



MEMORIAL LUTHERAN

"Connecting To Jesus And You!"

Connection

February 2024

A Love Story From Dear John!

By Pastor Aaron Asmus

I'll start by letting you know, if you haven't seen it already, that Ash Wednesday shares the same calendar date as Valentine's Day this year. Perhaps you remember this happening six years ago. The last time before 2018? 1945. (It'll come again in 2029 and 2040, so be ready!)

Valentine's Day has long been celebrated as a special day to express love. Valentine's Day is for hearts excitedly skipping a beat, for a romantic dinner out, for exchanging a sentimental card, for stealing a quick smile, wink, or kiss. You wouldn't think that Ash Wednesday would share too much in common with Valentine's Day. Ash Wednesday is a day when we consider our sinfulness. We talk about repentance and sorrow, sackcloth and ashes, and everything else reminding us that we're not perfect people.

Yet, in perhaps the most significant account ever recorded of the burden caused by sin, the Gospel writer John writes his introductory line as if he's writing a love story:

*"It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. **Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of His love.**"*

What follows over the next eight chapters of John is an eye-witness account of the final hours before Jesus died on the cross, paying with His life the price necessary to remove the burden of sin from every person who ever lived. The guilt of sin was transferred from me – to Jesus. From you – to Jesus. My sin cost Jesus His life! And He lovingly paid that price for me and for every person in the world. Through God's gracious gift of

faith, the gift of forgiveness and new life is freely given to all who believe in Him!

Now that's a love story! Beneath the story of ashes and sorrow over sin is the amazingly deep love story of our God who is not afraid to step forward and declare His love to people who don't deserve to be loved. The sins come into the picture because they are a regrettable fact of life. They need to be reckoned with. Trying to hide them behind our back while seeking to steal a kiss with the Almighty doesn't yield good results. But our Lord, who knows and sees everything we are and everything we aren't, has demonstrated His love for us in this: that while we were still sinners, Christ Jesus died for us! (See Romans 5).

So, yes, Ash Wednesday once again marks the beginning of the greatest love story ever told. Did you know that John calls himself "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (thus my reference to "Dear John"). To hear this love story from his perspective is to gain special insight into the depth of Jesus' love for each one of us. The Gospel of John is a "Dear John letter" that tells of the greatest commitment of love you can ever know. It tells of our God who never leaves you – never forsakes you!

While we will continue "The Story" on the Sundays during Lent, we will take time out for special focus on God's love story for us in the passion of our Savior Jesus on Wednesday evenings. Come, join us for supper from 5 PM – 6:10 PM and worship service at 6:30 PM.

In His love,
Pastor Aaron

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- Phil 4:6-7

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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Annual Meeting Update!

Each year we meet together to hear updates on the ministries of Memorial, review and vote on an annual budget, and other church business matters. At the January 21st Annual Congregation meeting, updates were shared about: building maintenance, bequest gift, church finances, as well as other ministry areas. The 2024 budget was presented and unanimously passed. *(Budget & Ministry Report Copies are available in the church office.)*

Newly elected Council members: Ken Tucker - President; Dr Jason Henry - Vice President; and Larry Miller - Financial Secretary.

Council Members continuing for 2024: Bart Viss - Treasurer; Michelle Knuppe -

Council Secretary; Casey Bialas - Head Trustee; Craig Gehrels - Chairman of the Board of Elders; Colleen Keiser - LWML Representative; Greg Miller & Sarah Swingdorf - School Board Representatives. Installation will be held in February. *(Currently the Board of Outreach Chairman is vacant.)*

Outgoing council members are: Matt Hieb - President; Doug Monson - Vice President; Merry Miller - Financial Secretary; and Peggy Baney - Outreach Chairman. Thank you all for your faithful service to Memorial.

If you have any questions regarding the budget or annual meeting, please

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

OFFERING SUMMARY - 2024

Giving thru Jan.	\$ not avail	January giving to date:	\$ 56,235
Expenses thru Jan.	\$ not avail	Monthly Budgeted Need:	\$ 98,165

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.

