



MEMORIAL LUTHERAN

"Connecting To Jesus And You!"

Connection

March 2023

"What's In A Name"

By Pastor Doug Slavens

I was talking with the High school kids in class today about the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus ...you know the story right? Zacchaeus, a wee little man who wanted to see Jesus but couldn't because of the crowds so he climbed up a sycamore tree. If you don't know this story, I encourage you to take a look in the Gospel of Luke chapter 19:1-10. Anyway, I asked the class to describe what Zacchaeus looked like based only on his name. The response was that he was a hairy, little man, that wore gold chains, and spoke with an Irish accent. (Think leprechaun defending his pot of gold) It wasn't a nice image. Luckily, for Zacchaeus, Jesus didn't see any of that when He called him out of the tree and invited Himself over for supper.

I have called you by name and you are mine. Isaiah 43:1. This is the scripture that came to mind when I was thinking about this wee little man up in a tree.

In Hebrew, the word "Name" holds much more than what appears on your driver's license or passport. In Hebrew, your name means your essence. The essence of you. So, in the scripture, God is calling and claiming the true you. Not your role, or title, or appearance. Not your successes or failures by which many define or name you. But rather, the true 'you' that no one else can see. The 'you' yourself, at times, has trouble seeing through all of your other 'names'.

What names do you have? What burdens do you carry that you let define who you are?

As we enter into the season of Lent and travel together through it to the glorious celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I pray that you take time to answer these questions. Lent is often a time when we find ourselves looking in the mirror at our own imperfections. And that's okay, because this time of reflection is meant to point us always to the one who perfectly takes our place...Jesus.

He has called you by name and you are His.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug

"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."

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.memoriallutheran.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.

"For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end."
- Ps. 48:14

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- Wednesday Lent Worship Services: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Fellowship Meals served from 5-6:15pm (*Free will donation*) - Worship Services begin at 6:30 pm
- March 5 - Confirmation
- March 5 - Directory Update Photos - 9-11am
- March 12 & 19 - Lego Bible Build Displays
- April 2 - Directory Update Photos - 9-11am
- April 6 - **Maundy Thursday** Worship - 6:30pm
- April 7 - **Good Friday** Worship - 6:30pm
- April 9 - **Easter Sunday** - Worship at 6:30am; 8am; 9:30am; 11am. Easter Breakfast served 7:30am - 10:30am (*Free will donation*)

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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." - Ephesians 2:4-7

Collins was diagnosed with reflux and colic 3 weeks after her birth. Whenever I would hear of mothers feeling numb to their newborn or even angry with them, I struggled to relate or have empathy. For whom could be angry with a newborn? But it's true. I felt those things and realized I was capable of being THAT mom. Facing the reality of our sin humbles us and reminds us that we aren't any better than the sinner next to us. God in His great mercy comes to us and gives us life, even when we deserve it the least.

LENT MEALS & SERVICES

We are entering the Church season of Lent & 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 and earn money towards their trip. Sign up to help with DCE Hailey Jo.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter is Sunday, April 9th. 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: February 22nd-April 5th.
See you April 12th!

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: February 22nd-April 5th.
See you April 12th!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Sunday: March 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 March:

Ten Commandments (12th & 19th)

9:20 SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

(FOR 6TH-12TH GRADE)

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 and then music.

IMPORTANT DATES

Confirmation Rehearsal

March 2nd, 5:30-8pm

Confirmation Service

Sunday, March 5th at 11am

Bible Study

Sundays at 9:20am

High School Connect

See you April 12th at 6:30pm

Middle School Connect

See you April 12th at 6:30pm

Lent Services

Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9th

*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*

YOUTH & CHILDREN CONNECTIONS!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - INSIGHTS FROM LIZ ...

For the Lenten Season, we have passed out devotional books to the children to use at home to see who are the people that surrounded Jesus as he stepped forward to die on the cross and rise from the dead. This is a book that helps families read from the Gospel of Matthew and stickers to help fill in the scene at the cross. If you missed when these were handed out, extra should be available while supplies last! Check the table outside the nursery window!

This Lent, take some time to reflect and ponder how much we needed Jesus to do this for us to save us and how much He loves us. Share with your children that God did this for them. May the Spirit fill your hearts and minds as you ponder the significance of the cross. Each day, gather around the cross to learn what Jesus endured to save you on the cross, so the whole world could be saved.

