



MEMORIAL LUTHERAN

"Connecting To Jesus And You!"

Connection

November 2023

Thanksgiving!

By Pastor Doug Slavens

*"Oh, give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; for His steadfast
love endures forever!"*
(1 Chronicles 16:34)

Thanksgiving is coming. It is a time when we are supposed to give thanks...right? Well then, what are you thankful for? Maybe we give thanks for our over abundance of food, or our name brand clothes, or maybe even our well built homes. I would say these are all good things for which we should give thanks to God. However, there is usually something we leave off our list of thanksgivings. How about being thankful for...our sufferings.

Let me be the first one to say how odd it is to say we should be "thankful" for suffering. Being thankful for pain, for emotional trauma, for disease, for broken relationships, it just seems to go against our very grain, doesn't it? Who on earth wants to suffer? I don't. I doubt you do either. Actually I think we try our best to avoid suffering.

But, the truth is, every single one of us will go through suffering in this life. It's a fact. Suffering is guaranteed in this fallen world (Genesis 3). We will each face battles unique to our own nature. We will face spiritual sufferings and physical temptations which can lead to suffering. Our minds and our bodies will, at some point, fail. And yes, then there is death. Each of us will watch the ones we love the most...die. One day, we ourselves will also go through death. None of us are immune to it...Depressing, isn't it.

Yet, if you crack open your Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:3, the Apostle Paul says, "We rejoice in our sufferings." Why would he say that? Well, I think Paul understood the secret of not just enduring suffering, but actually seeing it as a place where God can work something good. Just as God turned the terribleness of the cross into the salvation of the entire world, the Apostle Paul was also able to see how God can, from His upper story, turn the terribleness of suffering we go through into something good, beneficial, and faith strengthening in our lower story.

Paul goes on to say that while it might not feel that way...God reminds us over and over, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." And while weakness just feels like another form of suffering...weakness leads to trusting in the one who is strong. Which is something to truly be thankful for.

So, this thanksgiving, Give thanks! Give thanks for all the good you can see, and give thanks for all the good you cannot see. For the Lord is good, His steadfast love (mercy) endures forever.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be
dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen
you and help you; I will uphold you with My
righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10*

SUNDAY WORSHIP INFORMATION:

8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am* Blended Worship
11:00 am Contemporary Worship
11 am service is also Livestreamed.
Visit, www.memorillutheran.net & click
on the Youtube link under 'Worship.'

*NOTE: Bible Studies and
Sunday School are available
at the 9:30 am hour for
ages 3 - Adult unless
Otherwise noted on the
monthly calendar.

*"Wherever you are,
we want to connect Jesus
to you and you to Jesus.
Because of Him we are a
family, always growing,
learning how to love
one another and the
community around us."*

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Updates from The Church Council

The major remodel work is complete and a few finishing touches, such as display boards, are finishing up around the church. Thanks again to everyone for their patience and contributions to this project over the past six months. The next big item we are waiting for is the arrival and installation of the five roof top HVAC units that will replace the ones that are 24 years old. We anticipate this will happen sometime in November!

Our building loan now has a balance of \$69,997! In October we were able to make another principal payment of \$13,785 from designated offerings and the loan will now be paid off no later than this coming February 2024! At the end of this year the balance will be just over \$36,000, minus any contributions we receive towards the principal of the loan in the last

2 months of 2023. God willing, the loan has a realistic chance of being paid off at the end of the year!

Preliminary work on the 2024 budget has begun! We ask for your prayers as we look for His guidance to manage the resources He has blessed our congregation with. The budget, election of council members and many other exciting updates will be provided at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 1:00pm. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

If anyone has questions, please reach out to a Church Council Member.

