

# Lovin' The Sonshine!

By Pastor Aaron Asmus

Ya gotta love January and February sunshine! I write this as Lisa and I to the are driving straight toward the sun, heading for Southwest Missouri to visit my parents and brother. I guess what I mean about loving the sunshine at this time of year is that it brings warmth and a sense of hopefulness to an otherwise fairly cold world – at least in this area of the country. Now Thank Thu, Jesus,

area of the country. Now more than a month past the beginning of winter (shortest day of sunlight in the Northern Hemisphere), our daylight is getting longer and longer, the sun's rays beam-

er and longer, the sun's rays beaming stronger and stronger, and before you know it, we'll be basking in the glory of Spring's new life! That's why I love January and February sunshine! It radiates hope!

It's also similar to why I love coming to church in the Epiphany season. From the revelation of the Divine Gift of God to the Magi, to the revelation of our Savior Jesus in His Baptism, to the revelation of God-With-Us in Jesus' early miracles, to the revelation of God's glory in the soon-to-die-forus Christ at the Transfiguration, the Scriptures point to Jesus and radiate hope to a weary and often coldhearted world.

Thank You, Jesus, for Your promised presence when I'm feeling rather lonely. I may have some good friends, but even they aren't as faithful as You. You're always there!

Thank You, Jesus, for Your strength when I feel incapable. I don't have the power to solve all my own problems – illnesses seem to especially leave me feeling helpless. I need Your rescue and the stability that comes from knowing that You hold all things in Your hands. Help me see that Your light shines even when the clouds make the sun impossible to see.

Thank You, Jesus, for the light of Your forgiveness. My sins leave me open to the charge of "guilty." Unresolved guilt causes me to retreat into the darkness of shame. Your forgiveness is powerful and certain! You renew brightness for each day I live!

Thank You, Jesus, for the warmth of Your love when I'm not feeling very important to anyone else. When You gave Your own life for my sake, You made it crystal clear that I matter to You!

So, yes.

I just love January and February sunshine and look forward to the Lord's light shining on each day ahead!

In His Light – Pastor Aaron

# Upcoming Events at Memorial:

- High School Graduation Quilts Cutting Event Feb. 10 at 10:30 am
- Soup-er Bowl NYG Fund Raiser Event Sunday, February 13 (order by Feb 6)
- New Member Classes Feb. 26 (Saturday Session) Feb. 27(begin Sunday sessions)

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- Ash Wednesday March 2 5:00 pm Fellowship Meal 6:30 pm Worship
- Lent: 5:00 pm Fellowship Meal 6:30 pm Worship March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6
- Welcome New Members April 3
- Palm Sunday April 10 Sunday School Kids Sing at the 9:30am & 11am Worship
- Maundy Thursday April 14 6:30 pm Worship
- Good Friday April 15 6:30 pm Worship
- Easter Sunday April 17 6:30 am Sunrise Worship; 8 am; 9:30 am; 11 am Worship

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# POSITION OPENING AT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH:

# Part-Time Director Of Ministry Involvement:

We are currently seeking a person for the part time position of Director Of Ministry Involvement here Memorial. The Director of Ministry Involvement will lead, equip, and connect individuals to be involved in the ministry of Memorial as well as assist all members in feeling a sense of belonging as a child of God and in becoming fully engaged members of the Memorial family. For position description and application, stop by the church office. For more information please talk with Pastor Aaron or Pastor Doug.

# **Outreach Activities:**

# St. Francis House:

Due to colds, flu, and Covid, St. Francis House has cancelled all volunteer work. We will let you know when we can start serving Sunday meals again.

# **New Event:**

Watch for another service event in the near future. We have some money left from the Noisy Offerings that we will use at this new event.

# **Outreach Team**

We would love to have some more people on the Outreach team. If you are interested, please let the office know.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INSIGHTS FROM LIZ ...

2 Thessalonians 3:3 "But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one."

I have a t-shirt that says "NOT TODAY SATAN!" The days I wear this shirt, I am serious in needing protection and strength from the Lord. It may be a time where I am weary and need help, or unsure about how to get tasks done that day, wanting God to help me stay focused and not distracted. The reality is, that Satan is at work, any way he can get us to turn away from God, he wins. God is big and God is strong and He can protects and forgive us when we are in need. May God's faithfulness, strength and protection guide you each and everyday.

