



MEMORIAL
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"Connecting To Jesus And You!"

Connection

July 2024

"Waiting Is The Hardest Part"

By Pastor Doug Slavens

As many of you know, I spend the third week every June helping lead Camp Minneboji at Camp Okobojo in Iowa. I have been doing it for four of the five years I have been in South Dakota and I can say that it is the highlight of my summer . . . Now, it's exhausting: physically, mentally, and spiritually, but the rewards far out way the need for caffeine. And this year was no different, actually, I think this year was one of the best so far, well, except for the rain...lots of rain.

But it was in the rain, in a gazebo on the way to the cabins, that I found myself having a conversation. And as I sat there, already soaked from the downpour of rain, with a group of campers already soaked from the rain...all of us questioning our life choices, I decided to pass the time by asking what was their favorite part of camp. I got all kinds of answers, all with excited anticipation of getting to do whatever the activity they were describing. Except for one little girl. As she gave her answer, she looked off into the storm clouds with the wisdom of a seasoned camp veteran and said, "Yeah... but, waiting is the hardest part".

And in that moment, I felt her pain... Waiting really is the hardest part. I wanted to tell her that the thunder storm we were all so eagerly waiting to pass was just the beginning of a life filled with waiting. And as we grow older the waiting never changes, it's just that our focus shifts. One day we are waiting for the rain to stop, the next day we're waiting to see if we get that job, or meet that person that will make your life complete...And before you know it, if you like me, you find yourself facing a tough decision and all you can do is wait... Waiting is the hardest part. And in that

waiting it begins to feel like maybe God is absent. Maybe He has forgotten about me? Maybe His lack of interest in my problems is an answer to fumble forward in the dark until I force an answer?

So, what can you do? Well, let me remind you that God's timing is perfect. Not only is His timing perfect, but God's plans are perfect, because He is perfect (Psalm 18:30). Too often, we think we know what's best, and if the Lord would just hurry up and do what we want, this would all be easier... But what if in our effort to rush through life, we're missing out on something greater than the thing we're waiting for? I want you to stop and read that last sentence again!

God promises to be our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. He tells us not to fear because He upholds us with His righteous right hand (Psalm 46:1, Isaiah 41:10). Waiting has its rewards, if we're willing to wait. As we persevere through seasons of waiting, our faith (in Him) grows. The best questions we can ask when we're waiting are the ones that help us understand what God wants to show us in the meantime...in the waiting.

So ask yourself: Am I spending time listening to God and listening for God? Am I spending time with Him in His Word? What is the Lord teaching me during this phase of my life? And lastly, what can I do to be ready for God to move?

"As for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. (Micah 7:7)...Even in the rain.

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."*

ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC

SUNDAY JULY 7
10:30AM COMBINED
SERVICE
FREE PICNIC MEAL
TO FOLLOW.

JUST BRING A LAWN CHAIR
AND JOIN US FOR WORSHIP,
FOOD, & FELLOWSHIP

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 9:30 am for ages 3 - Adult unless otherwise noted on the monthly calendar.

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OFFERING SUMMARY - 2024

Giving thru May	\$ 480,521	June giving:	\$ 59,017
Expenses thru May	\$ 464,585	Monthly Budgeted Need:	\$ 98,165
Difference	\$ 15,936		

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.

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.

"REACHING BEYOND" OFFERING: Thanks to all for the generous contributions that 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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GIVING, CONTACTS, ETC



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR LCMS-SD DISTRICT ?

Visit - <https://sddlcms.org/news-events>. To subscribe to the LCMS - SD District newsletter, email Julie at jpike@midco.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

Friday, July 5 - Bowling at Sport Bowl
Friday, August 9 - Canaries Baseball game (Please note- This is the 2nd Friday in August. The Canaries do not have a home game on the First Friday.)



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And You"*

We're HIRING

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PART-TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION AT MEMORIAL. We are seeking a part time maintenance person here Memorial. For more information, position description & application, stop by the church office any week day from 8am - 5pm or talk with Casey Bialas.

NEWS FROM THE GARAGE:

Student Connect

High School Connect (9th -12th Grades) meets one Wednesday every month throughout the summer. High School Connect always starts at 6:30pm. July We will meet on the 17th. August we will meet on the 21st Bring your friends! Everyone is welcome.

