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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The season of Advent is upon us! It's a time of preparing for the Christmas season, a time of planning events and the most important part is that it is a time of waiting. Waiting for the presence of the Christ child to come into our midst, to give us hope, to provide us with light and to remind us of God's love for all of us.

Waiting is one of those things that I don't like to do. I'm a rather impatient person. I tend to go from task to task fairly quickly and when it comes time for me to wait, I don't like it. Whether it's in waiting for an event to happen or a concert to start or even in waiting for Christmas, I get antsy. I want things to occur when I want them to occur and if you ask me to wait, well, that's just out of the question.

But then I remember the Psalmist's words from Psalm 27:14, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" Yes, it can be hard to wait, it can be hard to let things unfold in God's time, not our time and that's what separates God from us. With God, all things will unfold as they are supposed to and everything will come to pass when it's time.

This season of Advent is a reminder that we are in the already but not yet realm of our Christian existence of waiting for Christ to come. It is good that within our church calendar we have these times of waiting (Advent and Lent), so that we can practice waiting in our hectic day to day lives and take time to pause and reflect on our needs, and not our wants.

We need Jesus to come to us in the flesh,  
we need Jesus to forgive our sin,  
we need Jesus to shine light in our darkness,  
we need God's love in Jesus for us.

So this Advent season, take some time to wait for the goodness that is the child in the manger. Be strong and let your heart take courage. Wait for the Lord.

Sing to the Lord a new song,

Pastor Herb

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## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 2022

**Members present:** *President-Rick H; Vice President- Jamie P; Secretary-Missy O; Financial Secretary- Tammy H. Deacons- Leslie J; Education- Kaylee A., Angie K; Trustees- Matt J; Finance- Jim W., Mark J; & Pastor-Herb Church Sec – Kim K.*

**Opening Devotions** by Pastor Herb

**Secretary's Report** – Motion to approve as written by Tammy H, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark J. Motion approved.

**Financial Secretary's Report** – 40 families gave this month, down from 49 families at this time last year. 1st month this year we had less giving than last yr. The church offering was at \$9,386.35, which put our monthly total at \$5,092.48. The noisy offering had a great month, bringing in \$ 213.51.

**Treasurer's Report** – Oct. had \$4,717.01 more operating expenses than we had in revenue during the month. The parsonage roof cost \$13,496 for labor and materials. The insurance paid \$9,452 (net of deductible and depreciation). Memorial Savings: Parsonage Upkeep and Repair contributed \$3,595 toward the roof. Net out of the FLC budget is \$449. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 941 payments were made. Motion to approve the financial secretary's report and the treasurer's report by Jim W, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angie K. Motion approved.

**Pastor's report** - The Pastor's report was printed and distributed by Paster Herb.

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

## Council Meeting

1. Thank you for your hospitality with Tom and Tammy Roberts from the Children's Home Society. I hope you learned a bit about the scope of their work, and the needs that they meet each day. You raised \$640 in book sales that directly benefit the CHS. Well done!!
2. For the month of November, I will be leading a short worship service for the 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> youth in the Sanctuary of First Lutheran. It will be at 7:30pm immediately following Bible Trivia night for the Confirmands and their families. It seems we need to be more innovative in involving our youth in activities, or at least, helping to feel like this is their church too.
  - Create a youth room/space.
  - Curate a space where they can feel free to ask questions.
  - Interactive elements during worship that provide meaning and depth.
3. Speaking of interactive worship elements:
  - One of the things that was powerful for students at the University Lutheran Center was a time where they could offer their own prayers, silently. During the Prayers of Intercession, they would be invited to a small table filled with candles and light a candle for whatever they wanted to offer prayers to that day. It could be remembrance of a loved one, something weighing on their hearts and minds, or even for grace and forgiveness.
  - Rick and Cindy Oyen have caught on to this idea and would like to donate a votive stand in memory of their son, Eric. A picture is attached on the back side of this report.
4. I'd like to ask for your approval in moving forward with a small team to take a look at First's Mission and Vision Statement. If you have any names of people to approach, I'd like to hear them.
5. There is a community Thanksgiving service at 6pm at Colton United Methodist Church on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We have been tasked with providing ice cream and Cool Whip for the pies.
6. Health update: I have been to Mayo and after talking with them, will move forward with radiation treatment. There is a preparatory step on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> that I need to be away in Rochester. I will be back by that Friday, for sure as I may need to recover still on Thursday. As for the actual radiation treatments, there will be 5 treatments over the course of 10 days. These will begin on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. I will need to be away for 2 Sundays to complete the radiation regimen. I will be in contact with Rick on my condition.
7. I was able to do 6 visits in the past month.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Herb Wounded Head III

## Board Reports-

Deacons: There will be a potluck on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. Main courses will be provided. 14 people are on the shut-in list for poinsettias. We will be deciding soon on what we are going to do for gifts for the assisted living. We are getting together our gift cards for the college freshman.

