

The Parish Visitor

February 2025

Pastor's Message

*"²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."
Matthew 26:26-29*

After a brief hiatus, we return to addressing the different sections of the liturgy in our worship practices. The 3rd part of the liturgical order is entitled, "Meal" where God meets us in the ancient practice of Holy Communion. This "breaking of the bread" in which Jesus shares his Last Supper with His disciples, is included in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The Apostle Paul lays out what we call the Words of Institution in 1 Corinthians 11.

This is one of two Sacraments that the Lutheran church adheres to, the other being Holy Baptism. It is our oldest, most meaningful ritual. In this simple act of placing a torn piece of bread, or a smooth, flat wafer in an outstretched hand followed by a sip of wine or juice from a chalice or tiny cup, carries with it, a complex and multi-layered depth of faith and life for Christians.

We say that when we share in this ritual that we join ourselves in the communion of saints from every time and every place, and join ourselves together with Jesus Himself. Luther focused on many things in his understanding of the Sacrament, but chiefly he saw it as a gift. An unearned gift of Christ's promise to be with us in the bread and the wine, forgiving sin, giving life and with it the promise of salvation. To be forgiven is to live freely in all of God's promises in love of God and love of neighbor.

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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, Feb. 28th** and again around **9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, March 1st**, 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!



Helpers needed to join in serving at The Banquet

Gods Work – Our Hands. Plan to join us in serving at The Banquet – West in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

Shifts include prepping the meal from **2 to 5 p.m. (5 helpers needed)**

and serving the meal from

5:15 to 8 p.m. (15 helpers needed).

There will be sign-up sheets at both St. Jacobs and First Lutheran Churches and ALL are welcome to help!

A free will offering will be accepted to help cover the expense of the evening meal and can be gifted at any time until February 23rd.

Please note "BANQUET" on any checks or VANCO giving.

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: Feb. 5 – The Wilderness Temptations-Luke 4, Matt 4, Mark 1; Feb. 12 – Jesus Calls the First Disciples – Mark 1, Luke 5; and Feb. 19 - The Beatitudes – Luke 6, Matthew 5.** All classes in upstairs Youth Group Room at First Lutheran.

Email herbhw@gmail.com, with questions.

Pastor's Report

January 25th, 2025

Pastor's Report

1. We will be participating in the Lenten round robin with area Lutheran churches. Our liturgy will be from Holden Evening Prayer. Our theme for this Lent will be Guided by the Cross, a series of mediations where each week, the series will look at how Christ and His cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.
2. I will begin refashioning our bulletins and announcements to better streamline the service for people, and to make our worship a little more user friendly. By that I mean to help people who aren't so familiar with a hymnal to be able to follow the service more clearly.
3. Confirmation meets February 5th, 12th and 19th at 6:30pm. Confirmation does not meet during the season of Lent, but will be required to take sermon notes during this time.
4. Youth group will meet at 8 pm on the 26th. We will have a time of checking in, a brief devotion and choose between two games, Ticket to Ride or Sushi Go!
5. The Book Club will meet February 19th 5:30pm, continuing our discussion of the book, It's Ok That You're Not Ok. We will discuss chapters 8, 9 and 10.
6. I was able to make 11 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 8 p.m. Wednesday, February 26, in the FLC Youth Room. The Youth Group will be serving at The Banquet earlier that day. 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, Feb. 12, 2025. The Boards are asked to schedule a meeting before the council meeting.

December Financials

	8/1/2024	difference from 2023
Total Offering	\$16,483.93	-\$9,347.39
St Jacob's Reimbursement	\$1,422.76	
Mission Giving	\$232.45	\$9.65
Proposed Budget long/short	\$1,757.32	
Number of Family Giving	47	-2
Memorial Savings		
Sanctuary Fund	\$7,990.00	\$12,090.00
Building Fund	\$300.00	
Zion	\$1,000.00	
Brakke	\$538.65	

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, Feb. 27, 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.



LENTEN SERVICES

Details for next month's Lenten services are currently being coordinated.

Please watch the weekly announcements and next month's newsletter for updates regarding services. As soon as all details are finalized, they will be published.

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Parish office at coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com.

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.





February 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!

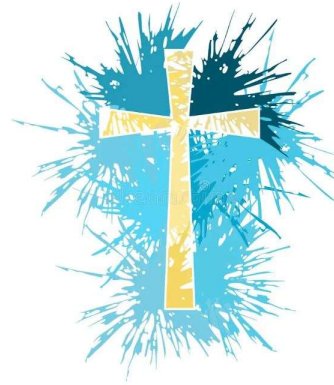
BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 – Kevin & Janet Fods

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.



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.