-Liz Peters
Director of Children's Ministries

# SS CONNECT UPDATE

We are in the New Testament, looking at the Life and ministry of Jesus. This month we are looking at Jesus the Teacher and the various lessons he gave us.

We collected soup in January ....good old contest boys vs. girls....who brought the most soup?!?! Check out the FB page to see the results or come on down to the Backyard Sunday morning to see!

# CLUB 345—Names of God

Club 345 if just for 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This year we are focusing on the Names of God and what they all mean. Come join us for God's Word, games, snacks and fun!

Feb 2nd - Good Shepherd Feb 15th - Savior & Redeemer Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14

**ZINGERS** - This group for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will meet once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm for some special events to get know each other and know Jesus!

Feb 9th - Puppet Shows May 11th - Pizza Party

# LEGO BIBLE CHALLENGE!!! SUNDAY, MARCH 13 & 20

Get out your LEGOs and find a Bible Story or Bible Verse to create a unique



LEGO display! Kids (& Adults) of ALL ages can participate!!

**Drop Off LEGO Displays to be displayed Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>:** March 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> During office hours of 8am-5pm. March 12<sup>th</sup> 11am-12:30pm (OR <u>before</u> 8 AM Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup>)

**Awards:** People Choice Awards Announced on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> **Entry Categories:** 

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

**Pick-Up LEGOs:** Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> After 11 AM (or during the week)

**QUESTIONS7:** Contact Liz Peters children@memoriallutheran.net

# **Bible Studies at Memorial**

NOTE: WATCH FOR ADDITIONAL BIBLE STUDIES. INFORMATION WILL BE LISTED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETINS AND ON THE WEBSITE. /www.memoriallutheran.net/

# THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Thursdays at 9:00 am in the café. Join Pastor Aaron and Pastor Doug as they look at a variety of topic.

FAITH ALONE - The Uniqueness of Jesus as Savior: considers Christ's singular uniqueness and significance biblically, historically, and today. Sundays in the James Room at 9:30am.

# CHOSEN -

A Women's Study beginning Sunday, Through April 10th at 9:30 am.

What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?
Being chosen by Jesus has beautiful and far-reaching implications—although it says even more about the Chooser than the choosees. We are loved because He is love. We are saved because He is merciful. We belong to the family of God because Jesus invites us, making the Bible and all its promises as true for us today as it was for God's chosen people.

# RightNow Media—

This is resource is for Individuals, Families, Small Group & Bible Study Leaders, etc. You



can have numerous Bible studies to stream directly to you AND/OR you can have an abundance of Christian Children's programming available for the whole family! It's the "Netflix" of Bible Studies & Christian videos for adults & kids! If you are interested in adding RightNow Media to your streaming abilities, just email the church office and a link will be sent to you.

# **Daily Devotion Opportunities**

Check out the LWML Mustard Seed Devotions? Go to LWML.org and click on resources.

Another great daily devotion is from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Go to Ihm.org and 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 10:17b

# SIOUX FALLS LUTHERAN NEWS! (PRESCHOOL-12TH GR.)

# The Sioux Falls Lutheran School Difference

At SFLS, students receive more than an excellent academic education and robust extracurricular experience. Our educators are committed to developing capable, Christian servant-leaders who are world ready and faith secure. They do so by studying God's Word together and intentionally teaching Christ-centered conflict resolution skills—skills that our children will need in order to be successful college

students, employees, spouses, and parents when they graduate from high school and enter the complex world of adulthood. We call it the Sioux Falls Lutheran School difference. Contact our admissions director at 605-335-1923 to learn more and schedule your student's K-12 educational success consultation.



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# CANDY BOUQUETS for VALENTINE'S DAY

Reminder to everyone who ordered candy bouquets! They will be available for pick up on February 6th and 13th at the church. We hope to have extras available to sell as well. They are \$20 each and all proceeds go towards the kids going to the National Youth Gathering this summer!

