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St. Jacob's Church



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Tri Valley School District

- Open House August 16; 4-7 p.m.
 - Classes begin August 21st
- Chester School District
- Classes begin August 23; early dismissal at 2:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*The following is copied from a newsletter of Sanford Hospice entitled:
"Practical Tips You Can Use To Help Those Facing Serious Illness."*

When someone we know faces a serious illness, most of us find it hard to know what to say or do. Feeling helpless and uncertain, we say, "If you need anything just call," but we know that's not really enough. Here is a collection of truly useful ideas that we can use to show our concern and support for people who are struggling with pain, sorrow, illness, and grief.

1. Don't avoid me. Be the friend, the loved one you've always been.
2. Call and tell me you're bringing over my favorite dish.
3. Watch my children while I take a little time to be alone with my loved one. My children may also need a vacation from illness.
4. Cry with me when I cry and laugh with me when I laugh.
Don't be afraid to share these emotions with me. Pain isolates.
5. Call for my shopping list and make a special delivery to my home.
6. Take me out for a pleasure trip.
7. Help me celebrate holidays (and life) by decorating my hospital room or home.
8. Bring me flowers.
9. Help my family. Invite them out.
10. Offer to come and stay with me and give my loved ones a break.
11. Bring me a book of thoughts, taped music, a poster for my wall, cookies to share with my family and friends.
12. Take time to talk with me, read to me, or just sit with me.
13. Help me to feel good about myself by looking past my appearance.
14. Please include in me decision making. Don't deny me a chance to make decisions in my family and in my life.
15. Bring a positive attitude and help me respect reality.
16. Help me with cleaning. During my illness, my family and I still face dirty clothes, dirty dishes, and a dirty house.
17. Water my flowers.
18. Send me a card and let me know you care.
19. Talk to me about the future; tomorrow, next week, next year.
Hope is so important to me.
20. Pray for me and share your faith with me.
*"Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
yours are the only hands with which he can do his work,
yours are the only feet with which he can go about the world,
yours are the only eyes through which his compassion
can shine forth upon a trouble world.
Christ has no body on earth now but yours."*
Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Pastor Wayne

STAY CONNECTED

Please update your phone numbers at the church. Email us at coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com to update your registry with your cell phone number. We will respect your privacy and never share these numbers with anyone for other than church business.

Check out the church's website at: <http://www.coltonlutheran.com/>

FLC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/coltonlutheran>

What is Electronic, or E-Giving?

E-Giving is safe and convenient. You receive 100% of the credit on your giving statements. You determine the amount, the frequency and the dates ~ you stay in control!

ELCA 2018 Youth Gathering



This Changes Everything!

Autumn J., Vincent M., Andrew C., Jessica H., Makayla S., Emma K., Grace S., Wendy S. and Jamie W. traveled to Houston TX with FLC of Sioux Falls to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering June 27-July 2nd. They boarded the bus in SF on Monday, June 25th and drove through the night to get to Galveston to swim in the ocean. Then headed over to Houston to attend the lessons, concerts, meetings, and service-learning.

Their Service Learning Day was an awareness project, “The Red Sand Project”. They put red sand in cracks of sidewalks to represent the victims of human trafficking that have fallen through the cracks of our society. The youth learned how easily vulnerable people can become victims to ill-intended people. The problem exists right here, in South Dakota.

Some of the highlights of the trip include crawling under a fence to catch the metro bus; donating hair to “Children with Hair Loss”, taking communion with 31,000 fellow Lutherans at one time, having the A/C go out on the bus in 100+ degree temperatures, and learning about how God’s Grace, God’s Love, and God’s Hope changes everything.

Isn’t It Strange?

- ❖ Isn’t it strange how twenty dollars seems like such a large amount when you donate it to the church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?
- ❖ Isn’t it strange how 2 hours seems so long when you are at church, and how short they seem when you are watching a movie?
- ❖ Isn’t it strange that you can’t find the words to say when you are praying, but you have no trouble what to think what to say with a friend?
- ❖ Isn’t it strange how difficult it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read a popular novel?
- ❖ Isn’t it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts, but they want to sit in the last row at Church?
- ❖ Isn’t it strange how we need to know about an event 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?
- ❖ Isn’t it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God and share it with others, but it’s easy to repeat gossip?
- ❖ Isn’t it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?