OFFERING UPDATE: Thanks to all for the generous contributions that have allowed us to pay off the building loan sooner than expected. With the building loan paid in full, we no longer have a separate "Reaching Beyond Fund." If you currently have an electronic contribution designated for "Reaching Beyond," please go into your giving profile on the Vanco site and remove or redesignate those funds. Any contributions that remain designated "Reaching Beyond," will go into the general giving fund and recorded on your giving statement as "General" If you need assistance, or have questions, please call the church office.

Memorial Wish List

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| 1. Funding for high school quilts (\$50/quilt) | 5. Lawn/Outdoor Storage Shed Replacement |
| 2. Funding for Faith Chests (\$26 ea) | 6. Parking Lot Refinish |
| 3. Worship Center Projectors | 7. Garbage Area Fence |
| 4. Microphones | 8. Two Additional Security Cameras. |

"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

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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;
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 and Mission of
Memorial Lutheran Church.*

*Heart to
Heart*



Ministry To Women By Women.
All women are welcome.!

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

In February, we meet on Tuesday, Feb 13th at 6:30pm & will be doing additional cleaning & organizing in the church kitchen. All are invited to join in this "at home" project.

NEWS FROM THE GARAGE:

"God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." Eph 2:4-7

Have you ever felt overwhelmed with the amount of things on your plate and the time just doesn't seem to enough to get it all done? Of course you have! Whenever I feel that way, I start to panic and get upset over all the stuff, "Why do I have so much going on???" I love that Jesus reminds us that in Him we have immeasurable blessings poured out onto us. My prayer for you is that you'll be able to recall all that Christ has done for you and rest assured that we could never count it all.

Lent Meals & Services - We are entering the Church season of Lent and begin with Ash Wednesday. Lent Services begin at 6:30pm every Wednesday with a meal provided from 5-6pm. Students interested

in attending the LCMS Youth Gathering can help serve the meal & earn money towards their trip. Sign up to help with DCE Hailey Jo.

Soup-er Bowl Sunday Feb. 11th

Place your order for some delicious soup on Soup-er Bowl Sunday! Order forms are available! Students sign up to help prep on Saturday and handout on Sunday.

Easter Sunday - Easter is Sunday, March 31st. Be on the lookout for information regarding Service times. There will be no education hour that day and student ministry will be serving an Easter breakfast.

STUDENT CONNECT

High School Connect (9th-12th gr) meets every Wednesday, starting at 6:30pm. Friends are always welcome! NO HS Connect: Feb. 14th-March 27th. See you April 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. The large group then comes together for devotion and a game. NO MS Connect: Feb 14th-March 27th. See you April 10th!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Sunday: March 3rd! Come support our students as they publicly confirm their faith in the promises spoken to them in their baptism. Confirmation Service at 8am & 11am. Check out the student projects, highlighting their spiritual gifts in action at 9:30am.

Upcoming Classes in February:
Means of Grace

9:20 SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY (6th-12th gr)

Based off of Nehemiah 9:20, students are welcome to join us for Bible Study every Sunday morning. We gather together to connect in God's Word so that we are nourished for the work God has planned for us during the week! Doors open at 9:10am, with games, socializing & music.

Important Dates:

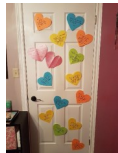
- 9:20 Bible Study (6th-12th gr) ...Sundays 9:30am
- High School Connect -
Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm
- Middle School Connect - See you April 10th
- Lent Services - Starting Feb 14.
Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Confirmation Sunday - March 3rd

YOUTH & CHILDREN CONNECTIONS!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - INSIGHTS FROM LIZ

Parents, here is something neat you can do! Each day, take a heart & write something special about your child and put it on their bedroom door leading up to Valentines Day. What do you appreciate about them? Did they do something that made you smile? I know when my boys do their chores without having to be reminded, it makes my day! I try to let them know that! During February, we tend to think of Valentines day and how important our loved ones are, we want to tell them. So this activity of hearts on the door can be one way to share your love....BUT can you also share Jesus' love for your children too? Remind them that Jesus died to save them....John 3:16, that God is Love....1 John 4:8. Or how about putting various Bible verses about Love on the hearts too and look them up together in the Bible! If you do this, PLEASE share your pictures on our Get Involved Facebook page!! The God who loves us, gave us His Son and we can share love with others.