Education: Children's Christmas Program is Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be putting together Christmas treat bags for the Sunday School kids. We will be visiting the assisted living this Sunday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> for our community day.

Finance: We will set a deadline for the end of the year for ideas for the money we get from the parsonage. We will be looking at the budget. All boards need to look at their budgets as well.

Trustees: We are working on parsonage negotiations. We are looking at the budget for next year. We will be looking at the heating/air conditioning in the sanctuary and all the possibilities for updates and improvements.

**President's report:** Heather Bunde has teamed with Classic Corner to start an angel tree for Colton. Reach out for more information or to recommend anyone. Dec 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Thankful Dinner after the Christmas program. All board and council members will provide the turkey, ham, potatoes and gravy, and stuffing. The congregation can bring side dishes and desserts if they would like.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Jamie P. will be leading a temporary task force to discuss paid job descriptions within the church. Motion put forth by Pastor Herb in putting together a small group to review the Mission and Vision Statement of the church has been approved. There will be more on this in the Dec newsletter.

**Next Meeting will be:** Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

Motion to adjourn by Angie K, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kaylee A. Meeting adjourned.

**Closing:** Lord's Prayer

*Submitted by Secretary, Missy Overgard*

### OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Family Giving	10	18	14	20	15	40	43	-9
Cash	\$77.27	\$31.00	\$30.00	\$200.00	402.89	\$741.16	\$216.00	\$525.16
Checks	\$1,465.00	\$665.00	\$585.00	\$555.00	\$470.00	\$3,740.00	\$3,065.00	\$675.00
Ttl	\$1,542.27	\$696.00	\$615.00	\$755.00	\$872.89	\$4,481.16	\$8,656.00	-\$4,174.84
Vanco	\$0.00	\$590.00	\$1,790.87	\$1,061.60	\$245.00	\$3,687.47	\$3,283.35	\$403.52
St Jacob's	\$696.93			520.79		\$1,217.72	\$0.00	\$1,217.72
<b>Church offering TTL</b>	\$2,239.20	\$1,286.00	\$2,405.87	\$2,337.39	\$1,117.89	\$9,386.35	\$11,939.35	-\$2,553.60
3341.27/week	-\$656.57	-\$1,609.77	-\$489.90	-\$558.38	-\$1,777.88	-\$5,092.48		
<b>Other income</b>								
<i>Golden West Parsonage Credit</i>						0	\$25.25	-\$25.25
<i>Noisy Offering</i>			\$86.26	\$43.28	\$83.97	\$213.51	\$6.18	\$207.33
Utilities							\$310.00	-\$310.00
Flooring Money							\$14,500.00	-\$14,500.00
<b>Mission TTL</b>						\$213.51	\$310.00	-\$96.49
<b>Memorial Fund</b>								
Undecided imo David Wickre		\$440.00				\$440.00		
Undecided IMO Ila Mathieu					\$55.00	\$55.00		
<b>Memorial Total</b>						\$495.00		
<b>Cemetery Fund</b>								
Minnehaha Cemetery IMO Sundal	\$125.00			\$1,500.00		\$1,625.00		
Minnehaha Cemetery IMO David Wickre				\$75.00		\$75.00		
Minnehaha Cemetery Plots				\$700.00		\$700.00		
Bethania Cemetery Plot				\$350.00		\$350.00		
<b>Cemetery Total</b>						\$2,750.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00
Brakke Fund- Scholarship		515.98				515.98	\$485.07	\$30.91
<b>tll deposited</b>						\$13,360.84	\$12,249.95	\$1,110.89

*Submitted by Financial Secretary, Tammy Huntimer*

*This Christmas may we be reminded of the Hope, Joy, Love and Peace found in Christ.*

~ Romans 15:13

## **ATTENTION MEMBERS OF FIRST LUTHERAN PARISH!**

We are soon approaching a new calendar year. Before you know it we will be holding our annual meeting and filling some board positions. Our boards are structured so you can only serve on a board for a certain length of time. It helps us to have new ideas and talents, and helps the board members avoid burnout. You may be wondering “What would I be doing?” Below I listed my thoughts on each board. Keep in mind this is my own opinion and not an actual ‘job description’, but I feel it’s a good representation of the positions.

