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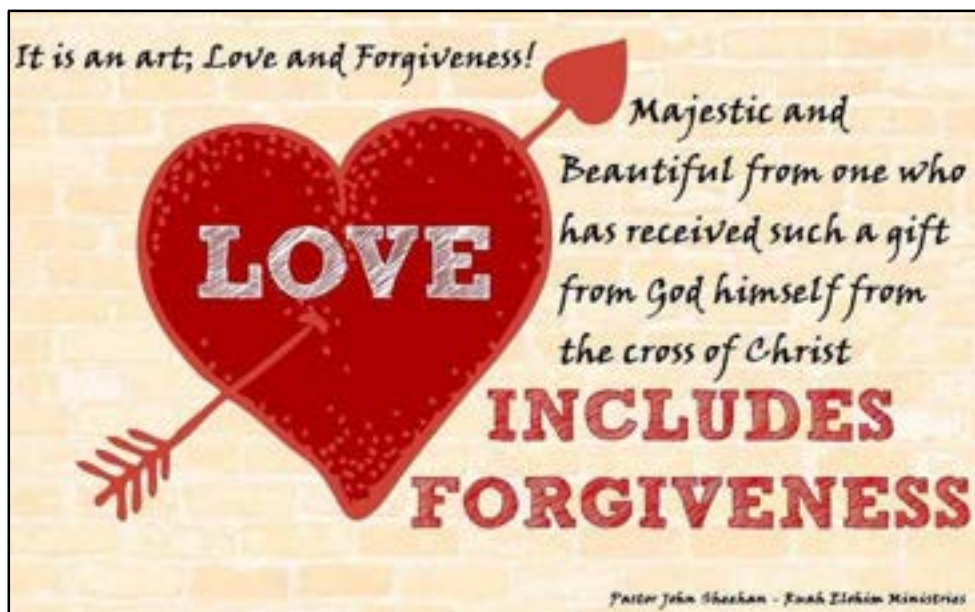
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 ● 9am SJs Jersey WS ● 9:15am FL Sndy Schl ● 10am SJs Sndy Schl ● 10:30am FL Jersey WS	30	31	1 ● 6:30pm 7th/8th Confirmat	2	3	4
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12 ● Officer Installation ● 9am SJs Jersey WS ● 9:15am FL Sndy Schl ● 10am SJs Sndy Schl ● 10:30am FL Jersey WS ● 11am CFR Soup Dinner	13	14	15 ● 2pm Banquet West ● 6:30pm 7th/8th Confirmat	16	17	18
19 ● 9am SJs Jersey WS ● 9:15am FL Sndy Schl ● 10am SJs Sndy Schl ● 10:30am FL Jersey WS	20	21	22 ● 7pm SJs Ash Wed ● 8:15pm FL Ash Wed WS	23 ● 2pm CRLC WS	24 ● 5pm FL Crafting Weekend	25 ● FL Crafting Weekend
26 ● 9am SJs Jersey WS ● 9:15am FL Sndy Schl ● 10am SJs Sndy Schl ● 10:30am FL Jersey WS	27	28	1 ● 7pm SJs Lent	2	3	4



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2023

Members present: *President- Rick H; Vice President- Jamie P; Secretary-Missy O; Treasurer-Wendy S; Financial Secretary- Tammy H; Deacons-Jenny T, Jeanelle S; Education-Angie K, Bridget A; Trustees- Matt J.*

Secretary's Report – Motion to approve as written by Jamie P, 2nd by Jenny T. Motion approved.

Financial Secretary's Report – 41 families gave the month of November, up from 31 the previous year. November's church offering was \$8,006.79, which gave us a November total of -\$6,472.04. November also brought in the parsonage check at \$238,263.77. 40 families gave the month of December, almost equal to the 41 from last year. December's church offering was \$23,707.53, which gave us a December total of \$9,228.70. David Wickre gifted the church \$38,574.52 that was placed in the memorial fund.

Treasurer's Report – The total December revenue was \$23,707.53 with the monthly expenditures totaling \$17,181.14. The net operating revenue for December was \$6,526.39. All pledges have been paid for the year. Motion to approve the financial secretary's report and the treasurer's report by Jamie P, 2nd by Angie K. Motion approved.

Pastors report – No report from Paster Herb. We would like to thank Nancy Sershen for the amazing job she is doing filling in while Paster Herb is out. Paster Herb is doing well.

Board Reports-

Deacons: Wondering if there will be a pastor from our church going to the assisted living on the Jan 26th. Asking for acolyte assistance with communion. This will be followed up with Paster Herb and we will look at acolyte training for communion if needed. February 15th is set as the day we will be serving the banquet. We are looking for 15 people to serve from 5:15 to 8pm.

Education: 1st grade milestones will be Jan 22nd. We ordered palms for Palm Sunday and will be ordering 3rd grade bibles. Kaylee is getting scholarship letters ready, wondering about sending out a personal letter to each senior or posting in the newsletter for the way to apply. Scholarship guidelines to be reviewed.

