

South Dakota Lutheran Secretariat

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November 2024 Edition Enean Mattes & Pastor Steve Carmany, Editors

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Next VDC Weekend: November 13-16, 2025

Co-Ed Weekend @ Swan Lake Christian Camp

Send in your applications!!!

Deadline for all applications is October 13, 2025

Early Bird Discount: Apps must be received by September 8, 2025

Pray and Start Inviting Right Now!!!

Pastor's Corner:

Ruler of our minds

Election Day is coming up quickly. It is at the forefront of many people's minds. Who will be our president? What will the next four years of our country be like? As Americans we especially consider these things since we have the privilege of voting. We want to vote for the person that we think will be the best for our country. We want to help control the way that our country is going.

It is good for us to exercise the rights that we have. It is also important for us to remind ourselves of what truly matters, of what our lives are really about. While it is easy to believe that how we vote and who becomes our president are of the utmost important, they are not the things that are supposed to rule our hearts and our minds.

In Colossians 3:15 Paul says this, "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." Christ and his peace is what are supposed to rule our hearts and minds. This is not to say that we do not care about how we vote and who gets elected. It means that they are not the most important thing in our lives. Christ is. He is our salvation. He is our hope.

No matter who is elected the president of our country may the peace of Christ rule your hearts and minds.

By Pastor Ezra Grabau, Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux City

Colossians 1:10b-12 ~~ Bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might,

for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Abide in Jesus and you will bear fruit. Seek God and you will find, ask and it will be given.

Doing the will of God leads to everything He promises. In Jesus there is no darkness at all.

God's Word has now been shared in almost every country and in thousands of languages. It is a gift for us that He wants us to access, learn, understand, share and become one with. It is a source that we can use at a moment's notice; especially when we are actively making it a true part of ourselves and witnessing in our lives.

In this 4th Day Community, may we always help each other to continue reading, understanding and sharing the love that God pours out through it. In so doing, may we bond together in the One Body of Christ with all the saints.

De Colores!!!

Enean Mattes, Lay Director

- TEC Weekend: March 21-23, 2025 @ Yankton, SD
- TEC Weekend: May 30-June 1, 2025 @ Sioux City, IA
- Team Building & Practice Day: January 11, 2025
Messiah New Hope, Sioux Falls – Begin @ 9:00 am

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### **T-SHIRTS FOR SALE**

**PROCEEDS GO FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

**PLACE YOUR ORDER SOON!!!**

**SHORT SLEEVE - \$16 / LONG SLEEVE - \$20**

**CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT - \$36 / HOODIES - \$36**

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# FOR ALL THE SAINTS

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Jim Ewoldt – 9/9/2023

Linda Stone – 3/8/2024

Pastor Steve Martens – 6/30/2024

Mike Diede – 8/25/2024

Don Curtis – 9/22/2024

Ed Hanson – 10/30/2024