In Christ,

Matt Hieb
Church Council President

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Building Loan Update

Balance as of January 1, 2023 = \$ 274,791
Principal paid YTD = \$ 204,794
Current Loan Balance as of October 16, 2023 = \$ 69,997

New estimated payoff date if only regular monthly payments are made: Feb. 15, 2024

Additional Principal Needed to payoff loan by December 31, 2023: \$36,971

Additional principal payments from Reaching Beyond/Building Fund contributions will shorten the time until the loan is paid off. Please consider making contributions to the Reaching Beyond/Building Fund in addition to your regular general fund offerings. *Thank You!*

OFFERING SUMMARY - 2023

Giving thru Sept. \$ 908,661 October giving to date: \$ 65,803
Expenses thru Sept. \$ 900,215 Monthly Budgeted Need: \$ 103,302

SECURE ELECTRONIC GIVING: is available at: www.memoriallutheran.net. Click on 'Giving Online' at the top of the home page. Forms are also available in the Church Office. Questions? Contact the office at 605-334-7133.

Giving By Text : Send a text to **833-894-0109** with the amount you would like to give. (Note just the number is required, i.e. 20) You'll receive a text with a link to register. Once registered, you'll get a text verification & receipt via email. For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give (just the number, i.e. 50), & it will process automatically.

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SFLS School Board

Greg Miller & Sarah Swingdorf

Organists/Accompanists:

Peggy Baney Joy Johansen Jan Noah
Kristi Prouty

Church Council

Matt Hieb, President
Doug Monson, Vice. Pres.
Michelle Knappe, Secretary
Bart Viss, Treasurer
Merry Miller, Financial Sec.
Colleen Keiser, LWML
Peggy Baney, Outreach
Casey Bialas, Trustee

Elders:

Bhrett Baney, Kasey Danley; Craig Gehrels;
Rich Hartmann; Mike Mlnarik; Dennis O'Neill;
Don Schmidt; Jim Schmidt; Andy Schmuck; Joel Quist

Offering Boxes! - Offering boxes are available at each Worship Center entrance. Cards are also available at each box with a QR code if you would prefer electronic giving.

Thank you for supporting the Ministry of Memorial Lutheran Church.

"You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly." - 2 Cor 9:7

SIoux FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS! (PREsCHOOL—12TH GR.)

Upcoming Visit Events

Join us for fall visit events to meet our staff and students, tour campus, receive answers to your questions, and discover the value of investing in your child's future at SFLS.

- **High School Preview Night**
Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00pm
Sign Up: www.siouxfallslutheran.com/high-school-preview-night
- **Middle School Preview Night**
Tuesday, November 14 at 5:30pm
Sign Up: www.siouxfallslutheran.com/middle-school-preview-night

- **Kindergarten Preview Night**
Thursday, November 30 at 6:00pm
Sign Up: www.siouxfallslutheran.com/kindergarten-preview-night
- **Preschool Open House**
Saturday, December 2 from 10am-12pm
Sign up: www.siouxfallslutheran.com/preschool-open-house
- **First Look Fridays**
First Friday of the Month at 9:00am
Sign Up: www.siouxfallslutheran.com/first-look-fridays

Thank You for Your Generous Support at Celebrate His Gifts

Our sincerest thanks all who joined us on, **Saturday, October 21**, for the Celebrate His Gifts Gala! We raised **\$73,000** of our **\$100,000** goal for needs-based tuition assistance, and **\$135,500** of our **\$185,000** event goal! There's still time to help us reach our fundraising goals by donating online at <https://bit.ly/chg-2023-ta> or calling 605-335-1923.



NEWS FROM THE GARAGE:

I had the pleasure of traveling back to Idaho and more specifically, Camp Perkins this past weekend. We drove into camp at 1:30am so I didn't get to see the mountains, but the second I opened the door, the smell of pine trees filled my nostrils and flooded my memories. Being in God's word is just like that. The Holy Spirit reminds us of verses and stories that affirm what we're learning or speak into a situation we're walking through. Help your students build a memory bank of verses by making evening or morning (even in the car) devotion time a priority—watch how the Holy Spirit will bring those verses and lessons to mind at just the right time.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

DCE Hailey Jo Miller

9:20 Sunday Bible Study (based off of Nehemiah 9:20) (For 6th-12th gr)

Students are welcome to join us for Bible Study every Sunday morning. Doors open at 9:10am, with games, socializing and then music.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Our Thanksgiving Service will be held at Sioux Falls Lutheran (Boe Lane), 6:30pm on Wed., November 22nd. We'll see you there!

