

The Parish Visitor

October 2025

Pastor's Message



The last Sunday of October, Lutherans across the globe pause to commemorate Reformation Day—a celebration rooted not only in history, but in hope. On October 31st in 1517, Martin Luther

posted his Ninety-Five Theses, sparking a movement that transformed the church and continues to shape our faith today.

The heart of the Reformation is not nostalgia for the past, but a living invitation to be continually renewed by God's grace. Luther's central message was clear: we are justified by faith, a gift freely given, not earned by our deeds. This liberating truth empowers us to live with courage, humility, and compassion in a world that longs for hope.

We live out this legacy by welcoming all people, seeking justice, and proclaiming Christ's love in our words and actions. Reformation Day reminds us that the church is always reforming—always attentive to the Spirit's call to renew, to reconcile, and to serve.

Let us remember Luther's boldness not as a relic, but as a living spark—a call to faithfulness in our time. May we continue to listen, to question, and to grow as God's beloved community, trusting that the Holy Spirit is still at work, reforming us for the sake of the world.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
Pastor Herb

"For everything
there is a
season, A time
for every
activity under
heaven...A time
to plant and a
time to harvest"
Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Colton Lutheran Parish

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Parish locations:

First Lutheran Church

405 E. 3rd St., Colton, SD 57018

St. Jacobs Lutheran Church

24697 458th Ave., Colton, SD 57018

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

2025-2026 Religion Classes to start

First Lutheran Sunday School

There will be four classes:

Pre-K/Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades, 3rd and 4th grades, and 5th and 6th grades. *Anyone wishing to be a classroom helper*

is welcome! **Sunday School is from 9:15-10:25 a.m., with church beginning at 10:30 a.m.**

3rd Graders to get their Bibles, on Oct. 5.

Due to no school on Monday, there will be no Sunday School Classes on Sunday, Oct. 12.

If you haven't registered for classes, please scan the above QR Code.



Sunday School at St. Jacobs

For questions regarding Sunday School classes at St. Jacobs, contact Tammy Fods at 605-480-0486.

9th Grade Confirmands meeting

In preparation for Colton Lutheran Parish Confirmands to affirm your faith in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, there will be a **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22 meeting.** Confirmation is Sunday, Oct. 26.

For questions, call/text Pastor Herb at 605-690-0329, or email herbwh@gmail.com.

First Lutheran Council Meeting

The First Lutheran Council meets at 8pm Wednesday, October 8th. *Board members should meet with their groups before the council meeting.*

Lectionary Bible Study

You are invited to a Lectionary-based Bible study every Tuesday (Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28) at 11 am at First Lutheran. Pastor Herb will make info. about upcoming texts available on Facebook. For questions, email herbwh@gmail.com.

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation

Confirmation Orientation for Colton Lutheran Parish 7th and 8th Graders is at 6:30 p.m.

All regular confirmation gathering times are at 6:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church Youth Room and meets on the first three Wednesdays of the month. Classes will last about 45 minutes. Be sure to bring your Bible! If you don't have a Bible, we will make sure you have one.

For questions, please reach out to Pastor Herb at 605-690-0329 or herbwh@gmail.com.

October meeting times:

Oct. 1 – 6:30pm Exploring the 10 Commandments. Pt. 1

Oct. 8 – 6:30pm Exploring the 10 Commandments Pt. 2

Oct. 15 – 6:30pm Exploring the 10 Commandments Pt. 3

First Lutheran is beginning planning for a new church directory!

Jamie Peterson and Jennie Tiehen are currently exploring and in the beginning planning stages of having a company come do church-wide family photo sessions and a directory. They are hoping to get this going in the next 6-8 months, possibly sooner.

Watch for details to come. If you have any questions, please message Jamie at qball_03@hotmail.com or Jenny at gijtirt92@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.

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

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



Please note the Quilter's Group and Crafter's Group will not be meeting during the month of October due to busy schedules.

Watch for upcoming meeting dates for the month of November!