Questions? Contact Kay Herrig text (605) 254-3410 or Kathy Luetjen text (605) 413-8256

# Lutheran Women in Mission:



What is the LWML? We are Lutheran – Women – in– Mission who: proclaim Christ; support missions; equip women

to honor God by serving others.

If you have questions or would like more information about Women in Mission, contact Lisa Asmus.

We host monthly Bible studies that you are welcome to attend:

Lois Circle - Wednesday, February 9th at 9 a.m. in Café Logos Lydia Circle - Monday, February 28th at 7 p.m. in the Timothy Room.



What happens to the mite box offerings we collect??? They are put into action to fund the work of the LWML including "Mission"

Grants" in South Dakota and around the world. 75% supports the LWML South Dakota District and 25% supports LWML.

The February mites in action: From LWML is Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia – Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia — \$100,000 Through the efforts of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the pastoral training provided by the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, the Word and Sacraments are again making their way to the long-repressed Russian people. With this grant, Lutheran Women's Missionary League will partner in training pastors and deaconesses and in helping the seminary continue its efforts to restore the Lutheran Church in Russia. The Novosibirsk seminary's goal is to prepare workers to spread the true Word of God to the Russian people. This grant will fund some of the operational expenses of the seminary and allow it to continue providing a solid theological education to those seeking to serve as pastors and deaconesses within the Siberian Lutheran Church.

The laying on of hands is perhaps the defining moment in the ordination of a



new pastor. In December 2018, Siberian Lutheran Bishop, Vsevolod Lytkin, ordained Deacon Vitaly Smirnov as a new priest at

the Parish of Saint Andrew in Novosibirsk. (In Russia, pastors are often referred to as svyaschennike, which is translated into English as priests.) The Bishop called the occasion a "Christmas gift from God to the Lutherans in Siberia." Rev. Dr. Alexey Streltsov, rector of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, (left in the photo above) called the newly ordained Fr. Vitaly a man of integrity and a very good and committed Lutheran student of theology, who got to know really well the treasures of the Gospel as they were presented in the Scripture and the Lutheran confessions."

From LWML South Dakota District - Nursing Student Mercy Medical Team Scholarships — \$3,000 LCMS Mercy Medical Teams provide needed health care to over 30,000 patients in underserved regions around the globe. This grant will aid a nursing student from the Concordia Universities to serve on short term mission trip with an LCMS Mercy Medical Team.



# **LWML TURNS 80!**

To celebrate the milestone of LWML turning 80, we will be hosting

"What's Your 80?" events throughout the year. We started the year by giving an extra \$800 mite offering to the LWML South Dakota District. Our spring event will be UNDIE SUNDAY on March 27.

As you dress for the day, take a moment to think about the many choices you have for undergarments. Then think about those who have no choice and may even wear the same clothing day after day. During February and March Memorial Women in

Mission are sponsoring an **Undergarment Appeal**. We are collecting **new** underwear (briefs, bras, socks, panties, t shirts, etc.). Our goal is to celebrate **80 years of LWML** with **80** or even **800** undergarments to be given to the Children's Inn, St. Francis House, the Banquet, and the Gospel Mission. Please put your contributions in the tote by the Welcome Center between now and March 27.

# **February Flowers:**

6 – Open 13 – Open 20 – Open 27 – Open

Do you have an anniversary or birthday you would like to celebrate with flowers in the worship center? Check out the sign-up sheet on the wall to the left of the kitchen to mark your date. You are welcome to take them home to enjoy any time after the last service on that Sunday.

Let Kathy know if you would like the occasion for the flowers listed in the prayers.

# PRAYER SERVICE Faith Lutheran Church - Sioux Falls February 26 - 9:00 AM



Snow Date: March 19 Coffee/Treats afterwards

We will have a **Pop-Up Jewelry Sale** during coffee

time. Please bring jewelry you are ready to pass on and place each piece/set in a small zip-lock baggie. Items will be laid on a table for you to look at. If you find something you would like, you may make a donation which will go towards mites.

Mark your calendar for the Women's High Tea on April 30.
More INFO TO COME...



# News from the Garage:

What does it mean to be ready?