Finance: Tammy H. has been spearheading what to do with the parsonage funds and will be setting up a meeting with the trustees. The proposed budget for 2023 was discussed. All boards to review the format for end of the year report. All proposed budgets will be sent out for approval prior to the annual meeting. All of this year's annual reports will be sent out for approval by all boards.

Trustees: We are starting to put our feelers for different projects within our sanctuary. There will be more of this to come.

President's report: Annual meeting is Jan 29th. Ash Wednesday is Feb 22nd and the 7pm service will be at SJ with an 8:15 service at FLC. Services will be rotating Wednesdays to follow starting with SJ March 1st.

Old Business: The parsonage did sell in November. There will be a task force to address paid positions within the church forming soon.

New Business: We want to discuss possible ways to bring new people into the church.

Motion to adjourn by Jamie P, 2nd by Jenny T. Meeting adjourned.

Closing: Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Missy Overgard

November 2022 Financial Secretary Report

Church Giving	11/7	11/14	11/21	11/28	Total	2021	Comparison	
Family Giving	21	16	19	13	41	31	10	
Cash	\$161.00	\$20.00	\$90.00	\$56.00	\$327.00	\$533.30	-\$206.30	
Checks	\$1,485.00	\$2,130.00	\$535.00	\$595.00	\$4,745.00	\$10,300.00	-\$5,555.00	
Ttl	\$1,646.00	\$2,150.00	\$625.00	\$651.00	\$5,072.00	\$10,833.30	-\$5,761.30	
Vanco	\$590.00	\$190.00	\$1,061.60	\$190.00	\$2,031.60	\$3,288.95	-\$1,257.35	
St Jacob's				903.19	\$903.19	\$2,972.72	-\$2,069.53	
Church offering TTL	\$2,236.00	\$2,340.00	\$1,686.60	\$1,744.19	\$8,006.79	\$17,094.97	-\$9,088.18	
3341.27/week	-\$1,383.71	-\$1,279.71	#####	-\$1,875.52	-\$6,472.04		-\$47,268.97	
Other income							yr to date	
Amazon Smiles			\$14.18		\$14.18	\$9.79	\$4.39	
Noisy Offering		\$46.72			\$46.72	\$74.78	-\$28.06	
					\$0.00			
Utilities						\$305.00	-\$305.00	
Mission TTL					\$60.90	\$305.00	-\$244.10	
Memorial Fund								
Parsonage Check				\$238,263.77	\$238,263.77	\$700.00	\$237,563.77	
Undesignated				\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			
Memorial Total					\$243,263.77	\$700.00	\$242,563.77	
Cemetery Fund								
Zion-upkeep				\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Zion- Aartun	\$350.00				\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	
Cemetery Fund					\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	
tll deposited					\$252,681.46	\$18,099.97	\$234,581.49	

Submitted by Tammy Huntimer

December 2022 Financial Secretary Report

2022 budget	\$173,746.00	per year	\$14,478.83	per month	\$3,341.27	per week		
December	12/2	12/9	12/16	12/24	12/31	Total	2021	Comparison
Church Giving	16	18	21	16	5	40	41	-1
Family Giving								
Cash	\$50.00	\$228.01	\$125.00	\$287.00		\$690.01	\$756.04	-\$66.03
Checks	\$4,105.00	\$4,350.00	\$8,020.00	\$1,805.00		\$18,280.00	\$9,660.00	\$8,620.00
Ttl	\$4,155.00	\$4,578.01	\$8,145.00	\$2,092.00		\$18,970.01	\$10,416.04	\$8,553.97
Vanco	\$315.00	\$2,010.87	\$915.00	\$336.60	1160.05	\$4,737.52	\$4,360.60	\$376.92
St Jacob's						\$0.00	\$1,517.98	-\$1,517.98
Church offering TTL	\$4,470.00	\$6,588.88	\$9,060.00	\$2,428.60	1160.05	\$23,707.53	\$16,294.62	\$7,412.91
3341.27/week	\$850.29	\$2,969.17	\$5,440.29	-\$1,191.11		\$9,228.70		-\$1,568.23
Other income							yr to date	
Noisy Offering	\$59.84				\$82.12	\$141.96	\$138.27	\$11.69
						\$0.00		
Utilities							\$260.00	-\$260.00
Mission TTL						\$141.96	\$260.00	-\$118.04
Memorial Fund								
Undesignated IMO David Wickre				\$38,574.52		\$38,574.52	\$0.00	\$38,574.52
Memorial Total						\$38,574.52	\$0.00	\$38,574.52
Cemetery Fund								
Zion						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Cemetery Fund						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
tll deposited						\$62,424.01	\$16,554.62	\$45,869.39

Submitted by Tammy Huntimer

*When you see something beautiful in someone, tell them.
It may only take seconds to say, but for them, it could last a lifetime! ~Unknown*

Pastor's Message
February 2023

Greetings! It doesn't seem like that long ago that we were in the Christmas spirit. And now, the season of Lent is already upon us this month beginning with Ash Wednesday services on February 22nd.