### **Board of Deacons**

I would describe this board as ‘Goodwill Ambassadors’. This board is more than serving communion twice a month. The things this board does is really only limited by their ideas. They look for ways to help us as members, and also ways to help our community. Some things they have done for us as members include Mother’s and Father’s Day recognition, Christmas gift cards for recent graduates, Christmas cards and poinsettias for shut-ins, and Christmas treats after service.

For our community examples are organizing workers for The Banquet, providing monthly treats for the service at the Assisted Living Center, and the Christmas party and organizing gifts for the Assisted living Center. This group helps us as members have an opportunity to grow spiritually.

### **Board of Education**

Your first thought here is probably Sunday School. That’s a big part of it, but there is so much more. Along with Sunday School they recognize our seniors with quilts and scholarships, work with our community on VBS, assist in recognizing church education milestones, and continue to look at curriculum for new and exciting ideas. They help our children grow in faith, and help us do the same along the way.

### **Board of Trustees**

I use the term ‘Building Superintendents’ for this group. Our trustees maintain the upkeep of our church building and grounds, and also look at future improvements. It could be anything from upgrading light bulbs to redoing the basement flooring. You don’t need to own a tool belt to be on this board, you just need to be willing to get your hands dirty once in a while.

### **Board of Finance**

This group oversees the financial well-being of our church. They review our monthly income and expenses to help us keep on track. They also review our funds that are held with an outside agency to make sure we are finding the right mixture of risk vs. return. The ability to look ahead is a big plus for members of this group. One example that comes to mind is putting together a plan to build our own fund to help us through the lean summer months rather than needing to borrow money to keep the lights on. You don’t need to be a financial guru to be on this board, you just need to be willing to review information and ask questions.

Our boards meet once a month, and each board has 4-6 members.

Two members from each board attend the monthly council meeting.

**If you have questions about any of these, reach out to myself (call 605-941-2610 or email [rhuntimer@sio.midco.net](mailto:rhuntimer@sio.midco.net)) or contact a board member.**

If you are thinking “I can do that.” Let us know. If you know someone who would be a great fit, tell them. Between you and me, I decided to take on this position because a couple people talked to me about it and showed faith in me. I wasn’t sure I could do it, but they were, and that spoke volumes to me. You have the opportunity to do that for others, too.

*Rick Huntimer*

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## **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.

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE**

Each Wednesday by **10:00 pm**. Please email [coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com](mailto:coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com)

### **DEADLINE FOR INFORMATION TO BE STATED IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

Is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month by **5:00 pm**. Please email [coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com](mailto:coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com)  
Our goal is to have the newsletter printed, folded and in the mail by the last Wednesday of each month.

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*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ~ John 3:16*

## Mark your calendars

### DECEMBER 2022 CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm** at First Lutheran Sanctuary.

*No class for the rest of the month.*

### DECEMBER 2022 CUB SCOUTS SCHEDULE

**Saturday-Sunday, December 3-4** – Omaha Trip: Henry Doorly Zoo and Pizza Machine

**Monday, December 5** – Pack Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Crooks Community Center

**Sunday, December 11** – Committee Meeting at 7 p.m., First Lutheran Church

**Monday, December 19** – Pack Meeting at 6:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church

**For Pack 47 questions, email TVPack47@gmail.com; Cubmaster is Kevin Strom at 605-496-4571.**

Other contacts are:

(Fifth grade) Webelos II, Dustin Wochnick 605-400-9085; (fourth grade) Webelos I, Travis Nelsen at 605-661-5490; (third grade) Bear, Luke Loen at 605-661-2380; and (first and second grade) Wolf, Kraig Ketterling at 701-710-1747.

### DECEMBER 14, 2022 – FIRST LUTHERAN BOARDS AND COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 pm – Board meeting; 8:00 pm – Council meeting

### DECEMBER 2022 GEMS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, December 7 – GEMS Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 21 – GEMS Meeting**

Please work with your girls on memorizing the following Scripture: GEMS Aim: (What does the Lord require of you?)

“To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.”

