

# The Parish Visitor

August 2025

## Pastor's Message

Summertime in South Dakota is a constant reminder of God's abundant creation; the fields ripen, gardens flourish, and the days are long and full of light. In the rhythm of planting, growing, and harvesting, we see a reflection of our life together as God's people. God calls us to be rooted in faith, to grow in love, and to bear fruit through service, prayer, and care for one another.

Here in our community, church isn't just a Sunday morning gathering; it's a way of life. It's the meal shared after a funeral, the prayers lifted for a neighbor in need, the laughter of children at Vacation Bible School, and the quiet faithfulness of those who serve behind the scenes. Each act of love, no matter how small, is a seed planted for God's kingdom.

As we move through the summer, may we take time to rest, reconnect, and renew our spirits. Worship continues each Sunday, and we invite you to join in fellowship, and be reminded of God's promises for you in Christ.

Let us walk together in hope and faith, trusting that God is continually at work; in our lives, in planted seeds, and in our churches.

*Sing to the Lord a new song,*  
**Pastor Herb**



You don't understand what I am doing now, but someday you will.

John 13:7

## Colton Lutheran Parish

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### **Parish locations:**

**First Lutheran Church**

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

**St. Jacobs Lutheran Church**

24697 458<sup>th</sup> Ave., Colton, SD 57018

### **Deadlines:**

Weekly Bulletin Announcements -

**10 a.m. Tuesdays.**

Monthly Newsletter Submissions –

**5 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Colton Community Tea Party

Area youth gathered for the 2025 Colton Community Tea Party the morning of Tuesday, July 22. This was the first time the tea party was held since the passing of Dian Hoven, who had hosted the annual event. Her family reached out to Colton Parish to see if we would be interested in carrying on the tradition and Jenny Tiehen volunteered to coordinate this year's event. A huge shout out and thank you goes to Dolce Willard, Deb Bunde (& granddaughter), and Jamie Peterson (& her 3 boys) for their amazing work. This event wouldn't have been possible without them!!! Also, a special thank you goes to Jenny Tiehen for her leadership in organizing this cherished tradition for area kids.





# Colton Community Tea Party *(continued)*



Photos courtesy of  
Hilary Cypher & Jenny Tiehen



"Hope is both a spark and a flame. A spark to ignite change and a flame to sustain it. Yet in its light, we must confront the darkness within ourselves, for only then can we truly illuminate the path to peace."

Pierre Lagrenat

## 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](http://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.*

## First Lutheran Outdoor Summer Services

**August 17  
September 21**

*All outdoor services  
are subject to  
change  
due to weather.*

## 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!***



## Sioux Falls Lutheran School Annual Book Sale

**August 13-16** at Memorial Lutheran Church (5000 S. Western Ave., Sioux Falls) from **8 am–6 pm** on **Wednesday-Friday** and **8 am–1pm** on **Saturday**. The traditional “\$7 Bag Sale” is Friday and Saturday, where shoppers fill a supplied bag to the top. Books for all ages/genres, board games & puzzles are available. Book donations of novels, fiction, non-fiction, DIY, cooking, text, vintage, devotional, religious, teacher/teaching materials, children’s, comic, puzzle, coloring, music accepted, as well as CD’s, DVD’s and computer games. **Bring donations between 8 am-5 pm. Monday-Friday to Memorial Lutheran Church or Sioux Falls Lutheran School at 6715 S. Boe Lane, Sioux Falls. Use far East door. To arrange for donation pick-up, call Peggy Baney, book sale chair, at 605-759-8424.** Funds raised go to the SFLS Tuition Assistance Fund to support needs-based tuition assistance for those desiring a Christ-centered education.

## Quilter’s Group at FLC

The group will meet **Friday, Aug. 15th around 6:30 p.m. (after work)** and again, on **Saturday, Aug. 16th 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](mailto:thuntimer@sio.midco.net).**

*Thank you for continuing to pray and support the Quilter’s Mission!*



## FLC Council Meeting

The First Lutheran Council will meet at **8 p.m. Wednesday, August 13, in the basement at First Lutheran Church.** The boards are asked to schedule a meeting before the council meeting.

## Texas Flood Victims

*With your support, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, stands ready to walk with our neighbors in the Texas hill country as the floodwaters recede and communities begin to navigate life on the other side of this horrific flood.*

**Give now by scanning the QR Code, or visiting: [ELCA.org/flooding](https://elca.org/flooding) and [ELCA.org/flooding/donate](https://elca.org/flooding/donate).**



## Community Fellowship

**Join us for communion, refreshments and fellowship at 2 pm Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at Colton Assisted Living.** *Pastor Herb serves communion every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. Refreshments are provided by Colton Lutheran Parish members.*