LENT DEVOTIONAL

We begin the season of Lent this month. We will be handing out this cool seek and find Lenten devotional for kiddos to use. During Lent we focus on the love of our Savior for us...He loves us no matter what. We NEED Jesus in our lives, so join us this Lent to gather together in our need for Jesus.



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 and learning what's all in the Bible. We have lesson, games, snacks, crafts...fun time just for these Club 345ers. **Feb. 7th** in the Backyard from 6:30-8 PM. We will take a break during Lent.

ZINGERS

No Zingers during Lent—Next time April 10th

COMING SOON! LEGO BIBLE CHALLENGE! SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- Get out your LEGOs & find a Bible Story or Bible Verse to create a unique LEGO display! This is for **ALL** ages!!!

Drop Off LEGO Displays to be displayed Mar. 10th (We will keep LEGOs displayed till March 17th) March 7th or 8th During office hours of 8am-5pm. March 9th 11am-12:30pm (OR before 8 AM Sunday, the 10th)

Awards: People Choice Awards Announced on Sunday, March 17th

Entry Categories: Preschool & Kindergarten; 1st-5th Graders; Family Project; Middle & High School Youth; Adults

Pick-Up LEGOs: Sunday, March 17th After 11 AM (or during the week)

QUESTIONS?: Contact Liz Peters children@memoriallutheran.net



Liz Peters— Director of Children's Ministries
Email: children@memoriallutheran.net
Cell # 605-759-4782

"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



Thanks -

Vicar Ahart Family - You will find notes of thanks from the Ahart family on the Outreach slat board. Their address is posted. Feel free to write them a letter or send them a card throughout the year.

People who were blessed with Thanksgiving Dinners from us sent us notes of thanks. Their addresses are on the slat board. You can send them a note, letter, or card sometime. They would love it.

St. Francis House:

Memorial will serve at the St. Francis House on Sunday, Feb. 18, from 5:45-7:30pm. Sign up sheet is on the table in the hallway.

Ongoing Collections:

- Used eyeglass, sunglasses, and hearing aids for the Lions Club. Place in the jar on the shelf by the gray slat board.
- Pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Place in jar on the shelf by the gray slat board.
- Watch for backpack collection news coming soon, as well as other ways to donate.
- **We will continue to collect items for the family who had the fire. The last day to bring items will be February 11. Thanks to all who have brought items already.**

Wood is needed for the Furniture Mission

Mike Mlnarik volunteers at the Furniture Mission as a builder. He makes bed frames, tables, and other pieces of furniture as needed. He also repairs furniture so that it is ready for delivery. Right now, the Furniture Mission is low on wood. The wood can be used wood (it just has to be clean). He is looking for ¾ inch plywood, 2"x4", 3"x6", and 1"x6". Any wood will do, because he can cut it to the size needed. Talk to Mike if you have questions.

FURNITURE MISSION IS ALSO LOOKING FOR FURNITURE TO GIVE TO FAMILIES.

You can call for pick-up, but there is a fee for this. Otherwise, bring items to the store at 209 N Nesmith Ave. Here's what they need:

- all sizes of mattresses (even baby mattresses) must be clean and no pets have been on them
- small appliances such as microwaves, toasters, toaster ovens, mixers, blenders
- bed frames all sizes (no headboards or footboards); end tables, side tables, kitchen tables, coffee tables; dressers and chests; book cases, small TV stands,
- sofas & love seats, rockers, recliners, & stuffed chairs (no pets have been on them)

Note items they cannot accept: Large appliances such as stoves & refrigerators; Large entertainment centers; Curio cabinets & hutches; Captains' beds and large armoires desks; Daybeds, trundle beds

Check out the Outreach board outside of the church office for ongoing and upcoming events.

Questions? Contact Peggy Baney: 605-759-8424 or bandpbaney@sio.midco.net

MISSION & MINISTRY CONNECTIONS!

LUTHERAN IN WOMEN (LWML)



also known as Women in Mission is an official auxiliary of the LCMS, and formally recognized by the LCMS in 1942. Originally, the Ladies would gather for meetings and socials and were called the Ladies Aid. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. The LWML is the leading group where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

We support our local, district and national Missions with our Mites. This is based on the Widow's Mite, found in Luke 21:1-4. She gave all she had to live on. We put all our spare change in our Mite Boxes. The Mite Box was started in 1928 when every woman who participated in Ladies Aid was given a box. Receipts from the 92 Ladies Aid societies totaled \$6,651.31 in 1930.

