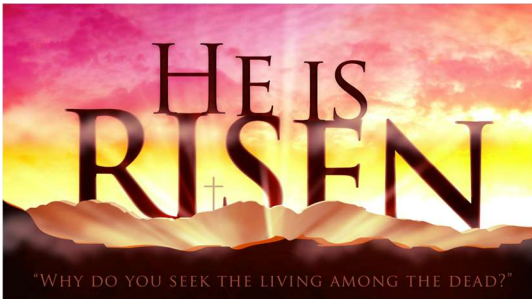


The Parish Visitor

April 2025

Pastor's Message



Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed.
Alleluia! It's the Easter season! The season of new life as the earth springs forth the growth that we have waited so long for. One of the things that

I look forward to is the return of the colors and the vibrancy of being able to see all of the growth that happens anew in creation. It always brings me a certain peace of mind to be able to see things beginning to grow again.

In the life of the church, this Easter season also means new life for us in the risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We also spring forth anew with the restoration of our relationship with God in the saving work that Jesus has accomplished on the cross and in rising from the tomb. It also brings a certain peace of mind that life is made anew, and we can live our lives knowing and trusting that God makes all things new.

Christians consider Easter to be the "first day." From Easter comes the practice of worshiping on Sunday morning. It is the first day of the week. It is also the first day of new creation, sometimes called the "eighth day" of the week, for on it Christ restored the image of God in the human and in so doing also brought restoration and renewal to all of creation.

The Easter season proceeds from and celebrates this first day. In the resurrected Christ, there is time after the end, life after death, restoration of what was broken, the brightening of what had gone dark. In the fifty days of Easter, Christian communities around the world strive to worship God in a way that illustrates that the body of Christ lives now in the heavenly places and also in the gathered body in the world. Worship is where heaven and earth meet. May the promise of new life for you renew your hearts and spirits as you encounter the risen Christ in every day.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
Pastor Herb

John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

Colton Lutheran Parish

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First Lutheran Church

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Deadlines:

*Weekly Bulletin Announcements -
10 a.m. Tuesdays.*

*Monthly Newsletter Submissions –
5 p.m. 3rd Monday of each month.*

Stay in contact:

Please notify the church of any changes/updates to your mailing address, email, and phone contact information. With respect for your privacy, contact information is for church business only.

Events at Colton Parish

Communion Milestone

On Saturday, April 5, at 10am is a Communion Milestone event for all parish 5th Graders.

First communion is on **Maundy Thursday, April 17**. If you have a scheduling conflict, email herbhw@gmail.com.



CRAFTING GROUP AT FLC

Join in crafting **beginning after work hours (6:30pm) on Friday, April 4th** at First Lutheran.

Come and go as

you please. Socialize with others as you work on your own projects.

Call Tammy Huntimer at 605-941-2611 or thuntimer@sio.midco.net. *Bring a dish to pass and share!*



Bethel Lutheran Home Annual Dinner – The Best Day Ever Thursday, April 24, 2025

Mark your calendar for the Bethel Lutheran Home Annual Dinner – The Best Day Ever, featuring a dessert auction, along with lots of fun!

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The dinner raises money in support of the mission, ministry, and most importantly, the people of the Bethel Lutheran Community. Watch for more information for ticket prices and to reserve a table!

Contact Bethel Lutheran Home, 1001 S. Egan Ave., Madison, SD 57042; call 605-256-4539.

Blessings to First Lutheran

Dear Friends at First Lutheran Church,
Your gift is deeply appreciated! It helps us continue our ministry, serving those in need – God Bless you!
Church on the Street

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 ever told. **For details, call Michael Willard at 605-359-9279.**

Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, April 2:

6 p.m. meal/ 7 p.m. services at St. Jacobs
Usher: Stan Fods

Music: Tammy Fods

Wednesday, April 9:

6 p.m. – meal/ 7p.m. services at First Lutheran
Ushers: Terry and Deb Bunde
Music: TBD

April 13: Palm Sunday (no communion)

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

April 16: HOLY WEEK BEGINS

April 17: Maundy Thursday (First Communion)

6:30pm at St. Jacobs and 7:45pm at First Lutheran

April 18: Good Friday (no communion)

7 pm at First Lutheran

April 20: Easter Sunday (communion)

7 am Sunrise Easter Service at First Lutheran

9 am Easter Service at St. Jacobs

10:30 am Easter Service at First Lutheran

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes meet at 6:30pm Wednesdays at First Lutheran.

This month's dates are:

April 16: The Last Supper – Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22;

April 23: The Ten Commandments – Exodus 20; and **April 30:** Pentecost – Acts 2.