This year, the area ELCA churches will be doing a round-robin style of Wednesday Lenten services. It's a series created by Pastor Greg Johnson in Beaver Valley entitled, "A Life of Faith" set to the liturgy, Holden Evening Prayer.

So, each **Wednesday at 7:00 pm**, we will be hosting a different area pastor who will be preaching the message that evening. Here are the dates, themes and pastor who will be visiting throughout the season of Lent.

March 1st at St. Jacobs:	"Fed"	Pastor Laura Phillips , Renner Lutheran
March 8th at First Lutheran:	"Saved"	Pastor Tom Stadem , Benton/Willow Creek
March 15th at St. Jacobs:	"United"	Pastor Adam Guthmiller
March 22nd at First Lutheran:	"Taught"	Pastor Randall Questad , Baltic/East Nidaros
March 29th at St. Jacobs:	"Sent"	Pastor Elias Johnson-Younquist , Zion, Hartford

I'm excited about visiting some area churches and getting to know some folks in the area. It should be a good time to be a witness to the goodness of the Lord this Lenten season.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
Pastor Herb



Pilamaye is a Lakota word which means, "thank you." Over the course of the last few months, I have been given many reasons to be thankful. It's been a stressful time, dealing with cancer treatments and all that entails, and I feel grateful that it's been caught in its early stages. I also feel incredible grateful for the outpouring of support, gifts, prayers and cards during Christmas and during treatment. We haven't known each other long, but I am overwhelmed with your compassion, concern, and grace. So, Pilamaye, from the depths of my heart. You remind me that I am not alone, and I thank God for the gifts that are all of you.

Pastor Herb

2022 RETIRING COLTON LUTHERAN PARISH COUNCIL, BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please accept this special "THANK YOU" to those retiring from First Lutheran Church and St. Jacobs Lutheran Church Council, Board or Committees. The entire church appreciates your service, and in some cases, continued service in other roles. With your generous donation of time and talent, we can continue with our work and worship as a congregation.

What wings are to a bird, and sails to a ship, so is prayer to the soul." ~ Corrie Ten Boom

APPROACHING LENT WITH A NEW PURPOSE

I had something very encouraging happen to me today. I was looking at our Lent schedule to put in the newsletter. Ash Wednesday is only a few weeks away, and that means Easter (and Spring) is right around the corner. Ok, I know it's a little longer than that, but with all the snow we had lately I need something.

Last year I wrote about doing something different for Lent. In the past I've looked for what I should give up for Lent, what kind of personal sacrifice I can make. This year I plan to focus on what I can gain, or what things are there that I didn't take the time to notice. It may be something as simple as that first sunrise on my drive to work as the days get longer. I know there are a lot of things out there, I just need to be diligent and keep my eyes open.

I hope you'll join me. If you do, feel free to tell me something you found, I would love to hear about it.

Rick Huntimer
President, First Lutheran

Mark your calendars!

7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 pm at First Lutheran Church sanctuary – The Beatitudes: Luke 6, Matthew 5.

Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 pm at First Lutheran Church sanctuary – The Good Samaritan: Luke 10.

Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 pm at First Lutheran Church sanctuary – The Last Supper: Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22.

Wednesday, February 22 – no class - Ash Wednesday.

CUB SCOUT CALENDAR

Friday, February 3 – 5 to 8 pm outing at Washington Pavilion.

Monday, February 6 – Pack Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Crooks Community Center.

Tuesday, February 21 – Tubing from 4 to 8 p.m. at Great Bear Ski Park.

For questions, contact Kevin Strom, pack leader, at 605-496-4571.

FIRST LUTHERAN AND ST. JACOBS WOMEN – SAVE THE DATES

Women of the parish, hope to see you at First Lutheran on **Tuesday, February 7th at 1:30 p.m.**

A few of our members will share various passages from the book, "Turning: The Magic and Mystery of More Days," by Becky Blue. The memoir focuses on embracing our "third act" of life and, through it all, being grounded in faith. Book discussions and snacks go together - coffee, hot chocolate, and treats will be available. First Lutheran members will also discuss and decide on investment and expenditure options for our First Lutheran Women's account.

It'll be great to catch up with each other and share ideas for future activities. *See you February 7!*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 – FIRST LUTHERAN BOARDS AND COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 pm – Boards meet. **8:00 pm** – Council meeting.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 – JERSEY SUNDAY

Super Bowl Sunday, is **February 12**, please wear a sports jersey of your favorite team to worship.

Installation of Church Officers during the worship service.

11:00 am – Colton Fire Rescue Soup Dinner at Taopi Hall (*See Soup Fundraiser*).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 - SOUP FUNDRAISER

The Colton Fire Department is having a soup fundraiser at Taopi Hall on Sunday, February 12.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 15, 2023 - VOLUNTEER AT THE BANQUET

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the supper meal at The Banquet-West, at 710 N. Marion Road, Sioux Falls, on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. Prep Timeframe: 2 to 5 p.m. and Serve & Clean Up Timeframe: 5:15 to 8 p.m.

