

The Parish Visitor

January 2025

Pastor's Message

The New Year not only rings in 2025, but it also brings about a new church season, Epiphany. Epiphany is sometimes called the season of light, where we celebrate Christ being made known. We hear the story of how the magi followed the star and adored him with rare and precious gifts. Epiphany is sometimes about following the light of Christ, or like the magi, following his star.

Have you ever looked up on one of these clear winter nights and seen how many stars there are in the sky? We who live on the prairie have been given a rare gift of this celestial light; as modern city lighting makes it impossible for those in urban areas to see much of the heavens above us. But if you ever look up, notice just how many are up there. They are innumerable.

Over the course of generations, many people have followed stars to get their bearings. Navigators of the open sea followed stars to plot a course across the ocean. Slaves traveling the Underground Railroad used to sing the song, "Follow the Drinking Gourd" to remind them to trace the stars in the Big Dipper to find the North Star to make their way to Canada and freedom. Stars have been used in the past to help people find their way.

But it is easy to get lost, because there are so many stars. Too many things vie for our allegiances, and grab our attentions, and some stars lead us to paths that we did not wish to go. With so many stars, how do we know which one is the right one? We can take a clue from the magi in Matthew, the star to follow is the one that leads to the infant Jesus. For He is the One who is God With Us, who gives comfort, grace and peace. It is here at the feet of the infant Christ, that we will follow after, offering our very best, serving one another in love, so that others may also be able to find their way to this star that has saved the whole world

Sing to the Lord a new song,
Pastor Herb

New Year Prayer

*A special prayer is offered
For you
On New Year's Day—
May God in His unceasing love
Send many gifts your way,
And may He fill your heart with peace
And be forever near,
Blessing you and guiding you
Throughout the coming year.
Happy New Year*

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Parish locations:

First Lutheran Church

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St. Jacobs Lutheran Church

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Deadlines:

Weekly Bulletin Announcements -

10 a.m. Tuesdays.

Monthly Newsletter Submissions -

5 p.m. 3rd Monday of each month.

Stay in contact:

Please notify the church of any changes/updates to your mailing address, email, and phone contact information. *With respect for your privacy, contact information is for church business only.*

Events at Colton Parish

First Lutheran Sanctuary Improvement Donations

Donations can be made for the First Lutheran Sanctuary Improvement Project.

Project details include: paint, carpet, insulation, HVAC repair and roof repair. All donations will be matched by the endowment fund.

Please note "SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS" when writing a check or VANCO giving.

For questions when making a donation, contact Tammy Huntimer at 605-491-2611 or thuntimer@sio.midco.net.



CRAFTING GROUP AT FLC

Join in crafting **beginning after work hours (6:30pm) on Friday, Jan. 17th and again around 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, Jan. 18th, at First Lutheran.** Come and go as you please. Socialize with others as you work on your own projects.

Call Tammy Huntimer at 605-941-2611 or thuntimer@sio.midco.net. Bring a dish to pass and share!



FLC Christmas Program a success

Thank you to all the children of First Lutheran Sunday School and to all those who planned, prepared and helped with the Dec. 15th program. Great job, everyone!



First Lutheran Church "Bible Project"

Have you ever wanted to know what is in the Bible from cover to cover? New this year at First Lutheran Church, we will be starting a multi-year venture called, the "Bible Project!" Through a series of audio and visual lessons, we will take "right-sized bites" of the Bible, starting in Genesis. Conveniently, we will gather every Sunday at 9:15am in the sanctuary. So, drop off the young ones and bring the rest of the family upstairs for some interesting discussion! Or, just grab some coffee to go and come to church a little early and hear the greatest story ever told.

For details, call Michael Willard at 605-359-9279.

Fight hunger through volunteering

Feeding South Dakota is in need of volunteers for a wide arrange of assistance, such as: 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.

To share your talents, call 605-335-0364 or visit feedingsouthdakota.org/volunteer.



