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Colton Lutheran Parish

First Lutheran Church and St. Jacobs Lutheran Church

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"You shall love the Lord your God...You shall love your neighbor as yourself..." (Matthew 22:37-40)

We are entering the season of holidays and family gatherings. We look forward to going or coming home and spending time with members of our family that we may not have seen since last year. As Christians, Jesus has also brought us together into the body of Christ, the family of God. And just like our nuclear families, God encourages us to spend time with our Church family.

We often talk about Christianity as a religion that we belong to, but Christianity is more of a relationship of love between God, us, and others; than it is a religion. Jesus calls us to love God, but we are also called, even commanded, to love our neighbor. As Christians, we cannot go and live on a mountain top all by ourselves and try to be a Christian. One of the things that makes Christianity "Christian" is that of showing love for others. To be a Christian, to be a follow of Jesus, means to actively develop a loving relationship with God and our neighbor. One cannot have one without the other.

As the Church, we must always be intentional and diligent about fellowship. We live in a very fast paced society that makes it hard for us to see the need for gathering together. We have been called into fellowship with God and into a fellowship of believers. We come together from many different backgrounds as a Church, as a congregation. Unity comes from our many differences, not from sameness. When it comes to Christ's Church, differences are intended to draw us together, not tear us apart.

We gather together with those who believe, so that our faith may be strengthened, to celebrate the faith, and to draw comfort from one another. When we come together with other believers, we realize that we are not alone. There are other people who believe what we believe about God. There are other Christians who have gone through what we are going through. And so, when hardships tempt to overcome us, we are able to find healing amidst the fellowship of believers.

Jesus has called us to love God and to love our neighbor. We can show love by acting in a loving and caring manner toward others. We can show love by giving financially to those who are in need. We can show love by inviting others to join us in worship and fellowship, by making people feel welcome and wanted within our congregation.

We are the family of God. Let us use this coming season to find ways of spending time together as a church, as the of community of faith. We have a lot to offer to each other. Let us share in fellowship with God and with one another.

Pastor Wayne W. Meidinger



2018 CONFIRMATION

Lance Hunter, Macie Marie, and Makayla Sue affirmed their faith in Jesus Christ at First Lutheran Church through the Rite of Confirmation. Please remember to pray for these three young people in your prayers as they continue to grow in their love for God and their Christian faith. The confirmation class chose

"For The Beauty of the Earth" as their confirmation hymn.

**First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2018**

Call to Order by President Willard.

Members Present: Pres Mike Willard, VP Dave Keith, Sec Cindy Oyen, Treas Gloria Lamer, Deacons: Carol Gaspar & Jeanelle Stene; Education: Bridget Amundson & Renae Jensen; Trustees: Jake Cypher & Tim Ramstad; Finance: Phil Hoffman & Jim Willard; and Pastor Wayne.

Devotions were led by Pastor Wayne.

Pres Willard & Pastor Wayne introduced Marvin Nysetvold representing Shetek Lutheran Ministries. First Lutheran is a member congregation of this outdoor ministry. Mr. Nysetvold gave an informative presentation to the council. Shetek offers a Grandparent/ Grandchild program which is doing very well. Shetek thanks us for our prayers & support.

Secretary's Report: Gloria Lamer made a motion to approve as read, seconded by Carol Gaspar.

Financial Secretary's Report: motion by Jake Cypher to approve as read, seconded by Dave Keith.

Treasurer's Report: Borrowed \$5,000 from the Memorial Account to the General Account for summer expenses. At this time, \$3,000 has been paid back. Phil Hoffman made motion to approve as read, seconded by Jim Willard.

President's Report: Jamie Christiansen-Lehman has been hired as our new Church Office Administrator. She is currently in the office Wednesday evenings and Saturdays. Jamie may be contacted through the church office phone & email. Welcome Jamie! A Church Council Retreat has tentatively been set for Sunday, February 24, 2019.

Pastor's Report: Pastor's health insurance plan needs to be renewed. His current plan will cost the church 6% less in 2019, but pastor's cost will increase. Motion made by Phil Hoffman to use the same health insurance plan as last year, seconded by Gloria Lamer. All voted aye. Motion carried.

-Nancy Sershen is leading a Bible Study for both churches. Contact her if interested.