Celebrating in August

August Birthdays – Happy Birthday!

1	Cole Hanson, Stephanie Ellison,	16	Lowell Larson
3	Bridget Amundson, Mickenzi Maher, Raymond Phillips, Dawn Hawkins	17	Pastor Wayne Meidinger, Hilary Cypher
4	Lori Fods, Hunter Foster, Lisa Ordal, Kent Swier,	18	Jeff Berge, Bill Van Duyn, Mark VanAsselt, Don Ordal, Benjamin Putzier
6	Ed Ordal, Emelee VOLDEN, Jean Ordal, Jan Hefner, Dolce Willard	19	Roger Fods
7	Mark Volden, Jeff Ordal, Allison Hoffman, Gerald Ordal, Julie Luebke	20	Angela Bott, Sue Pitts, Tucker Oberg
8	Jay Bachman	21	Janie Rolloff
9	Torey MADER	22	Sarah BARBER, Zoey Lamer
10	Jill Gelderman, Gerrit Pedersen, Sienna Jo Hefner	23	Bev Tebbec
11	Tyler Fods	25	Glen Krogstad
12	Amanda Kriens	26	Richard Harms, Cory Price, Christian Backhaus
13	Judy Mathieu	28	Matt Rollag
14	Lowell Hass, Mike Willard, Jacob Oostra	30	Cole Acheson

August Anniversaries – Happy Anniversary!

1	Steve & Nancy Sershen, Eric & Karen Varns	15	Jay & Sarah Oberg
4	Ken & Deb Mader	16	Shane & Doreen Fods Brad & Heather Madison
5	Mike & Renae Jensen	17	Tom & Deb Dissing
11	Pat & Sara Schut	21	Don & Sue Olson
12	Dave & Jill Gelderman, Adam & Courtney Van Zanten	23	Greg & Lisa Ordal
13	Jason & Melissa Egger	25	Greg & Lisa Weinacht
14	Mike & Nancy Roberts	28	Bob & Christy Sando Lyle & Barb Acheson

Please email the church office any updates or corrections.

Your Money Matters

Endowing the church's future is easier than you might think. A gift to First Lutheran or St. Jacob's Church can be made in memory of a loved one or as part of your own legacy plan, but also in honor of a special birthday, anniversary or any other occasion for celebration. Contact the church office at 605-446-3271 or coltonluthparish@gmail.com for more information

First Lutheran of Colton's Donation Details

June 2017	June 2018
42 donors	51 donors
\$7,505 donated	\$8,963 donated
E-Giving \$780	E-Giving \$1,814

The chart above indicated the FL Donation details for June 2018 compared to June 2017. In the past year, our electronic giving has increased 133%. These donations are equal to the approximate portion of the FL budget spent on custodians, secretary, and treasure's wages each month. With this on-going support, the church will remain financially health and viable for years to come. Thank you for your generous support.

Mark your calendars ...

13th Annual Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation Golf Tournament: Friday, August 3rd at the Madison Country Golf Club located on the west side of Madison. Registration at 10:30 a.m.; shotgun-start at 12-noon. (605) 256-4539 or email rosie@bethelcommunity.com

ELCA National Youth Gathering “Thank-You” during Aug. 5th worship 10:30 a.m.

The youth would like to offer their gratitude to the generous support provided by the church. They will show a brief PowerPoint of their adventure with coffee, snacks and fellowship following service.

St. Peter on the Prairie Upcoming Events:

- August 10th Field Dinner on the Prairie. Raffle tickets are available for St. Peter On the Prairie painting by John Green. 5 pm social; 6:30 supper. Tickets are \$125 each.
- August 18th Parking Lot Dance Saturday, 5:30 p.m. – tailgate and dance on the Prairie.
- September 8th: 2nd Annual Prairie Festival at 3 p.m.