Pastor's Report

September 10, 2025

1. I have been looking at the ways that we utilize Breeze, and it just doesn't seem to be catching on the way that I had hoped it would. If it's acceptable to the council, I would recommend that we begin transitioning away from Breeze and find an email, texting and volunteering service that would be a better fit. I am willing to do the research on this.
2. I am leading a couple of learning opportunities this program year.
 - a. The 1st is a lectionary based Bible study which goes through the texts for the upcoming Sunday.
 - b. The 2nd is a study on the Book of Revelation. This will meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. If it is a vacation week such as Thanksgiving or Christmas break, we will meet at an alternate time, most likely the Tuesday before.
3. Confirmation starts up this month.
4. Elissa Oyen and Ethan Hollaren will have their wedding on October 18th with the rehearsal the Friday evening before.
5. We have had a funeral request for Beverly Jorgenson Jacobs. Sunday, November 2nd at 2 pm. The details are still being worked out but wanted to inform the council.
6. I could use a new chair mat for my office.
7. I visited 8 people this last month.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Herb Wounded Head III

Community Fellowship

Join us for communion, refreshments and fellowship at 2 pm Thursday, Oct. 23rd, at Colton Assisted Living. Pastor Herb serves communion every 4th Thursday of the month.

Refreshments are provided by Colton Lutheran Parish members.



Refreshment for the Soul - Concert

Celebrates the Music of J.S. Bach and the Christian Faith

Come and sing! First Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, hosts a festival concert at 3 pm

Sunday, Oct. 26, celebrating the music of J.S. Bach, featuring German virtuoso organist Felix Hell, guest choir *Transept* under the direction of Dr. Tim Campbell, and theologian Dr. Steven Paulson. New musical arrangements of hymns for congregational singing by Chad Fothergill of Duke University include organ, brass, timpani, violin, and flute. Come and sing as part of the congregation as we give thanks for the music of J.S. Bach and the Christian faith!

Tickets must be reserved in advance for this limited seating FREE event. Reserve tickets at flcsf.org/lankfordarts or by calling First Lutheran Church at 605-336-3734.

Tickets may be picked up ahead of the festival or held at will call.

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!



**Scan the
above
text box
to give!**

First Lutheran Council Meeting

September 10, 2025

President: Jamie Peterson

Vice President Kaylee Amundson

Secretary Kari Caspers

Treasurer Wendy Simmermon

Financial Secretary Tammy Huntimer

Pastor: Herb Wounded Head III

Deacons: Deb Bunde

Education: Heather Bunde, Mike Willard

Trustees: not present

Finance: Jenny Tiehen & Kaylee Amundson

Opening Devotion

Secretary Report: Tammy motioned to approve, Jamie second motion

Financial Secretary Report: 34 people gave, down a bit from last year

Treasurer Report: Review of August statement of activity sheet showing in over budget approximately \$800.00, Deb motion to approve, Kaylee second motion.

Pastor Report: Refer to Pastor's report: **Bible study every Tuesday 11 AM and Book of Revelation study will be starting 4th Wednesday every month @ 630 pm**, working on transitioning away from Breeze app.

Board Reports

Deacons: Put together welcome bags for church, did not meet this month.

Education: Rally Sunday went well, review of milestones, 9 - 3rd graders will get their Bibles, community project on 10/5/25 at the Assisted Living Center, confirmation is 10/26/25 and 6 students will be confirmed, adult Sunday School class - starting the New Testament.

Finance: Sanctuary project - bills are done for this, gazebo project - paid, Edward Jones - made almost \$15,000 for August, Interest from parsonage proceeds is going to be withdrawn from Edward Jones to help cover the housing allowance for our pastor at the end of this year.

Trustees: Working on the Gazebo project in the southeast corner of the grass area. Ready to assemble the Gazebo.

President Report: The council decided to do a turkey/ham dinner following the Christmas program.

Committee & Organization Reports:

Old Business: Jenny Tiehen is looking into updating the church directory (Universal Church Directories). If you would like to be on the task force please reach out. Work in process for putting something together.

New Business: No new business

Next Meeting will be: October 8, 2025 at 8pm.