To make a monetary donation, contact one of the counselors. Any monetary donations received go toward lesson materials, craft supplies, snacks or special events. **If you would like to provide a snack, or have questions, email ColtonGEMS@yahoo.com or call or text Lori Fods at 605-941-8024.**

Follow on Facebook at Colton GEMS.

*Please note if Tri-Valley School is dismissed early or doesn't have school due to weather, there will not be GEMS that day.*

### DECEMBER 11, 2022: FIRST LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND COUNCIL SPONSORED HOLIDAY DINNER

The First Lutheran Sunday School Christmas program will be during our normal worship service.

The Council Sponsored Holiday Dinner will be after the program at approximately **11:30 am**.

The turkey and ham will be provided. Please plan to bring potluck side-dishes such as potatoes, dressing, pies, and desserts to share. *Hope to see you there!*

### **FORE!!!**

**The High School Youth Group will be meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> at Great Shots at 2 p.m.**

If you need a ride, meet up at First Lutheran at 1:30 p.m. Let's enjoy a little bad golf and some fellowship. Let Pastor Herb know if you plan to attend. *Thanks!*

### DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> - FOOD GIVEAWAY

**The United Methodist Church in Colton will be hosting a Food Giveaway on December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 3 p.m.** There will be drive-up service to receive a box of food. *Spread the word!*

### 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

As 2022 comes to an end, please remember the Annual Meeting is coming up.

**Each board member will be emailed a Microsoft Excel document that will already be formatted for the annual report. To save a great deal of preparation time, members are asked to simply enter the new numbers/figures for 2022 into the document and then email the spreadsheet back to [coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com](mailto:coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com).**

If you have any questions or need anything, please call or text Jamie at 605-201-0926 or Kim at 605-728-4917.

Thank you!



### COLTON COMMUNITY ANGEL TREE

The Colton Community Angel Tree is located this holiday season at the Classic Corner, with the hope of bringing some extra joy to Colton area families. Gifts should be around \$20-\$40 for a single individual and for Family tags, any amount over \$50 is most welcome, as this will help a whole family.

#### **The following are the rules to the Angel Tree:**

Only take a tag if you are truly going to fill it. If a tag is taken off the tree, that will tell us that individual or family will be taken care of.

Gifts must be unwrapped, along with Angel Tree Tag.

Please get new items, no used clothes or toys.

#### **GIFTS DUE BACK TO COLTON CLASSIC CORNER BY DECEMBER 13th.**

Take this time to spread joy and have fun!

If you wish to help, but are unable to fill a tag, feel free to make a contribution to the Classic Corner Donation bucket. This money will be used to purchase items for unfilled tags or for adding items to tags.

**Once again, gifts must be back by December 13th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kim (the manager at Classic Corner), or Heather Bunde 605-951-4250.**

*Thank you for your help and generosity. Merry Christmas!*

### DECEMBER 18, 2022 – ST. JACOBS SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Refreshments and coffee will be served after the program. For details, contact **Doreen Fods at 605-351-6379.**



### CHRISTMAS AT THE COLTON RETIREMENT LIVING CENTER

We will be giving gifts to the residents at the Colton Retirement Living Center again this year.

**There will be 19 bags in the entryway of the church.** Each bag will have a gift list attached to it, along with the name of the recipient. Please pull the list off the bag for easy shopping. At the bottom of the bag, you will notice an “F” or an “M” to indicate their gender. Please leave their name attached to the bag. Once you take a bag, please use the sign-out sheet with your name, phone number, and how many bags you took. Please purchase some or all of the items on the list, but please stay within the **\$30-\$35** range.

**Return the bags to the church by 12 noon December 18<sup>th</sup>,** so that we are certain each resident receives a gift and place a check mark beside your name, which indicates you have returned your bag. We will be delivering them on **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** when we have our annual Christmas party with the residents.