This month in 9:20 Bible Study, we are learning about Jesus the Teacher. One of those teachings comes from Luke 12 and talks about being watchful and ready for Christ's return. What do you do in your regular day to day that prepares you for school, meals for the week, tests that are coming, projects that are due, games to play...etc? Our hope lies in His promised words of returning to take us with Him. While we wait, we pray, we serve, and listen to those words of promise over and over so that we are ready in anticipation!

"You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Luke 12:40

Important Dates 9:20 Bible Study (6th-12th grade Sundays at 9:20am HS Connect

Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm

**MS Connect** 

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> & 23rd, 6:30-8pm

HS Stampede Hockey

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:05pm

Rite of Confirmation

March 6th

# NYG FUNDRAISERS

If your student is registered for NYG 2022, please make sure you sign up to serve!

# Soup-er Bowl Sunday Feb. 13th

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

# Lent & Easter Meals

Join us for supper as we prepare for the death and resurrection of our Savior!

# STUDENT CONNECT

High School Connect (9th-12th grade)

Join us for a devotion and fellowship every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm-8pm. During Lent we'll pause in our regular schedule to serve supper and attend Worship, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd.

HS night at Stampede Hockey February 19th, at 6:05pm. Follow this link (https://fevo.me/mlc) to purchase tickets. Friends are welcome!

Middle School Connect (6th-8th grade) Join us for mentor time, a devotion and fellowship every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8pm. See you February 9th & 23rd.

# **CONFIRMATION**

**Upcoming Classes** this month include Changes & Choices (Feb 2nd & 16th) and Discipleship (Feb 20th & 27thth).

Rite of Confirmation Service takes place March 6th. Please join us in celebrating the declaration of faith from 7 students. Come check out their projects and have some cake!

**9:20 SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY** (6th-12th grade) Students are welcome to join us for Bible Study every Sunday morning. Doors open at 9:10am, with games, socializing and then music.

If you're interested in providing donuts, let Hailey Jo know! Thanks!

2022 National Youth Gathering

July 8 –12, 2022





Each year our High School Seniors are given a quilt that is lovingly made by members of Memorial. These amazing quilts are a reminder of their connection to Jesus and their Memorial family. This year we have 21 graduates and need lots of fabric squares to complete the quilts. Come and join in this fun opportunity to help make these great gifts for our High School Seniors possible. Questions? Please talk with DCE Hailey Jo.



# You're invited to sponsor an NYG participant!

Grab an envelope of your choosing and leave a donation. It's that simple!

Checkout the giant wall of envelopes near the office for more information & detailed instructions. Thank you!

# **Building Loan Update**

 Balance as of January 1, 2022
 = \$506,343

 Principal paid YTD
 = \$ 21,991

 Current Loan Balance as of January 16, 2022
 = \$484,352

# New estimated payoff date if only regular monthly payments are made: *July15, 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 - 2022** 

Jan. Giving to date \$58,018 Monthly Budgeted Need \$102,597 Giving YTD \$58,018 Budgeted Need YTD \$94,708

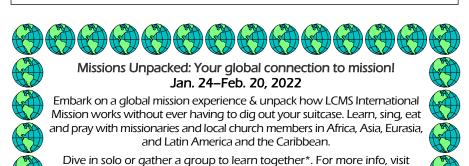
# **SECURE ELECTRONIC GIVING:**

is available at: www.memoriallutheran.net. Click on 'Giving Online' at the top of the home page. Forms are also available on the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact the office at 334-7133.

**Giving By Text -** is also available. Please see the brochures on the Welcome Desk.

# Memorial Wish List

Funding for high school quilts (\$50 ea); Funding for Faith Chests (\$26 ea.); Street sign update; Carpet Replacement; Tech equipment for Sanctuary



https://international.lcms.org/missions-unpacked/

# People To Contact:

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### SFLS School Board

Greg Miller - 605-261-3764 Sarah Swingdorf - 605-366-1246

### Organists/Accompanists:

Peggy Baney 605-332-7497 Joy Johansen 605-270-3686 Jan Noah 605-582-2929 Kristi Prouty 605-357-7194