-Wednesday morning Bible Study during Advent at 7:45 am at the Chester Café.

-Jessica Oyen is organizing the Youth Servant Trip scheduled for July 14-19, 2019, in Kansas City, Youth Works.

-Lance D, Macie P & Makayla S will be confirmed on Sunday, October 28, Reformation Sunday. A motion was made by Phil Hoffman to accept, per Pastor Wayne's recommendation to confirm, these three confirmands as confirmed members of First Lutheran. All voted aye. Motion carried.

-November 21 – 25, Pastor will be on vacation visiting his daughter for Thanksgiving.

-Pastor suggested council hosting a turkey dinner on Sunday, December 2. This has been done in the past with an average of 80 – 100 attending. Turkey and ham would be furnished.

Board Reports

Deacons: Report given by Carol Gaspar. Communion and Assisted Living helpers have been set up for the month. We will again be giving Christmas gifts to Assisted Living residents. The deacons brought up the possibility of changing the time of council meetings to start earlier from November through March. Carol Gaspar made a motion to start council meetings at 7:00 pm from November through March. Seconded by Dave Keith. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Education: Bridget Amundson gave report. Due to weather, there will not be a Family Fellowship Outing this fall. Possibly will try to do an outing this winter. Gifts have been purchased for our three confirmands.

Trustees: Jake Cypher gave report. Six basement windows at the parsonage and two office doors at the church have been replaced. The automatic door opener on the front door has been fixed. There are still four tables and a piano in the church basement available to anyone who would like them. Thank You to Tim Ramstad & Jake for filling in the area by the Northeast basement door. The stairs will be done next spring. A bid of approximately \$50,000 has been received from Colton Lumber for a 50-year laminate shingle church roof which includes the steeples. Work would be done by Hofer Roofing of Hartford. We would have to raise approx. \$25,000 with matching funds from the Tokheim funds. Motion by Gloria Lamer to present to the congregation for a vote the 50-year laminate shingle option through Colton Lumber. Seconded by Renae Jensen. All voted aye. Motion carried. Thank You to our Trustees for all they do!

Finance: Report by Phil Hoffman. Bills gone over with treasurer. We are behind \$1,500 our budgeted amount for July – Sept. Cemetery and Memorial Accounts gone over. Any funds over set amount for mowing come from Cemetery Acct.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business: Carpet still needs to be cleaned.

New Business: Jamie Lehman is organizing the Meatball Supper to be held on Nov. 3rd. Finance Committee will be working on the budget in December.

Other Business: none

Motion to adjourn by Tim Ramstad, seconded by Phil Hoffman. Meeting adjourned by praying The Lord's Prayer. Submitted by C. Oyen

Church Secretary

Please welcome our new part-time church secretary Jamie Christiansen-Lehman. Jamie is a Chester native and has lived in Colton, with her husband Rick, for the last 13 years. She works full time for the USDA Rural Development office in Sioux Falls as a Loan Specialist. Rick and Jamie have 3 children – Anne, Scott and Ryan. Jamie will work in the church office on Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. She can be reached by emailing the church office at coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com or by calling (605) 201-0926. Please help Jamie get settled into her role at Colton Lutheran Parish by completing the enclosed Membership Records form and turning it in.

Christmas at the Colton Retirement Living

We will be giving gifts for the Colton Retirement Living (formerly assisted living center) once again this year. There are bags in the entryway of the church with a towel already inside. Each bag will have a gift list attached to it along with the gender of the recipient. Once you take a bag please use the sign-out sheet with your name, phone number, and how many bags you took. Please purchase some or all of the items on the list but please stay within the \$20-25 range. Return the bags to the church by December 6 so that we are certain each resident receives a gift and place a check mark beside your name which indicates you have returned your bag. We will be delivering them on December 9 at 2:30pm to the residents along with having a Christmas party for them. We would love for everyone to join us in the Christmas party! If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Peterson at 605-201-2356.

Mark your calendars

Back by popular demand the Bible Study “The Armor of God” will be starting **Monday nights at 6:30 pm** at Nancy Sershen’s house. **Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2018.** Books can be ordered from Tammy Fods. This was an amazing life changing study! Everyone that did this study last spring wants to repeat the study.