**Please join us if you can for Bingo, treats, and Christmas caroling from 3 to 4:30 p.m.**

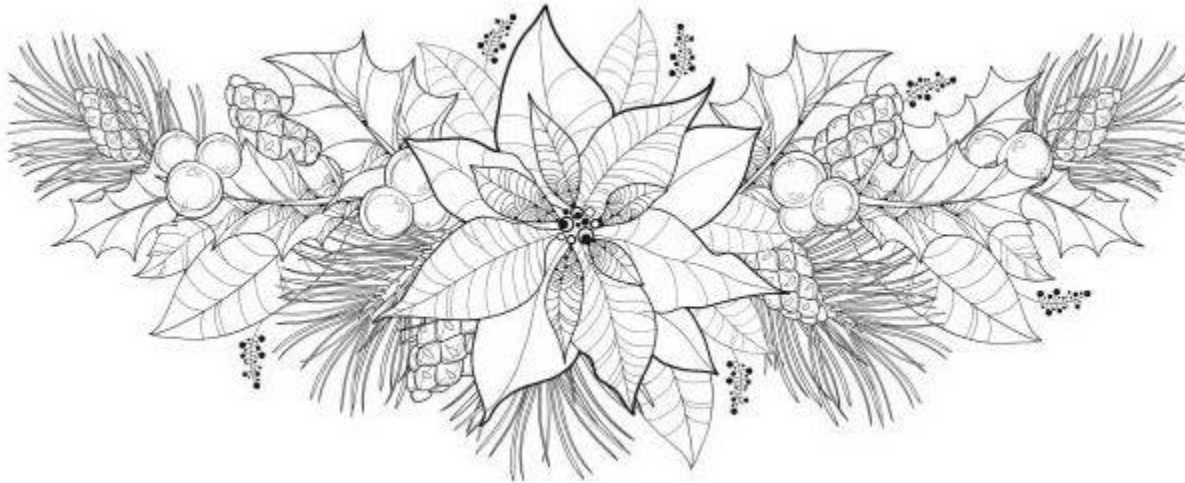
If you have any questions, please contact **Jenny Tiehen at (605) 376-8795.**

### **HELP FIGHT HUNGER BY VOLUNTEERING TODAY**

Feeding South Dakota needs volunteers to perform light duty maintenance work, complete light duty office projects, sort or repackage donated food, pack bags for The Backpack Program, assist at Mobile Food Distribution sites or pack food boxes for Mobile Food Distribution. **If interested in sharing your talents, please visit [feedingsouthdakota.org/volunteer](http://feedingsouthdakota.org/volunteer); or call 605-335-0364.**

### **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED**

The Storehouse Food Pantry in Dell Rapids is in need of 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.**



### **POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR FLC CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

You are invited and encouraged to personally purchase and bring a plant to share for First Lutheran Church Christmas worship services. Bring your plant on **Thursday, December 22nd between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.** to be displayed for the

**5 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service, December 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Please mark your name on the bottom of the plant(s) and be sure to **notify the church office at 605-446-3271 or emailing [coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com](mailto:coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com); or by calling/texting Kim at 605-728-4917 or Jamie at 605-201-0926, by Tuesday, December 20,** so that your loved one's name will be included and acknowledged on the Memorial list.

*Please remember to take your plant(s) home with you to enjoy immediately following the Christmas Eve service, as there will be no one available to care/water the plants during the week.*

**If you have any questions, please call Tammy Huntimer at (605) 941-2611. Thank you!**

### **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

#### ***Christmas Eve Worship***

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

**First Lutheran Church at 5:00 pm**

Christmas Eve Worship with Carols, Communion, and Candlelight.

#### ***Christmas Day Worship***

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

**St. Jacobs Lutheran Church at 9:00 am.**

Christmas Day Worship with Carols and Communion

### **CHRISTMAS DAY COFFEE AT ST. JACOBS**

**All are welcome to stay for lunch after the Christmas Day service at St. Jacob's.**

We'd love to celebrate and share our Christmas morning with you, visiting over refreshments and goodies. *Merry Christmas from the Schuts!*



**DECEMBER 26, 2022 – 2022 DONATIONS TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH DUE DATE**

THANK YOU all for your financial support for the church. This year, to help with reporting for 2022 taxes, please make sure any donations you would like to qualify are turned in by **Monday, December 26, 2022.**

If you have any questions, please contact **Wendy Simmermon** at (605) 366-8194  
or **Tammy Huntimer** at (605) 941-2611.



**DECEMBER 27, 2022 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LAUNDRY WITH LOVE**

Church on the Street presents **Laundry With Love**, which provides three loads of laundry and a meal on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Opportunities to serve include: donating a dessert, donate laundry pods, volunteer at the event and/or give a financial gift (roughly \$20 supports one household).

Located at **The Laundromat Co., 701 N. Cliff Ave., Sioux Falls.**

To help volunteer from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, contact Cruz or Jamie Willard by calling 605-366-5014 or email [jewelth\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jewelth_2000@yahoo.com).