Confirmation classes

Meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays: Jan. 8 – King David – 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, Isaiah; Jan. 15 – Exile and Return – Ezekiel, Zechariah and Jan. 22 – King David – 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, Isaiah. All classes in upstairs Youth Group Room at First Lutheran..

Email herbhw@gmail.com, with questions.

Pastor's Report

December 11th, 2024

Devotional Verse: Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted."

- What is your favorite season and why?
- Tell about a birth of something you witnessed.
- As you look back on the past year, which of our accomplishments are you most proud of and why?
- The writer of Ecclesiastes says that there is a time for everything. What is it time for in our group?
- Prayer.

Pastor's Report

1. I've been making some updates to the website. When Kim sends out the bulletin and announcements, I load them up to the website, usually on Thursday. It's a slow process to update because I don't have the best skillset at websites, but I'd like the council's input on what you would like to see on the site.
2. Speaking of bulletins, our bulletin seems kind of redundant. I've been in conversation with the deacons on changing that up as well. Attached is part of what a bulletin might look like with just the order of service included. Everything else would be on the PowerPoint.
3. I made some changes to the Wednesday night schedule. I wasn't getting to some of the content we needed to cover, and it was hard to build a small group dynamic only meeting every other week. So, now Confirmation meets the first 3 Wednesdays of the month, and youth group will be meeting on the 4th Wednesday.
4. The Book Club meeting time will remain as the 4th Wednesday of the month, but will meet at 5:30pm, to allow for the youth group to meet at 6:30pm. The Book Club's next meeting will be January 22nd.
5. Thank you to the Council, Kim Kagarise and all of the volunteers who make everything breathe and move at Colton Lutheran Parish. We are better together and God's Spirit is active and with us.
6. I was able to make 10 visits this past month.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Herb Wounded Head III



AUTOMATIC CHURCH DONATIONS ~ MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER!

Did you know 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!

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. Fill out a Thrivent Simple Giving (Vanco) form found in the church entry way or you can use the attached QR code to make donating to the church quick and convenient. Please consider using one of the electronic giving (e-giving) options available to you to help support the church mission and budget.

The church values your contributions!



Youth Group

The Youth Group will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday,
January 29, in the FLC
Youth Room. Expect an evening of fun!

For questions,
contact Pastor Herb at
herbwh@gmail.com.



Time & Talents

Please look for the
**2024-2025 Time & Talent Sheet for
 First Lutheran and St. Jacobs
 Lutheran Churches, at the church
 entrances or the table outside Pastor's
 office at First Lutheran.**

Consider ways you can help serve in your church family, check them off on the list and submit the completed form to the church office.

Your talent and gifts of time are always appreciated!

FLC Council Meeting

The First Lutheran Council will meet at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025.
 The Boards are asked to schedule a meeting before the council meeting.

November Financials

	8/1/2024	difference from 2023	
Total Offering	\$8,106.56	-\$4,724.49	
St Jacob's Reimbursement	\$0.00		
Mission Giving	\$188.73	\$55.26	
Proposed Budget long/short	-\$8,042.82		
Number of Family Giving	41	5	
Memorial Savings			
Building Fund	\$300.00		
Sanctuary	\$2,025.00	ttl sanctuary so far	\$4,100.00
Deacon Tea Party	\$200.00		
Midwest Street Medicine	\$20.00		
Deacon Concession Stand	\$757.00		
Undesignated	\$40.00		
Zion	\$400.00		

Submitted by Tammy Huntimer

Join in Fellowship at Colton Retirement Living

Join for communion, refreshments and fellowship in celebrating the birth of our Lord at 2 pm Thursday, Jan. 23, at Colton Retirement Living.

Pastor Herb serves communion at Colton Retirement Living every 4th Thursday of the month.

Refreshments are provided by Colton Lutheran Parish members.



Thank you for serving

To: First Lutheran Church,
 Thank you for serving supper on September 18th. Your group served 280 adults and 15 children. The guests of The Banquet are grateful for your ongoing support. Please call Brian (605-335-7066) or go online at volunteer@thebanquetsf.org to schedule your next date.