Closing: Lord's Prayer

July Financials

	Jul 2025	difference from 2023		
Total Offering	\$12,930.77	\$2,404.18		
St Jacob's Reimbursement	\$2,584.83			
Mission Giving	\$33.95	-\$60.94		
Proposed Budget long/short	-\$633.78			
Number of Family Giving	38	6		
Memorial Savings				
Sanctuary Improvement				
Sanctuary Improvement so far		\$26,458.80	\$79,376.40	\$52,917.60
Building Fund	\$320.00			
Zion	\$1,200.00			
Undesignated-Hamilton	\$25.00			
Undesignated IMO Lowell Larsen	\$75.00			

Submitted by Tammy Huntimer

August Financials

	Aug 2025	difference from 2023		
Total Offering	\$10,527.77	\$2,010.88		
St Jacob's Reimbursement	\$703.19			
Mission Giving	\$56.17	\$21.33		
Proposed Budget long/s	-\$4,918.42			
Number of Family Giving	34	-2		
Memorial Savings				
Sanctuary Improvement				
Sanctuary Improvement so far		\$26,458.80	\$79,376.40	\$52,917.60
Building Fund	\$300.00			
Zion	\$3,200.00			

Submitted by Tammy Huntimer



October 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

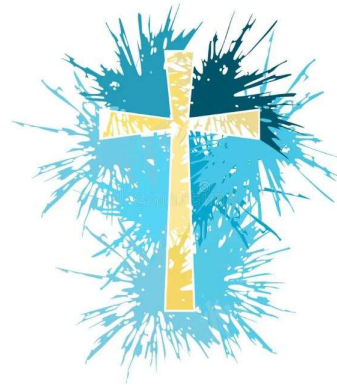
- 1 – Donna Swier, Bregan Steineke
- 2 – Steve Sershen, Kevin Fods, Seth Sando, Axton Amundson
- 4 – Jim Willard
- 5 – Hollianna Barber, Brittany Burgeson
- 6 – Phil Hoffman, Gloria Lamer
- 7 – Andy Grocott, Elise Van Hal
- 8 – Samantha Ordal, Hudson Hansen, Leena Red Day
- 9 – Sherri Willard, Susan Main, Emily Thompson, Madison Pitts, Taylor Will
- 11 – Ella Jones
- 12 – Rick Sorenson
- 13 – Lily Fods
- 15 – Sara Schut, Austin Van Asselt, Chase DeWitt
- 16 – Pat Schut
- 17 – Leon Busser
- 19 – Sharee Wold, Dustin Carman, June Olson
- 20 – Dawn Skotvold, Susan Bunjer, Kaylee Amundson
- 22 – Andrew Busser, Lisa Weinacht
- 23 – Collins Roemen
- 24 – Stanley Fods
- 25 – Sharyl Hass, Angela Carsrud, Irelyn McMillen
- 26 – Dan Foster
- 27 – Jason Egger, Nancy Warne
- 28 – Zoey Eining
- 29 – Randy Lamer
- 31 – Adam Van Zanten

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Chris & Amy Knight
 - 5 – Peter & Sydney Nebben
 - 7 – Tyler & Kaye Hansen
 - 12 – Tom & Susan Main
 - 13 – Rick & Jamie Lehman
 - 17 – Austin & Samantha VanAsselt
 - 18 – Mike & Mary Will, Kevin & Karla Anderson
- If a birthday or anniversary is listed incorrectly, please email the church office: coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com.

Sermon Podcast

Pastor Herb's Sunday sermons will be posted for all wishing to listen on YouTube and on the podcast sites. Links are available on the Colton Lutheran website and the Colton Lutheran Facebook page.



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.

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 OCTOBER 2025

	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
FL Ushers	Michael & Wendy Simmermon	Phil Hoffman & Jenny Tiehen	Tom Van Asselt Family	Brandon & Kendra VanBlaricome
FL Reader	Kendra VanBlaricome	Kaylee Amundson	Jake Cypher	Phil Hoffman
FL Com Setup	Donna Jones			Cindy Oyen
FL Music	Deb Bunde	Deb Bunde	Meghan Wounded Head	Yvonne Hoffman
FL Acolytes				
SJ Usher	Stan Fods	Stan Fods	Stan Fods	Stan Fods
SJ Music	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods
SJ Acolyte				

