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St. Jacob's Church



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Jesus said "...For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me...As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me..."Matthew 25:35-46

A Christian is one who is called to act in service and love toward our neighbor, our fellow human beings. It is a calling that the church throughout the ages has strived to follow. There is an old Christian folk song that was quite popular a few years back, "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love". This has been the Christ-like goal of Christians from the time of the first church recorded in the book of Acts. Being a servant to others is what Christians do. God blesses us richly with gifts, not so we can keep them for ourselves, but that we might be able to share God's blessings with others.

At the national youth gathering in New Orleans quite a few years ago, Senator Paul Simon, in his talk to the youth gathered at the convention was asked the question, "Why should we be sending food to the poor around the world, when we could be caring for those in need in our own country?" Senator Simon responded that one was not mutually exclusive of the other. We need to care for the poor and hungry all over the world, including in our own backyard. Senator Simon turned around and asked the youth this question, "What kind of world do you want to live in? What kind of world do you want your children to live in? One that cares for others or a world where people only think of themselves." We can either live in a world where everyone is looking out for themselves and their own gain, or we can strive to live in a world where we love others the way we would like others to love us. Which of these two worlds would we rather bring our children into?

Being a servant is a way of life in Jesus' name. It is truly the best witness that we are able to make as we strive to share our faith with others. That is why, since the very beginning of the church, Christians have seen it as their opportunity to heal the sick, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, minister to the poor. That is why Christian missions has to do with the building of hospitals, schools, and wells, and the distributing of quilts, clothes, and food.

There will be a time when we will need to put voice to our witness. A young college Christian athlete was approached in the locker room by two of his teammates and asked why he was so different from the rest of the athletes in the locker room. They wanted to know why he was so respectful of everyone, no matter who they were. It was his opportunity to share Christ with those around him.

How we act and what we do does make a difference. We are all witnesses by our what we do, by our actions. Whether we like it or not, whether we believe it or not, as Christians, we are witnesses for Christ. We can be either good witnesses or bad witnesses, but we are indeed witnesses for Christ by the way we live our lives and treat our neighbor.

The question can be put to each of us. What kind of community do we want to live in? What kind of world do we want our children and our grandchildren to grow up in? What kind of God do we believe in? Who is the God that we serve? What God do we want our children to know, to love, and to serve?

Pastor Wayne W. Meidinger

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!

Mark your calendars

Rally Sunday at First Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 9th, 2018 – the first day of Sunday School First Lutheran Church. Youth ages 4 (if potty trained) and through 8th grade are welcome. Sunday school begins at 9:15 a.m. each week.

Back Pack Sunday at First Lutheran Church

Blessing of the back packs is Sunday, September 9th. Bring your backpack to church service, receive a special blessing to carry you throughout the school year.

Confirmation Meeting with Parents and Students

Parents and youth of 7th and 8th grade from both St. Jacob's and First Lutheran churches plan to meet at 6:30 pm on Sunday, September 9th in the basement of FLC.

Pie and Ice Cream with the Bishop

September 10th at Gloria Dei, Sioux Falls, SD 6:30-8 pm. Come and learn about the upcoming events and activities throughout the Synod.

FLC Boards and Council September Meeting

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

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. St. Jacob's worship service at 9 a.m. at Taopi Hall. Take-out meals are available! We hope to see you there ... bring your appetites!

First Lutheran Church Four-Year Old's Milestones

Sunday, September 16th, 2018 during FLC worship.

Serve at the Banquet in Sioux Falls; Wednesday, September 19th

Once a year First and St. Jacobs Lutheran churches share this day with the Banquet. It is a wonderful opportunity to help someone in need and work beside members of your church family. The comradery, fun and fellowship feeds our hearts and souls.

Confirmation youth and their parents plan to help at the banquet as a Servant Event for Confirmation. We need 6-10 people to help make the meal at 2 pm; we need 35-40 people to help serve the meal at 5 pm. The average meal costs our church \$700-\$1,000. The address is 900 Est 8th Street.

The Banquet serves 350-400 children and adults each meal. Please sign up at the back of FLC. Please also share your donations to help pay for the meal in the back of the church. Anyone needing a ride, please contact Pastor Wayne.

West Nidaros Harvest Festival Supper

Saturday, September 22 4:30-6:30 pm – bake sale and crafts begin at 4 pm. Adults \$12; Ages 6-10 \$5; Ages 5 & under Free. Handicapped accessible and carry-outs are available. Menu is roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit salads, bars and Norwegian Goodies.

St. Jacob's Lutheran Rally Sunday

Sunday, September 23rd is the first day of Sunday School at St. Jacob's Lutheran Church. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m.

Fall Pastor's Theological Conference

September 23-25 in Pierre, SD. Pastor Wayne will be attending this event.

Confirmation Classes begin

Wednesday September 26 at 6:30 pm the 7th and 8th graders from FLC and SJ will begin their fall Confirmation classes. Bring your bibles.

Colton Assisted Living

Thursday, September 27th at 2 pm. Pastor Wayne will be doing communion and worship at the Assisted Living in Colton.

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.

BIBLE STUDY FOR FIRST & ST. JACOBS

Back by popular demand the Bible Study "The Armour 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, 26**. 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** 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

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, October 28th during worship service we will celebrate the 2018 Confirmation graduates. This is also Reformation Sunday.

College Youth Addresses

If your college-age youth would like to receive a newsletter while at college, please email the church office their new address. coltonlutheran@gmail.com

Church Secretary Position

The current church secretary position is still in the process of searching for a replacement person. See Pastor Wayne for more details about the progress and any updates. Please bear with us as we work through this process.

Piano to give away

The FLC has an upright piano to give away. Please email the church office or see Pastor Wayne for details.

Those Helping at FL & SJ In September

	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Ushers	Roger and Sherri Willard	Glen & Carol Krogstad	Don and Sue Olson	Mark and Leslie Johnson
FL Reader	Matt Jones	Jamie Willard	Sue Olson	Leslie Johnson
Communion Setup			Jamie Willard	
Organist	Yvonne Hoffman	Katrina Mitchell	Deb Bunde	Yvonne Hoffman
Acolyte	McKenzie P	Derek V	Tanner V	TBD
SJ Reader	OPEN ** Please sign up to read **			
SJ Organist	Tammy Fods			

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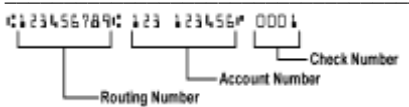
Text: Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting 605-250-4112.

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- 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.*