So many of our fellow South Dakotans are in need of decent nourishment. Join with your fellow parish members in serving those who need our love and compassion. **Sign-up sheets are available at both St. Jacobs and First Lutheran.**

For questions, email Jenny Tiehen at gjtirt92@gmail.com.

2023 WEDNESDAY LENT SCHEDULE DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday

7 p.m. - Worship at St Jacobs

8:15 p.m. - Worship at First Lutheran

Wednesday, March 1: 7 p.m. - Worship at St Jacobs

Wednesday, March 8: 7 p.m. - Worship at First Lutheran

Wednesday, March 15: 7 p.m. - Worship at St Jacobs

Wednesday, March 22: 7 p.m. - Worship at First Lutheran

Wednesday, March 29: 7 p.m. - Worship at St Jacobs

April 2: Holy Week begins

April 9: Easter Sunday

MARCH 31-APRIL 1, 2023 – QUILTER WORK WEEKEND

**Sewers and non-sewers alike are welcome to come together
in fellowship to help put together quilts for the graduating seniors!**

The event begins around 6 p.m. (after work hours) Friday, March 31, with people working until about 8 p.m. Quilters will gather again on Saturday morning starting at 9 a.m. and continue until whatever fits into your schedule.

Be sure to bring goodies and great conversation!

For questions, email thuntimer@sio.midco.net or call/text Tammy Huntimer at 605-941-2611.

DIRECT YOUR 2022 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS® BY MARCH 31, 2023

Through Thrivent Choice®, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until

March 31, 2022, to direct them. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more.

Or call [800-847-4836](tel:800-847-4836) and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.



Here is a peek at what is coming soon for upcoming events and retreats with Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota. There are many great opportunities to explore and experience Christ’s love in community and creation in every season!

Outlaw Ranch:

Winter Passionate Quilters – Feb. 5-7 and Feb. 10-12, 2023. Registration is now open at losd.org/events-and-retreats.

Creative Souls Retreat – February 17-19, 2023. Register now at losd.org.

James Hersch Concert – April 28, 2023, Hamre Recital Hall, Sioux Falls. Tickets on sale now.

NeSoDak:

Chocolate Fest – Feb. 10-11, 2023 – Reserve tickets today at losd.org.

Klein Ranch:

Adopt-a-horse – Join in supporting the ministry of Klein Ranch through this year’s Adopt-A-Horse Program.

Even though Klein Ranch is a summer-only camp, care continues for their four-legged friends year-round.

Makes a great gift idea! Learn more at losd.org/horseadopt.

Adult Travel Events:

March 31-April 2 – Winter Blues Escape (Minneapolis) – includes theatre, symphony, MN Timberwolves Basketball and more.

April 5-6 – A 40-hour event (Minneapolis) – includes the play, Hamilton, and MN Twins Season opener.

For information about these and additional events and to register for events, visit losd.org/events-and-retreats.

THANKS FOR LIVING GENEROUSLY

Many thanks to all who helped with the December 27th Laundry with Love event.

The evening was a success with hundreds of people blessed with clean laundry, pizza, pop, water, dessert, prayers and encouragement. Our congregation helped by donating several bags of laundry pods, prepared a homemade dessert that was an event favorite, gifted \$100 for the laundry loads, brought in sweets and nut trail mix for the guests, donated Thrivent t-shirts and we had eight hands-on volunteers. Thanks to Thrivent, we had \$250 in seed money to help with the event.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE BETHEL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

Thank you for **Making a Joyful Noise!** with your recent gift of \$500 to Bethel Lutheran Home. Your donation will make an immediate and lasting impact on the Bethel community, and we are grateful. This is the season of giving, but it is also a time to count our blessings. Those of us fortunate to work within the Bethel community are abundantly blessed through our daily interaction with the residents who call Bethel home. Our mission is to provide caring support that helps our residents live fully and to live well. This sense of purpose is why we work so hard to maintain our quality of care and remain a top option for senior living in our region. With support from our partner churches like First Lutheran, we are able to fulfill our mission, challenges, and create opportunities. And for that, we thank you.

Happy New Year from the people of the Bethel Lutheran Community!

Sincerely, Jona Schmidt, Development Director, Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation, Madison, SD

THANK YOU FROM SOUTH DAKOTA KIDS BELONG

Of all the ways to care for vulnerable kids, I can't think of one with greater ability to change their lives and futures than giving the gift of belonging that comes from a stable, loving family. We know you have many ways to invest your charitable dollars, so we are grateful that you choose to help dramatically improve the experiences and outcomes for kids in foster care. As you know it's a complex journey for a child who experiences the trauma of being removed from their biological family to find "a safe place to land," whether with a temporary foster family or forever adoptive family.

Thanks to you for your support:

We're helping connect more kids with families, with a record 59 kids matched/placed with adoptive families and 22 finalized adoptions in 2022, thanks to our I Belong Project videos.

We're inspiring more people to explore fostering and adoption, with a 235 percent increase in adoption inquiries from SDKB's I Belong Project alone last year.