Middle School Connect (6 th -8 th Grades) also meets one time a month. Summer months are full of Games and learning of God's word! We are meeting **July 10th at 6:30pm for Bowling Night at Empire Bowl. Grab your friends and join in the fun!** We'll also meet on August 14th (watch for additional details). See You Then!

Youth Sunday Bible Study (6th -12th Gr) Come to Bible Study every Sunday morning at 9:30am for a morning of digging into God's word and learning how to apply it to life! We have great boys & girls Devotionals to figure out who we are as God's Children. **No Sunday Bible Study July 7th, Come Worship on the Church Lawn!**

Confirmation No classes this summer. Please pickup completed work in the office and keep working on Worship Reflections & take Home Study (6th Grade).

Save the Date:

Incoming 6th grade parent and student meeting August 25 @1:30pm

Incoming 7 th -8 th grade parent & student meeting August 25 @2:30pm

Move-Up Day!

Move-up day for new 6th graders: Sunday, September 8th

Move-up day for new freshman: Sunday, September 8th

Register your student for NYGI I can't believe it's here, but it's time! All students eligible to attend the summer of '25 should have received an email with information. **Registration Deadline is Sept. 1st 2024.** Let me know if you need more info

Important Dates:

- Bible Study - Sundays at 9:30am
- High School Connect - July 17th and August 21th
- Middle School Connect - July 10th and August 14th
- NO SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - July 7th

"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." - Rom. 15:13

YOUTH & CHILDREN CONNECTIONS!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY -

For summer SS we are walking through the Apostles Creed and looking at how God's Word reveals Himself. The 2nd Article focuses on God the Son—the Word made flesh, the Redeemer, the Savior the one we have been waiting for. God sent His Son to us, for us, so we can be His child for eternity! Take some time to read it over and let it ponder in your hearts as you think of what Jesus has done for you, and then share it!

APOSTLES CREED: 2nd ARTICLE & Meaning
[I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

SUMMER SS - This summer we will gather as a one-room schoolhouse in the Backyard and explore the Apostles Creed. Kids will learn about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit as we look at some Old and New Testament stories. Volunteers are needed each week to assist Liz who will take on the primary teaching. This is open to current preschoolers up to new 6th Graders for the summer from 9:30-10:30 AM. Parents, you also have the option to take your children to worship with you this summer!

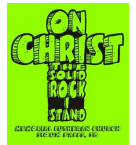
SUMMER GaGa Ball Fun Nights!
Wednesday, August 7th @ 6:30- 8 PM
Calling new 1st graders up to new 6th graders to come play some GaGa Ball & more! Parents, you are more than welcome to stay and play too! Come find out what GaGa ball is all about!



Register for VBS using the QR code.



Memorial VBS-Camp Rock
July 21-24, 2024 from 6-8:15 PM
VBS Camp Rock is for 3 yr olds (Potty-trained) up to new 5th Graders. We'll gather each night to see how Jesus is the ROCK! There will be Bible stories, music, games, crafts & LOTS of fun! Register on-line and don't wait!! Volunteers are needed every night to help lead activities, or hang out with the kiddos to help them have the best week of the summer, see Liz for details!



VBS Grand Finale Family Night!
Wednesday, July 24th 6:00 pm
Bring the WHOLE family for a picnic, games, crafts & music for the LAST NIGHT of VBS!

VBS Volunteer Meeting:

Thursday, July 18th @ 6:30 PM

VBS NEEDS: Volunteers-we can find the perfect place for you to serve!! Everynight or just one!) Cookies/Bars (PLEASE no nuts or Peanut Butter) Bags of Ice Each Night; Bottles of Tacky Glue; Bags of Plain Chips; Grapes for the Final Night Meal; Large Outdoor Jenga Games to borrow; Please see display at church for more items or see Liz for ways you can provide.

"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



The Outreach Committee has recently discussed the Memorial Food Bank. The Food Bank is an ongoing ministry of Memorial, provided by generous donations, to assist those in need to make their food budgets go further. The Food Bank is available to all individuals, both members and non-members. Members may go into Food Bank located in the white cabinets in the Timothy Room during open hours at the church; non-members must contact the church office. During difficult times, we can use a hand up and not a handout. Asking for help can be difficult for anyone to say. Memorial is here to assist!