## 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.**







# August 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 – Lance Wold
- 3 – Bridget Amundson, Dawn Hawkins
- 4 – Lori Fods, Hunter Foster, Lisa Ordal, Thea Jensen
- 6 – Jean Ordal, Jennifer Welbig, Dolce Willard
- 7 – Allison Hoffman, Gerald Ordal
- 8 – Pat Ordal, Anthony Caspers
- 10 – Gerrit Pedersen, Trey Hoffman, Sierra Hefner
- 11 – Tyler Fods
- 13 – Mary Beth Denooyer
- 14 – Lowell Hass, Mike Willard
- 16 – Gregory Schut, Truitt Hefner
- 17 – Hilary Cypher, Julie Fods Eining, Alexia Schut
- 18 – Bill Van Duyn, Don Ordal, Shannon Randby
- 19 – Grace Jensen
- 20 – Tucker Oberg, Roen Amundson
- 21 – Janie Rolloff, Bridget Holdren
- 22 – Sarah Barber, Zoey Lamer
- 25 – Glen Krogstad
- 26 – Richard Harms, Christian Backhaus
- 27 – Marcia Carsrud, Colton Grons Dahl
- 29 – Emma Keith
- 30 – Cole Acheson

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Steve & Nancy Sershen
- 3 – Eric & Karen Varns
- 11 – Leon & Lisa Busser, Pat & Sara Schut, Zackery & Danielle Schwantes
- 14 – Mike & Nancy Roberts
- 15 – Jay & Sarah Oberg
- 16 – Shane & Doreen Fods, Brad & Heather Madison
- 17 – Tom & Deb Dissing
- 22 – Jake & Hilary Cypher
- 23 – Greg & Lisa Ordal
- 28 – Bob and Cristy Sando

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



"Mercy is most empowering, liberating, and transformative when it is directed at the undeserving. The people who haven't earned it who haven't even sought it, are the most meaningful recipients of our compassion."

Bryan Stevenson



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](http://www.sanfordhealth.org/patients-and-visitors/connect/email-a-patient) or:  
[www.avera.org/patients-visitors/greetings/](http://www.avera.org/patients-visitors/greetings/)

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

|              | August 3              | August 10           | August 17<br>FL Outdoor Worship | August 24                 | August 31            |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| FL Ushers    | Rick & Tammy Huntimer | Renae Jensen Family | Mark & Leslie Johnson           | Matt & Marla Jones Family | Dave and Angie Keith |
| FL Reader    | Leslie Johnson        | Tammy Huntimer      | Matt Jones                      | Dave Keith                | Jamie Peterson       |
| FL Com Setup | Lorna Wounded Head    |                     |                                 | Tammy Huntimer            |                      |
| FL Music     | Yvonne Hoffman        | Deb Bunde           | Meghan Wounded Head             | Deb Bunde                 | Katrina Mitchell     |
| 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   |                       |                     |                                 |                           |                      |

*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 SEPTEMBER 2025

|              | September 7                 | September 14               | September 21<br>FL Outdoor Worship | September 28       |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| FL Ushers    | Kevin & Debbie Krull Family | Mike Willard & Terry Bunde | Rick & Jamie Lehman                | Rick & Cindy Oyen  |
| FL Reader    | Wendy Simmermon             | Jenny Tiehen               | Brandon VanBlaricome               | Lorna Wounded Head |
| FL Com Setup | Renae Jensen                |                            |                                    | Leslie Johnson     |
| FL Music     | TBD                         | TBD                        | TBD                                | TBD                |
| FL Acolytes  |                             |                            |                                    |                    |
| SJ Usher     | Stan Fods                   | Stan Fods                  | Stan Fods                          | Stan Fods          |
| SJ Music     | Tammy Fods                  | Tammy Fods                 | Tammy Fods                         | Tammy Fods         |
| SJ Acolyte   |                             |                            |                                    |                    |

"Let the sunshine of August inspire you to shine your brightest." - Unknown

## PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS



*Please keep the following people in your prayers:*

**Ruth & Dick Harms, Pam Busser and Randy Lamer**  
*Roxanne Linnae Hamilton, daughter of Ardys Boen, who passed away in July.*

**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](mailto: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.*



## First Lutheran Church "Bible Project"

Have you ever wanted to know what is in the Bible from

cover-to-cover? **First Lutheran Church has started 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. **The group gathers 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 a 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.**

## Holy Communion at Dell Rapids

**On Thursday, August 7, 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. **The pastor from Willow Creek/Benton officiates this month.**

For questions, contact the pastor at 605-543-5384.

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

## Crafting Group meets at FLC

Join in crafting **beginning after work hours (6:30pm) on Friday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9:30am Saturday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:thuntimer@sio.midco.net).** *Bring a dish to pass and share!*



## Donating Food

**South Dakota and Faith Temple Church Food Give Away** will gladly accept sweet corn, garden produce and fruit from your trees. Please consider planting an extra row for those in need:

[www.faithtemplefood.com](http://www.faithtemplefood.com).







Dear friends in Christ,

I write this note during my final months of service as your presiding bishop, and I want to make sure you see this story about Deacon Kellie Lisi.