THANKSGIVING MEAL - Join us in serving our community through our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, November 23rd. Sign-ups will be out in the hallways. Setup will be Wednesday, the 22nd.

ADVENT MEALS

If you're in 4th-9th grade and would like to attend Camp Minneboji summer 2024, you can sign up with Liz Peters and help prepare and serve the Advent meals. Money donated will help offset your cost to send your student!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Sunday: November 5th! Come support our students as they publicly confirm their faith in the promises spoken to them in their baptism. Confirmation Service at 11am. Check out the student projects, highlighting their spiritual gifts in action at 9:30am. Upcoming Classes in December include Worship. Sign up with Hailey Jo.

STUDENT CONNECT

High School Connect (9th-12th gr) meets every Wednesday, starting at 6:30pm. Friends are always welcome!
HS Christmas Party: Friday, December 1st (RSVP with Hailey Jo)
NO HS Connect: November 22nd-December 27th. See you January 3rd!

Middle School Connect (6th-8th gr) meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30pm-8pm. Students meet with mentors for the first half hour, then come together for devotion and a game. See you November 8th!
NO MS Connect: November 22nd-December 27th. See you January 10th!

IMPORTANT DATES

Confirmation Rehearsal -
Wednesday, November 1st at 5:30pm
Bible Study - Sundays at 9:20am
High School Connect -
Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm
Middle School Connect -
November 8th, 6:30-8pm
Thanksgiving Service at SFLS -
November 22nd, 6:30pm

YOUTH & CHILDREN CONNECTIONS!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY -

Sunday School Connect

Romans 15:4 "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope."

The Story is giving us insight to the BIG PICTURE of what God wants us to glean from His Word....Jesus. For years, God's Word has been shared over and over again to His people to give us hope and encouragement. As we read through The Story, we are seeing how God's promises teach us to trust in Him. In Sunday School the kids are each week exposed to the love of Jesus through our dedicated volunteers that each week come to share Jesus with the kids. Parents, each week you bring your kids to worship and Sunday School you are helping your children put God first in their lives and growing in understanding of God's hope and love. Thank You for bring them each week.

Register On-line for SS!

Help update your child's information by linking on www.memoriallutheran.net (Must be updated yearly.)



CLUB 345

Club 345 is for 3rd, 4th & 5th Graders on the first & third Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-8 pm. This year we are exploring the Books of the Bible & learning what's all in the Bible. We have lesson, games, snacks, crafts...fun time just for these Club 345ers. We meet next Nov 1st & 15th



ZINGERS

1st & 2nd Graders are invited to be a Zinger and meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8pm. **November 8th** we will meet next for a lesson on Basics of the Bible as we reinforce The Story as a church family



THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS: CHILDREN'S SERVICE

The SS Children will be leading worship on **Sunday, Dec. 10th @ 4 PM**. There will be **ONE** Saturday practice **Dec. 9th at 10:30-11:45am** so all know where to stand, speak and sing & be ready for the next day's service at 4pm. (Preschoolers do **NOT** attend the Saturday practice, just Sunday mornings and then showtime on the 10th) Each Sunday, we will be working on the music and parts will be handed out before Thanksgiving. If your child is **UNABLE** to participate, PLEASE let Liz know ASAP.

ADVENT MEALS

Kids 4th Gr & up wanting to raise money for Camp will be serving Advent meals before worship! Join us in food & fellowship and help the kids get funds for camp! Food will be served from **Wednesdays during Advent at 5-6:10 PM** each night.
December 6th Ham & Cheesy Potatoes
December 13th Walking Tacos
December 20th Soup Sampler—Come try some new soups!! We'll have little cups so you can try more than one! If interested in making a crock-pot of soup or help donating food see Liz!

