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First Lutheran Church and St. Jacobs Lutheran Church

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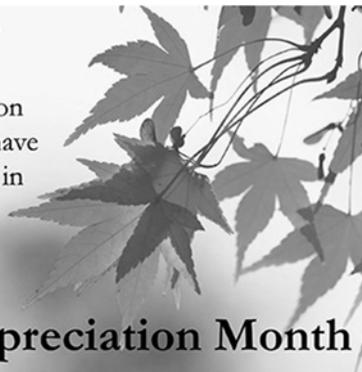
October 2018 Newsletter

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Express appreciation
for the ones who have
been there for you in
your life's most
important events.

Clergy Appreciation Month



Colton Lutheran Parish

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00am SJ Worship 10:30am FL Worship	1	2	3 Quilters 6:00pm-Supper 6:30pm-Confirmation	4	5	6
7 9:00am SJ Worship 10:30am FL Worship 11:30pm-9th Grade Confirmation	8	9	10 Quilters 7:00pm-First Boards 8:00pm-First Council	11	12	13
14 9:00am SJ Worship 9:15am FL No Sunday School 10:30am FL Worship 6:30pm-Third Grade Bibles/Parents & Students	15	16 2:30pm-DR Nursing Home Worship	17 Quilters 6:00pm-Supper 6:30pm-Confirmation	18 2:00pm-Colton Assisted Living Worship	19	20
21 9:00am SJ Worship 10:30am FL Worship Third Grade Bible Sunday	22 6:00pm-Bethel Home Board, Madison, SD	23	24 Quilters 7:00pm-Confirmation Recognition & Pictures	25	26	27
28 9:00am SJ Worship 10:30am FL Worship REFORMATION SUNDAY	29	30	31 Quilters NO Confirmation 5-7pm-Trunk Or Treat	1	2	3 4:30pm FL Meatball Supper

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

There is the old tale of the man who climbed the highest mountain to talk to a wise old hermit, in order to ask the age-old question, "*What is the meaning of life?*" For a Christian, the answer to that question lies in spending time with Jesus. In our day and age, it seems like it has become increasingly difficult to find time for God, to find time for prayer, to study the Bible, or to have a devotional life. A lot has been written lately about the Biblical illiteracy of the Church, and that may indeed be the case; but it doesn't have to be that way. Lutherans have always had a very strong tradition of studying the Bible and spending time with our God in prayer and devotion.

One of my professors at seminary tells the story about when he was serving a small rural parish. He went to visit a woman who was known to be a very spiritual person. As he entered into the woman's home there were several children of all ages crawling around her feet, shouting from the next room, and busily playing throughout the house. It was a noisy place. After a few minutes of trying to visit with this woman amidst the chaos, he asked the woman, "When do you ever have time for herself or for God?" The woman led the pastor out onto the porch and said that whenever she came out here, sat in the rocker, and put the apron over her head, her children knew that she was not to be disturbed for she was spending time with God.

We are spiritual people. We don't have to try to be spiritual. We already are. God created us that way. God created us to be in relationship with him. Even in the busyness of our world, we can always find the time for those things that are important to us. It is a matter of our priorities. It is a matter of love. Spending time with God may not always be something that just comes naturally. Taking time for Jesus is something that we have to intentionally do. That doesn't mean that being with Jesus is meant to be a chore or some duty that one must perform in order to enlist God's favor. Developing a spiritual life of devotion and prayer is building a loving and joyous relationship with our Heavenly Father. It is sharing our life and our love with our Savior.

To pray, to spend time with Jesus, is to move to the center of all that is life. Our tendency is to get so distracted, so busy, by the diversity of this life that we end up living a life that is not focused or fulfilling. By directing our attention to the very heart of life, Jesus Christ, we are able to find a center in our own life. We live in a society that seems to be tossed about trying to find a moral compass and a spiritual anchor. Christianity has something to offer to our world. We believe in a God who knows us and loves us and who wants us to love him in return. Christianity isn't so much of a religion, as it is a loving relationship with God.