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 NOVEMBER 2025

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
FL Ushers	Brad & Jess Oyen Family	Michael & Mary Will	Jim & Jan Willard	Lance & Sharee Wold	Dennis & Kaylee Amundson Family
FL Reader	Rick Huntimer	Leslie Johnson	Mike Willard	Matt Jones	Dave Keith
FL Com Setup	Jamie Peterson			Lorna Wounded Head	
FL Music	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
FL Acolytes					
SJ Usher	Stan Fods	Stan Fods	Stan Fods	Stan Fods	Stan Fods
SJ Music	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods
SJ Acolyte					

“Bittersweet October. The mellow, messy, leaf-kicking, perfect pause between the opposing miseries of summer and winter.” – Carol Bishop Hipps

PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Dick Harms, Pam Busser and Randy Lamer

A memorial service for Edson Eggen, son of Arnold & Ellen (Fods) Eggen, will begin at 1:30pm Saturday, Oct. 4, at St. Jacobs Church. All are welcome. A full obituary is available online at Minnehaha Funeral Home.

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

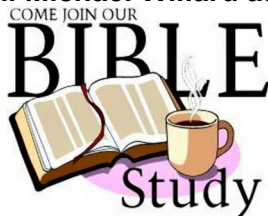
to make arrangements to reserve them. They must be signed out and back in when you are done.

Office hours are 9-11:30 am Tuesday-Thursday.

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

Conversations with God Bible Study

Being in a relationship with God requires conversation. We can talk to God through prayer and meditation, but how does God speak to us? We can "hear" God through the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, but another way is through reading the Bible and allowing Him to speak to us through His Word. If you have ever wanted to read the whole Bible, or just get into the habit of a daily dose of scripture, **come Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the First Lutheran Sanctuary**, as we explore the New Testament through a series of educational videos and learn more about what God has to say to each of us! For details, call Michael Willard at 605-359-9279.



Holy Communion at Dell Rapids

On Thursday, October 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. **Pat Eidsness of LCDR, Dell Rapids, officiates this month.**

For questions, call Eidsness at 428-3197.

For location details, contact Orchard Hills at 605-312-4290; or Dells Nursing & Rehab Center at 605-428-5478.

Dell Rapids Reformed Church Women Annual Soup & Pie Supper

The Dell Rapids Reformed Church, 1209 Thresher Dr., Dell Rapids, is having their Soup & Pie Supper on

Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 5-7:30pm.

On the menu is chili, chicken noodle, and vegetable beef soups, buttered buns, and a variety of pies and desserts, along with coffee and water. All available for a free will donation.

Carry out orders area available.



Adult Bible Study

Revelations Bible Study will meet at 6:30pm Wednesday, Oct. 29 at First Lutheran Church.

For questions, email herbwh@gmail.com.





**FALL
QUILTING &
CRAFTING
RETREAT**

FOOD • FUN • FRIENDS

OCTOBER 20 - 23, 2025

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES PRIVATE HOUSING, MEALS & SNACKS. YOU PROVIDE
THE PROJECTS AND CREATIVITY

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 CONTACT JEAN @ 507-763-3567 OR JEAN@SHETEK.ORG
 SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES, 14 KEELEY ISLAND DR.,
 SLAYTON, MN 56172

Quilt & Craft Retreat

October 20 - 23, 2025

You provide the projects and creativity!

ARRIVAL: Monday, any time after 1:00 or arrive
anytime on Tuesday

TUESDAY – Brunch @ 9:30, Supper @ 5:30

WEDNESDAY - Brunch @ 9:30, Supper @ 5:30

THURSDAY – Brunch in the Lakota
No set time for departure

Register online at www.shetek.org or complete the registration form below.

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

CIRCLE ONE

Private Room: \$230 (Mon – Thur), \$200 (Tue – Thur)

Semi-private Room: \$210 (Mon – Thur), \$180 (Tue – Thur)

Registration fee includes private or semi-private housing, meals, snacks and retreat leadership.

Please mail your registration & \$50 non-refundable deposit by October 1, 2025 to:

SLM, 14 Keeley Island Dr. Slayton, MN 56172

As a participant in an SLM Retreat Program, I agree that the camp or its personnel will not be held responsible for accidents arising while at camp. I also give permission for the use of photographs, videos, and electronic images of myself.