During the month of August, we want to encourage all members and non-members of Memorial to help "Stock the Food Bank." We will be displaying notices in bulletins and on the video screens starting soon. As many families are preparing to return to school in August, collecting food could ease the gap in their food budget while they are providing necessities for their school age children, such as school supplies, clothes, and shoes. I would encourage all members and non-members to help "Stock

the Food Bank" not only in August, but throughout the year. Anyone who wants to assist with the Food Bank should contact Connie Mlnarik, Mary Andresen, or Dan Amert.

The Outreach Committee also discussed a new volunteer opportunity with the Furniture Mission in Sioux Falls. Outreach members Mike and Connie Mlnarik have been volunteering for many years at the Furniture Mission, helping with constructing new bed frames and repairing furniture brought to the mission. One volunteer opportunity is helping deliver items to residents needing furniture. The Mission is looking for people for one Saturday each month to help give personalized delivery of items that have been requested. The recipients are very appreciative of the furniture and the interaction with the volunteers. If you are interested, sign up on the slat wall outside of the church office.

By Dan Amert

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Feeding South Dakota - Memorial Lutheran previously had members sign up to assist in boxing items at Feeding South Dakota. If you are interested, please let the church office, Mary Andresen, or Dan Amert know

that you are interested in helping. The Outreach team will coordinate with Feeding South Dakota to schedule hours for volunteering.

Eat Well Sioux Falls – Eat Well Sioux Falls is a new program providing grocery purchasing opportunities in areas of Sioux Falls where grocery shopping is difficult, called "food deserts." Eat Well is looking for volunteers to stock shelves and helping customers with their purchases. Please feel free to contact Mary Andresen if you have any questions.

Furniture Mission – They can always use excess wood to help with their building and repair projects at the Furniture Mission. If you have excess wood, please contact Mike Mlnarik or Dan Amert and we'll arrange where to bring the wood to. Also, if you have any Thrivent Choice dollars to use, the Furniture Mission would greatly benefit from the assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 27th – Laundry Night at Hilltop Laundry in Sioux Falls (5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)

July 7th – One worship service and church picnic at Memorial (service starts at 10:30 am)

July 21st – Serving a meal at the St. Francis House in Sioux Falls (5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)

MISSION & MINISTRY CONNECTIONS!

AREA LCMS AND DISTRICT EVENTS OPEN TO ALL:

Heartland LCMS Singles Retreat


Join us at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca (near Iowa City, Iowa) the weekend of July 19-21 for a time of indoor and outdoor recreation, Bible studies, fellowship, and the opportunity to meet other Lutheran singles from the Midwestern states. The conference is open to ages 21-41. \$100 per person for two nights and four meals. Please register at <https://www.faithwinterset.org/registration/>

FAITH LUTHERAN SUMMER EVENT - ALL ARE INVITED

(601 N Cliff Ave, Sioux Falls)

Hey! Does your summer schedule allow for some daytime pickleball play or exercise? Currently we play indoor pickleball 10 - 11:30 AM on Wednesdays and would really love to grow this group!

All levels of adult players who are interested in recreational play, exercise and fun are welcome. In the CLC @ Faith – Come and bring a friend!



**A SD District Men's
Ministry Event
Campfire Cabins,
Rapid City, SD**

August 15-18, 2024

Open for all men seeking fellowship,
brotherhood,
and to be faithful followers
of Christ for their family,
church
and community.

This event is recommended for men High School age and older.

Visit the SD District website for all the details:
sddlms.org/event/man-up-a-sd-district-mens-ministry-event/

"Man Up" - A SD District Men's Ministry Event

Thursday, August 15 to Sunday, August 18

Visit <https://sddlms.org> and click on News & Events for more info and to register for this event.

Serving In July

Serving Communion:

July 7: 10:30 am - Dan Amert, Mark Schoeneman, Tim Miller, Mike Mlnarik

July 14: 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Rocky Boer
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Ken Wickre, Terry Conrad, Craig Gehrels
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Bill Cooper, Bryce Gammeter, Mike Gilbride

July 21: 8:00 am - Dennis O'Neill, Bhrett Baney
9:30 am - Dan Amert, Mark Schoeneman, Tim Miller, Alan Carlson
11:00 am - Darold Danley, Paul Wood, Joel Shaver, Mike Mlnarik

July 28: 8:00 am - Rich Hartmann, Rich Ulses
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Ken Wickre, Terry Conrad, Rick Dierks
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Bill Cooper, Mike Gilbride, Mike Mlnarik

July Acolytes:

July 7 - 10:30 am - Tristen Miller

July 14 - 8:00 am - Caleb Quist
11:00 am - Elsie Slavens

July 21 - 8:00 am - Cora Johansen
11:00 am - Bode Larson

July 28 - 8:00 am - Brianna Danley
11:00 am - Elijah Richards

July Accompanists:

(Worship Team - all 11 am Services)

July 7 - 10:30 am - Worship Team

July 14 - 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Joy Johansen

July 21 - 8:00 am - Jan Noah
9:30 am - Mindee Birstiehl

July 28 - 8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

July Sunday Ushers

8:00 am - Ken Reuter, Darin Steffen, Terry Bendt,
Clayton Sonnenschein, Luke Hamann

9:30 am - Don Becker, Dan Currier, Ken Tucker, Joel Bialas

11:00 am - Tim Dahmen, Landon Dahmen, Rich Miller

July Lay Readers:

July 7 - 10:30 am - Nadine Bornitz

July 14 - 8:00 am - Dan Peters
9:30 am - Tim Miller
11:00 am - Breck Miller

July 21 - 8:00 am - Larry Noah
9:30 am - Bannon Larson
11:00 am - Bryce Gammeter

July 28 - 8:00 am - Rose Foster
9:30 am - Luke Hamann
11:00 am - Chris Andresen

Power Point Operators:

July 7 - N/A

July 14 - 8:00 am - Seth Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Jacob Richards

July 21 - 8:00 am - Eddie Jerke
9:30 am - Pete Illing
11:00 am - Shirley Miller

July 28 - 8:00 am - Troy Miller
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Mike Gilbride

Serving

Connecting Through Serving

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Stacey Kuusela
- 2- Lincoln Boetel
Max Kueter
- 3- Ron Christensen
Jan Radach
- 4- Caryl Abbott
Brian Brosnahan
Nash Demaray
Katie Gue
Peter Nord
- 5- Lori Dodge
- 6- Steff Danley
Cecilia Slavens
- 7- Tom Kenyon
Georgia Raap
Ariss Scholten
- 8- Alanis Raaen
Chad Reiffenberger
- 9- Nancy Casey
Todd Naber
Mark Warwick
- 10- Kayla Dannenbring
- 11- Landon Dahmen
Waylon Johnson
- 12- Michael Erickson
Harper Miller

- 13- Maxine Boxdorfer
Braxton Holland
Brooklynne Miller
Aryn Roerig
- 14- Parker Jerke
Karen Moore
Quinn Stein
- 15- Sydney Hieb
Dustin Reiners
- 16- Rita Miller
Grant Prouty
- 17- Scott Evans
Don Reitz
- 19- Nate Berg
Linda Brunick
- 21- Dylan Harnisch
- 22- Andrew Bork
Helen Christopherson
Tom Landis
- 23- Dawn Grotewold
Kirk Lee
- 24- Kay Stockwell
- 25- Bill Miller
Sandra Witte
- 26- Trayven Cooper-Dumke
Robb Grotewold
Boden Schaefer
Doug Schaefer
Mark Schoeneman

- 27- Jason Harty
- 28- Julie Buskol
Stephanie Gibbs
Bruce Harlan
Hailey Miller
Alexis Weisenbach
- 29- Carmen Jacobs
Joanne Landis
Pat Reichert
- 30- Edison Jerke
Virgil Kouril

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Randy & Laurie Clark
Paul & Caroline Krapf
Dan & Liz Peters
- 3- Adam & Vania Asmus
Will & Kathy Dathe
Don & Carolyn Reitz
- 6- Dennis & Susan Bruns
Jonathan & Kali Swift
- 7- Andrew & Skye Bork
Mark & Kristy Bridges
Rich & Donna Hartmann
- 9- Casey & Alison Raaen
- 10- Joe & Linda Craft
Boyd & Jessica Perkins
- 11- Mike & Corrine Minarik

- 13- Mark & Amy Schoeneman
- 15- Jeff & Melanie Nelson
- 16- Kevin & Jana Maxwell
- 17- Scott & Erin Evans
Adam & Natasha Presler
- 18- Doug & Rose Foster
- 19- Bruce & Donna Aljets
Terry & Sharon Conrad
Richard & Pam Johnson
Tyler & Melissa Roerig
- 21- Ken & Mindee Birstiehl
Charles & Andrea Schonhardt
- 23- Greg & Judy Larson
- 24- Bill & Cheryl Cooper
- 25- Clinton & Jennifer Henry
Aaron & Sarah Neugebauer
- 28- Daniel & Joanne Stommes
- 31- Paul & Kathy Luetjen

"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

JULY CALENDAR

Mon. July 1 - No Events Scheduled

Tues. July 2 - No Events Scheduled

Wed. July 3

7 pm Adult Bible Study

Thurs. July 4 Happy 4th of July!