-Liz Peters Director of Children's Ministry

*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*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We continue in the New Testament and how the early church spread the Good News of Jesus. We've been doing some fun hands on activities to illustrate this and how sharing God's Love spreads. So thankful for the amazing volunteers that share Jesus each week with the kiddos.



PALM SUNDAY SS KIDS SINGING!

Palm Sunday, April 2nd, we'll have the Sunday School Children sing in our worship services! Preschoolers-5th Gr will sing at the beginning of the **9:30AM & 11:00AM services**. The children are learning the songs in SS the weeks prior.



Soup Collection Results:

The SS kids collected cans of soup last month & Feb 5th. The final count was taken! Boys and girls tied with each bringing 227 cans for a total of 454 cans of soup to give away!! Some will stay here in our little food pantry and the remainder were delivered to Feeding South Dakota.



NO Club 345 & Zingers

During Lent - Club 345 will meet on Wed. April 19th from 6:30-8pm. **Zingers** will meet on Wed April 12th from 6:30-8pm

LEGO BIBLE CHALLENGE!!! SUNDAY, MARCH 12th

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



Drop Off LEGO Displays -March 9th or 10th during office hours 8am-5pm; March 11th 11am-12:30pm (OR before 8 AM Sunday, the 12th)

Awards: People Choice Awards Announced on Sunday, March 19th

Entry Categories:

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

Pick-Up LEGOs: Sunday, March 19th After 11 AM (or during the week)

QUESTIONS?: Contact Liz Peters at children@memoriallutheran.net

Lutheran Women in Mission:



What is LWML? We are Lutheran Women in Mission who: proclaim Christ; support missions; equip women to honor God by serving others. For more info, contact Lisa Asmus.

Our local Women in Mission group is divided into two circles that meet for Bible study and fellowship in the morning or in the evening. Please join us if you are able. **Lois Circle** meets Wed., March 8 at 9am in the Café. **Lydia Circle** meets Mon, March. 27-7pm in the Timothy rm.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking to involve more people in communion set up & take down on a rotating basis. Contact Pat Reichert if interested. (605)366-2188.



OUR MITE OFFERINGS AT WORK:

Each time you choose to give to LWML Mission Grants, you are directly pouring God's mercy and message into the lives of others – some you may know and others you may never meet. The people you are helping range in age from little children to the elderly, and their homes are located across the globe. Some recipients may be right in your neighborhood, others are men, women, and children living abroad. No matter their age, or how near or far, God knows the needs of every single person.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

LWML: Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho; Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church — \$100,000, FULLY FUNDED Kuna, Idaho, is listed as the seventh most rapidly growing urban/suburban area in the United States and is located near Boise & Meridian, Idaho. A new church has been planted in Kuna and Friendship Celebration Lutheran, Boise, is its mother congregation. Kuna Lutheran is currently meeting for worship with up to 60 people in attendance. The congregation wants to build their own sanctuary and other facilities. The grant funds will assist in the land purchase.

LWML South Dakota District funds Mission Grant – Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN Food and Clothing Coop - \$5,000

The Food and Clothing Co-op is important to the students at Ft. Wayne because: Nearly 60% of the students are married second career with families. Many spouses are unable to find short term employment to help with expenses. The Co-op provides 80–85% of all food and household needs each month at no cost to the students. The Co-op spends about \$7,500/month on perishable items and fresh produce. All students are eligible to use the Coop.

South Dakota District Women's Retreat.

Friday April 21 to Sat, April 22
Theme: With One Voice
Registration forms & information about the retreat can be found on the sign up table by the front door.



Thank you for participating in the SOUP-er Bowl fundraiser. Around \$1,300 was raised & will be split between Student Ministries' '25 trip to the NYG and local mission projects.

Women's Tea

Saturday, June 10 3-5 p.m.

Memorial Lutheran Church

More details coming soon...

Sponsored by Women in Mission and Heart to Heart



CELEBRATE THE LORD OF THE NATIONS WITH LWML IN MILWAUKEE — June 22–25, 2023.