And we're engaging businesses and faith communities to become Foster Friendly, and showing foster and adoptive families that they are seen, valued and surrounded by people willing to support them in fostering longer and stronger.

We have exciting plans for scaling our impact on family recruitment and retention this year, and we're honored and grateful to have you come alongside us. Please let me know if I can be of service to you, or if you have questions I can answer. Your total donations in 2022: \$886.00.

Fighting for Belonging, Damen Woolsey, Executive Director, South Dakota Kids Belong, Belle Fourche, SD

SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES GIVES THANKS

Thank you for your Congregation gift of \$500 to Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Without your generosity, Shetek Lutheran Ministries simply could not continue its mission of providing year around opportunities for Christ-centered renewal and learning of all ages. You are truly making difference in the faith building experience for the youth and families coming to SLM. Thank you for your gift and partnership!

Sincerely, Marvin Nysetvold, Executive Director, Shetek Lutheran Ministries, Slayton, MN

FLC CHURCH HELPERS NEEDED

First Lutheran Church is looking for members willing to assist with church services.

FLC is especially in need of ushers and for communion setup. **Please reach out to the church office or email Jamie Peterson at qball_03@hotmail.com, to volunteer for this spiritually rewarding experience.**

Jamie will work with volunteers to set up a time for training for communion setup.

VOLUNTEER WITH FIRST LUTHERAN GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School teachers and helpers are needed. If you can help, call **Kaylee Amundson at 605-212-3760 or Bridget Amundson at 605-251-7587.**

ST. JACOBS SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS

Would you like to make a difference by being a teacher or a helper? St. Jacobs needs you!

Do you know of any children that we could invite to our Sunday School?

**If you're able to help or know of children starting Sunday School,
please reach out to Doreen Fods at 605-351-6379.**

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Storehouse Food Pantry in Dell Rapids needs donations. Desired items include feminine hygiene products, laundry soap and any food items you wish to donate. A donation box for items will be located in St. Jacobs parish hall.

For details, call Lisa Busser at 605-929-7673.

DONATING AND VOLUNTEERING WITH THE BANQUET IN 2023

The Banquet offers several ways for individuals and families to financially assist in feeding the body and spirit:

Give 365 Society: For one dollar a day, you can help keep the hunger away!

Donations via this appeal go towards the general operation of the mission.

Corporate Giving: Does your workplace have either grants or employee giving match programs?

We are grateful for those who participate in those programs and are honored by those who choose us.

Traditional Methods: We still get most of our financial support via checks and cash in the mail.

We do not accept credit card donations and donations via Venmo, as well.

If you have questions, call the office and a staff member will be more than happy to assist you or answer questions.

Volunteer: The Banquet welcomes individuals, families, and friends to come and serve at The Banquet. Groups of any six are welcome to sign up to volunteer. Planning a special event? Why not celebrate by serving at The Banquet?

While donations are appreciated, it is not a requirement to serve.

Call Brian at 605-335-7066, for details on how you can help!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As winter continues, **Habitat for Humanity** is seeing their volunteer numbers stay below their summer averages. They are in need of volunteers to continue to help build homes for local families. They have both inside and outside jobs available for new construction. If construction is not your thing, you can help existing homeowners with repair projects. The **Neighborhood Revitalization** program is looking for some amazing people to help with interior projects throughout the winter. If you love people, the **ReStore** has just the spot for you to come in help sort donations or run the cash register. In whatever way you are able to volunteer, you will make a difference. *For questions, email info@siouxfallshabitat.org at Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls at 721 E. Amidon St., Sioux Falls, SD 57104.*

HELP NEEDED – WOYOTAN LUTHERAN MOBILE WARMING STATION

To help serve those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity this winter, Woyotan Lutheran Church in Rapid City is creating a mobile warming station. To help the project be successful, they need your help with either monetary donations or donations of any of the following items: Any size road ready bus ideally for no cost to either borrow or buy for little money. Adult size coats, hats, mittens, scarves, blankets, snow pants, and winter gear. Hand warmers and feet warmers. Cocoa mix, tea, and coffee. Paper products. Financial gifts to purchase gas for the van. For information on how to best help, contact the synod office or Woyotan directly at woyotan@midconetwork.com or call 605-348-0247.

BRING THEM TO CHURCH

Saturate their lives with the Word of God. Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 2 cups of milk and 437 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet. Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them.

Even when it's hard. Even when your bench looks like a small hurricane just came through.

Bring them to church.

Let them see you worship. Let them see you pray. Let them see you running toward the Savior...because if they don't see and learn these things from you, who are they going to learn them from?

The world will teach them it's not a priority.

The world will teach them it's ok to lay out, not to pick up their Bibles.

The world will have them so far off course and confused and misinformed that just being "good" is enough.

The world won't teach them about Jesus. That's our job.

Bring them to church.

We love your kids and look forward to seeing them every weekend!