OFFICE CLOSED

Fri. July 5

5-7 pm First Friday Fellowship - Bowling at Sport Bowl

Sat. July 6

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

Sun. July 7

10:30 am Outdoor Worship (+Livestream)
followed by Annual Picnic

Mon. July 8

7 pm Outreach Meeting

Tues. July 9 - No Events Scheduled

Wed. July 10

6:30 pm Middle School Connect - **Bowling at Empire Bowl**
6:30 pm New Member Class
7 pm Adult Bible Study

Thurs. July 11

9 am Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm Quilting Ministry

Fri. July 12

9 am - 12 noon Quilting Ministry

Sat. July 13

8 am Hagar Bible Study - Isaiah Rm
8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Worship Team Practice
12 noon Private Party - backyard area
1 pm Private Party - café

Sun. July 14

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - "
"If You Want To Walk On Water" - Isaiah Rm
"Luke: Gut Level Compassion" - café
a Women's Study
11 am Contemporary Worship (+Livestream)

Mon. July 15 - No Events Scheduled

Tues. July 16

7 pm Church council

Wed. July 17

6:30 pm High School Connect
6:30 pm New Member Class
7 pm Adult Bible Study

Thurs. July 18

9 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am **55 Alive**

Fri. July 19 - No Events Scheduled

Sat. July 20

8 am New Member Saturday Session
8 am - 12 noon Just For Kix Summer Session
8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Worship Team Practice

Sun. July 21 -

8 am Traditional Worship
8:30 am **SUNDAES FOR MISSIONS** - Fundraiser
between Worship Services as Director of Ministry
Involvement, Melinda Wood prepares to head
to the Dominican Republic with LCMS Missions
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies -
"If You Walk On Water,
You Have To Get Out Of The Boat" - Isaiah Rm
"Luke: Gut Level Compassion" - café
a Women's Study
11 am Contemporary Worship (+Livestream)
6 - 8:15 pm **Vacation Bible School - CAMP ROCK!**

Mon. July 22

6 - 8:15 pm **Vacation Bible School - CAMP ROCK!**

Tues. July 23

6 - 8:15 pm **Vacation Bible School - CAMP ROCK!**

Wed. July 24

6 - 8:15 pm **Vacation Bible School - CAMP ROCK!**
7 pm Adult Bible Study

Thurs. July 25

9 am Adult Bible Study - Isaiah Room
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Quilting Ministry

Fri. July 26

9 am - 12 noon Quilting Ministry

Sat. July 27

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

Sun. July 28

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies -
"If You Walk On Water,
You Have To Get Out Of The Boat" - Isaiah Rm
"Luke: Gut Level Compassion" - café
a Women's Study
11 am Contemporary Worship (+Livestream)
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

Mon. July 29 - No Events Scheduled

Tues. July 30

9 am Private Event - café

Wed. July 31

9 am Private Event - café
6:30 pm New Member Class
7 pm Adult Bible Study

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

Bible Studies at Memorial

9:30 AM SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES -

"LUKE: GUT LEVEL COMPASSION" A WOMEN'S STUDY;
"IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT" IN
THE ISAIAH RM

THURSDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY - "Various Topics" 9:00am in the café

SATURDAY MORNINGS - Men's Group - Various Topics - 8:30am;
Adult Study - The Study of "Hagar" - 8am (Watch for dates.)

YOUNG MARRIED SMALL GROUP - 1st Monday of each month. 6:30-8pm at Memorial. Text: Kathleen at 605-877-2954 for more info. (We take a break for the summer)

Wednesday Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7pm at Memorial.

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

RightNow Media— Stream Bible Studies & 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



BOWLING

Night

AT SPORT BOWL

FRIDAY JULY 5 5-7PM	FREE	RSVP WITH BHRETT BANEY (605-413-7708) OR THE CHURCH OFFICE (605-334-7133)
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LUTHERAN IN WOMEN (LWML)

Our Biennial SD District LWML Convention was held on June 6 & 7 in Aberdeen. Memorial was represented by 6 of our members and 1 pastor. We selected 15 mission grants totaling \$65,000, to be funded during the 2024-2026 biennium. We also revised the District By-laws and had a blessed time visiting with old LWML friends and meeting new ones!

