands our financial statements and helping us to prepare for the annual meeting at the end of this month, is helping Hollie optimize the office, helping to evaluate the phone system and optimizing the new Ring safety system and so much more. He is an amazing wizard and we are very grateful to have him here to help us move forward. Blessings to you all, Rosella



And so am I!

I'd also would like to give thanks for the blessings I receive from the kind and thoughtful members of our church council during these difficult times of moving forward. There has been much work to do and they have stepped up admirably to do that work. I do appreciate the hard work and the many hours they have spent to continue to bring our church to life here on the West Shore. I thank you, Hollie Widdekind



Introducing Steve Seilhymer!

I am glad to be working with all of you at Eidsvold to help manage church affairs, and to occasionally preside at worship, during this time of transition. It is my hope that these efforts will allow you to focus on the future, as you discern and discover what God is calling you to do at this time, in this place.

I hope that during my time here we can get to know each other. I am somewhat an introvert, so feel free to take the initiative and engage me in conversation. In the meantime, to get the ball rolling, here is a little bit about me and my family.

My wonderful wife Carol and I live in Bigfork. We have been married for nearly 40 years. We do not have children, but we have mentored a multitude of them during our time as youth ministry volunteers.

We moved to Montana from Minnesota in 2016 when Carol accepted her first call as pastor in Plains and Thompson Falls. Last summer Carol was called as pastor for Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Moving to Montana was a big change of direction for us. I left behind a high stress position with a lot of responsibilities in the Operations department at a nuclear power plant near Red Wing Minnesota. During that time, I earned a Bachelor of Science degree for Physics in Applied Nuclear Science from Winona State University. I also served for several years on our church council as stewardship committee chairperson and financial secretary. Before our time in Minnesota, I served about 9 years in the US Navy, where I worked as a Nuclear Electronics Technician and Reactor Operator aboard a submarine.

Retirement gave me time to focus on directly serving the church and the community. As a pastor's spouse I support Carol and the churches she serves in a many ways. Some key roles I filled in Plains include online worship person, worship assistant, carillon custodian, and maintenance team member. Also, in 2020 I completed the Montana Synod Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA) program. As an LPA, I occasionally preached and led bible studies. At Northridge, I serve on the Maintenance Board and am currently leading a bible study.

In our communities, I have also served on a few non-profit boards. I am currently serving as Board Chairperson for CASA of Lake and Sanders Counties. Our advocates build relationships with and speak up for abused and neglected children caught up in our legal system. Jesus calls us to help these most vulnerable members of our society.

Some of the hobbies I have currently (and in the past) are baking homemade sourdough bread, playing harmonica, building tube amplifiers for guitars and harmonica, and photography.

God provides each of us with abilities and experiences that allow us to function in our parts as the body of Christ. I pray that my God given abilities and experiences have prepared me to serve you according to his will in this time, at this place.

Steve

WHAT'S TRENDING AT EIDSVOLD?



February 26th
following Worship

Ash Wednesday Service
February 22nd 4pm
with Pastor Carol Seilhymer



Food on the 4th

As the colder weather hits us let us give thought to those in our community that live with hunger and food insecurities. Please remember our food on the 4th program that helps our local food bank provide goods during the winter months. Also greatly appreciated and needed are personal hygiene supplies. Our cloth green bags are in the back of the church to fill with staples as you are able. They are collected after worship on the 4th Sunday of the month.



Do you know someone in need, someone to pray for, someone to rejoice with? Someone who needs to know they are being prayed for and supported in their time of need?

This ministry is to provide hope, comfort, and healing. It is a unique way of reaching out to the community in a very tactile way. A Prayer Shawl can be seen as a symbolic "HUG" from God. A reminder of God's love and a gift for every time and occasion, joyful or sorrowful for every circumstance in life. Which make this a very powerful physical property to pass on and of course a source for warmth. A Prayer Shawl can be knitted, crocheted, or woven. They can have adornments such as beads or fringe. They can be shocking pink or muted tan or any color you choose. There are needle, yarn, and instructions at the south end of the Fellowship Room for your taking

A BIG THANKS

Do you know who arrives at 10AM, unlocks the doors, who turns on the heat, who turns on the air purifiers, the lights, prepares the communion, greets the pastor for that Sunday and brings that person up to speed on which part of the service they will be doing and how it is done, puts out the offering trays, lights the candles on the altar, lights the cross, assists during worship, puts out the candles, and then turns everything off and makes sure all doors are locked before leaving?

Your assistant pastors!

They have a busy Sunday morning and we are very thankful for them.

A BIG thanks to:

Pat Morgan, Jan Vachal,
Anna Cleghorn, Rosella Thompson and Karen Richardson.



February Servants

Date:	2/5/23	2/12/23	2/19/23	2/22	2/26/23
Minister /Preacher	Pastor Scott Thompson	Steve Seilhymer	Dick Sine	Pastor Seilhymer	Steve Seilhymer
Assisting Ministers	Karen Richardson	Jan Vachal	Pat Morgan	ASH WED	Rosella Thompson
Accompanists	Marlene Anderson	Phillip Brous	Suzi Watteyne	Susan Pierson	Suzi Watteyne
PowerPoint	Sharon Briistow	Rosella Thompson	Jim Heim	4pm	Tina Malkuch
On-line	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson		Gage Thompson
Ushers	Sharon Bristow	Rosella Thompson	Jim & Linda Heim	Rosella Thompson	Tina Malkuch
Coffee Hosts	Rosella Thompson				Annual Meeting

Birthday wishes go to:

Sally Farhang 2/7

Connie Denman 2/8

Pat Boxwell 2/8

Tim Rogge 2/8

Frances Ruby 2/24



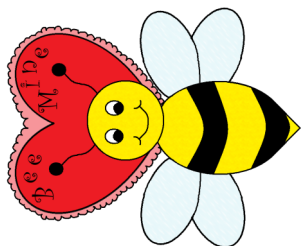
Offering Envelopes

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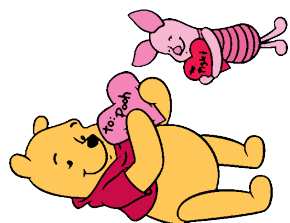
















General Fund Treasurers Report

	Dec <u>2022</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
General Fund Income	\$22,096.30	\$129,957.67
General Fund Expenses		
World Mission	\$ 0.0	\$5,905.50
Pastoral Ministry	\$14.52	\$70,097.32
Worship	\$1015.57	\$19,171.74
Church Property	\$ 1254.36	\$18,403.79
Total Expenses	\$2284.45	\$53,478.64



FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 Ground Hog Day 8p AA 	3 	1	2 PEO meeting 6:00- 9:30pm	3	4 
5 10:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:00 Worship with Pastor Scott Thompson	6 8p AA	7	8	9	10 	11 
12 11:00 Worship with Steve Seilhymmer LPA	13  8pm AA	14  10:30 Worship Committee	15	16	17	18 
19 11:00 Worship with Dick Sine LPA	20  8pm AA	21 	22  Ash Wednesday Service 4pm	23 	24	25
26 11:00 Worship with Steve Seilhymmer 	27 8pm AA	28				

February Weekly Worship Texts

	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
February 5th	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Psalm 112:1-9	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
February 12th	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
February 19th	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
February 26th	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

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