Come to the 40th Biennial LWML Convention in June, and take the opportunity to participate in servant activities. On Thursday, June 22, attendees will have opportunities to assemble meal packs for Food for Kidz and school backpacks through Orphan Grain Train; make no-sew fleece blankets & color/write cards of hope for Phil's Friends; make witness bracelets & puppets for MOST Ministries; assemble Braille books & calendars for Lutheran Braille Workers; create encouragement cards for Refuge for Women; and create and write cards for mission workers.

For more info. and to register go to <https://www.lwml.org/2023-convention>.



MISSION & MINISTRY CONNECTIONS!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14 - (6:30-8:30) Pi Day - Bring a pie (dessert type, pizza type, pot pie or any other pie you can think of).

LADIES -

ROCKS N ROLLS AND OTHER FUN STUFF

Yes...it's Rock n Roll BUT put away those poodle skirts and join us for a fun morning...

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 from 9-11:30a

Cost - \$6 (Preregistration Sunday March 5, 12 & 19)

ROCKS - get creative painting a rock

ROLLS - enjoy Leanne's famous cinnamon rolls (and more yummy breakfast items)

OTHER FUN STUFF- --

PURSE SWAP - bring a purse (or more) and take a different one home

CARD BUFFET - create greeting cards to keep or share

MAKE N TAKE CRAFT PROJECT - No talent required

BLESSING BAGS - gifts for residents of St Francis House

DECORATE A CUPCAKE - take home or eat on the spot!

RELAXING TIME WITH FRIENDS meet some new and greet the old!

Questions? Contact Connie 605-321-5870

THRIVENT MEMBERS, You have until March 31 to designate your 2022 choice dollars to Memorial or another non profit organization. You can do this online by logging into your account OR by calling Thrivent.

1. Call 800-847-4836 & when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice."
2. Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or 2 to hear Thrivent Choice Dollars® program Terms & Conditions. (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)
3. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

Each Thrivent member 16 years & older receives Thrivent Action Team opportunities. If you need help with ideas to use them, speak to a staff member.

If you have questions about Thrivent Choice Dollars or Thrivent Action Teams, Contact Lisa Asmus.

Outreach

LAUNDRY NIGHT COMING IN APRIL.
Watch for more details.



Union Gospel Mission : The thrift store suffered damage from a frozen water line break. Many items in the store and in storage were ruined. We can help by bringing items for their thrift store. The items can be anything from Tupperware to tools, to purses, to fabric and more. Simply bring your items to church and place them in the canvas bag marked Union Gospel Mission. We will collect from March 1 to April 1.



Furniture Mission: There is an immediate need for end tables, coffee tables, and night stand tables. Please bring to church or take to the Furniture Mission at 209 N Nesmith Avenue.



Bloodmobile: The bloodmobile will be back in May.

St. Francis House: We serve the third Sunday of each month, 5:45-7:30. It requires 3 to 4 people. Ask Peggy for details. 605-759-8424

March 19: Viss Family April 16: Open May 21 Open

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*
- Romans 15:13

SEATS and FEET: 2-1-1- Helpline is collecting New underwear & Socks for all ages and genders during the month of March. These items will then be distributed to non-profit agencies that have a need for them. (Schools, Union Gospel Mission, St. Francis House, Bishop Dudley House, Glory House, Center of Hope, Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety & others) Bring your items and place them in the canvas bag marked SEATS and FEET. This event will be in the month of March.



Sioux Falls Lutheran School:

Collecting lids smaller than peanut butter jar lids for a mural project. Place lids in basket on gray slat board. Collecting until May 1.
Collecting used yellow tennis balls for the bottoms of chairs in art room. Collecting until June 1
Collecting doilies for art project. Put on shelf by jar lids on slat board. Collecting until May 1

Ongoing projects:

Collecting used glasses and sunglasses. Place in jar on gray slat board.
Collecting pop tabs. Place in jar on gray slat board.

Serving Opportunities

Want to learn more about serving during Worship Services? Maybe one of the opportunities below is right for you? Contact the church office for more info on any of the areas. (605-334-7133 or email: info@memoriallutheran.net) and we'll get you connected with the team leader. (Training provided)

- Do you like to meet and talk with folks? Maybe joining an usher team is for you?
- Do you like to work with computers? Maybe joining a power point /presentation or livestream team is for you?
- Do you enjoy reading Scripture and speaking in front of folks? Maybe joining the Lay Reader Team is for you?