Also, Nancy would be willing to do a **mornings study at 9:30 am** on the same dates as above, if there is interest. Contact Nancy Sershen, at (605) 270-2612, if you would like to attend the morning class. Be prepared to be amazed by all you will discover in this study. Praying that you will consider attending!!

November 3, 2018: First Lutheran Church annual Swedish Meatball Supper and Bake Sale

Taopi Hall from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Swedish Meatballs served over HOMEMADE Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Salads, Buns and Dessert. Adults \$10.00, Children (4 to 10) \$5.00, Under 3 FREE. Take-out meals available. Leftover Meatballs will be sold for \$8.00/half dozen and \$15.00/dozen.

November 3, 2018: Sioux Falls First Lutheran Church Bazaar

9:00 am – 3:00 pm, 327 S. Dakota Avenue. Food Butikk, Scandinavian Buffet, Specialty Shops and Live Music.

November 4, 2018: Daylight Savings Ends: Please remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

November 4, 2018: East Nidaros Soup Supper

Serving from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Homemade Chili, Chicken Noodle and Wisconsin Cheese soups, breads, crackers, and fabulous fall desserts! Free will donation to benefit fuel fund.

November 4, 2018: Bethany Lutheran Foundation Annual Dinner

The Bethany Lutheran Foundation is excited to announce our **Annual Foundation Dinner** to be held on **Sunday, November 4, 2018** at the **Holiday Inn Express in Brandon, SD.** The event includes appetizers, a silent auction from 4:00 to 6:45 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, a live auction at 7:00 pm, a cork pull and a full concert by TONIC SoL FA at 7:45 pm. Individual tickets are \$50.00, tables of 10 for \$500.00. For ticket or table purchases please contact Linda at 605-275-7153. All proceeds go to the Bethany Lutheran Foundation.

7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, November 7 and November 28, 2018 at 6:30 pm at First Lutheran Church.
Come early at 6:00 pm for dinner on these nights.

November 8, 2018: Annual Bethany Christian Services Banquet

Social Hour at 5:15 pm, Dinner/Program at 6:15 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn – South, 5300 S. Grand Circle, Sioux Falls. Dinner is complimentary however, reservations are required. Register online: Bethany.org/siouxfalls/events or by calling the office at 605-336-6999

Tuesday, November 13, 2018: LAUNDRY WITH LOVE

If you’d like to help out with Church on the Streets Laundry with Love sponsorship you can get involved in many ways: help during the event from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, support the ministry with a financial donation, provide bars or breads, supply some laundry needs such as laundry pods or fabric softener.
Call or text Jamie Willard to help at 366-5014.

Wednesday, November 14, 2018: First Lutheran Church Boards and Council November Meeting

Council meets at 6:30 pm. Please notice winter schedule change for the Council meeting.
The Boards are asked to schedule a meeting before the council meeting.

Sunday, November 25, 2018: No Sunday School at First Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 18, 2018: Thank Offering & Stewardship Sunday.

Sunday, November 18, 2018: Community Thanksgiving Worship and Fellowship

First Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm. First Lutheran will provide the pies or desserts.

Please let Pastor Wayne know if you are willing to bring a pie or dessert.

November 22-26, 2018: Pastor Wayne will be on vacation

Visiting his daughter in Columbus, OH for Thanksgiving.

Sunday, November 25, 2018: No Sunday School at First Lutheran Church

GEMS Girls Club

Girls 1st thru 8th grades are invited to join us from 3:30 – 5:15 pm every other Wednesday at Faith Community Church. There will be snacks, crafts, Bible Lessons, badges, and singing.

Meetings: November 7 and 28, 2018; December 12, 2018; January 9 and 23, 2018; February 6 and 20, 2018; March 6 and 20, 2018; April 3 and 17, 2018. Follow us on Facebook at “Colton GEMS”.

Feel free to contact Lori Fods at 605-941-8024 if you have any questions.

8TH – 12TH GRADE YOUTHWORKS MISSION TRIP

Youth currently in 8th – 12th grade are invited to attend a Mission Trip thru YouthWorks July 14th – 19th, 2019 to Kansas City, MO. Anyone interested in attending please contact Jessica Oyen at 605-759-1693.