Liz Peters—
Director of Children's Ministries
@ Memorial
Email: children@memoriallutheran.net



"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"
- Matt. 19:14



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING OUTREACH DINNER

On Thursday, November 23rd, we will once again be serving Thanksgiving Dinner (turkey with all the trimmings) as an outreach to the community. The meal begins at 12 noon on Thanksgiving Day and continues until all have eaten. Delivery and dine in are available again this year.

This is a great outreach serving event for the whole family. Sign-up sheets for helpers and supplies will be in the hallway during November. For more information contact the church office at 334-7133.

(Note: Final sign-up for delivery will be Monday, Nov. 20.)



Christmas

by Candlelight

December 3, 2023
Memorial Lutheran Church
6:30 pm

This year's entertainment will be local artists, Mogen's Heroes. Mogen's Heroes have been entertaining in the area since 1978 and perform a variety of music styles. Come and enjoy an evening of wonderful entertainment, dessert, and fellowship, all by candlelight.



This will be a beautiful evening to prepare your heart for Christmas while focusing on our Savior's birth.

Christmas By Candlelight is a Women's Ministry Event for High School thru Adult Women. Limited seating available.

Tickets: \$8
On sale beginning Nov. 12

Heart to Heart



Ministry To Women By Women. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, for Fellowship, Study & Service. Contact the church office (605-334-7133) for more info.

Next meeting - November 14
We'll be making the Annual Memorial Christmas Ornaments. All women are welcome to join us for this fun evening.

Bible Studies at Memorial

"THE STORY" BIBLE STUDIES

Sundays at 8am, 9:30am, 11am. **Thursdays** at 9:30am. Saturday's Men's Study at 8am.

9:30 AM SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Christianity 101 - Sundays at 9:30am. How Modern Lutherans can discover who they are in Christ.

YOUNG MARRIED SMALL GROUP - 1st Monday of each month. 6:30-8pm at Memorial. Text: Kathleen 605-877-2954 for more info.

Interested in small group bible study? Talk with Pastor Doug & he'll connect you with one of the groups.

RightNow Media— A great resource for everyone. Stream Adult Bible Studies AND Christian programming for the whole family! Email the church office for the link. info@memoriallutheran.net



Daily Devotion Opportunities

- Mustard Seed Devotions. Go to LWML.org & click on resources.
- Lutheran Hour Ministries. Go to lhm.org, click on News/Resources. Scroll down to Daily Devotions.

"For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them."
-Matt. 18:20



Handbells & Adult Choir!

Interested in joining one of Memorial's Music groups? Call/text Mindee Birnstiehl - 605.212.3425.

Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings:
Handbells rehearse from 6-7pm &
Adult Choir rehearses from 7-8pm.

UPCOMING AT MEMORIAL:

Nov 5 - Blood Mobile at Memorial
Nov 5 - Confirmation Sunday
Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Eve Worship held at SFLS
Nov 23 - Annual Thanksgiving Outreach Meal
Dec 3 - Christmas By Candlelight
Dec 6, 13, 20 - Advent Fellowship Meals
Dec 6, 13, 20 - Advent Worship Services
Dec 10 - Children's Christmas Program
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Day Worship - 8am
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Worship - 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 9pm
Dec 25 - Christmas Day Worship - 9:30am

Outreach

St. Francis House: We serve at the St. Francis House on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 5:45-7:30pm. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex area. Wear a hat or they'll provide hair/beard nets. Wear closed toe shoes. Thanks for helping with this important ministry.

Sharing Christmas: (*Community Outreach & Center of Hope*) October 30-November 27. Bring toys to church and place them in the canvas cart. Please don't wrap the gifts and leave the price on the gift. We are partnering with these two agencies to provide gifts for families who would not be able to purchase toys for their children. Parents, who are eligible, pay 10% of the retail price for the gifts. This way they are accountable for some of the gift. They can choose three gifts for each child or up to \$8. Gift ideas will be on the slat board next to the cart, or buy a toy that you would buy your own children or grandchildren. Don't like shopping? Let Peggy Baney know, she will shop for you. Donations of wrapping paper are also needed. (partial or new rolls.) Place them in the box next to the canvas cart.



Blood Mobile: The Blood Mobile will be at Memorial from 9am-12:30pm on Nov. 5. Help our community by giving blood.