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

First Look Fridays

During First Look Fridays you'll receive the opportunity to meet our staff and students, tour the school building to observe learning in action, receive answers to your questions, and discover the value of investing in your child's future at Sioux Falls Lutheran School. **Informational presentations start at 8:30am with tours to follow.** RSVP at www.siouxfallslutheran.com/first-look-fridays.

Join Our Team!

SFLS has an immediate opening for administrative assistant to the early childhood/elementary principal. Openings for the 2023-24 school year include a full-time 5th-12th grade band teacher, full-time 3 & 5-year-old preschool teachers, educational assistants, subs, and more. **Learn more and apply at** www.siouxfallslutheran.com/careers.

Admissions Applications Now Open to the Community

Contact Megan Baedke to schedule your Educational Success Consultation—a complimentary visit with our principals that is designed to help us understand your family's needs and give you a true understanding of what it means to receive a Sioux Falls Lutheran School education. Educational Success Consultations are free and available to every K-12 family, no matter where you decide to enroll, because we know that visiting is an important first step in finding the right educational environment for your child. **Call Megan at 605-335-1923 to schedule your visit.**



Building Loan Update

Balance as of January 1, 2023 = \$ 274,791
Principal paid YTD = \$ 37,441
Current Loan Balance as of February 16, 2023 = \$ 237,350

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

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 in Feb	\$ 65,753	Monthly Budgeted Need	\$ 103,302
Giving YTD	\$ 151,442	Budgeted Need YTD	\$ 190,752

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 - is also available. Please see the brochures on the shelf across from the office.

Memorial Wish List

Funding for high school quilts (\$50/quilt); Funding for Faith Chests (\$26 ea)

Do you shop on Amazon?

Did you know that if you shop Amazon Smile, .5% of your purchase will be donated to a charity of your choice? Memorial Lutheran can be chosen as a recipient! Doesn't seem like a lot, but it adds up.



Offering Boxes! - Offering boxes are available at each Worship Center entrance. Offerings can be dropped in any of the boxes. 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

People To Contact:

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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 Knuppe, Secretary
Bart Viss, Treasurer
Merry Miller, Financial Sec.
Lisa Asmus, 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

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND CELEBRATING OUR FAMILY!

"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." - Jer. 29:11

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

1 Kiah Boetel
2 Ethan Olander
Ronda Steffen
4 Jean Lancaster
Noah Miller
5 Emory Brosnahan
Tanner Crockett
Eli Olander
Soren Swingdorf
6 Marie Boetel
Merlin Knutson
Cayden Rasmussen
Cooper Rasmussen
7 Michael Boetel
Brianna Gibbs
Linda Heyd
Marie Steffen
8 Brenda Gugel
Rich Hartmann
Marianne Perkins
Cecilia Sullivan

9 Lucas Dannenbring
Colt Davidson
10 Briggs Swanstrom
11 Landon Keller
Cathy Miller
12 Kyle Dowling
13 Jackson Jones
Casey Raaen
Dave Steensma
Henry Woodson
14 Chad Bozzell
Brian Johnson
Kennedy Parrish
Conor Pavelko
Rex Stockwell
15 Claire Miller
Lorelei Reynolds
Henry Slavens
18 Dwane Boxdorfer
Jennifer Fleming
Alec Hammond
19 Logyn Bialas

19 Chad Konop
Boyd Perkins
Michelle Reil
Ken Wickre
Paul Wood
20 Ben Baxa
Mark Buchholz
Craig Gehrels
21 Wendy Carlson
Rachelle Himrich
Emilee Peterson
Aubrey Swift
22 Sabrina Connelly
Tiffany Larson
Corrine Mlnarik
Mark Swanstrom
23 Brenna Durfee
Brent Heyd
Carson Jones
24 James Larson
Beckett Sandeen
Natalie VanHouten

24 Ethan Wood
25 Tim Dahmen
26 Tucker Crockett
Madison Hieb
27 Crosby Alderman
Seth Peters
28 Ken Birnstiehl
Greg Oehlerts
Megan Wendt
29 Lori Helland
Shannon Henry
Melanie Myers
Theron Noble
Jacob Richards
Clayton Sonnenschein
30 Gavin Larson
Rich Miller
Retaeh Sand
31 Ellis Berg
Michelle Duin
Casey Jonston
Kris Oehlerts