One of our events to help with our Missions is our SOUPer Bowl Sunday lunch fundraiser. We team up with our high school youth to make soup, pulled pork for sandwiches! You can order these lunches on the forms in the hall at church or online at memoriallutheran.net. Order your lunches by Feb. 4, & pick them up on Sunday, Feb. 11. Pick-up times are noted on the order forms. Funds raised go toward the high school youth attending the NYG as well as our local LWML missions here at Memorial.

Memorial LWML will also be hosting the Zone Prayer Service on March 2. The Zone consists of the LCMS churches in Sioux Falls and directly outside of Sioux Falls. We are inviting all the women of Memorial to come. Fellowship hour starts at 9am and the Prayer Service will begin at 10am in Café Logos.

I pray that the winter weather is not taking a heavy toll on anyone!

Serve the Lord with Gladness! Psalm 100:2
Colleen Keiser, President

SIoux FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS!

(PRESCHOOL—12TH GR.)

New SFLS Logo - In preparation for a new website launch later this spring, our marketing team worked with North Star Marketing this fall to refresh our academic logo. Learn more about the new brand, which was recently approved by the school board, on our blog: <https://bit.ly/SFLSNewLogo>.



SIoux FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL
World Ready. Faith Secure.

We're Hiring - We are seeking two **part-time educational assistants for our toddler classrooms** during the second semester and a **full-time Eagle Care director**. Learn more: www.siouxfallslutheran.com/careers.

First Look Friday - Join us on the first Friday of each month at 9am for First Look Friday. You'll receive the opportunity to meet our staff & students, tour the school building to observe learning in action, receive answers to your questions, & discover the value of investing in your child's future at Sioux Falls Lutheran School. Sign up online: www.siouxfallslutheran.com/first-look-fridays.

Admissions Applications Now Open for 2024-25

Classes are filling fast at the preschool and elementary levels. Learn more about programming for all ages and apply online at www.siouxfallslutheran.com/k12-admissions or www.siouxfallslutheran.com/preschool-admissions. Contact Megan Baedke at 605-335-1923 with questions or to schedule your campus visit.

Serving In February

Serving Communion:

Feb 4: 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Rich Ulses
9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Dan Currier, Joel Quist, Craig Gehrels
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Andy Schmuck, Jim Schmidt, Joel Shaver

Feb 11 8:00 am - Jay Prouty, Kasey Danley
9:30 am - Mark Schoeneman, Terry Conrad, Rick Direks, Alan Carlson
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Bill Cooper, Paul Wood, Paul Luetjen

Feb 14 6:30 pm - Bhrett Baney, Craig Gehrels, Joel Quist, Mike Mlnarik

Feb 18: 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Rich Ulses
9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Don Becker, Ken Tucker, Rick Dierks
11:00 am - Bill Cooper, Paul Wood, Joel Shaver, Paul Luetjen

Feb 25: 8:00 am - Jay Prouty, Kasey Danley
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Don Schmidt, Ken Tucker, Alan Carlson
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Bill Cooper, Jim Schmidt, Paul Luetjen

February Sunday Ushers

8:00 am - Larry Noah, Rocky Boer, Jeff Nelson, Dennis O'Neill, Brian Chesshir
9:30 am - Tim Miller, Dan Amert, Ken Wickre, Larry Miller
11:00 am - Craig Larsen, Scott Ruml, Mike Mlnarik

Mid-Week Ushers - 6:30 PM Lent Worship

Feb 14—Dennis O'Neill, Ken Wickre, Dan Peters
Feb 21- Larry Miller, Dan Peters
Feb 28- Dennis O'Neill, Ken Wickre

February Lay Readers:

Feb 4 - 8:00 am - Dan Peters
9:30 am - Bob Seidel
11:00 am - Breck Miller

Feb 11 - 8:00 am - Jay Prouty
9:30 am - Tim Miller
11:00 am - Don Reichert

Feb 14- 6:30 pm - TBD

Feb 18 - 8:00 am - Luke Hamann
9:30 am - Ken Wickre
11:00 am - Chris Andresen

Feb 21- 6:30 pm - TBD

Feb 25 8:00 am - Rose Foster
9:30 am - Janet Borchard
11:00 am - Cindy Hyronemus

Feb 28- 6:30 pm - TBD

Power Point Operators:

Feb 4 - 8:00 am - Seth Peters
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein
11:00 am - Henry Slavens

Feb 11 - 8:00 am - Troy Miller
9:30 am - Pete Illing
11:00 am - Jacob Richards

Feb 18 - 8:00 am - Charlie Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Shirley Miller

Feb 25 8:00 am - Seth Peters
9:30 am - Pete Illing
11:00 am - Mike Gilbride

Mid-Week - Operators TBD

February Accompanists:

(Worship Team - all 11 am Services)

Feb 4 - 8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

Feb 11 - 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

Feb 14- 6:30 pm - Joy Johansen

Feb 18 - 8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

Feb 21- 6:30 pm - Peggy Baney

Feb 25 - 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

Feb 28- 6:30 pm - Peggy Baney

February Acolytes:

Feb 4 - 8:00 am - Tristen Miller
11:00 am - Eero Larson

Feb 11 - 8:00 am - Caleb Quist
11:00 am - Sophie Wood

Feb 14- 6:30 pm - Brianna Danley

Feb 18 - 8:00 am - Cora Johansen
11:00 am - Elsie Slavens

Feb 21- 6:30 pm - Caleb Quist

Feb 25 - 8:00 am - Brianna Danley
11:00 am - Bode Larson

Feb 28- 6:30 pm - Olivia Lorang

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."

- 1 Cor. 12:12

Serving

Connecting Through Serving

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

1 Joel Bialas	7 Dan Amert	15 Tatum Baxa	22 Odin Swingdorf
Susan Bruns	Jade Dubbelde	Sam Woodson	23 Marshall Reichert
Elizabeth Nord	Abbie Duin	16 Kaitlyn Gehrels	24 Abby Brock
2 Pastor Aaron Asmus	Paul Krapf	Ethan Gugel	Anika Noteboom
Louis Krabbenhoft	8 Erica Rayman	Mason Thammavongkeo	Madison Monson
Megan Schoeneman	9 Madyson Determan	17 Donna Aljets	25 Jean Gross
3 Lucas Gue	Don Reichert	Mindee Birstiehl	Layton Hamilton
Doug Monson	Annette Weisenbach	18 Candi Currier	Jacob Joffer
4 Daniel Asmus	10 Don Becker	Chase Kaiser	Dante Johansen
Maria Larson	11 Bruce Aljets	Heidi Mattson	26 Carol Becker
Kay Wood	Dennis O'Neill	Taeler Monfore	28 Eli Bridges
5 Braxton Johnson	13 Brad Hanisch	19 Andrew Mattson	Brandon Dannenbring
Tyler Sullivan	Oscar Rozeboom	20 Breckyn Henry	Joan Meyers
6 Connor Braunesreither	Aaron Wickre	21 Janet Borchard	Randy Wend
Tyson Catron	14 Brock Anshutz	Ted Jackson	
Karla O'Neal	Cadence Christensen	Addelyn Meier	
	Darrell Dowdell	22 Marcus Kanefke	
	Craig Larsen	James Mathiesen	

ANNIVERSARIES

6- Randy & Barb Knudtson
11- Trent & Lisa Boe
14- Lenny & Heather Sand
20- Tom & Jean Kenyon
23 - Cole & Jessica Buer
26 - Dean Dieren & Joan Tuttle

"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

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Thurs., Feb 1

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

Fri. Feb 2

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm **First Friday -
"Night at the Stampede"**

Sat. Feb 3

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

Sun. Feb 4

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **"The Story"** - café;
"What's So Amazing About Grace?" - Isaiah Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship (+Livestream)

Mon. Feb 5

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
12 noon Communion Wafer Making
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6 pm Young Women's Study
6 pm Private Meeting - Isaiah Room
6:30 pm Young Married Couple's Bible Study

Tues. Feb 6

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

Wed. Feb 7

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
6 pm Bells Practice
6:30 pm Club 345
6:30 pm Confirmation - 'Worship'
6:30 pm High School Connect
7 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Adult Bible Study - **"The Reason For God"**