Please email Pastor Herb at herbhw@gmail.com, with any questions.

Pastor's Report

March 12th, 2025

1. The 5th grade families have been sent a letter informing them of the 1st communion training event. It is scheduled for April 5th at 10:00am at First Lutheran.
 - a. They will be learning about the importance of the Sacrament in nurturing their faith.
 - b. We will be decorating small chalices as a keepsake for this important milestone in their faith life.
 - c. Phil Hoffman will be teaching them how to make the unleavened bread for Holy Communion.
 - d. Afterwards, we will have something for lunch.
2. The Confirmation students are currently working on their Worship (sermon) notes. They are required to hand in 5 of these during the season of Lent.
3. The bulletin has been reworked. Take a look and let me know of any ways that we can improve it.
4. Beginning next Wednesday, I will be serving as mentor in the Youth Mentor program coordinated by LSS. I will meet with the same student every week over their lunch hour. I have been assigned a student at Lowell Elementary in central Sioux Falls.
5. Elissa Oyen and Ethan Hollaren have scheduled a wedding on October 18th at First with the rehearsal on Friday, October 17th.
6. I would like to take vacation in May. The dates are May 14th – 20th. I will seek out a supply preacher for May 18th.
7. I made 10 pastoral visits last month.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Herb Wounded Head III

Dear members of First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for supporting Lutheran Outdoors with your recent gift of \$375. This is greatly appreciated. Your support ensures the ability for LO to provide campers the opportunity for a Christ-centered experience in God's beautiful outdoors where participants grow their faith and receive life-giving experiences.

All this happens in the hills at Outlaw Ranch, on the prairie at Klein Ranch, and at the water at NESoDak Bible Camp!

I encourage your congregation members to visit our sites to see the difference your gift makes.

Thank you again for your generosity and for your continual support...

In Christ,

Pastor David B. Zellmer, *interim executive director*

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Senior Scholarship Letters are due to be returned April 1st.

The Deacons have been reviewing them.

Senior Sunday is planned for May 4th.

Your church family looks forward to celebrating your academic achievements. **Please email a senior photo to the church office ASAP:**

coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com.

Blessings to you all as you move closer to your graduation day!

Class Of
2025

AUTOMATIC CHURCH DONATIONS ~ MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER!

Did you know you can set up automatic giving to the church? It is safe, confidential and convenient. Each month FL church has \$720-750 donated via automatic transfers. These members receive 100% of the credit on their giving statements. You determine the amount, the frequency and the dates ~ you stay in control! Please consider using one of the electronic giving (e-giving) options to set up a regular contribution to help support the church mission and budget. Fill out a Thrivent Simple Giving (Vanco) form found in the church entry way or you can use the attached 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!





Time & Talents

Please look for the
**2024-2025 Time & Talent Sheet for
 First Lutheran and St. Jacobs
 Lutheran Churches, at the church
 entrances or the table outside Pastor's
 office at First Lutheran.**

Consider ways you can help serve in your church family, check them off on the list and submit the completed form to the church office.

Your talent and gifts of time are always appreciated!

Quilter's Group at FLC

The group will meet Friday, April 11th around 6:30 p.m. (after work) and again, on Saturday, April 12th at 9:30 a.m. or so.

Feel free to stop in and socialize, or help – stay as long as you like! Bring a treat to share – and your sewing machine to sew a few seams. We are always looking for useable fabric! While sorting through your linen closet or visiting rummage sales, consider donating or purchasing flat sheets in nice condition. They can be used as quilt backs!

For information, call Tammy Huntimer at 605-941-2611 or email thuntimer@sio.midco.net.

Thank you for continuing to pray and support the Quilter's Mission!



FLC Council Meeting

The First Lutheran Council will meet at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, April 9, 2025.
 The Boards are asked to schedule a meeting before the council meeting.

February Financials

| | Feb 2025 | difference from 2024 | YTD |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|
| Total Offering | \$28,189.44 | \$3,009.42 | \$807.53 |
| St Jacob's Reimbursement | \$0.00 | | \$2,930.24 |
| Berge Fund | \$20,575.00 | | |
| Mission Giving | \$594.88 | -\$18,651.26 | \$638.53 |
| Proposed Budget long/short | \$12,040.07 | | \$6,789.98 |
| Number of Family Giving | 41 | 3 | |
| Memorial Savings | | | |
| Sanctuary Improvement '25 | \$105.00 | | |
| Sanctuary Improvement so far | \$0.00 | ##### | |
| Zion Cemetery | \$25.00 | | |
| Undesignated | \$20.00 | | |
| Bev Skrovig Memorial | \$20.00 | | |
| Building Fund | \$300.00 | | |
| TTL | \$470.00 | | |

Submitted by Tammy Huntimer

St. Jacobs Wednesday Night Lenten Service

St. Jacobs will begin serving a Lenten meal beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, for a free will offering.