We are looking for youth as well as adult chaperones to participate.

Fundraising efforts have begun for this trip and the youth will be selling Pork Loins for pick up on 10/28/18.

Preorders will be taken until 10/22/18. All orders will be cooked and delivered for pick up in Colton at First Lutheran Church from 3:00 – 4:00 pm and Crooks at the Community Center from 5:00 – 6:00 pm on 10/28/18.

All orders will arrive to pick up locations wrapped, hot and ready to eat or refrigerate/freeze. Youth will be available for preorders after service at First Lutheran on 10/21/18 or you can contact Jessica at 605-759-1693 if you are interested in placing an order. Whole loins are \$30.00 and half loins are \$15.00.

All checks can be made out to First Lutheran Youth Group. *Thank you for your support!*

COLLEGE YOUTH ADDRESSES

If you would like your child to receive our church newsletter while they are away at school, please give their address to the church office at coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com or call (605) 446-3271.

LOST AND FOUND:

There are 5 children’s coats in the basement of First Lutheran.

Parents please come and check them out to see if they belong to your children.

TO GIVE AWAY

First Lutheran Church has an older used piano to give away. It would be great for children’s piano lessons or just to play. We also have 4 older tables to give away. If you are interested in either of these items please contact the Church Office at (605) 446-3271 or email coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com

THOSE HELPING AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND ST. JACOBS IN NOVEMBER

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
FL Ushers	Phil Hoffman Randy and Gloria Lamer	Glen and Carol Krogstad	Michael and Wendy Simmermon	Bill Van Duyn Tyler and Kaye Hansen
FL Reader	Sue or Don Olson	Donna Jones	Wendy Simmermon	Janelle Stene
FL Communion Setup	Renaе Jensen			Cheri Aartun Marlys Aartun
FL Organist	Yvonne Hoffman	Katrina Mitchell	Yvonne Hoffman	Deb Bunde
FL Acolyte	Derek V	Tanner V	Emily J	Nathan M
SJ Reader	OPEN ** Please sign up to read **			
SJ Organist	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods	Tammy Fods

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Marcus Short, Jenae Schoeberl
- 2 Kevin Rollag, Brett Bunde, Brady Bunde
- 3 Dave Stene
- 4 Rick Oyen, Mitch Schwartz, Holly Sando
- 5 Tammy Christensen, Kaitlin Busser
- 6 Dominic Leuning
- 7 Austin Dybvig
- 8 Mike Foster, Logan Adkins, Leota (Sam) Schropp
- 9 Brianna Bunde, Faith Ericksen
- 10 Damon Jorgenson, Mary Will
- 11 Ken Williams, Scott Hubbell
- 12 Tim Ramstad, Erika Schledewitz
- 13 Casey Hefner, Ty Oyen
- 17 Chris Hoiness
- 18 Melissa Egger, Jaycee Weinacht
- 19 Wyatt Fischer, Ryan Senn
- 20 Alexis Miller
- 21 Harrison Hoffman
- 22 Brandon Steinberg, Arla Sundal, Marcus Schledewitz
- 23 Heather Hubbell, Madelyn Jensen, Jeanelle Stene
- 24 Kerry Bachman, Ron Thompson, Carl Johnson
- 25 Jordan Ruth, Isaac Cypher
- 26 Darlene Hoffman
- 28 Tiffany Barber, Jared Jones, Matt Jones
- 29 Mike Anderson
- 30 Carol Foster, Ben Busser, Kathy Lamer, Jamie Willard

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Lowell and Pauline Larson
- 3 Jim and Jan Willard
- 9 Jeff and Kitty Peterson
- 14 Dale and Marlene Mader
- 17 Scott and Heather Hubbell
- 29 Lane and Mary Busser

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 will never share these numbers with anyone for other than church business.

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

First Lutheran Church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/coltonlutheran>

What is Electronic, or E-Giving?

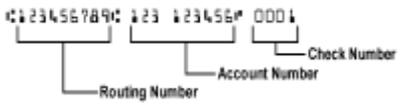
E-Giving is safe and convenient. You receive 100% of the credit on your giving statements.
You determine the amount, the frequency and the dates ~ you stay in control!

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.

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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 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.*