Annual Congregational Christmas Caroling: Watch for details coming soon about caroling.



Gift cards for Active Military: This year we will be sending gift cards and letters to our active military men and women. A donation box for money for the gift cards or for the gift cards themselves will be placed by the canvas cart in front of Kathy's office. Help us remember our active members on duty.

Watch for Gift Wrapping at the Mall sponsored by LWML. Dates and times coming soon.

Keegan Ahart Family Gifts: Memorial has given monetary (from the estate gift) & prayer support to Keegan Ahart, a seminary student. Keegan lives with his family in Belle Fourche, S.D. He works a full-time job and is going to school to become a LCMS pastor. He will be a nontraditional student, going to school on-line and some in person through the seminary at St. Louis. Keegan is a very busy man and money right now is a bit tight because of school expenses. We would like support Keegan & his family with some Christmas gifts. Peggy will be in touch with them to get exact ideas from each family member so that there will be no guessing as to what they need. These gifts can be placed in a box next to the canvas cart. The Ahart family will be in the area in December to visit family who live near Sioux Falls. At that time, we will meet them and give them their gifts. Check out the list near the canvas cart.

Ongoing Projects:

- Collecting **eyeglasses/sunglasses/hearing aids**
- Collecting **pop tabs** for Ronald McDonald House.
- **Food Pantry:** Drop off donations of food/hygiene supplies in the office. Available to all to utilize as needed.
- **Comfort Meals:** For your personal use in family emergencies and for you to give to others in need.
- **Prayer Shawls:** Let us know if you know of someone in need of a shawl and we can deliver it.
- **Helping Hands Builders:** Helping with small home repairs. ie. a door that doesn't close properly, drippy faucet, lock not working? Let us know and we can take a look to see if we can help.

?????Outreach Questions?????

Contact Peggy Baney at 605-759-8424 or bandpbaney@sio.midco.net

MISSION & MINISTRY CONNEC-

Lutheran Women in Mission:

Happy November! Most people know us by LWML. We are the same women no matter what name we use! We are Lutheran Women in Mission who proclaim Christ, support missions & equip women to honor God by serving others.

October was a busy month for us. We collected over \$900 in mites on LWML Sunday! We are so blessed and thankful for all the support from you, the members of Memorial. On the 7th we held our Craft & Vendor Fair. We also host a bake sale and lunch with the fair. We also did very well with the bake sale! Thank you again to all who baked & helped us with that! This money will go into our general fund to help us support South Dakota church work/seminary students, SFLS, staff gifts, Memorial's children & student ministries, kitchen supplies, banners, etc. We also elected new officers: Colleen Keiser is now the President and Janet Borchard is our new secretary.

Our Mites at work for November:

The SD Mission Grant #6: Luther's Small Catechism for African Mission-Lutheran Heritage Foundation - \$5,000. Due to the *tremendous* growth in the Lutheran churches in Africa, missionaries, partner churches and Lutheran leaders throughout Africa have requested more than 3 dozen translations of the *Small Catechism*. This grant will help fund the texts needed to teach the faith when the pastors are stretched beyond their limits to personally instruct new believers.

The 2023-2025 LWML Mission Grant #2: A Healing Space for At-Risk Children – Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, ND - \$100,000. This grant will help meet the construction costs of building a chapel facility specifically designed to be a healing space for traumatized boys and girls, to help them know and experience the mercy of Christ and His healing power.

UPCOMING EVENTS: We are planning on decorating the church, and offering our annual Christmas Shoppe. We will keep everyone posted as these plans come together!

As we plan on family gatherings and celebrating Thanksgiving, I am especially thankful for the opportunity to serve such an organization as this!

God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving
Colleen Keiser, President
Lutheran Women in Mission



Check out more info about the international LWML organization at LWML.org.