The Easter morning choir practice will follow the evening's 7 p.m. Lenten Services.

Please join us for fellowship!

Donations welcome

The Storehouse Food Pantry located in Dell Rapids, is in need of donations. Desired items include feminine hygiene products, laundry soap and any food items you wish to donate.

There will be a box in the St. Jacobs parish hall for all donations.

Any questions, please call Lisa Busser at 605-929-7673.





April Celebrations

Please note: If you have any special birthdays, anniversaries, open houses, card showers, or note of thanks – please notify the office so we can post a featured text box!

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Zackery Schwantes
- 6 – Lisa Busser
- 7 – Cheri Aartun, Peter Fods, Makayla Simmermon, Tyler Hansen
- 10 – Rachel Carsrud, Dan Carsrud, Paige Quigley
- 11 – Nate Meyer, Greg Ordal
- 12 – Jeff Thompson, Zachary Adkins, Jada Ordal
- 14 – BJ Van Dam, Brian Skrovig
- 15 – Marshall Crosby, Sonja Crosby
- 16 – Jake Mitchell, Braden Oyen, Leon Pemberton
- 18 – Kylie Koch
- 19 – Lauren Roberts
- 20 – Mckenzie Overgard
- 21 – Grace Swartwout, Sarah Fods, Hayden Swartwout, Harlan Amundson
- 22 – McKenzie Pitts
- 23 – Scott Amundson, Karlee Price
- 22 – Benjamin and Thomas McGuire
- 24 – Mackenzie Fods
- 25 – Tammy Huntimer, Myles DeWitt
- 27 – Robert Smith, Kendrick Peterson
- 28 – Pam Busser, Carter Sorenson, Hudson Ordal

ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 – Richard and Susan Pitts
- 25 – Lowell and Sharyl Hass, Lee and Rose Meyer
- 28 – Rick and Tammy Huntimer
- 30 – Dale and Pam Schut

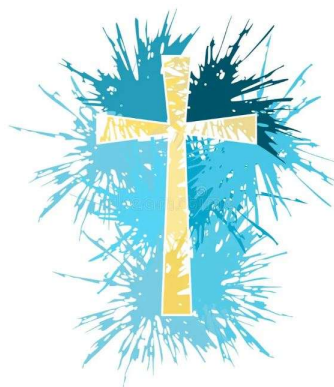
If a birthday or anniversary is listed incorrectly, please email the church office: coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com.

Join us for communion, refreshments and fellowship at 2 pm Thursday, April 24th, at Colton Assisted Living.

Pastor Herb serves communion every 4th Thursday of the month.

Refreshments are provided by Colton Lutheran Parish members.

I really only love God as much as I love *the person I love the least.*
- Dorothy Day



You are WELCOME at Colton Lutheran Parish

Join us weekly for worship: St. Jacobs Sunday services at 9 a.m.; or, at First Lutheran Sunday services at 10:30 am. Join us for parish fellowship: Religious education classes, Bible Studies and various church and youth activities!

Like our Facebook page or visit our Colton Lutheran Parish website for worship or activity announcements/changes.



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.

Prayer Warriors: Reach out to our hospitalized members!

Sanford Health and Avera, as well as the Heart Hospital, offer an option to email patients. Be a Prayer Warrior and help boost the spirits of our members while they're in the hospital!

Visit: www.sanfordhealth.org/patients-and-visitors/connect/email-a-patient or: www.avera.org/patients-visitors/greetings/

THOSE HELPING AT FIRST LUTHERAN AND ST. JACOBS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025

| | April 6 | April 13 Palm Sunday | April 17 Maundy Thursday | April 18 Good Friday | April 20 Easter Sunrise | April 20 Easter | April 27 |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| FL Ushers | Rick & Cindy Oyen | Michael & Wendy Simmermon | Rick & Sara Sorenson Family | Tom Van Asselt Family | Brandon & Kendra VanBlaricome | Justin & Nicole Van Hal Family | Michael & Mary Will |
| FL Reader | Leslie Johnson | Kaylee Amundson | Jake Cypher | Phil Hoffman | Rick Huntimer | Jamie Peterson | Matt Jones |
| FL Com Setup | Leslie Johnson | | Donna Jones | | Cindy Oyen | Jamie Peterson | Lorna Wounded Head |
| FL Music | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| FL Aclyts | Dolce Willard & Kaytee Wold (tech) | Porter Amundson & Bentley McMillan (tech) | | | | Aaliyah Vande Vooren & Jesse Swartwout (tech) | Elise Van Hal & Kevin Husman (tech) |
| SJ Usher | Stan Fods | Stan Fods | Stan Fods | Stan Fods | Stan Fods | | Stan Fods |
| SJ Music | Tammy Fods | Tammy Fods | Tammy Fods | Tammy Fods | Tammy Fods | | Tammy Fods |
| SJ Acolyte | TBD | Addysen Fods | | | | | |

Communion: St. Jacobs the first Sunday of each month; First Lutheran the first and fourth Sunday of each month.