### Church Council

Matt Hieb, President 605-321-8965 Doug Monson, Vice. Pres. 605-310-2768 Lora Jundt, Secretary 605-216-0455 Bart Viss Treasurer 605-553-7760 Merry Miller, Financial Sec.. 605-366-8262 Lisa Asmus, LWML 605-254-8469 Peggy Baney, Outreach 605-759-8424 Casey Bialas, Trustee 605-770-9321

### Elders

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

# February Birthdays & Anniversaries

# **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Joel Bialas Kellsie Hoffmann Elizabeth Nord
- 2 Pastor Aaron Asmus Louis Krabbenhoft Megan Schoeneman Rubi Webb
- 3 Lucas Gue Doug Monson
- 4 Daniel Asmus Olivia Jensen Maria Larson Kay Wood
- 5 Braxton Johnson Tyler Sullivan
- 6 Martin Aljets Connor Braunesreither Tyson Catron Karla O'Neal
- 7 Dan Amert Abbie Duin

- 7 Paul Krapf
- 8 Erica Rayman
- 9 Madyson Determan Don Reichert Annette Weisenbach
- 10 Don Becker
- 11 Bruce Aljets Ella Fahy Dennis O'Neill
- 13 Brad Hanisch Jadelyn Stokke
- 14 Brock Anshutz Cadence Christensen Craig Larsen
- 15 Tatum Baxa Laurel Strobl Sam Woodsor
- Sam Woodson 16 Kaitlyn Gehrels Ethan Gugel
- 16 Kaitlyn Stuck Mason Thammavongkeo
- 17 Donna Aljets Mindee Birnstiehl

- 18 Candi Currier Chase Kaiser Dean Lorenzen Heidi Mattson
- 19 Jacob Birnstiehl Andrew Mattson
- 21 Ted Jackson Charyl Wittfoth
- 22 Alexa Fahy Marcus Kanefke Odin Swingdorf
- 23 Troy Penrod Marshall Reichert
- 24 Madison Monson
- 26 Carol Becker
- 27 Alex Braunesreither George Niemann
- 27 Stephanie O'Neal
- 28 Eli Bridges
  Brandon Dannenbring
  Randy Wend

# **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6- Randy & Barb Knudtson
- 9- Daniel & Andrea Letze
- 11- Trent & Lisa Boe
- 14- Lenny & Heather Sand
- 20- Tom & Jean Kenyon
- 22- Jim & Mary Larsen
- 23 Cole & Jessica Buer
- 25- Lionel & Elizabeth Fraction

"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 February



# Serving Communion:

Feb 6: 8:00 am - Dennis O'Neill, Rocky Boer

9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Dan Amert, Dan Currier, Terry Conrad

11:00 am - Al Herrig, Andy Schmuck, Joel Shaver, Paul Luetjen

Feb 13: 8:00 am - Doug Foster, Rich Ulses

9:30 am - Don Becker, Ken Wickre, Rick Dierks, Tim Miller

11:00 am - Bill Cooper, Darold Danley, Mike Gilbride, Mike Mlnarik

Feb 20 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Rocky Boer

9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Doug Borchert, Ken Tucker, Ken Wickre

11:00 am - Dave Fehrs, Jim Schmidt, Kasey Danley, Mike Mlnarik

Feb 27: 8:00 am - Doug Foster, Rich Ulses

9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Dan Amert, Rick Dierks, Tim Miller

11:00 am - Al Herrig, Darold Danley, Joel Shaver, Paul Luetjen

# **FEBRUARY USHERS:**

8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Jay Prouty, Bruce Weeldreyer, Matt Hieb, Rich Hartmann

9:30 am - Jason Bosley, Joel Quist, Mark Schoeneman, Virgil Kouril

11:00 am - Jerome Heyd, Bannon Larson

Feb 6 - 8:00 am - Ethan Gugel 11:00 am - Ruby Slavens

Acolutes:

Feb 13 - 8:00 am - Tristen Miller 11:00 am - Braylee Larson

Feb 20 - 8:00 am - Henry Woodson 11:00 am - Ariel Irvin

Feb 27 - 8:00 am - Eddie Jerke 11:00 am - Henry Slavens

# **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 technology? Maybe joining a power point/presentation team is for you?