Participant Signature: _____ Date _____



First Lutheran Church Gazebo nearing completion

Located on the southeast corner of the First Lutheran Parish lawn, the new beautiful gazebo project (*pictured on the left*) is nearing its completion. When in Colton, please drive by to see all the hard work and planning that has gone into making this newest addition to the parish!

Women's Group to meet

The Colton Lutheran Parish Women's Group will meet at 1:30pm at First Lutheran Church to make fleece blankets. If able, please bring a sharp sewing scissors for cutting the fabric.

For questions, contact
Bonnie Gelderman at
gelderman_farms@msn.com.



October 2025



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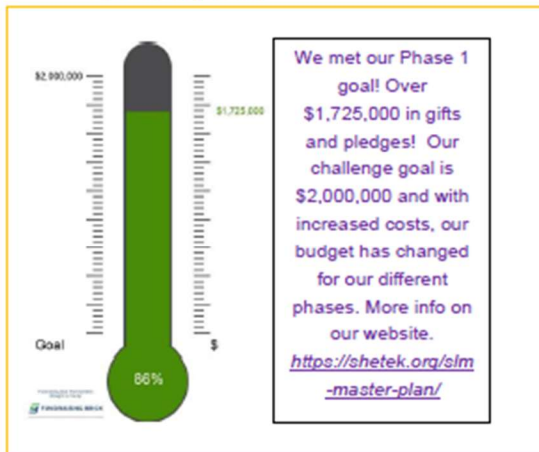
Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Come join us for a FUN Fall event! 🍁

Wish List

- Adding Machine
- Office Supplies – Dry Erase Markers, Paper
- Spark Bibles
- Board Games
- Volunteers
- Extra Refrigerator



Hiking Club October 12

Octoberfest - October 17-18

Fall Quilt & Craft Retreat - October 20-23

Confirmation Retreat November 7-8

Hiking Club November 16

Owls in the Night November 22

Register online at [Shetek.org](https://shetek.org) or

Call 507-763-3567

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!

Ministry News from the Women's Group

The Colton Lutheran Women's Group is beginning a new church ministry. They will be making fleece blankets to be given out by Pastor Herb as he performs visitations to our members who are shut-ins, hospitalized, or on the prayer list. The Women's Group hopes these blankets will bring comfort and warmth. But more so, it is their hope and prayer that the blankets convey a heartfelt sense of caring, encouragement and support to those receiving them. As each blanket is made, our members will be thought of as the knots are tied to complete each blanket.

The Women's Group looks forward to this new ministry and the names of members may be given to Pastor Herb, as the need arises, for anyone in the congregation who would benefit from this ministry. *"Praise be to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."* ~ 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

October

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5-7:30pm DR Reformed Church Soup & Pie Supper 6:30pm 7 th /8 th Grade Confirmands meet @ FL	2 9:15am Holy Communion @ Dell Rapids w/ Pat Eidsness	3	4 Pumpkin Train @ Prairie Village/Madison
5 9am SJ worship w/com 9:15am FL Sunday School 10:30am FL Worship w/com 3 rd Grade Bible Milestone	6	7 10am Bulletin Deadline 11am Bible Study @ FL	8 6:30pm 7 th /8 th Grade Confirmands meet @ FL 8pm FL Council Meeting	9	10	11
12 9am SJ Worship NO FL Sunday School 10:30am FL Worship	13 No Area School	14 10am Bulletin Deadline 11am Bible Study @ FL	15 6:30pm 7 th /8 th Grade Confirmands meet @ FL	16	17	18
19 9am SJ Worship 9:15am FL Sunday School 10:30am FL Worship	20	21 10am Bulletin Deadline 11am Bible Study @ FL	22 6:30pm 9 th Grade Confirmation Walk-thru	23 1:30pm Colton Lutheran Women's Group meets 2pm Community Fellowship @ Colton Assisted Living	24	25
26 9am SJ Worship 9:15am FL Sunday School 10:30am FL Worship w/com Confirmation	27 5pm Newsletter Deadline	28 10am Bulletin Deadline 11am Bible Study @ FL	29 6:30pm Adult Bible Study on Revelations @ FL	30	31 Halloween	