ANNIVERSARIES

2- Brian & Shamra Johnson
Jay & Norma Newberger
8- Gary & Grace Letsche
10- Matt & Amber Pruner
13- Tim & Cathy Miller
15- Pastor Doug & Liz Slavens
23-Eric & Jenn Neisteadt
24- Kasey & Steff Danley
26-Todd & Paula Naber
29-Alan & Aleta Carlson

"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

Serving In March

"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

Serving Communion:

- Mar 5** 8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Jay Prouty
9:30 am - Don Schmidt, Joel Quist, Ken Tucker, Mark Schoeneman
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Dave Fehrs, Jerome Heyd, Joel Shaver
- Mar 12** 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Kasey Danley
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Joel Bialas, Dan Currier, Don Becker
1:00 am - Andy Schmuck, Jim Schmidt, Mike Gilbride, Paul Luetjen
- Mar 19** 8:00 am - Jay Prouty, Rich Ulses
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Don Becker, Joel Quist, Mark Schoeneman
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Dave Fehrs, Jerome Heyd, Mike Gilbride
- Mar 26:** 8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Dan Peters
9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Dan Currier, Terry Conrad, Craig Gehrels
11:00 am - Andy Schmuck, Jim Schmidt, Joel Shaver, Paul Luetjen

March Accompanists:

(The Worship Team accompanies all 11 am Worship Services)

- Mar 1** - 6:30 pm - Peggy Baney
- Mar 5** - 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- Mar 8** - 6:30 pm - Joy Johansen
- Mar 12** - 8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- Mar 15** - 6:30 pm - Peggy Baney
- Mar 19** - 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- Mar 22** - 6:30 pm - Joy Johansen
- Mar 26** - 8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- Mar 29** - 6:30 pm - Peggy Baney

March Acolytes:

- Mar 1** - 6:30 pm - Brianna Danley
- Mar 5** - 8:00 am - Brianna Danley
11:00 am - Henry Slavens
- Mar 8** - 6:30 pm - Eero Larson
- Mar 12** - 8:00 am - Tristen Miller
11:00 am - Sophie Wood
- Mar 15** - 6:30 pm - Tristen Miller
- Mar 19** - 8:00 am - Brody Konz
11:00 am - Chandler Christensen
- Mar 22** - 6:30 pm - Olivia Loring
- Mar 26** - 8:00 am - Olivia Loring
11:00 am - Eero Larson
- Mar 29** - 6:30 pm - Henry Woodson

March 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 - Wayne Grothmann, Cindy Grothmann, Craig Larsen, Scott Ruml, Mike Mlnarik

Lent—Mid-Week Ushers:

- Wed, Mar 1 - 6:30 pm** - Dennis O'Neill, Bhrett Baney
Wed, Mar 8 - 6:30 pm - Ken Wickre, Ken Tucker
Wed, Mar 15 - 6:30 pm - Dennis O'Neill, **OPEN**
Wed, Mar 22 - 6:30 pm - Dan Currier, Ken Tucker
Wed, Mar 29 - 6:30 pm - Ken Wickre, Bhrett Baney

March Lay Readers:

- Mar 1 - 6:30 pm - OPEN**
- Mar 5** - 8:00 am - Rose Foster
9:30 am - OPEN
11:00 am - Don Reichert
- Mar 8 - 6:30 pm - OPEN**
- Mar 12 - 8:00 am - OPEN**
9:30 am - Tim Miller
11:00 am - Paul Luetjen
- Mar 15 - 6:30 pm - OPEN**
- Mar 19** - 8:00 am - Dan Peters
9:30 am - Bob Seidel
11:00 am - Shirley Miller
- Mar 22 - 6:30 pm - OPEN**
- Mar 26** - 8:00 am - Jay Prouty
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Wayne Grothmann
- Mar 29 - 6:30 pm - OPEN**

Power Point Operators:

- Mar 1 - 6:30 pm - OPEN**
- Mar 5** - 8:00 am - Seth Peters
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein
11:00 am - Mike Gilbride
- Mar 8 - 6:30 pm - OPEN**
- Mar 12** - 8:00 am - Charlie Peters
9:30 am - Pete Illing
11:00 am - Ruby Slavens
- Mar 15 - 6:30 pm - OPEN**
- Mar 19** - 8:00 am - Eddie Jerke
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Henry Slavens
- Mar 22 - 6:30 pm - OPEN**
- Mar 26** - 8:00 am - Seth Peters
9:30 am - Pete Illing
11:00 am - Shirley Miller
- Mar 29 - 6:30 pm - OPEN**

Serving

Connecting Through Serving & Growing In The Word!