“The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize their relationship, their oneness with the universe and all its powers, and when they realize at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit, and that its center is really everywhere, it is within each of us.”

Black Elk

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/

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	Yvonne Hoffman	Deb Bunde	Meghan Wounded Head & Aaliyah Vande Vooren	Katrina Mitchell
FL Blessing Asst.	TBD			TBD
FL Aclyts	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			

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 MARCH 2025

	March 2	March 5 Ash Wednesday	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
FL Ushers	Mark & Pam Hotchkin	Phil Hoffman & Jenny Tiehen	Mark & Leslie Johnson	Matt & Marla Jones	Kevin & Debbie Krull Family	Randy & Gloria Lamer
FL Reader	Jenny Tiehen		Brandon VanBlaricome	Lorna Wounded Head	Tammy Huntimer	Kendra VanBlaricome
FL Com Setup	Tammy Huntimer				Renaе Jensen	
FL Music	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
FL Blessing Asst.	TBD				TBD	TBD
FL Aclyts	Payton Wold & Kaytee Wold (<i>tech</i>)	Madelyn Jensen & Dolce Willard (<i>tech</i>)	Bentley McMillan & Porter Amundson (<i>tech</i>)	Jesse Swartwout & Aaliyah Vande Vooren (<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	Stan Fods	Stan Fods
SJ Music	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods
SJ Acolyte	TBD	Addysen Fods				

PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ruth & Dick Harms,

Pam Busser and Randy Lamer.

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.



Valentine's Dinner at Colton Assisted Living

The Deacons of First Lutheran have been coordinating with Colton Assisted Living to serve a nice Valentine's Dinner on Sunday, February 16th.

The Deacons will meet at 4pm Wednesday, Feb. 5th, to have their meeting and finalize details, such as planning a game or activity. *All are welcome to join and participate in the event!*

To help, contact the Deacons via Deb Bunde at 605-366-9375 or email tjbunde@alliancecom.net.

Book Club

Book Club: "It's OK That You're Not OK," will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 at First Lutheran. Discussing Chapters 8-10. For questions, contact Pastor Herb at herbwh@gmail.com.



Holy Communion at Dell Rapids

On Thursday, Feb. 6, 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. Pat Eidsness, AiM, officiates this month. For questions, contact Eidsness at 605-428-3197. For location details, contact Orchard Hills at 605-312-4290; or Dells Nursing & Rehab Center at 605-428-5478.

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.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Via Lutheran World Relief, members of Colton Lutheran Parish can join with Lutherans across the country to deliver urgently needed support and care to our neighbors affected by the wildfires.

Learn more at LWR.ORG/CONGREGATIONS. Give online at lwr.org/fires; or send offerings online or by mail to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061.

Please write "fires" in the memo.



First Lutheran Council Meeting

January 8, 2025

President: Jamie Peterson

Treasurer Wendy Simmermon

Pastor

Trustees: Matt Jones

Deacons:

Vice President & Secretary: Kaylee Amundson

Financial Secretary Tammy Huntimer

Education: Mike Willard

Finance: Tammy Huntimer & Kaylee Amundson

Opening Devotion

Secretary Report: Motion to approve December meeting minutes by Kaylee, 2nd by Jamie. Approved

Financial Secretary Report: 2 less people donated in the month of December and we fell below our budget by \$5000. At 36K for sanctuary funds.

Treasurer Report: In the black for the month of December of \$9,500. Overall short \$9,000 short of the budget for the year. Overall still doing well. Motion to approve Kaylee, 2nd Mike. Approved.

Pastor Report: Pastor is out ill. Pastor's report will be added to the newsletter.

Board Reports

Deacons: Looking to serve the banquet on Feb 26th. Need 5 people for prep and 15 for serving. Noisy offering will be changed to Banquet within the next few weeks. Monies earned during concession at the Bingo night will be donated to the Valentines Dinner @ Colton Assisted Living, Tea Party, sanctuary

2/5/25 @ 4pm Colton Assisted Living Valentine's dinner. Jamie Willard coming off Deacons. In need of additional Deacon.

Education: January 12th 1st grade milestone. Renae coming off Education and Board is compiling other options. Organizing a Camp Sunday for the Spring. Sending letters to Seniors regarding scholarship. Accessing curriculum needs for the rest of the year. Feb 9th community project for Sunday School @ assisted living possibly. Noisy Offering being redesignated to The Foster Network in Sioux Falls.

Finance: Riley's term is up and coming off of the Finance board. Kaylee is working on the annual report while Tammy and Wendy work on the numbers. Since we are down on our numbers, they are thinking about using the interest from the parsonage fund to pay for pastor's housing. We are also thinking about decreasing our donations to the ELCA by the amount we are down in the budget. Tammy wrote a letter about giving that will be attached to the year end financial statements. Will conduct various short surveys to gather data from members.