Combined St. Jacobs / First Lutheran combined church Service – August 12th 10:30 a.m.

Location is at the shelter in the Colton City Park with a pot luck to follow at 11:30 a.m.. Bring chairs and mosquito spray. The pool will be open at 1 p.m. The shelter has been reserved and electricity is available. We will provide brats. Bring chairs, lawn games, bug spray and a dish to pass.

Pastor Wayne will be on Vacation August 20-30, 2018

Please contact Pastor Lando Anderson, Hartford – 929-4972 or Pastor Jim Steen, Renner -759-8254 in case of an emergency.

The 2nd Annual Bishop's Blast will be Sunday, August 26, 2018 at Hunters Point in Humboldt, SD

This event raises important dollars in support of the development and recruitment of ministry leadership within the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA. The money raised supports the encouragement, recruitment, and shepherding of new candidates for rostered leadership through college and into seminary. The event begins with registration and lunch at 12:30pm. Target shooting will begin at 1:30pm. **For more information, and to register, visit sdsynod.org/bishopsblast.**

St. Jacob's Annual Chicken Dinner

Sunday, September 16, 2018 at Taopi Hall in Colton, SD. 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults \$8; Children 5-12 \$5; 4 and under are free. Take-out meals are available.

Serve at the Banquet in Sioux Falls

We invite all that can to join us on Wednesday, September 19th to serve at the Banquet in Sioux Falls. This is an annual mission our church has done.

2018 WELCA Crossroads Conference: Fall Leadership Training

Current and potential future WELCA officers and other local women church leaders are invited to attend on Thursday, September 27th 5-8:30 p.m. for the fall leadership training conference. The night will begin with a light supper at East Side Lutheran Church: 1300 East 10th St. Sioux Falls, SD. This is sponsored by SD Crossroads Conference, WELCA Board.

Those Helping at FL & SJ In July

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Ushers	Tom & Deb Dissing	SJ/FL Worship in the Park	Lance & Sharee Wold family	David & Angie Keith family
FL Reader	Lois VanHeerde		Lois Van Heerde	Jamie Peterson
Communion Setup	Cindy Oyen			Jamie Peterson
Organist	Yvonne Hoffman	Katrina Mitchell	Deb Bunde	Yvonne or Deb
Acolyte	Makayla S		Mason J	Beau K
Worship Ppt	OPEN		OPEN	OPEN
SJ Reader	OPEN ** Please sign up to read **			
SJ Organist	Tammy Fods			

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You might be interested in ...

2018 Church Membership Directory

Please complete the 2018 church membership directory to update all of our records. The form went out to each family in July 2018. You may return the form in the offering plate and they will be circulated back to the office; you may mail them back to the office at PO Box 128, Colton, SD 57018; or you may scan and email the form back to the office at coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com We appreciate your help in updating our records.

Foot Care Clinic

Are you diabetic? Having trouble trimming your toenails? Baltic Lutheran Church is hosting a monthly Foot Care Clinic the 1st Thursday of each month. Food care is provided by trained Sanford nurses, who trim toenails, buff calluses, and examines feet. Cost is \$25. Call church office at 529-5471 to schedule an appointment

Shut-in Bulletin and Announcement Mailings

To help our members stay connected, we mail the weekly bulletin and announcements to our church members that cannot physically attend church. If you know someone that would like to be included on this list and receive weekly bulletins because they cannot attend service, please let us know by emailing the church office.

First Lutheran Church has an older upright piano to give away.

If someone would like a free piano for children's lessons or just to play, please contact the church office.

Colton Lutheran Parish is seeking a new Office Assistant.

Wendy has submitted her resignation effective August 17th. We are seeking someone to fill this role. We are seeking someone to organize operations; perform weekly, monthly, and annual reports; update records; control correspondence; design, implement, and maintain office systems and policies; update technology needs and organize office equipment in 10-15 hours per week. Hours are flexible between Mondays-Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pay is based on qualifications. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please email a resume, cover letter and three professional references to coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com and put "Office Manager Position" in the subject line.