It seems so basic, so simple to say that prayer, Bible study, and spending time with Jesus is the source of our life as believers, but sometimes it is the things that are the most obvious that are most overlooked. We need to tap into God's rich resource and set its power free within our Church, throughout the whole Church, and in the whole world. The more we spend time with God in prayer, daily devotions, and Bible reading, the more God actually changes our expectations and our perspective. The more we come to know our Savior personally, the more our attitude changes from what can I expect from God to how can I be changed to be more like God.

What is the meaning of life? There is an answer to that question. There is an answer for each one of us. It is an answer that is given as we spend time with Jesus learning to love God who first loved us.

Pastor Wayne W. Meidinger

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.

Start date **October 15, 23, 29, 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!!

7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, October 3 and October 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm at First Lutheran Church.
Come early for dinner on these nights at 6:00 pm.

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 11:30 am: 9th grade confirmation students meeting at First Lutheran Church.
Wednesday, October 24, 2018: NO CLASS, 9th Grade Confirmation Recognition and Reception at 7:00 pm.

October 7, 2018: St. Paul Lutheran Church in Humboldt Fall Ham Dinner

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Humboldt announces their annual Fall Ham Dinner on
Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Ham, baked potatoes and a variety of salads and desserts will be served in the church Fellowship Hall located at 409 W. 2nd Avenue, Humboldt. Adults \$10.00, Ages 6-10 \$5.00 and Preschool is free.

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.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser: October 8, 2018;

Meetings: October 10 and 17, 2018; 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.

Wednesday, October 10, 2018: First Lutheran Church Boards and Council October Meeting

Boards meet at 7:00 pm and Council to follow at 8:00 pm.

October 13, 2018: Community Rummage Sale

The Community Rummage Sale will be Saturday, October 13 at the Taopi Hall, along with the Legion French Toast Breakfast. Put it on your calendar and plan to attend.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE

Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the First Lutheran Church basement, we are inviting the Third Grade students and their parents for an introductory class on how to use their new Bible. We will meet in the basement for about an hour to help the third graders learn how to use their new Bibles.

Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 9:00 am at St. Jacobs Lutheran and 10:30 am at First Lutheran, during our regular worship time, our congregations will have the privilege of being able to share in helping you, as parents, keep this promise. Our congregations will provide Bibles for parents to give to their children during worship.

We hope you will be able to come!

Sunday, October 14, 2018
No Sunday School at First Lutheran Church
Clergy Appreciation Day

October 17, 2018 Colman Lutheran Soup and Sandwich Supper

Starts at 5:00 pm. Three kinds of soup, sandwiches, desserts and drink.
Cost for adults is \$7.00, kids 8 and under \$2.00. Baked goods and produce will also be available!!

October 26 – 27, 2018: Women’s Retreat at Shetek Lutheran

You are invited to a retreat by Shetek. This is a retreat for women of all ages to be renewed in their faith, relax with other women and rejuvenate in God’s creation.

Go to www.shetek.com for more information on pricing and schedule.

Sunday, October 28, Reformation Sunday: CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Three young people will be confirmed at First Lutheran Church.

Tuesday, October 31, 5:00 - 7:00 pm: HALLOWEEN “TRUNK OR TREAT”

On Halloween, The Methodist Church is sponsoring a “Trunk & Treat” event on the west side of church. For all those people who live in the country or would just like to join in, bring your Halloween goodies to share, park your car on the west side of church, and let the Trick or Treaters come to.

This is for the whole community, so please join in!

8TH – 12TH GRADE YOUTHWORKS MISSION TRIP

First Lutheran and St. Jacob's youth currently in 8th – 12th grade are invited to attend a YouthWorks Mission Trip for the Summer of 2019. If you are interested in attending this great opportunity to help serve others, please contact Jessica Oyen (605) 759-1693 or bjoyen04@yahoo.com. The trip will be to Kansas City, MO from July 14 – 19, 2019. There are opportunities for youth and adults to participate in this experience. Fundraising will begin in October 2018 to help support this trip. We welcome everyone to participate.

HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS FOR BETHEL LUTHERAN HOME

A box will be placed in the entryway to the sanctuary at First Lutheran Church thru October 28th for donations of Halloween candy for the residents at Bethel Lutheran Home in Madison. Up to 500 kids trick or treat at the home each year!! The residents look forward to it every year and appreciate being able to hand out treats.

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.

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

BETHEL LUTHERAN HOME FOUNDATION CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation is governed by 10 Foundation Board of Directors, plus an additional two members from Bethel Lutheran Home Governing Board of Directors - who serve as liaisons between the two organizations. A board member may serve up to 2 three-year terms. Annually board positions become available.

As a member of a Bethel Lutheran Home and Foundation owner congregation, we invite you to consider serving in this volunteer leadership role. If you are interested to learn more, please contact Rosie Jamison,

Resource Development Coordinator of Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation at

(605) 256-4539 or rosie@bethelcommunity.com.

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

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
FL Ushers	Charlie and Donna Jones	Rodney and Karla Fox	Don and Bonnie Gelderman	Mark and Lori Dybvig
FL Reader		Julie Luebke	Rose Meyer	Mary Will
FL Communion Setup	Fay Ramstad			Lori Dybvig
FL Organist	Yvonne Hoffman			
FL Acolyte	Mason Jensen	Beau Keith	Braden Oyen	McKenzie Pitts
SJ Reader	OPEN ** Please sign up to read **			
SJ Organist	Sharyl Hass			

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>

BERGE SCHOLARSHIP

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I want to take time to thank you for the generous scholarship gift. I am very grateful to have received this scholarship for my seminary education.

I am currently attending Sioux Falls Seminary through the Kairos track. I will be starting my second year this fall. I am a Vicar at Zion Lutheran Church in Scotland, SD. I have been serving Zion since January of 2018.

I have been a member of the congregation for 7 years serving as council vice president for 6 years and my wife and I led the high school youth group for 5 years.

My story really started when our pastor left, and we had an interim pastor for about 20 months. I was serving as the chairman of the call committee when some of the synod representatives met with our congregation about the call process and then informed us of the Kairos program. I had always thought of ministry as being a possible career. After that meeting something just kept telling me that I needed to investigate the Kairos program further. There were also multiple people from the congregation that mentioned to me that I would be a good pastor. I think it was really that external call that helped me realize that yes this was a calling for ministry that I was feeling. I look forward to my experiences and my education as I work towards graduation and ordination.

By receiving this scholarship, I am able to focus on my classes, my duties at the church, the congregation, and my family. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Peace, Love, Joy,
 Vicar Andrew Bueber



First Lutheran Church – Colton, SD

ANNUAL SWEDISH MEATBALL SUPPER

&

BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 2018

AT

TAOPI COMMUNITY HALL, COLTON, SD

SUPPER SERVED FROM 4:30PM-7:00PM

**MENU: SWEDISH MEATBALLS, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY,
CORN, SALADS, BUNS & DESSERT**

ADULTS - \$10.00

CHILDREN (5-10 YEARS) - \$4.00

4 AND UNDER - FREE

GIFT SHOP – 4:00PM – 7:30PM

TAKE OUT MEALS AVAILABLE



COME JOIN US!



What is Electronic, or E-Giving?

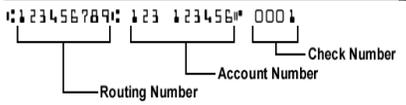
E-Giving is safe and convenient. You receive 100% of the credit on your giving statements.
You determine the amount, the frequency and the dates ~ you stay in control!

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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Automatic Giving Form

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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			
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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.*