Shared by Fay Ramstad

THOSE HELPING AT FIRST LUTHERAN AND ST. JACOBS IN FEBRUARY

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 22	February 26
FL Ushers	Kevin and Debbie Krull	Rick and Cindy Oyen	Jim and Jan Willard	Terry Bunde and Rick Lehman	Lance and Sharee Wold
FL Reader	Jamie Peterson	Matt Jones	Jamie Willard		Jenny Tiehen
FL Com Setup	Jamie Peterson				Jamie Willard
FL Organ	Yvonne Hoffman	Deb Bunde	Meghan Wounded Head	Deb Bunde	Katrina Mitchell
FL Acolyte	Oakley McMillen	Brinely Hanson	Andrew Schoelberl		Cruz Willard
FL Tech Support	Rick Huntimer	Rick Huntimer	Rick Huntimer		Rick Huntimer
SJ Usher	Stan Fods	Stan Fods	Stan Fods	Stan Fods	Stan Fods
SJ Organ	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

If we have a birthday or anniversary not stated correctly, please contact the church office at coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com

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| 1 – Brad Schut | 18 – Rick Huntimer, Tammy Fods, Jessica Larson Lee |
| 2 – John Miller, Michael Simmermon, Taylor Mitchell | 19 – Deb Bunde, Michael Ordal |
| 3 – Olivia Huntimer, Dorothy Jorgenson | 20 – Dian Hoven, Sydney Nebben, Erika Caspers |
| 4 – Mary Hefner, Lily Van Hal | 22 – Steve Miller, Emily Varns |
| 5 – Dawn Barber | 23 – Nicole Gruis |
| 6 – Kora Mutziger | 24 – Mark Swier, Levi Backhaus |
| 8 – Jaidyn McMillen | 25 – Scott Schoeberl |
| 10 – Harlan Ordal | 26 – Brenda Grinde |
| 11 – Dave Jorgenson | 27 – Dan Ross |
| 12 – Sue Olson, Betty Busser | 28 – Robert Sando, Isabella Jensen |
| 15 – Nick Cortes | |
| 16 – Lee Meyer, Mason Jensen, Kiera Mitchell | <u>FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u> |
| 17 – Mark VanDerVliet, Laura Jensen, Nicole Van Hal, Hanna Anderson | 21 – Kevin and Janet Fods |

Congratulations to everyone celebrating in February!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

Each Wednesday by **10:00 pm**. Please email coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR INFORMATION TO BE STATED IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Is the 3rd Sunday of each month by **5:00 pm**. Please email coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com
Our goal is to have the newsletter printed, folded and in the mail by the last Wednesday of each month.

STAY CONNECTED

Please email us at coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com to update your registry with your cell phone number and email address. We will respect your privacy and will never share these numbers with anyone for other than church business.

ARE YOU BEING INCLUDED IN GROUP CHURCH TEXT MESSAGES?

Looking ahead for 2023, Colton Lutheran Parish is continuing to improve and refine our methods of communication with our congregation. Group text messaging, supported by Breeze, is just one way to benefit from technology that's made just for the Church. It allows immediate notification for last-minute changes and important reminders.

The Breeze App is free to download and use to stay connected. As a member of the parish, you are automatically enrolled in receiving texts. If you haven't received a group text from the church in the past, please contact the church office to verify we have your correct cell phone number on file. Thank you!

CHECK OUT THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE – <https://www.coltonlutheran.com/>

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK – Search “coltonlutheranparish”.

FOLLOW US ON YOUTUBE!

Go to our Facebook page or our website where you will find links to our worship services on YouTube!

SHUT-IN BULLETIN AND ANNOUNCEMENT MAILINGS

To help our members stay connected, we mail the weekly bulletin and announcements to our church members that cannot physically attend church. If you know someone that would like to be included on this list and receive weekly bulletins because they cannot attend service, please let us know by emailing the church office.

DECEMBER 2022 FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

	TOTAL
- Revenue	
+ Offering to General Account	23,707.53
Total Revenue	\$23,707.53
GROSS PROFIT	\$23,707.53
+ Expenditures	\$17,181.14
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$6,526.39

Submitted by Wendy Simmermon

AUTOMATIC CHURCH DONATIONS ~ Make your life easier!

Did you know that you can set up automatic giving to the church? It is safe, confidential and convenient. Each month FL church has \$720-750 donated via automatic transfers. These members receive 100% of the credit on their giving statements. You determine the amount, the frequency, and the dates ~ you stay in control!

This helps the church budget and plan!

As life gets busy and we continue to need your support, please consider setting this up before summer begins!
Fill out the attached Thrivent Simple Giving (Vanco) form in this newsletter.

MORE WAYS TO GIVE AT FIRST LUTHERAN



In Person

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by.



...Auto-Withdrawal

Fill out the form found in this newsletter and return it to Tammy Huntimer, the Financial Secretary.



Text

Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting 605-250-4112.



Giving App

Download the ‘GivePlus Church’ to set one-time or recurring donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone!

What is Electronic, or E-Giving?

E-Giving is safe and convenient. You receive 100% of the credit on your giving statements.