God Bless,
 The Banquet

Donations welcome

The Storehouse Food Pantry located in Dell Rapids, is in need of donations. Desired items include feminine hygiene products, laundry soap and any food items you wish to donate.

There will be a box in the St. Jacobs parish hall for all donations.

Any questions, please call Lisa Busser at 605-929-7673.





January Celebrations

Please note: If you have any special birthdays, anniversaries, open houses, card showers, or note of thanks – please notify the office so we can post a featured text box!

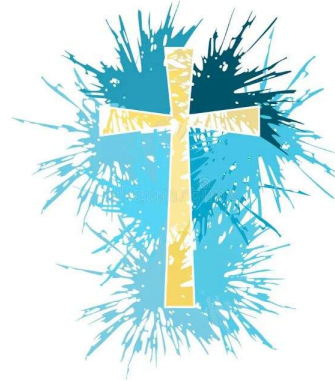
BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Lois Van Heerde
- 3 – Holly Crittenden
- 4 – Nick Martian, Bentley McMillen
- 5 – Nathan Pitts
- 6 – Ava Warren
- 7 – Tyson Vander Vliet, Nancy Fods, Caitlyn Cypher
- 8 – Gunnar Mork
- 9 – Cruz Willard
- 10 – Kelsey Ramstad, Lane Busser
- 11 – Jenae Schoeberl
- 12 – Veronica Groeneveld, Caden Fods
- 13 – Sarah Oberg, Tim Jensen
- 14 – Jessica Huntimer, Karla Anderson
- 15 – Kathryn Foster, Kobe Krome
- 16 – Jeannie Ordal, Kay Vander Vliet, Karen Varns, & Bill Holdren
- 17 – Wendy Simmermon, Wade Vande Vooren, & Beau Keith
- 19 – Jesse Swartwout
- 21 – Kaye Hansen, Peggy Knutson
- 22 – Nancy Roberts, Devan Fods
- 23 – Matt Schmidt, Payton Hansen
- 24 – Jacob Varns
- 25 – Tim Simmermon, Ally Ellison
- 26 – Matthew Cypher, Cierra Gruis
- 27 – Thomas Jones
- 28 – Carol Krogstad
- 29 – Mike Will, Bristol Carsrud
- 30 – Krista Fods, Emberlee Paradeis
- 31 – Meredith Busser

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Ken and Carol Foster, Gary and Lezlee Koch

If a birthday or anniversary is listed incorrectly, please email the church office: coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com.



You are WELCOME at Colton Lutheran Parish

Join us weekly for worship:
St. Jacobs Sunday services at 9 a.m.; or, at **First Lutheran Sunday services at 10:30 am.**
Join us for parish fellowship: Religious education classes, Bible Studies and various church and youth activities!

Like our Facebook page or visit our Colton Lutheran Parish website for worship or activity announcements/changes.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to have the Prayer Chain started for someone, please call Carol Gaspar at 605-428-3799 or Brenda Grinde at 605-446-3838.

Prayer Warriors: Reach out to our hospitalized members!
Sanford Health and Avera, as well as the Heart Hospital, offer an option to email patients.
 Be a Prayer Warrior and help boost the spirits of our members while they're in the hospital!
 Visit: www.sanfordhealth.org/patients-and-visitors/connect/email-a-patient or:
www.avera.org/patients-visitors/greetings/

*"To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant,
 to enact gratitude is generous and noble,
 but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven."
 ~ Johannes A. Gaertner*