Bible Studies at Memorial

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9:am in the café.
Current Study: "The Chosen"

CHRISTIANITY 101 - Sundays at 9:30am in the James Room. *Written and Led by Chris Andresen.* How Modern Lutherans can discover who they are in Christ.

12 More Women Of The Bible:

Sundays at 9:30 am : thru March 25.

Ladies... Come meet 12 more women of the Bible and hear their life changing stories for us today. They help us learn: How to live through our successes and our failures; Draw near to God in a world filled with trials; and Find lasting contentment in every situation.

EASTER - Sundays at 9:30am in the Music Room through March 26. A Right Now Media Study by JD Greear, The resurrection is the most important moment in history,

but it is more than an event we remember on Easter Sunday. Join us as we take a deeper look at Jesus's life, death, and resurrection in the Gospel of Matthew, revealing the ways we should see ourselves in Jesus's story. *Led by Kurt Holdorf*



YOUNG MARRIED SMALL GROUP -

Meet other young couples; Learn more about marriage; Have some fun together. Join us the 1st Monday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Memorial. Let us know you can join us, Text/Call: Kathleen & Aaron Tennyson 605-877-2954.

Interested in small group bible study?

Several groups are currently meeting and more are being planned. Please talk with Pastor Doug and he will connect you with one of the groups.

MORE BIBLE STUDIES ARE BEING PLANNED.
WATCH THE BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTERS FOR TOPICS, TIMES, AND DATES.

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

RightNow Media—A resource for everyone. Stream Adult Bible Studies AND an abundance of Christian Children's programming for the whole family! It's the "Netflix" of Bible Studies and Christian videos for all ages! Email the church office for the link.



Daily Devotion Opportunities

LWML Mustard Seed Devotions. Go to LWML.org and click on resources.

Lutheran Hour Ministries. Go to lhm.org, click on News/Resources. Scroll down to Daily Devotions.

MARCH CALENDAR

Wed. March 1

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am M/W Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
5 - 6 pm Lent Fellowship Meal - *Pasta Bar*
5:45 pm Choir practice
6:30 pm Lent Worship
7:30 pm Bells Practice

Thurs. March 2

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9 am Adult Bible Study
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard
5 pm TOPS
4 - 8:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal
7 pm Elders' Connect Meeting

Fri. March 3

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
6 - 9 pm Private Meeting - garage area

Sat. March 4

8 am Men's Bible Studies
8 am - 12 noon Just For Kix (Make-up) -BY/Gar
9 am Worship Team Practice
1 pm Private Event - garage area

Sun. March 5 - Confirmation Sunday

Directory Update Photos between services

8 am Traditional Worship
8 am Bible Study - **Mere Christianity** - cafe
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am New Member Class
9:30 am Bible Studies-**CHRISTIANITY 101**;
12 MORE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE; 'EASTER' STUDY
10:30 am -3 pm Private Party - garage area
11 am Contemporary Worship (*+Livestream*)

Mon. March 6

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am M/W Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard
6:30 pm Young Married Couples Small Group
7 pm Young Women's Small Group - Matthew Rm

Tues. March 7

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am Tues Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard
6:30 pm Card Ministry

Wed. March 8

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am M/W Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9 am Lois Circle
5 - 6 pm Lent Fellowship Meal - *Pizza*
5:45 pm Bells practice
6:30 pm Lent Worship
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thurs. March 9

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9 am Adult Bible Study
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard
5 pm TOPS

Fri. March 10

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
6 pm New Member Game Night

Sat. March 11

8 am Men's Bible Studies
9 am Worship Team Practice

Sun. March 12 - New Member Sunday

Lego Bible Build Challenge Displays

8 am Traditional Worship
8 am Bible Study - **Mere Christianity** - cafe
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies-**CHRISTIANITY 101**;
12 MORE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE; 'EASTER' STUDY
11 am Contemporary Worship (*+Livestream*)
2-4 pm Confirmation - "Ten Commandments"
4:30 pm Asmus small group