You determine the amount, the frequency and the dates ~ you stay in control!

Please consider using one of the electronic giving (e-giving) options to set up a regular contribution to help support the church mission and budget. The church values your contributions!

First Lutheran Church

Automatic Withdrawal Form

E-Giving automatic bank withdrawal authorization form for Vanco. Formerly known as “Simply Giving” by Thrivent. Vanco is the organization supported by ELCA to process automatic bank giving. If you were signed up on the previous program (Simply Giving), your information is still in use and you do not need to make any changes to continue the existing plan. You always remain in control!

Name of the organization: First Lutheran Church, Colton, SD

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE
Effective date of authorization: ____ / ____ / ____		
Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation		
Last Name		First Name
Address		
City		State Zip
Email Address		
DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____ / ____ / ____	FREQUENCY OF DONATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th	FUNDS: <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ —
		AMOUNTS: \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ Total
CHECKING / SAVINGS	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below)	Routing Number: Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3 Account Number:
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.	
Authorized Signature: _____		Date: _____

If using a checking account, please attach a voided check at the bottom of this page.

DID YOU KNOW...

- The number of checks written has declined by over 50% from 2000-2015?
- Payments through cards, direct deposit and other services more than tripled to 103.3 billion per year?
- In 2013, the Federal Reserve stopped issuing checks for many benefit programs?
- In 2015, 60% of church goers stated they would prefer an online payment option?
- You can contribute easily, regularly and supportively to the church using this form?

To help ... please simply, return this signed form to the FLC Financial Secretary with a voided check and you will be set up for automatic church contributions!

February 2023



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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Mark your Calendar

- March 10-11 Confirmation Retreat
- March 18 Pre-Marriage Retreat
- March 26 Sugar Bush Pancake Breakfast

Register at shetek.org or

Call 507-763-3567 for more information

*"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have drawn you with loving
kindness." Jeremiah 31:3*

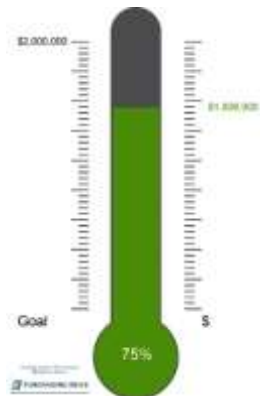
Wish List

- 17 ft Aluminum canoe
- Vest style life jackets
- Office supplies – reams of paper
- Pick-up truck
- Volunteers
- Summer staff - shetek.org/work-at-shetek



We do rent our cross country skis and snowshoes to use this winter!

We met our Phase 1 goal!
\$1,508,000 in gifts and pledges! Our challenge goal is \$2,000,000 and with increased costs, our budget has changed for our different phases. More info on our website. <https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan/>



Help send kids to Camp...Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year. Thanks for your support!



South Dakota Synod Lenten Offering Opportunity

Intro

In June this year we will gather as the South Dakota Synod in assembly under the theme of “Cultivate”; we will focus on rural ministry. In preparation to the assembly, I invite you to consider designating your Lenten offering to the South Dakota Synod’s Rural Ministry Fund. Every week during Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, you will be provided with a brief highlight of the South Dakota Synod’s Rural Ministry emphasis. Feel free to share these brief highlights in your weekly publications and social media platforms to invite others to cultivate the future of rural ministry in South Dakota. Thank you for your generosity!

Ash Wednesday – Rural Ministry Fund

In today’s service you will hear the words “You are dust and to dust you shall return” while you are marked with the sign of the cross made from the ashes of the burned palm branches from last year’s Palm Sunday celebration.

We are mere clay vessels, imagined and formed by the creator himself, filled with the Holy Spirit and set free by the death and resurrection of God’s only Son, Jesus, the Christ. We are an earthy people in more ways than one. The people of the South Dakota Synod have a strong relationship with the land on and of which we live.

The Synod’s Rural Ministry Fund has been established with a vision for the future of Rural Ministry. It is the Synod and the donor’s commitment to reinvest the dollars directly into our rural ministry sites to strengthen the proclamation of the Gospel in word and deed. Please contact Kathy McHenry from Lutheran Planned Generosity for more information and how you can become a direct contributor to the fund.

First Wednesday in Lent – Rural Ministry Liaison

The Rev. Alan Blankenfeld serves as the first Rural Liaison in the history of the SD Synod. Alan farmed in the Flandreau area for 30 years before entering into Seminary and candidacy. Upon graduation he served rural parish in the wider Flandreau area before joining synod staff in 2021.

Pastor Alan accompanies congregations and parishes in transition for two weeks at a time. During that time, he serves as the pastor; he will meet with groups and individuals to listen to their stories as their call committee begins their work of completing paperwork, interviews and preparing for a new pastor. By freely sharing his own call story over coffee and from the pulpit he has invited laity to discern their own call. Many, because of his faithful service, have answered the call and now serve in leadership positions within their congregational context while enrolled in seminary.