We need YOUR HELP to keep the church clean!

Please be cautious when entering and leaving the church. The custodians have noticed extra traffic in and out of the church building during the week, particularly after the church has been cleaned for the week. Please be careful to leave the mud, leaves, sticks, and grass clippings outside. We appreciate your help in keeping the church as clean as possible.

First Lutheran Church Council Minutes
July 11, 2018

Members present were Sec Cindy Oyen, Treas Gloria Lamer, Deacons: Don Olson, Jamie Petersen & Jeanelle Stene; Education: Bridget Amundson, Angie Keith & Kaye Hansen; Trustees: Jake Cypher & Rick Huntimer; Finance: Phil Hoffman & Jim Willard; Wendy Simmermon and Pastor Wayne.

Committee and board members met prior to a 7:00 potluck supper for council members and their families. Pastor Wayne led us in prayer before the meal. Thank you to Rick Huntimer for grilling burgers & brats and to everyone setting up and furnishing food for the potluck. Great food and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

A brief informal meeting after the meal was led by Pastor Wayne.

- Written reports were distributed to council members but there were no motions made.
- Vacation and Continuing Education schedule for Pastor Wayne for 2018 was distributed.
- Community Vacation Bible School will be held July 22 – 26.
- Community Worship in the park will be held Sunday, July 29, 10:00 a.m.
- Pastor Wayne and one youth from First will be attending Confirmation Camp July 30 – August 2. Four youth will be attending Shetek Bible Camp. The cost for Confirmation Camp is \$425 and for Shetek \$500. (Endowment gave the church \$1750 for Bible Camp.)
- A sample letter from the church council to be mailed to members of First Lutheran was given to council members to look over.
- A \$5000 donation from Gerald Lee, in memory of his parents Otto & Tomena Lee, has been put in the Memorial Account for a seminary scholarship. A giving statement was mailed to Mr. Lee.
- A combined Summer Picnic and Worship in the Park for First Lutheran and St. Jacobs will be held Sunday, August 12th at 10:30 a.m. The picnic shelter has been reserved and grilled brats will be furnished. Help getting grills, keyboard and PA system moved to park would be appreciated.
- Crossroads Conference Round-Up for Creating Vitality in Rural Ministry is scheduled for Sunday, August 19th from 12:30 – 4:00 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Humboldt. Pastor Wayne will be leaving on vacation but would like a couple people to attend. We are asked to RSVP by August 12th.
- Pastor Wayne will be on vacation August 20-30 and September 4-8.
- We will be serving The Banquet on Wednesday, September 19.
- There will be no council meeting in August.

The meeting was concluded with the praying of The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by C. Oyen

*“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer
TO GOD a sacrifice of praise –
the fruits of lips that confess His name.”*

Hebrews 13:15

First Lutheran Church
E-Giving Options

In Person: Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate as it goes by.

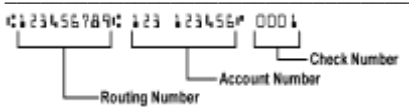
Text: Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting 605-250-4112.

Auto-Withdrawal: Fill out the form below and return it to the Financial Secretary.

Giving App: Download the "Give-Plus" application on your phone and set up your account. I

First Lutheran Church

405 East 3rd Street
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Automatic Giving Form

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE
Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____ Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation		
Last Name		First Name
Address		
City		State Zip
Email Address		
DATE OF FIRST DONATION: _____/_____/_____ 	FREQUENCY OF DONATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th	FUNDS: <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ — AMOUNTS: \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ <p style="text-align: right;">Total</p>
CHECKING / SAVINGS	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below)	Routing Number: Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3 Account Number: 
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization. Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____	

- a) *If using a checking account, please attach a voided check at the bottom of this page.*
- b) *Complete this form and return to the Financial Secretary. Your contributions are confidential, safe, and very appreciated!*
- c) *There are e-giving cards to contribute to the offering plate. The cards are located at each church entrance. Pick one up as you enter and drop it in the offering plate when it passes by.*