**FLC REIMBURSEMENT FORM HAS BEEN UPDATED**

Attention those making purchases on behalf of a First Lutheran Church activity: Due to a change in the bill payment system in QuickBooks, a charge of \$1.50 per issued check began in October. To avoid the additional cost, funds can be transferred electronically to individual or business accounts with a bank account and routing number provided (preferable method due to expediency and accuracy). Additionally, there are other alternative methods of payment, such as the US Bank Bill Pay system or by writing a physical check.

Updated reimbursement forms are located in the file holder outside the secretary's office.

In addition, to assist with year-end bookkeeping, Wendy Simmermon has asked that all expenses please be sent to the church office by December 23, 2022.

If you have any questions, please call **Wendy Simmermon**, treasurer, FLC at 605-366-8194; or, email her at [flctreasurerwendy@gmail.com](mailto:flctreasurerwendy@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023 – ST. JACOBS ANNUAL MEETING**

The St. Jacobs Annual Meeting will begin at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, January 22, 2023, before regular Sunday worship beginning at 9 a.m. For questions, contact Dan Foster, president, at 605-310-6356; or, email [katdanfoster@hotmail.com](mailto:katdanfoster@hotmail.com).

**FINANCE BOARD SEEKS SUGGESTIONS**

The Finance Board would like to start gathering ideas in what we can do with the money from the Parsonage once sold. Your ideas could spark other ideas. Please dream a little in what we can do as a church to maybe save on expenses; or, bring in money or other ideas.

**How can you share your ideas, you ask? Here are a few ways:** Write on a piece of paper located in the Church entry and place in the wooden box; email or call the church office and leave a message; tell a Council member; or, write a note and slide it under the office door.

*As a disclaimer, we may not be able to go with your idea, and for that, we hope there will be no hard feelings.*

**If you are interested and want to participate in making a proposal down the road, please let Rick Hunter (rhunter@sio.midco.net) or anyone from the Finance Board know: Wendy Simmermon (fctreasurerwendy@gmail.com), Mark Johnson (mjohn2222@alliancecom.net), Jim Willard (jjwillard@goldenwest.net), Jamie Peterson (qball\_03@hotmail.com), Riley Amundson (riley.amundson@outlook.com) or Tammy Hunter (thunter@sio.midco.net).**

**The deadline for submitting ideas ends Dec. 31, 2022.**

### THE MESSAGE OF THE CHRISMON TREE

Below is a summary of the meaning behind each Chrismon on the tree located at First Lutheran Church. The summary was discovered while decorating the church for this Christmas season.

THE MESSAGE OF  
THE CHRISMON TREE

A CHRISMON, AN ABBREVIATION FOR CHRIST-MONOGRAM, IS A SYMBOL USED TO REMIND US OF THE CHRIST. MOST ARE OF WHITE AND GOLD TO SYMBOLOGIZE THE HOLY, DIVINE KING.

A THE TRIANGLE SYMBOLIZES THE HOLY TRINITY AND POINTS TO OUR LORD'S DIVINE NATURE. (SYMBOL A)

B THE OGD SYMBOLIZES CHRIST THE KING, RULER OF THE WORLD. (SYMBOL F, CROSS ON A BALL)

C WHAT LOOKS LIKE THE LETTER 'X' TO US IS THE GREEK LETTER 'CHI'. IT HAS THE 'K' SOUND, AND IS THE FIRST LETTER IN CHRIST IN GREEK. (NOTICE THE 'I' IN SYMBOLS B AND D).

D IN SYMBOL I, YOU SEE THE 'X' AND ALSO WHAT APPEARS TO BE A CAPITAL 'P'. THIS LETTER IS THE GREEK 'RHO'. WHEN YOU SEE THE TWO LETTERS USED TOGETHER, YOU HAVE THE FIRST THREE LETTERS, CH AND R, IN THE WORD CHRIST.

E THE SYMBOL WHICH LOOKS LIKE A RUCE PLUS SIGN (SYMBOL N) IS THE GREEK CROSS. CHRISTEN IS A COMBINATION OF CHRIST (C) AND THE CROSS.

F WHEN YOU SEE THE CIRCLE, (SYMBOL G) IT STANDS FOR ETERNITY, AND SOMETHING THAT WHICH IS DIVINE.