I am honored to know that I was part of the "Holy Spirit moment" that led Kellie down the path toward diaconal ministry. But I'm most excited to share this story with you because of the future toward which it points. In this future, passionate leaders get the support they need to grow and thrive, and in return, they can help our church find daring and innovative ways to meet the needs of our neighbors. **Your generosity can make this future a reality.**

As I prepare for the next chapter in my life and ministry, **I feel hope for our church — and that is because of you.** Over the past 12 years, I have seen you rise to meet incredible challenges alongside your siblings in Christ. Our story as a church is like Deacon Kellie's. We know God is calling us forward, even when we don't fully understand where our next steps will take us.

[Will you join me in supporting ELCA leaders and strengthening our church's future by making a gift today to ELCA Where Needed Most?](#)

As always, we are church, we are Lutheran, we are church together, and we are church for the sake of the world. Thank you for joining me on this journey.

In Christ's service,

The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



*In 2016, the Holy Spirit (assisted by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton) called Kellie Lisi to become a minister of Word and Service. Support from donors such as you enabled her to answer that call.*

## Deacon Kellie's Story

Kellie Lisi was attending the Fund for Leaders banquet with her husband when she heard ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton speak about a new path for leaders called to diaconal ministry. Deacons serve across the ELCA in congregations, college campuses, hospitals and specialized ministries for disability, education and music.

As soon as Kellie heard about the work of deacons, she knew she was meant to do it — the Holy Spirit reached Kellie through Bishop Eaton that day. Kellie enrolled in seminary the following year with the support of ELCA donors. For the past several years, Kellie has served as director of community life and candidacy at Wartburg Theological Seminary, where she finds great joy in guiding the next generation of leaders in the ELCA.

**When you give to ELCA**  
**[<https://give.elca.org/>]**  
**Where Needed Most, you support passionate leaders such as Kellie — and through them, you can guide and inspire a whole generation of disciples for Christ.**

**"The gospel needs us to go big right now," Kellie says. That can be hard and scary, she acknowledges, but "it's who we're called to be."**

In mission together,  
*The Rev. John Egan, senior director, Annual Giving, ELCA*



**August 2025**



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**Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers**



**Thanks for another successful  
Quilt Auction!!**



**Thanks for a great summer!**

### Wish List

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

**Come see us at the  
Murray County Fair  
August 13-16**



**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!**

## **Colton Lutheran Meeting for Service and Learning Trip**

**Gather on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 5:30pm at First Lutheran Church for a Service and Learning Trip Meeting** for those interested in attending the trip to San Diego in June of 2026.

Contact Pastor Herb with questions. *Thanks!*

# August

2025

| Sunday                                                | Monday                                          | Tuesday                      | Wednesday                                                           | Thursday                                          | Friday                                                                                                        | Saturday                                                                                                            |
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|                                                       |                                                 |                              |                                                                     |                                                   | 1<br>Okoboji Online Quilt Auction<br>8am Friday-6pm Monday &<br>5:30-7:30pm Scandinavian<br>Feast/7pm Concert | 2<br>Okoboji 8am 5K Run/Walk,<br>9:30am Free Kids .5K Fun<br>Run & 11am-12:30 lunch &<br>Live Quilt Auction at noon |
| 3<br>9am SJ Worship w/com<br>10:30am FL Worship w/com | 4<br>Okoboji Online Quilt Auction<br>ends @ 6pm | 5<br>10am Bulletin Deadline  | 6                                                                   | 7<br>9:15am Communion served<br>at Dell Rapids    | 8<br>6:30pm Crafter's Group                                                                                   | 9<br>9:30am Crafter's Group                                                                                         |
| 10<br>9am SJ Worship<br>10:30am FL Worship            | 11                                              | 12<br>10am Bulletin Deadline | 13<br>8pm FL Council meets<br>8am-6pm SFLS Book Sale                | 14<br>8am-6pm SFLS Book Sale                      | 15<br>8am-6pm SFLS Book Sale &<br>\$7 Bag Sale<br>6:30pm Quilter's Group                                      | 16<br>8am-1pm SFLS Book Sale &<br>\$7 Bag Sale<br>9:30am Quilter's Group<br>1pm IOLBC Golf Classic                  |
| 17<br>9am SJ Worship<br>10:30am FL Outdoor<br>Worship | 18<br>5pm Newsletter Deadline                   | 19<br>10am Bulletin Deadline | 20<br>5:30pm San Diego Service<br>and Learning Trip Meeting @<br>FL | 21                                                | 22                                                                                                            | 23                                                                                                                  |
| 24<br>9am SJ Worship<br>10:30am FL Worship w/com      | 25                                              | 26<br>10am Bulletin Deadline | 27                                                                  | 28<br>2pm Colton Retirement<br>Monthly Fellowship | 29                                                                                                            | 30                                                                                                                  |
| 31<br>9am SJ Worship<br>10:30am FL Worship            |                                                 |                              |                                                                     |                                                   |                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                     |