THOSE HELPING AT FIRST LUTHERAN AND ST. JACOBS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2025

| | May 4 | May 11 | May 18 | May 25 |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| FL Ushers | Jim & Jan Willard | Lance & Sharee Wold Family | Dennis & Kaylee Amundson Family | Cole & Bridget Amundson Family |
| FL Reader | Dave Keith | Jamie Peterson | Wendy Simmermon | Tammy Huntimer |
| FL Com Setup | Tammy Huntimer | | | Renae Jensen |
| FL Music | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| FL Aclyts | Payton Wold & Kaytee Wold (tech) | Madelyn Jensen & Dolce Willard (tech) | Bentley McMillan & Porter Amundson (tech) | Jesse Swartwout & Aaliyah Vande Vooren (tech) |
| SJ Usher | Stan Fods | Stan Fods | Stan Fods | Stan Fods |
| SJ Music | Tammy Fods | Tammy Fods | Tammy Fods | Tammy Fods |
| SJ Acolyte | Addysen Fods | | | |

PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:
**Ruth & Dick Harms, Pam Busser, Randy Lamer
and Kerry Bachman**

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

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

We lift up all 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.



Church Chairs & Tables

When hosting large gatherings, this is a reminder that our older metal tables and chairs located in the church basement are available for members to use.

Contact Kim Kagarise at the church at 605-446-3271 or coltonlutheranparish@gmail.com to make arrangements to reserve them. They must be signed out and back in when you are done. **Office hours are 9-11:30 am Tuesday-Thursday.**

The plastic tables and chairs are not available for check out.

Wednesday Night Lenten Suppers

St. Jacobs and First Lutheran Churches will be serving Lenten suppers before Wednesday night services.

The meals will begin serving at 6 p.m. Services begin at 7 p.m.

All suppers are for a free-will offering!



Easter Cantata

An Easter Cantata will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 13th, at the

Baltic High School Performing Arts Center.

Coffee and dessert will be available for a free will offering, with proceeds to go to the Baltic Food Bank and the Baltic Community Garden.

Book Club

The Book Club will wrap up its discussion of "It's OK That You're Not OK," at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 at First Lutheran.

For questions, contact Pastor Herb at herbwh@gmail.com.



Holy Communion at Dell Rapids

On Thursday, April 3, Holy Communion will be celebrated at Orchard Hills at 9:15 am and at Dells Nursing & Rehab Center at 10 am, both at Dell Rapids. Holy Communion is celebrated the first Thursday of each month. An Interim Pastor from Willow Creek officiates this month. For questions, contact Eidsness at 605-5430-5384. For location details, contact Orchard Hills at 605-312-4290; or Dells Nursing & Rehab Center at 605-428-5478.

Fight hunger through volunteering

Feeding South Dakota is in need of volunteers for a wide arrange of assistance, such as: perform light duty maintenance work, complete light duty office projects, sort or repackage donated food, pack bags for The Backpack Program, assist at Mobile Food Distribution sites or pack food boxes for Mobile Food Distribution.

To share your talents, call 605-335-0364 or visit feedingsouthdakota.org/volunteer.

Colton Lutheran Parish Women's Group Notes

The Parish ladies' group meeting is Tuesday, April 8th, at First Lutheran Church. At 9 am the group will be polishing the altar ware and at 10 am, they will pack hygiene kits for St. Francis House.

Please come when you can!

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH SPRING FLOWERS

PLEASE DROP OFF EASTER LILIES OR SPRING FLOWERS AFTER THE 7 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Label the flowers if you plan to take them home later.