Trustees: Working on Annual report and budget prep - programmable thermostats installed - carpet in coming months. Matt Jones is coming off.

President Report: Would we like to do a retreat for the council or even the executive board?

Committee & Organization Reports:

Old Business: Board reports are due to Kim by Sunday, January 13th. We are still in need of some spots to be filled. Please think of people to personally ask to join our council.

New Business:

Next Meeting will be: February 12, 2025 @ 8pm

Closing: Lord's Prayer.

Tammy motion to adjourn, Kaylee second, pass.





Jersey Sunday and Colton Fire Soup Dinner Fundraiser

Super Bowl Sunday, is February 9, 2025, please wear a sports jersey of your favorite team to worship. Installation of Church Officers is during the worship service!

11:00 am to 1 p.m. – Colton Fire Rescue Soup Dinner fundraiser is at Taopi Hall on Sunday, February 9. Soups to include: chili, vegetable beef, chicken noodle and Wisconsin cheese; along with dinner rolls, dessert, coffee and drinks. *Eat at hall or carry out available!*

Quilter's Group at FLC

The group will meet Friday, Feb. 21st around 6:30 p.m. (after work) and again, Saturday, Feb. 22nd at 9:30 a.m. or so. Feel 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!



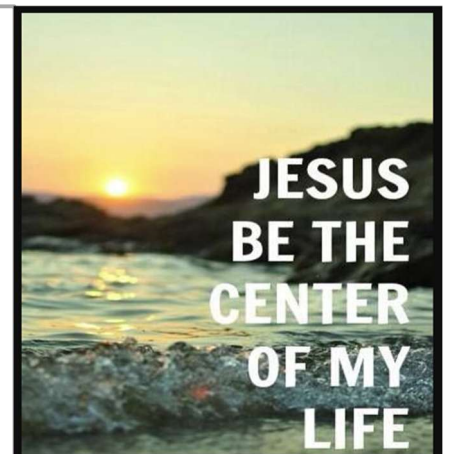
Tickets to go on sale for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls: Raise the Roof Reckoning – A Pirate Murder Mystery

Tickets go on sale Feb. 5 the Raise the Roof Reckoning at The District, 4521 West Empire Place, Sioux Falls, on Friday, March 28, 2025. Jest Murder Mystery Co. will be back again this year serving up laughs and guiding ye to solve the mystery of uncovering a murderous scallywag plaguing the seven seas. Take part in the action - or sit back and enjoy the show. Mouthwatering food from ROAM will be served. **The event raises doubloons to fund Habitat for Humanity programs.** Tickets go on sale Wednesday, Feb. 5, so make sure ye aren't marooned without a seat. Sponsorships are now available! Bring a crew (of up to 8 or 16) to reserve a table. For information, contact Habitat's Captain (executive director) Rocky Welker at [605-274-6280](tel:605-274-6280) or email rocky.welker@siouxfallshabitat.org.

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For us as Lutherans, how this all happens isn't our focus as much as confessing *that* Christ is really present in the bread and the wine, rather than in *how* Christ is present. What really matters is that this is a promise instituted by Christ and has been at the heart of Christian worship from the earliest days of Christianity and still is central to us today. This is where we receive most clearly God's gifts to us with confidence, gladness and gratitude. We can come as we are and receive what we need: assurance, forgiveness and love, given and shed *for you*.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
Pastor Herb



February

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9am SJ Worship/com 9:15am FL Bible 10:30am FL Worship/com	3	4 10am Bulletin Deadline	5 4pm Deacons Meet 6:30pm Confirmation @ FL <i>Tickets on sale for Raise The Roof Reckoning</i>	6 9:15am Communion at Dells	7	8
9 Jersey Sunday: 9am SJ Worship, 9:15am FL Bible, 10:30am FL Worship 11am-1pm SouperBowl	10	11 10am Bulletin Deadline	12 6:30pm Confirmation @ FL 8pm FLC Council Meeting	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16 9am SJ Worship 9:15am FL Bible 10:30am FL Worship Valentine's Dinner@ CAL	17 5pm Newsletter Deadline	18 10am Bulletin Deadline	19 5:30pm Book Club 6:30pm Confirmation @ FL	20	21 6:30pm Quilting	22 9:30am Quilting
23 9am SJ Worship 9:15am FL Bible 10:30am FL Worship /com	24	25 10am Bulletin Deadline	26 2-8pm Serve @ The Banquet 8pm Youth Group @ FL	27 2pm Colton Retirement Fellowship	28 6:30pm Crafting	9:30am Crafting