THOSE HELPING AT FIRST LUTHERAN AND ST. JACOBS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

	Jan. 5	Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Jan. 26
FL Ushers	Dennis & Kaylee Amundson Family	Cole & Bridget Amundson Family	Paul Amundson Family	Terry & Deb Bunde
FL Reader	Jake Cypher	Phil Hoffman	Rick or Tammy Huntimer	Leslie Johnson
FL Com Setup	Donna Jones			Cindy Oyen
FL Music	Deb Bunde	Yvonne Hoffman	Meghan Wounded Head/ Aaliyah Vande Vooren	Katrina Mitchell
FL Blessing Asst.	TBD			TBD
FL Acltyts	Bentley McMillan & Porter Amundson (<i>tech</i>)	Payton Wold & Kaytee Wold (<i>tech</i>)	Kevin Husman & Elise Van Hal (<i>tech</i>)	Kaytee Wold & Payton Wold (<i>tech</i>)
SJ Usher	Stan Fods	Stan Fods	Stan Fods	Stan Fods
SJ Music	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods
SJ Acolyte	Addysen Fods			

Communion: St. Jacobs the first Sunday of each month; First Lutheran the first and fourth Sunday of each month.

THOSE HELPING AT FIRST LUTHERAN AND ST. JACOBS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025

	Feb. 2	Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23
FL Ushers	Jake & Hilary Cypher Family	Tom & Deb Dissing	Ken & Carol Foster	Kaye Hansen & Family
FL Reader	Matt Jones	Dave Keith	Jamie Peterson	Wendy Simmermon
FL Com Setup	Jamie Peterson			Lorna Wounded Head
FL Music	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
FL Blessing Asst.	TBD			TBD
FL Acltyts	Dolce Willard & Madelyn Jensen (<i>tech</i>)	Porter Amundson & Bentley McMillan (<i>tech</i>)	Aaliyah Vande Vooren & Jesse Swartwout (<i>tech</i>)	Elise Van Hal & Kevin Husman (<i>tech</i>)
SJ Usher	Stan Fods	Stan Fods	Stan Fods	Stan Fods
SJ Music	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods
SJ Acolyte	TBD			

PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ruth & Dick Harms,

Pam Busser and Randy Lamer.

Paul Augustad in the VA Hospital.

Nichole Augustad Anderson at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Canistota.

Tim Schut, son of Dale & Pam Schut, diagnosed with Primary Progressive Apraxia of Speech (PPAOS).

We lift up all our members currently dealing with chronic health issues and will keep them and their families in our prayers.

We lift up all our members that can no longer make it to services due to alternative living situations.



Church Chairs & Tables

When hosting large gatherings, this is a reminder that our older metal tables and chairs located in the church basement are available for members to use.

Contact Kim Kagarise at the church at 605-446-3271 or coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com to make arrangements to reserve them. They must be signed out and back in when you are done. Office hours are 9-11:30 am Tuesday-Thursday.

The plastic tables and chairs are not available for check out.



PARISH WOMEN - SAVE THE DATE!

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 11:30 a.m. everyone is invited to meet at First Lutheran for a time of fellowship and a potluck lunch.

No time to cook? No worries, please come anyway - there will be plenty of food! We would love to see you there! Thanks in advance to Pastor Herb, who will share some reflections and insights on the church season of Epiphany which begins Jan. 6th. We'll also discuss group goals and possible activities for the upcoming months.

In case of bad weather, we'll meet Jan. 14, same time. Cancellation notices will be sent via text message or phone calls. **If you miss a notification, call Donna Jones (605-351-0386) or Carol Krogstad (605-359-0535) to verify meeting status.**

Book Club

Book Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 22 at First Lutheran. For questions, contact Pastor Herb at herbwh@gmail.com.



Worship Helpers needed

First Lutheran Church is looking for members willing to assist with church services. Worship helpers include Ushers, Communion Set-up and Readers. 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.

Holy Communion at Dell Rapids

On Thursday, Jan. 2, Holy Communion will be celebrated at Orchard Hills at 9:15 am and at Dells Nursing & Rehab Center at 10 am, both at Dell Rapids. Holy Communion is celebrated the first Thursday of each month, with a different pastor each month. Pastor Herb serves this month. For questions regarding what the service entails, contact Pastor Herb at 605-446-3271. For location details, contact Orchard Hills at 605-312-4290; or Dells Nursing & Rehab Center at 605-428-5478.