Serving In November

Serving Communion:

Nov 5: 8:00 am - Kasey Danley, Rich Hartmann
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Dan Currier, Mark Schoeneman, Rick Dierks
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Andy Schmuck, Darold Danley, Paul Luetjen

Nov 12: 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Rich Hartmann
9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Ken Tucker, Terry Conrad, Alan Carlson
11:00 am - Bill Cooper, Jerome Heyd, Jim Schmidt, Joel Shaver

Nov 19: 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Rich Ulses
9:30 am - Dan Currier, Dan Becker, Joel Quist, Mark Schoeneman
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Bill Cooper, Darold Danley, Paul Luetjen

Nov 22: 6:30 pm - Bhrett Baney, Rich Hartmann, Ken Tucker, Darold Danley
(Thanksgiving Eve at SFLS)

Nov 29: 8:00 am - Jay Prouty, Rich Ulses
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Terry Conrad, Craig Gehrels, Alan Carlson
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Andy Schmuck, Bill Cooper, Darold Danley

November Accompanists:

(The Worship Team accompanies all 11 am Worship Services)

Nov 5 - 8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

Nov 12 - 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

Nov 19 - 8:00 am - Jan Noah
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

Nov 22 - 6:30 pm - OPEN
(Thanksgiving Eve at SFLS)

Nov 26 - 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

November Acolytes:

Nov 5 - 8:00 am - Cora Johansen
11:00 am - Bode Larson

Nov 12 - 8:00 am - Brianna Danley
11:00 am - Elijah Richards

Nov 19 - 8:00 am - Olivia Loring
11:00 am - Eero Larson

Nov 22 - 6:30 pm - Elsie Slavens
(Thanksgiving Eve at SFLS)

Nov 26 - 8:00 am - Paul Loring
11:00 am - Sophie Wood

November Sunday Ushers

8:00 am - Larry Noah, Rocky Boer, Gordy Johnson, Jeff Nelson, Dennis O'Neill
9:30 am - Tim Miller, Dan Amert, Ken Wickre, Larry Miller
11:00 am - Craig Larsen, Scott Ruml, Mike Mlnarik
Nov 22 - 6:30 pm - Jay Prouty, Ken Wickre, Dennis O'Neill
Thanksgiving Eve Worship held at Sioux Falls Lutheran

November Lay Readers:

Nov 5 - 8:00 am - Jay Prouty
9:30 am - Janet Borchard
11:00 am - Shirley Miller

Nov 12 - 8:00 am - Larry Noah
9:30 am - Tim Miller
11:00 am - Don Reichert

Nov 19 - 8:00 am - Rose Foster
9:30 am - Bob Seidel
11:00 am - Chris Andresen

Nov 22 - 6:30 pm - OPEN
(Thanksgiving Eve at SFLS)

Nov 26 - 8:00 am - Dan Peters
9:30 am - Ken Wickre
11:00 am - Breck Miller

Power Point Operators:

Nov 5 - 8:00 am - Charlie Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Mike Gilbride

Nov 12 - 8:00 am - Seth Peters
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein
11:00 am - Jacob Richards

Nov 19 - 8:00 am - Troy Miller
9:30 am - Pete Illing
11:00 am - Henry Slavens

Nov 22 - 6:30 pm - OPEN
(Thanksgiving Eve at SFLS)

Nov 26 - 8:00 am - Charlie Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Mike Gilbride