Thurs. Feb 8

9 am Adult Bible Study
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6 pm Private Meeting - Isaiah Rm

Fri. Feb 9

4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas -
Make-up classes

Sat. Feb 10

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

Sun. Feb 11 - SOUP-ER BOWL FUNDRAISER

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **"The Story"** - café;
"What's So Amazing About Grace?" - Isaiah Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship (+Livestream)
1:00 pm Asmus Small Group

Mon. Feb 12

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

Tues. Feb 13

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

Wed. Feb 14 - Happy Valentine's Day

Ash Wednesday

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
9 am LWML Lois Circle
5 pm - 6:10 pm Fellowship Meal
5:45 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship
7:30 pm Bells Practice

Thurs. Feb 15

9 am Adult Bible Study
10 am **"55 Alive"** Lunch, games, fellowship (see pg 7)
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6 pm Private Meeting - Isaiah Rm
7 pm Church Council

Fri. Feb 16 - No Events Scheduled

Sat. Feb 17

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

Sun. Feb 18

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **"The Story"** - café;
"What's So Amazing About Grace?" - Isaiah Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship (+Livestream)
5:45 pm Serving at St Francis House

Mon. Feb 19-

6 pm Young Women's Study

Tues. Feb 20

8 am Tuesday Homeschool Group

Wed. Feb 21 - Ministry Staff at Best Practices Conf.

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
5 pm - 6:10 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Lent Worship

Thurs. Feb 22 - Ministry Staff at Best Practices Conf.

9 am Adult Bible Study
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6 pm Private Meeting - Isaiah Rm

Fri. Feb 23 - Ministry Staff at Best Practices Conf.

Sat. Feb 24 - Ministry Staff at Best Practices Conf.

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

Sun. Feb 25 - Ministry Staff return from BP Conf.

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **"The Story"** - café;

11 am Contemporary Worship (+Livestream)
1:30 - 3 pm Confirmation - 'Means Of Grace'
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

Mon. Feb 26

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

Tues. Feb 27

4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas

Wed. Feb 28

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
5 pm - 6:10 pm Fellowship Meal
5:45 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Lent Worship
7:30 pm Bells Practice

Thurs. Feb 29

9 am Adult Bible Study
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
4 pm - 8:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal

Bible Studies at Memorial

9:30 AM SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES -

- **What's So Amazing About Grace?** By Philip Yancey, led by Chris Andresen - Sundays at 9:30am. This study looks at the life-changing power of grace.
- **"THE STORY"** - Sundays at 8:00 am, 9:30am, 11:00 am in the café.

THURSDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY - "The Story" 9:00am in the café

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY - 8:30am

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

Wednesday Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7pm at Memorial. Jan 3 - Feb7th: **"The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism"** - by Timothy Keller. (Note no study during Advent.)

Interested in small group bible study? Talk with Pastor Doug & he'll get you connected.

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.

*"Faith comes
from hearing the
message, and the
message is heard
through the word
about Christ."
- Romans 10:17*

55 Alive ✨

A fellowship group for members
who are young at heart

Thursday
February 15

10 AM

Cafe Logos

Come together for games,
food, and fellowship

The 3rd Thursday of each
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“February = Love?!”

What do you call two birds in love? Tweethearts. February is traditionally thought of as the month of love. This year February 14 is not only Valentine’s Day, but also Ash Wednesday. I find this so appropriate because no matter how much we love someone else, it will never compare to God’s love for us.



Valentine’s Day is often marked by the exchange of cards, gifts, and romantic gestures, but the gift of God’s love for us, His own Son Jesus, is the ultimate Valentine to us.

Blessings,
Melinda Wood

UPCOMING AT MEMORIAL:

February 2 - 1st Friday Fellowship-Stampede Hockey
February 11 - Souper Bowl Youth/LWML Fundraiser
February 14 - Ash Wednesday - 6:30 pm Worship
February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20 - Lent Worship
Services at 6:30 pm; Fellowship Meals
served prior to Worship
March 1 - First Friday Fellowship -
Make & Take Crafts at Memorial
March 10 - Lego Bible Challenge
March 24 - Palm Sunday
March 28 - Maundy Thursday
March 29 - Good Friday
March 31 - Easter
April 5 - First Friday Fellowship -
Movie Night at Memorial



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