Mon. March 13

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am M/W Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard
7 pm Young Women's Small Group - Matthew Rm

Tues. March 14

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am Tues Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard
6:30 pm Heart to Heart - Pl Day (*bring a pie of any kind to share*)

Wed. March 15

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am M/W Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
5 - 6 pm Lent Fellowship Meal - *Soup Sampler*
5:45 pm Choir practice
6:30 pm Lent Worship
7:30 pm Bells Practice

Thurs. March 16

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9 am Adult Bible Study
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard
5 pm TOPS

Fri. March 17

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
6 pm Private Event - cafe

Sat. March 18

8 am Men's Bible Studies
9 am Worship Team Practice

Sun. March 19

Lego Bible Build Challenge Displays

8 am Traditional Worship
8 am Bible Study - **Mere Christianity** - cafe
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies-**CHRISTIANITY 101**;
12 MORE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE; 'EASTER' STUDY
11 am Contemporary Worship (*+Livestream*)
1:30 pm - 3 pm Confirmation - 'Changes & Choices'
5:45 pm Serving at St. Francis House
2-4 pm Confirmation - "Ten Commandments"
6:30 pm Miller small group

Mon. March 20

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am M/W Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard
7 pm Young Women's Small Group - Matthew Rm

Tues. March 21

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am Tues Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard

Looking to find out what's happening at Memorial?
Visit the online calendar at www.memoriallutheran.net.

Wed. March 22

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am M/W Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
5 - 6 pm Lent Fellowship Meal - *Walking Tacos*
5:45 pm Choir practice
6:30 pm Lent Worship
7:30 pm Bells Practice

Thurs. March 23

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9 am Adult Bible Study
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard
5 pm TOPS

Fri. March 24

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

Sat. March 25

8 am Men's Bible Studies
9 am Worship Team Practice
9 am Heart to Heart Event - garage area

Sun. March 26

8 am Traditional Worship
8 am Bible Study - **Mere Christianity** - cafe
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am New Member Class
9:30 am Bible Studies-**CHRISTIANITY 101**;
12 MORE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE; 'EASTER' STUDY
11 am Contemporary Worship (*+Livestream*)
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

Mon. March 27

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am M/W Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard
7 pm Lydia Circle
7 pm Young Women's Small Group - Matthew Rm

Tues. March 28

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am Tues Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard

Wed. March 29

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am M/W Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
5 - 6 pm Lent Fellowship Meal - *Lasagna*
5:45 pm Bells practice
6:30 pm Lent Worship
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thurs. March 30

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9 am Adult Bible Study
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard
5 pm TOPS
7 pm Elder's Meeting

Fri. March 31

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard (*make-up*)

Photo Directory Picture Updates

Sunday, March 5th 9-11am

Gather the family together and stop by the kitchenette area just inside the east doors. We'll take an updated photo for the church directory and verify contact info. No appointment needed.



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Get Involved

You'll never be bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do.

-Dr. Seuss

Have you been feeling like you are in a rut? Are you ready to expand your horizons? Look no further than Memorial. The church has all sorts of opportunities for you to try new things.

Would you like to dig deeper into God's Word? There are Bible studies offered throughout the week. Current classes meet on Thursday, Saturday, or Sunday mornings. You do not need to register ahead of time and can just show up. Another great way to connect with God's Word is through the Right Now Media app. I enjoy listening to the Bible study podcasts while driving or doing household chores. If you do not know how to use this app, reach out to me and I will help get you started.

Would you like to serve as an usher, lay reader, powerpoint operator, or member of the altar guild? All of these ministries would be happy to train you

in and have you join as a member of their team. You have heard me say this before and I will repeat it again (my kids hear me say this all the time), "Many hands make light work".

The third Sunday of each month, volunteers from Memorial serve a meal at the St. Francis House. Would you and your family or friends like to serve this meal? How about becoming a member of the church choir? Or serving as a Sunday School helper? There are opportunities for a variety of interests and talents. Maybe you have an idea for a project or ministry that our church doesn't currently offer. Speak with me. Maybe together, we can bring something new to the church.

If you would like to get connected to a group or ministry at the church and you are unsure where to begin, please seek me out. It is my greatest desire to help each member of Memorial get connected and experience a feeling of community within our church.

Blessings,
Melinda Wood



*"Connecting To
Jesus And You!"*

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