First Lutheran Council Meeting

March 12, 2025

President: Jamie Peterson

Treasurer not present

Pastor Herb Wounded Head III

Trustees: Rick Oyen

Vice President Kaylee Amundson **Secretary** Kari Caspers

Financial Secretary Tammy Huntimer

Deacons: Deb Bunde **Education:** Mike Willard, Heather Bunde

Finance: Tammy Huntimer & Kaylee Amundson

Opening Devotion

Secretary Report: Motion to approve February meeting minutes - Jamie Peterson and Kaylee approved

Financial Secretary Report: Berge fund \$20,570, total offering fund \$28,189.44 from financial report \$12,040.07, three more families donated this month from last year. If we receive undesignated memorials - they will go to a general fund. Improvement fund \$25,362.20 - Rick Oyen motioned to approve, Deb Bunde 2nd

Treasurer Report: not present - no report

Pastor Report: As recorded in Pastor's report - special note: 5th grade families 1st communion event 4/5/25 @ 10 am

Board Reports

Deacons: endowment gave \$600 for The Banquet, \$562 was raised during church offering for The Banquet.

Education: VBS dates 7/13/25 - 7/17/25, community Sunday School - 3/23/25 - Klein ranch will come to talk to kids, palm leaves are ordered and coming, 5/4/25 - senior sunday - 4 letters were sent out for scholarships, deadline April 1st

Finance: no report

Trustees: carpet is on backorder, waiting on painting and carpet until after easter, north front entrance of church needs repair - getting a quote for this. Looking for options for lawn gazebo

President Report: Discussed retreat information, created a new mission statement - this will be voted on, voting on new church time for First Lutheran and St. Jacobs.

Committee & Organization Reports:

Old Business:

New Business: April global volunteer month - focus on local service, possibly collaborate with Methodist Church when they have food giveaway in April - Pastor Herb will check with Pastor Susan

Next Meeting will be: April 9, 2025 @ 8pm

Closing: Lord's Prayer



DECORATE FOR EASTER SERVICES

The First Lutheran Altar Guild invites you to help decorate for Easter services at First Lutheran Church. Decorating begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19th.

Colton Lutheran Parish serves at The Banquet-West

Members of Colton Lutheran Parish came together to volunteer to help prepare and serve meals at The Banquet-West in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, February 26th. Thank you to all who helped!



More photos from the volunteer event available on Facebook at [coltonlutheranparish](https://www.facebook.com/coltonlutheranparish).



Baked Potato Bar for Wednesday's April 9th Lenten Dinner



Join Us at First Lutheran Church

Event Details

Hey everyone! First Lutheran Church is hosting a Baked Potato Bar at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 9th. Please join us before 7 p.m. Lenten Services for faith, fellowship and food.

The meal is offered for a free will donation, with profits going toward a new community focus outreach program, with its first event on Mother's Day! Stay tuned for details!

For those willing to help with supplies for the dinner, a SignUp Genius is listed on the Colton Lutheran Parish Facebook page, or a paper signup in the FLC entryway is also available. All donations are appreciated!

Can't wait to see you there!



April

2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-------------------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| | | 1 10am Bulletin Deadline Senior Scholarship letters due! | 2 LENTEN WORSHIP @ SJ 6pm meal/7pm services <i>Easter choir practice follows services</i> | 3 9:15am/10am Holy Communion@ Dell Rapids | 4 6:30pm Crafting Group | 5 10am 5th Grade First Communion Milestone event |
| 6 9am @ SJ Worship w/com 9:15am FL Bible Project 10:30am @ FL Worship w/com | 7 | 8 10am Bulletin Deadline 9am Women's Group meets @ FL | 9 LENTEN WORSHIP @ FL 6pm meal/7pm services 8pm Council Meeting @ FL | 10 | 11 6:30pm Quilting Group | 12 9:30am Quilting Group |
| 13 PALM SUNDAY <i>No communion</i> 9am @ SJ/10:30am @ FL 1pm Easter Cantata @ Baltic | 14 | 15 10am Bulletin Deadline | 16 6:30pm Confirmation @ FL | 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY <i>First Communion</i> 6:30pm @ SJ/ 7:45pm @ FL | 18 GOOD FRIDAY <i>No communion</i> 7pm @ FL/drop off Easter flowers after services | 19 9:30am Decorate for Easter @ First Lutheran |
| 20 EASTER SUNDAY <i>Communion</i> 7am Sunrise/10:30am @ FL 9am @ SJ | 21 5pm Newsletter Deadline | 22 10am Bulletin Deadline | 23 5:30pm Book Club @ FL 6:30pm Confirmation @ FL | 24 2pm Colton Retirement Fellowship Bethel Lutheran Home Annual Dinner @ 5:30pm | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9am @ SJ Worship 9:15am FL Bible Project 10:30am @ FL w/com | 28 | 29 10am Bulletin Deadline | 30 6:30pm Confirmation @ FL | | | |
| UPCOMING! Senior Sunday is May 4th! | | | | | | |