The Rural Ministry Liaison position is not funded through the Synod’s Mission Plan. A bi-annual “Farm to Table Dinner” fundraising event as well as designated gifts from individuals and congregations sustain this vital ministry of the Synod. Thank you for your generous support.

Second Wednesday in Lent – Online Learning Management System (LMS)

The Rev. Kari Webb serves St. Jacob Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche part-time. Her prior career in the Sioux City, IA school district and the Sanford Underground Lab in Lead, SD uniquely positions her to develop and administer the South Dakota Synod's first online learning management system.

The system will offer our lay leaders and Synod Authorized Ministers (SAMs) a gateway to an expansive catalogue of courses and learning experiences. The LMS will serve as the one-stop entry point for these individuals as they grow their leadership, theological and doctrinal skills by connecting to ELCA seminaries course offerings. Pastor Kari will serve as the contracted part time administrator of the data base. The LMS gives all lay leaders and SAMs a place where they can view their progress and cultivate their learning.

The Learning Management System and Pastor Kari are also not part of the synod's mission plan, but depend on the generosity of congregations of the SD Synod. Thank you for investing into the education and development of lay leaders, who are committed to serve where they are planted because of their love for the land.

Third Wednesday in Lent – SD Synod Courses

Surveyed Lay Leaders and Synod Authorized Ministers (SAMs) expressed a need for expanding their knowledge and understanding of our Lutheran doctrines and teachings as well as a better understanding of who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

We are currently developing a SD Synod specific course titled "Lutheranism 101". The Rev. Dr. William Russel, renown Luther Scholar, and prominent SD Lutherans will explore key themes of our shared Lutheran faith. At the same time the Rural Ministry Task Force of the South Dakota Synod under the leadership of the Rev. Alan Blankenfeld and the Rev. Jackie Braun are working with Rev. Dr. Mark Yackel-Juleen on a course on worship leadership, particular for rural settings. A course on the ELCA is yet in the preliminary planning stages.

These course developments are not part of the synod's annual mission plan, but depend on funding through the generosity of individual donors and congregations. Thank you for your generous support of this set of course offerings that will not only accompany lay leaders and SAMs in their growth, but can also be used in congregational settings. Your gift will directly benefit the growth of Lutherans in your context.

Fourth Wednesday in Lent – Circuit Rider Training

Nothing is as it was yesterday. That is also true for the church. Sustaining ministry in rural South Dakota is challenging at times. A decrease in population and an ever-growing number of those who have never heard about the living God we worship, as well as an increasing number of other volunteer engagements that require our attention and attendance during the time we gather as the people of God, make sustaining ministry challenging at best.

At times, congregations reach out to neighboring sites to explore partnership opportunities. And much like your local Co-op, congregations seek partners in sharing a rostered leader. The rostered leader will primarily be called to provide Word and Sacrament ministry, while at the same time he or she will also oversee a team of lay leaders who work alongside and under the supervision of the rostered leader to provide to the congregations in the Parish Co-op.

These rostered leaders need senior pastor skills even though they are not serving in a classic senior pastor position. The Rural Ministry Fund supports these leaders as they seek continuing education to build and expand their administrative leadership skills to serve God's people more effectively. We seek to explore this Circuit Rider Training opportunity in partnership with our ecumenical partners the United Methodist Church in the Dakotas and the Episcopal Diocese in South Dakota. Training may be provided by Mark Yackel-Juleen, who served in such a position prior to teaching at Wartburg Seminary. You will meet Mark at the Assembly as he is one of our keynote speakers on cultivating rural ministry.

Fifth Wednesday in Lent – Story Junction

Story Junction is an exclusive pilot project between the South Dakota Synod and LEAD. Peggy Hahn, CEO of LEAD and presenter at the 2022 Synod Assembly, and her team have created a two-year pilot project for South Dakota based on Scripture, as well as concepts from the LEAD Guidebook. Every congregation in the Synod has received a copy of the Guidebook. A total of seven very different congregations are committed to participate in the pilot project, which will foster the exploration of discovering how God's Story and our story intersect. By (re)learning God's story and connecting it to our story, the Holy Spirit will work within us, much like it did in the disciples on the road to Emmaus. When their "eyes were opened," they recognized that their "hearts were burning within them all along" and they got up and ran back to Jerusalem in the middle of the night to tell the others that they had seen the Lord.

The hoped-for outcome is that the participating congregations build the courage, capacity, and competency to pass on the faith to others who have not yet heard and those who have but need some reawakening.

Journeying in Christ with you,

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier
Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

“I’ve been elected to the church council, now what?”

For lay leaders, please mark your calendars for our **“Lay Leader Night”** on **Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm CT**. This event will be hosted virtually, on Zoom, and will be beneficial to all elected lay leaders (*new or returning*).

We hosted this event last year for newly elected leaders, and it was a huge success in equipping new presidents, treasurers, secretaries, and council members with resources and information.

Register for the Zoom link here:

https://sdsynod.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMude2gpzwoGNf64NcAbVRrVPnScNy56S00?mc_cid=54e244c384&mc_eid=56bbd1b48a