- Do you enjoy reading Scripture and are good at specking in front of folks? Maybe joining the Lay Reader Team is for you?
- Do you like working with numbers? Maybe joining a counting team is for you?

# **Power Point:**

Feb 6 - 8:00 am Charlie Peters 9:30 am - Pete Illing 11:00 am - Noah Miller

Feb 13 - 8:00 am - Seth Peters 9:30 am - Steve Fuerstein 11:00 am - Cindy Grothmann

Feb 20 - 8:00 am - Charlie Peters 9:30 am - Pete Illing 11:00 am - Shirley Miller

Feb 27 - 8:00 am - Seth Peters 9:30 am - Bruce Olson 11:00 am - Jacob Richards

# Accompanists:

(The Worship Team accompanies all 11 am Worship Services)

Feb 6 - 8:00 am - Joy Johansen 9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

**Feb 13 -** 8:00 am - Peggy Baney 9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

Feb 20 - 8:00 am - Joy Johansen 9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

Feb 27 - 8:00 am - Peggy Baney 9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

# Lay Readers:

Feb 6 - 8:00 am - Dan Peters 9:30 am - Bob Seidel 11:00 am - Breck Miller

**Feb 13 -** 8:00 am - jay Prouty 9:30 am - Bruce Olson 11:00 am - Chris Andresen

Feb 20 - 8:00 am - Rose Foster 9:30 am - Nadine Bornitz 11:00 am - Cindy Hyronemus

Feb 27 - 8:00 am - Dan Peters 9:30 am - Ken Wickre 11:00 am - Paul Luetjen

"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

# **UPDATES FROM MISSIONARY** HAYDEN RENSNER

Memorial Congregation,

Greetings! I pray that you are all doing well and staying safe and healthy. I have now been in the Czech Republic for six weeks, so I thought it was time to send a quick note.

I have started to step into some of my roles and responsibilities. I am currently tutoring 8 students online. Seven of the men are associated with the Riga Academy and the other student is the Lutheran Bishop of Spain. Two of the men are from Africa, three are from

Pakistan, one is from Slovakia, and one is from Belgium. I am learning so much from the men and I have had a great experience with them so far. I can't wait to tell you all about them when I am with you in person again.

I have also been having meetings with local pastors and church leaders. Starting in February I will be serving three different congregations in various capacities.

Your congregation remains in my prayers! As always, thank you so much for your ongoing support that allows me to serve in this capacity!

I look forward to staying in touch with all of you!!

May God continue to bless you and keep you in His care,

- Hayden

Note: I no longer have access to my United States phone number. If you would like to contact me you can message my Czech number on WhatsApp. My Czech number is +420 731 679 308. You can also email me at hayden.rensner@lcms.org.

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

# Tues. Feb 1

7 am SFLS Childcare 8 am Homeschool Group 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 4:30 pm Just For Kix 5:30 pm Private Meeting - James Room 6:30 pm Card Ministry

# Wed., Feb 2

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 6:00 pm Tone Chimes Practice 6:30 pm Club 345 6:30 pm Confirmation Classes - Means of Grace (James Rm) and Changes & Choices (café) 6:30 pm High School Connect 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

# Thurs., Feb 3

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 9 am Adult Bible Study 4:30 pm Just For Kix 5 pm TOPS - Timothy Room 5:30 pm Private Meeting - James Room

# Friday, Feb 4

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

## Sat. Feb 5

7:30 am & 8 am Men's Bible Studies 9 am Worship Team Practice

### Sunday, Feb 6

8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Blended Worship 9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr) 9:30 am CHOSEN- Women's Bible Study - café 9:30 am Bible Study - FAITH ALONE - James Rm 11 am Contemporary Worship 11 am Livestream Worship 1pm-3 pm Confirmation Class-Apostles' Creed-Café Soup -er Bowl Fundraiser - ORDERS DUE sponsored by LWML & HS Youth

# Mon, Feb 7

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 4:30 pm Just For Kix 7 pm Young Women's Bible Study

# Tues., Feb 8

7 am SFLS Childcare 8 am Homeschool Group 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 4:30 pm Just For Kix 6:30 pm Heart To Heart Meeting 5:30 pm Private Meeting - James Room