Serving

Connecting Through Serving

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1- Mark Gibbs | 7- David Wendt | 16- Mike Gilbride |
| Breck Miller | 8- Gary Brendel | Charlie Peters |
| Tim Miller | David Bridges | 17- Don Johnson |
| Mark Parrish | Bennett Dannenbring | Michelle Knappe |
| Wyatt Werdel | Jim Olander | 18- Jonah Mlnarik |
| 2- Nixon Baloun | 9- Bob Bessman | 19- Skye Bork |
| Eric Braunesreither | Beau Rayman | Bob Kerr |
| Darold Danley | 10- Jacob Barney | Ashley Larson |
| Bob Nelson | Rose Foster | 20- Bridger Baxa |
| 3- Tessa Helland | Joyce Rodman | 21- Adam Presler |
| Kim Jundt | 11- Sandy Baer | Tyana Viss |
| Amy Schoeneman | Nick Brock | 22- Cora Johansen |
| 4- Braylee Larson | Bryce Gammeter | 23- Cody Alderman |
| Jennifer Reiners | Collins Miller | Ethan Hays |
| Eunice Sweeney | Carson Rasmussen | Sienna Loudenslager |
| 5- Eileen Crolus | 12- Dane Steffen | 25- Benjamin Bertsch |
| Nolen Hanson | 13- Chloe Johansen | Dan Peters |
| Paul Luetjen | 14- Bode Larson | Amber VanDenBerg |
| Bryon Reynolds | Josie Woodson | 26- Erin Capouch |
| 6- Gary Letsche | 15- Kim Roskeland | John Johannsen |
| 7- Melissa Roerig | 16- Corby Bialas | Dakota Faith Voshage |
| | Mike Davidson | 27- Tillee Gundvaldson |

- 27- Owen Nord
28- Heidi Griebel
29- Martin Duin
Todd Irvin
Aaron Neugebauer
Stefanie Reiffenberger
Trisha Viss
30- Harlan Bedford
Casey Bialas
Manny Meyer
Bernie Moore

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3- Aric & Stacey Kuusela
4- Andrew & Jacey Meier
5- Todd & Kelly Irvin
8- Greg & Rita Miller
15- Darrell & Helen Christopherson
25- Howard & Barb Schacht
Ken & Sharon Teunissen
27- Erik & Lori Helland
29- Daniel & Megan Harnisch

*"That's why a man
will leave his father
and mother and will
remain united with
his wife, and the
two will be one?"*

- Matthew 19:5
GOD'S WORD TRANSLATION

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Wed. Nov 1

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
6 pm Bells Practice
6:30 pm Club 345
6:30 pm Confirmation - "Apostles' Creed"
6:30 pm High School Connect
7 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thurs. Nov 2

9 am Adult Bible Study
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
7 pm Elder's Connect Meeting

Fri. Nov 3

1pm - 5pm Private Event - Isaiah Room
6pm - 9pm Private Event - 'garage' area

Sat. Nov 4

8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Worship Team Practice

Sun. Nov 5 - Confirmation Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends - Turn clocks back 1 hour

8 am Traditional Worship
8 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
9:00am-12:30pm **BLOOD MOBILE AT MEMORIAL**
9:30 am New Member class - Isaiah Room
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101; THE STORY**
11 am Contemporary Worship / *+Livestream*
11 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
12:30 pm Private Parties - garage area & Café
4:30 pm Asmus small group

Mon. Nov 6

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6 pm Young Women's Study
6:30 pm Young Married Couple's Bible Study

Tues. Nov 7

8 am Tues Homeschool Group
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6:30 pm Card Ministry

Wed. Nov 8

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
9 am LW/ML Lois Circle
6 pm Bells Practice
6:30 pm Zingers
6:30 pm MS Connect / HS Connect
7 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thurs. Nov 9

9 am Adult Bible Study
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas

Fri. Nov 10

1pm - 5pm Private Event - Isaiah Room
6:30 - 8:30 pm New Member Game Night

Sat. Nov 11

8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Worship Team Practice

Sun. Nov 12 - New Member Sunday

Directory Picture Re-takes/Updates
8 am Traditional Worship
8 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101; THE STORY**
11 am Contemporary Worship / *+Livestream*
11 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café

Mon. Nov 13

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6 pm Young Women's Study

Tues. Nov 14

8 am Tues Homeschool Group
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6:30 pm Heart To Heart Ministry - Ornament Making

Wed. Nov 15

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
6 pm Bells Practice
6:30 pm Club 345
6:30 pm Confirmation - 'Apostles' Creed"
6:30 pm High School Connect
7 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thurs. Nov 16

9 am Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas

Fri. Nov 17

1pm - 5pm Private Event - Isaiah Room

Sat. Nov 18

8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Worship Team Practice

Sun. Nov 19

8 am Traditional Worship
8 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101; THE STORY**
11 am Contemporary Worship / *+Livestream*
11 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
1:30 pm - 3 pm Confirmation - "Lord's Prayer"
4:30 pm Asmus small group