UM Food Giveaway

The United Methodist Church in Colton is hosting a Food Giveaway on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, from 2 to 3 p.m. Donations of non-perishables (food, hygiene items, household goods) and cash donations toward this vital community ministry are deeply appreciated! There will be drive-up service to receive a box of food. Please contact Pastor Susan at 605-368-0510.

Spread the word – Thank You!

First Lutheran Council Meeting

December 11, 2024

President: Jamie Peterson

Vice President & Secretary: Kaylee Amundson

Treasurer: Wendy Simmermon

Financial Secretary: Tammy Huntimer

Pastor: Herb Wounded Head III

Deacons: Jenny Tiehen

Education: Mike Willard

Trustees: Matt Jones

Finance: Tammy Huntimer, Kaylee Amundson, Wendy Simmermon

Opening Devotion

Secretary Report: Motion to approve November meeting minutes by Jamie, 2nd Tammy. All Approve
Financial Secretary Report: 5 more families donate in November this year than last year but our overall income is down \$4,000.

Treasurer Report: Current negative \$2,300 in our funds. Had to borrow from the reserve account to pay bills for the month of November. Motion to approve the Financial reports Jamie, 2nd Pastor. Approved

Pastor Report: Pastor's report will be added to the newsletter. FLC will have a 5:30 pm service for Christmas Eve.

Board Reports

Deacons: Communion Schedule for holidays, Christmas Eve - continuous - 29th of Dec continuous. Jan 5 - at the altar. Assisted living treats Dec 26th. Delivered 18 Bundt cakes to members who are limited in their mobility and the non-Colton Assisted Living. We will be doing a Valentines dinner instead of a Christmas gift as Colton has done a great job supporting the Assisted Living during the Christmas Holiday. Cindy sent cards to college students - still need to send to a couple more. Looking to serve the banquet on Feb 26th. Need to find confirmation class pictures for 2019, 2022, 2023, & 2024. Bingo night went very well, we raised \$757 dollars through the concessions.

Education: Dec 15th - Children's Christmas program. No Sunday School or Bible project on Jan 5th due to no school prior. Renae is working on the annual report and looking for replacements for those terming out. January 12th 1st grade.

Finance: Looking into discipleship or stewardship in the coming years. Possibly ask for help from the SYNOD for some coaching on how to bring in an income. Thoughts on doing an in-person survey after service with boxes and slips of paper for quick participation.

Trustees: Boiler repairs done and some seals on doors replaced. Outside lights were also fixed. One ring camera is installed and there is one more to go. Continuing to need donations for the repairs for the Sanctuary.

President Report: Council hosting Turkey potluck after the Children's service on Dec 15th. Members are asked to bring a side or dessert to share.

Committee & Organization Reports:

Old Business:

New Business: Start working on board reports for January and thinking about who will remain on the council next year and who you can invite to join. Annual meeting - January 26th, 2025. Add to bulletin. Have reports turned into Kim by Jan. 12.

Next Meeting will be: Jan. 8, 2025 @ 8pm

Closing: Lord's Prayer

Jenny motion to adjourn, Jamie second, passed.

2024 Annual Report

This is a reminder the Annual Meeting is approaching. **Each board member has been 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 2024 into the document and then email the spreadsheet back to coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com.**