G A CLOSER LOOK AT THE CHRISMONS REVEALS EVEN MORE ABOUT CHRIST:

THE ROSE: HIS NATIVITY (JESUS THE ROSE OF SHARON)

THE LILY OF THE VALLEY: HIS HUMILITY (GOD HUMILED HIMSELF AND BECAME MAN - "THE WORD BECAME FLESH..." JOHN 1:14)

THE CHRISMON TREE POINTS US TO THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS - THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD!!

**THOSE HELPING AT FIRST LUTHERAN AND ST. JACOBS IN DECEMBER**

	<b>December 4</b>	<b>December 11</b>	<b>December 18</b>	<b>December 24 5:00 pm</b>	<b>December 25 9:00 am</b>
FL Ushers	Mark and Pam Hotchkin	Mark and Leslie Johnson	Randy and Gloria Lamer	Rick and Jamie Lehman	
FL Reader	Phil Hoffman	Mary Will	Jamie Willard	Matt Jones	
Comm. Set-up	Sara Sorenson			Bonnie Gelderman	
FL Organ	Deb Bunde	Katrina Mitchell	Meghan Wounded Head	Yvonne Hoffman	
FL Aclyt	Cruz Willard	Andrew Schoeberl	Brinley Hansen	TBD	
FL Technology	Rick Huntimer, Ty Oyen, Ryan Lehman	Rick Huntimer, Landon Jensen, Kobe Krome	Rick Huntimer, Marea Johnson, Erika Caspers	Rick Huntimer, Jaidyn McMillen, Madison Pitts	
SJ Usher	Stan Fods	Stan Fods	Stan Fods		Stan Fods
SJ Organ	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods		Tammy Fods

*Please note Christmas Eve worship services will be held at First Lutheran Church and Christmas Day services will be held at Saint Jacobs.*

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

*If we have a birthday or anniversary not stated correctly, please contact the church office at [coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com](mailto:coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com)*

- 2 – Mary Lou Hoiness, Amara Crosby
- 4 – Brenda Fods, Angie Keith
- 5 – JD Amundson
- 6 – Travis Schildhauer
- 7 – Kennedy Foster
- 8 – Tami Skrovig, Arianna Vande Vooren
- 9 – Marcus Johnson, Blaine Amundson
- 10 – Nancy Serphen
- 11 – Rodney Fox, Karissa Busser
- 13 – Jacob Busser, Annette Busser
- 14 – Jared DeJong, Addilyn Oberg, Rick Lehman
- 16 – Rylin Ann Fods
- 17 – Tyler Busser, Nancy Carpenter, Mary Busser
- 18 – Anna Busser
- 19 – Weston Burgeson
- 22 – Hailey McNamara
- 23 – Brita Larson, McClay Fischer, Vincent Mitchell, Dan Ordal

- 24 – Dave Keith
- 25 – Alex Anderson
- 27 – Jessica Oyen, Macie Pitts, Makenna Repetti-Swier, Henry Busser
- 28 – Eloise Busser
- 29 – Jim Skrovig, Brayden Schut
- 30 – Heidi Fods
- 31 – Bill Ross, Peggy Van Asselt, Lana Main

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 – Ed and Jeannie Ordal
- 22 – Scott and Dawn Barber, Mike and Jamie Willard
- 26 – Neal and Betty Busser
- 29 – Greg and Sonja Delaney, Tim and Laura Jensen
- 31 – Weston and Brittany Burgeson

***Congratulations to everyone celebrating in December!***

**STAY CONNECTED**

Please email us at [coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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!

**TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES** – Text the word “Church” to (888) 995-7287.

# First Lutheran Church

## Statement of Activity October 2022

	TOTAL
Revenue:	
Offering to General Account	9,386.35
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$9,386.35</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$9,386.35</b>
Expenditures:	
1 Deacons	459.31
2 - Board of Education	313.51
3 Board of Finance	8,371.22
4 Board of Trustees	4,959.32
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$14,103.36</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -4,717.01</b>

Submitted by Treasurer, 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

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	<b>ENVELOPE/DONOR #</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Effective date of authorization:</b> ____/____/____ <b>Type of authorization:</b> <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		
<b>DATE OF FIRST DONATION:</b> _____/_____/_____	<b>FREQUENCY OF DONATION:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FUNDS:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ —
		<b>AMOUNTS:</b> \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____  <b>Total</b>
<b>CHECKING / SAVINGS</b>	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: _____ <b>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</b>  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!