Mon. Nov 20

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6 pm Young Women's Study

Tues. Nov 21

8 am Tues Homeschool Group
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas

Wed. Nov 22

6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship held at Sioux Falls Lutheran School

Thurs. Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Day

12 noon - Annual Thanksgiving Outreach Meal

Fri. Nov 24 - NO EVENTS - OFFICE CLOSED

Sat. Nov 25

8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Worship Team Practice

Sun. Nov 26

8 am Traditional Worship
8 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies-**CHRISTIANITY 101; THE STORY**
11 am Contemporary Worship / *+Livestream*
11 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
1:30 pm - 3 pm Confirmation - "Lord's Prayer"

Mon. Nov 27

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6 pm Young Women's Study

Tues. Nov 28

8 am Tues Homeschool Group
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas

Wed. Nov 29

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
6 pm Bells Practice
6:30 pm HS Connect
7 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thurs. Nov 30

9 am Adult Bible Study
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas

Blood Drive: November 5th, 9:00-12:30

Help save a life. Give blood. Sign up near the front door.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- Jeremiah 29:11




December 1-2, 2023
Peace Lutheran Church
Brookings, SD

"To Be Bold.....and Build One Another Up." - 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11



Featured Speaker:
Rev Tim Rynearson, Peace, Redeemer, and Zion Lutheran Churches, Brookings, Flandreau, and White, SD



Featured Speaker:
John Stiegelmeier, Retired SDSU Football Coach and Member of Peace Lutheran Church

December 1

6 pm—7 pm: Supper at Peace
7 pm—8:30 pm: Speakers
8:30pm—9:30 pm: SDSU Ice Cream Fellowship

December 2

8:30 am—10 am: Opening Session
10 am—10:30 am: Break—coffee and Rolls
10:30 am—Noon: Last Session
Close with Lunch



SDSU Football is looking to return to the playoff and defend their National Title! When the Jackrabbits return to the playoffs December 2 is likely to be a home playoff game! Men's retreat participants are invited to stick around and take in the playoff game! (Group reservations will be made for those interested in the game. Details and cost for tickets will be available in November).

Accommodations "on your own" Special Room Rates for overnight stays (limited rooms available):
Super 8: \$109/night (Must reserve by November 1) 605-692-6920
Comfort Suites University: \$149/night (Must reserve by November 14) 605-692-2882
Please mention "SD District LCMS" to receive the event rate.



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“It’s A Secret! . . . Or Is It?”

I’m going to let you all in on a little secret...I’m an extrovert. What? You weren’t surprised? Ok, maybe it’s no surprise that I enjoy talking to people. In fact, most Sunday’s you will find me chatting with folks in the hall between or after services and you will also find my children next to me, encouraging me to “hurry up”. I find enjoyment in meeting new people and having conversations with old friends. It’s part of who I am.

Here’s something that you may not realize...it isn’t always easy for me to go up to people and strike up a conversation. Sometimes I feel afraid that I might look like a fool or I’m worried because I’ve already asked for your name once and now I’ve forgotten it. It’s at these times that I remind myself that it’s ok not to always know the “right” thing to say and it’s ok to ask for your name again. People are social by nature and most enjoy a friendly conversation.

One thing that I am passionate about is fostering fellowship opportunities at Memorial. Because of this, I will be introducing First Friday Fellowship beginning in January of 2024. What is First Friday Fellowship? Each month, on the first Friday, Memorial will be hosting an event. It may take place at the church or it may take place in the community. There will be a mix of activities for everyone to enjoy. Our first event will take place on Friday, January 5, 2024. That evening will be game night at Memorial. I’m envisioning an evening of cards and board games throughout the church. So mark your calendars and polish your pinochle skills. I hope you are able to join us.

Blessings,
Melinda Wood

*“Each of you should
use whatever gift
you have received
to serve others,
as faithful stewards
of God’s grace in
its various forms.”*

- 1 Peter 4:10



*“Connecting To
Jesus And You!”*

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