**PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED**

**The Storehouse Food Pantry located in Dell Rapids, is in need of donations** such as laundry detergent,feminine hygiene products, laundry soap and any food items you wish to donate. There will be a box in the parish hall for all donations. For details, call **Lisa Busser at 605-929-7673.**



**MAKE CHURCH DONATIONS EASY!**

In addition to your ability to set up automatic giving to the church via the form found in the monthly newsletter, **you can use the attached VANCO 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!***

**THE PARISH VISITOR NEWSLETTER**

**The parish newsletter is emailed monthly. If you don’t receive an issue, please call 605-446-3271 or email** **coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com** **with your email address/phone number.**

 Printed copies are also available at both church entrances. Copies are also mailed via USPS to those unable to attend church due to age or health issues. Church leadership has determined who those members are, so please let us know if you know of anyone who should have a newsletter mailed out to them. *A link to the newsletter is also available at the Colton Lutheran Parish Facebook page or church website at* [*www.coltonlutheran.com*](http://www.coltonlutheran.com)*!*

**ANNUAL MEETING DATES
The St. Jacobs Annual Meeting will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday, January 19, 2024,** before regular Sunday worship beginning at 9 a.m. For questions, contact Kathy Carman, president, at 605-212-0737; dankathy2005@gmail.com. **The First Lutheran Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26, 2024, following worship.** For questions, contact Jamie Peterson, president, at

605-302-3456; qball\_03@hotmail.com.

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” - Luke 2:14

WELCOME to WORSHIP

Colton Lutheran Parish Announcements

If you are interested in baptism or becoming a member, please contact the church office

at **coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com** or at the church office at **(605) 446-3271**.

**December 22, 2024**

**THIS WEEK AT COLTON LUTHERAN PARISH**

**Those helping Sunday, December 22nd –**

**St. Jacobs at 9 am: First Lutheran at 10:30 am:**

Organist: **Tammy Fods** Organist: **Yvonne Hoffman**

Usher: **Stan Fods** Ushers: **Rick and Cindy Oyen**

Reader: Reader: **Matt Jones**

Acolyte: Communion Set-up:

FL Blessing Asst.:

 Acolyte: **Madelyn Jensen**

Tech. Acolyte: **Dolce Willard**

**TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24-25, HOLIDAY WORSHIP**

**Christmas Eve worship begins at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24 at First Lutheran Church.**

A sign-up sheet for Worship Helpers is located at the church entrance.

**Christmas Day services** **begin at 9 a.m. at St. Jacobs Lutheran Church.**

**Those helping next Sunday, Dec. 29th –**

**St. Jacobs at 9 am: First Lutheran at 10:30 am:**

Organist: **Tammy Fods** Organist: **Meghan Wounded Head**

Usher: **Stan Fods** Ushers: **Michael and Wendy Simmermon**

Reader: Reader: **Wendy Simmermon**

Acolyte: Communion Set-up:  **Leslie Johnson**

FL Blessing Asst.:

 Acolyte: **Madelyn Jensen**

Tech. Acolyte: **Dolce Willard**

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE**

Each **Tuesday by** **10 am**. Please email coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com

**DEADLINE FOR INFORMATION TO BE STATED IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

Is the **3rd Monday of each month by** **5:00 pm**. Please email coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com

Our goal is to have the newsletter printed, folded and in the mail by the last Wednesday of each month.

**We are always interested in ways our congregation can improve and enhance our worship experience. We would love to hear requests for hymns/songs you would like to see used during worship, or any other ideas you might have. Email requests to the church office (****coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com****) or drop a note in the offering plate on Sunday.**

**PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*Please keep the following people in your prayers:*

**Ruth & Dick Harms Pam Busser Randy Lamer**

**Paul Augustad** in the VA Hospital.

**Nichole Augustad Anderson** at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Canistota.

**Tim Schut** – son of Dale and Pam Schut, diagnosed with Primary Progressive Apraxia of Speech (PPAOS).

**We lift up all of 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.**

**The existing prayer list will be refreshed every quarter.**

*For those needing prayers to continue into the next quarter for a listed name,*

*please notify the church or deacons of this need.*

*Efforts will be made to contact member families to confirm status before a name’s removal.*

***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.***

**REACH OUT TO OUR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS**

**Sanford Health and Avera, as well as the Heart Hospital, offer an option to email patients.** *Help boost the spirits of 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)

[www.avera.org/patients-visitors/greetings/](http://www.avera.org/patients-visitors/greetings/)

**STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH HOME**

**EMAIL**: coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com – *Reach out to* *update your cell phone number and email address. Sensitive information is kept private and used only for church business.*

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** <https://www.coltonlutheran.com> **FACEBOOK:** “coltonlutheranparish”

**WAYS TO GIVE OFFERINGS:**

**MAIL TO:** PO Box 128 **TEXT:** (605) 250-4112  **DOWNLOAD:** The GivePlus

 Colton, SD 57018 Church app

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 – COLTON RETIREMENT LIVING**
**Join for communion, refreshments and fellowship in celebrating the birth of our Lord at 2 pm Thursday, Dec. 26, at Colton Retirement Living.** Pastor Herb serves communion at Colton Retirement Living every 4th Thursday of the month. *Refreshments are provided by Colton Lutheran Parish members.*

**FIRST LUTHERAN SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENT DONATIONS NEEDED**

Donations can be made for the First Lutheran Sanctuary Improvement Project.

**Project details include: paint, carpet, insulation, HVAC repair and roof repair.**

**All donations will be matched by the endowment fund.**

***Please note “SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS” when writing a check or VANCO giving.***

For questions when making a donation, contact Tammy Huntimer at 605-491-2611

or email thuntimer@sio.midco.net.

**SUNDAYS – FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH “BIBLE PROJECT”
Have you ever wanted to know what is in the Bible from cover to cover? New this year at First Lutheran Church, we will be starting 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.

**Conveniently, we will gather 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 some coffee to go and come to church a little early and hear the greatest story every told.

**For more information, contact Michael Willard at 605-359-9279.**

**POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR FLC CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**For those who have personally purchased and will bring a plant to share for First Lutheran Church Christmas Eve worship services. Bring your plant on or by **1 p.m.** **Tuesday, Dec. 24th** to be displayed for the **5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service, December 24th**. Please mark your name on the bottom of the plant(s). The deadline for inclusion in the printed Memorial was Tuesday, December 17.

*Remember to take your plant(s) home with you to enjoy immediately following the Christmas Eve service, as there is no one available to care/water the plants during the week.*

For questions, call Tammy Huntimer at (605) 941-2611. *Thank you!*

**2024 ANNUAL REPORT**As 2024 comes to an end, this is a reminder the Annual Meeting is approaching.

**Each board member will be emailed a Microsoft Excel document that will already be formatted for the annual report. To save a great deal of preparation time, members are asked to simply enter the new numbers/figures for 2024 into the document and then email the spreadsheet back to** coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com**.**

If you have any questions or need anything, please call or text Kim at 605-728-4917. *Thank you!*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025 - FOOD GIVEAWAY
The United Methodist Church in Colton will be hosting a Food Giveaway on**

**Sunday, Jan. 12th from 2 to 3 p.m.**

How can the community help? Donations of non-perishables (food, hygiene items, household goods) and cash donations toward this vital community ministry are deeply appreciated! There will be drive-up service to receive a box of food.

Please contact Pastor Susan at 605-368-0510. *Spread the word and thank you!*