# Wed., Feb 9

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 9 am Lois Circle 6:00 pm Tone Chimes Practice 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Zingers 6:30 pm - 8 pm Middle School Connect 6:30 pm - 8 pm High School Connect 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

### Thurs., Feb 10

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 9 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Graduation Quilt Cutting Party 4:30 pm Just For Kix 5 pm TOPS 5:30 pm Private Meeting - James Room

### Friday, Feb 11

7 am SFLS Childcare 8 am - 3 pm Staff Planning Meeting - off-site 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

7:30 am & 8 am Men's Bible Studies 9 am Worship Team Practice

Soup -er Bowl - LWML/Youth Fundraiser -8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Blended Worship 9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3–12 gr) 9:30 am CHOSEN- Women's Bible Study - café 9:30 am Bible Study - **FAITH ALONE** - James Rm 11 am Contemporary Worship 11 am Livestream Worship 4:30 pm Asmus Small Group 6:30 pm Miller Small Group

# Mon, Feb 14 - HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 4:30 pm Just For Kix 7 pm Young Women's Bible Study

### Tues., Feb 15

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 8 am Homeschool Group 4:30 pm Just For Kix 5:30 pm Private Meeting - James Room

# Wed., Feb 16

7 am SFLS Childcare

7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 6:00 pm Tone Chimes Practice 6:30 pm Club 345 6:30 pm Confirmation Class - Changes & Choices -James Room 6:30 pm High School Connect

# Thurs., Feb 17

7 am SFLS Childcare

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 9 am Adult Bible Study 4:30 pm Just For Kix 5:30 pm Private Meeting - James Room 7 pm Church Council Meeting

# Friday, Feb 18

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

# Sat, Feb 19

7:30 am & 8 am Men's Bible Studies 9 am Worship Team Practice

## Sun. Feb 20

8 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Blended Worship

9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3–12 gr) 9:30 am CHOSEN- Women's Bible Study - café 9:30 am Bible Study - **FAITH ALONE** - James Rm 11 am Contemporary Worship 11 am Livestream Worship 1pm-3 pm Confirmation Class-Discipleship – Café 6-7:30 pm Outreach Event-

Serving at St Francis House (sign-up near front door.)

# Mon, Feb 21

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 7 pm Young Women's Bible Study

# Tues., Feb 22

7 am SFLS Childcare 8 am Homeschool Group 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

# Wed. Feb 23

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 6 pm Tone Chimes Practice 6:30 pm - 8 pm Middle School Connect 6:30 pm - 8 pm High School Connect 7 pm Choir Practice

# Thurs. Feb 24

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 9 am Adult Bible Study 4:30 pm Just For Kix 5 pm TOPS 5:30 pm Private Meeting - James Room

### Fri. Feb 25

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

# Sat. Feb 26

7:30 am & 8 am Men's Bible Studies 8 am -12:15 pm New Member Class (Saturday Session) 9 am Worship Team Practice 9 am LWML Zone Prayer Service at Faith in Sioux Falls

# Sun, Feb 27

8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Blended Worship 9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3–12 gr) 9:30 am New Member Sunday Sessions begin 9:30 am CHOSEN- Women's Bible Study - café 9:30 am Bible Study - **FAITH ALONE** - James Rm 11 am Contemporary Worship 11 am Livestream Worship 1pm-3 pm Confirmation Class-Discipleship - Café 4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

# Mon. Feb 28

7 am SFLS Childcare 9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out 4:30 pm Just For Kix 7 pm Lydia Circle 7 pm Young Women's Bible Study

"For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them."

— Matt 18:20

# **SUNDAY WORSHIP INFORMATION:**

8:00 am Traditional Worship Service 9:30 am\* Blended Worship Service 11:00 am Contemporary Worship

11 am service is also Livestreamed. Visit, ww.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.



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# Take out SOUP-er Bowl meal order sheets & online ordering is available until February 6.

Bacon Cheeseburger Potato, Turkey Noodle, or Chili along with a with a pulled pork sandwich, bbq sauce, crackers, and a cookie will be available for take-out orders to be picked up on February 13.



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.

Looking to find out what's happening at Memorial? Check out the online calendar on our website at www.memoriallutheran.net.