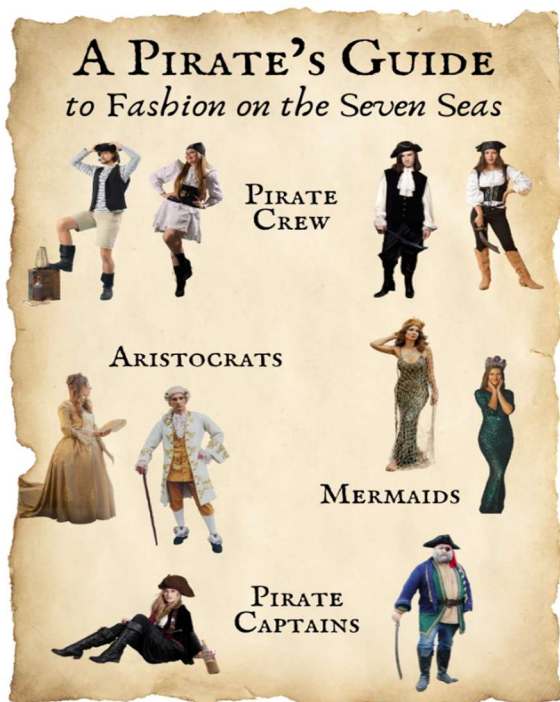
If you have any questions or need anything, please call or text Kim at 605-728-4917. *Thank you!*

MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls presents Raise the Roof Reckoning – A Pirate Murder Mystery

Avast ye hearties for the Raise the Roof Reckoning! Grab yer mateys, put a feather in yer cap and chart a course to [The District](#), 4521 West Empire Place, Sioux Falls, on Friday, March 28, 2025.

Ye must uncover a murderous scallywag plaguing the seven seas. Jest Murder Mystery Co. will be back again this year serving up laughs and guiding ye to solve the mystery. Take part in the action or sit back and enjoy the show. With mouthwatering food from ROAM, this is a night ye won't want to miss! **The Raise the Roof Reckoning will be raising doubloons to fund Habitat for Humanity programs.** Tickets go on sale Wednesday, Feb. 5, so make sure ye aren't marooned without a seat. If ye want to shore up yer ticket, sponsorships are now available! Bring yer whole crew (of up to 8 or 16) and get yer name on a table for all the other pirates to see. Contact Habitat's Captain (Executive Director) Rocky Welker at [605-274-6280](tel:605-274-6280) or email rocky.welker@siouxfallshabitat.org for information.



What should ye wear? We know ye don't want to stick out like a landlubber, so we created this guide to get ye in ship shape for the reckoning! We don't want to weigh anchor on yer creativity, though... think outside of the treasure box. Come as the kraken, a parrot or even the Jolly Roger.

We can't wait to see what ye come up with!
- Habitat for Humanity,
Sioux Falls



Time to put away the FLC Christmas Tree!

First Lutheran Church needs help taking down the Christmas Tree after Sunday Morning's services on **Jan. 5, 2025.**

This could start a new family tradition. More hands make the work go faster. You are welcome to bring leftover holiday treats and share in good fellowship as you work. *We look forward to seeing you!*

Quilter's Group at FLC

The group will meet Friday, Jan. 24th around 6:30 p.m. (after work) and again, Saturday Jan. 25th at 9:30 a.m. or so. Fill free to stop in and socialize, or help – stay as long as you like! Bring a treat to share – and your sewing machine to sew a few seams. We are always looking for useable fabric! While sorting through your linen closet or visiting rummage sales, consider donating or purchasing flat sheets in nice condition. They can be used as quilt backs! **For information, call Tammy Huntimer at 605-941-2611 or email thuntimer@sio.midco.net.** Thank you for continuing to pray and support the Quilter's Mission!



January

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				9:15am Communion at Dells		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am SJ Worship/com No FL Bible Project/School 10:30am FL Worship/com- put tree away		10am Bulletin Deadline 11:30am Parish Women Potluck	6:30pm Confirmation @ FL 8pm FLC Council Meeting			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am SJ Worship 9:15am FL Bible 10:30 am FL Worship 2-3pm UM Food Giveaway	10am Annual Meeting Content Deadline	10am Bulletin Deadline	6:30pm Confirmation		6:30pm Crafting Group	9:30am Crafting Group
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9am SJ Worship – Annual Meeting 9:15am FL Bible 10:30am FL Worship	5pm Newsletter Deadline	10am Bulletin Deadline	5:30m Book Club 6:30pm Confirmation	2pm Colton Retirement Fellowship	6:30pm Quilter’s Group	9:30am Quilter’s Group
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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