The next Convention is our National Convention in Omaha, NE on June 26-29, 2025. The theme is "Growing in God's Grace" based on 2 Peter 3:18. Start making plans to attend this National Convention!!

Our National Mission Grant for June was "Sharing Christ Crucified with High School Youth for \$35,000 – PAID IN FULL. This is for Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans. This school was devastated by Hurricane Ida, and the funds are being used for construction costs to rebuild. This grant will be matched by 5 generous donors and will be used to pay the tuition costs of ten students!

Our National Mission Grant for July is "Care for Street Children of Western Kenya" – Capstone Ministries for \$50,000 and is has been partially paid - \$28,418. This grant will provide educational scholarships for day and boarding school as well as vocational training for 52 children. It will also provide 100 Bibles and catechisms, translated into Swahili for 17 Bible study groups.

The Diaper Derby was a success this year! We collected 2,014 diapers and 2,736 wipes. All will be given to the Alpa Center!!

We have taken a hiatus from meeting this summer and will resume our meetings in September. More information to come for this!

I pray your summer is filled with many blessings and God winks!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Keiser, President



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

We're hiring a robotics team advisor, a junior varsity volleyball coach, substitute teachers and education assistants for the 2024-25 school year. Visit www.sioxfallslutheran.com/careers to learn more and apply.

Join us for the Dr. Vaughn & JoAnn Meyer Memorial Golf Tournament on Wed. Aug. 7, at Bakker Crossing Championship Golf Course. Learn more and register your team online at <https://bit.ly/sfls-golf-tournament-2024>.

We still have openings in a few select grades during the 2024-25 school year. Contact our admissions team at 605-335-1923 or visit www.sioxfallslutheran.com/academics to learn more.

Parking Lot Expansion at SFLS: We're pleased to share that Hoogendoorn Construction is in the midst of constructing 43 new parking spaces in our lot this summer to accommodate our growing student population, which will soon total over 500! Please see your bulletin insert for additional details and to learn how you can help fund a parking space, each of which cost \$2,700.



SIoux FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL
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Sioux Falls Lutheran Annual Book Sale August 7-10, 2024



8:00-6:00 Wednesday - Friday; 8:00-1:00 Saturday

Bag Sale on Friday and Saturday \$5 per bag

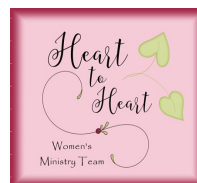
All proceeds support the Tuition Assistance Fund at SFLS.

Donations now being taken at Memorial Lutheran Church and at Sioux Falls Lutheran School. Put them in the canvas cart located in the front entrance at the church or in the boxes at the school. **We need:** Puzzles, Board Games, Records, CD's, DVD's, Sheet Music, Music Books, Cook Books, Vintage Books, Text Books, DIY Books, Non-fiction Books, Fiction Books, Comic Books, Little Kid Board Books, Children's Books, Poetry Books, Religious Books, Coloring Books, Any kind of book. **Please: NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS.** If you have questions, please contact Peggy Baney at 605-759-8424.

Heart to Heart Ministry To Women By Women.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, for Fellowship, Study & Service. All women are welcome!

Heart to Heart will not meet in July. We'll have our annual picnic on August 13th at 6:30pm. Watch for more details when we get closer to the date



*"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*



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OPPORTUNITIES!!

God has provided me with the opportunity to serve in the Dominican Republic this summer as part of a mission team coordinated by LCMS Missions International. On August 5, I will be going to Punta Cana as part of a short term mission team. As stated on the LCMS website "Once a year, the Latin America and Caribbean missionaries gather with their families for a conference. This time of renewal incorporates worship, study, and fellowship. During blocks of scheduled programming for adults, it's important to care for the region's many missionary children. The goal is twofold: having fun *and nurturing their faith*."

I will be working with a team to prepare and lead a Vacation Bible School for approximately 45 missionary children. I will be serving as a co-leader for children 9-12 years old. Not only will I be leading VBS during the day but I will also provide missionary parents opportunities for 1-on-1 meetings and kid-free "date nights" by babysitting in the evening. I heard about this mission opportunity when I attended Best Practices with the Memorial staff in February. I am excited to be a part of this team and to serve missionary families.

As I prepare for this mission trip, I humbly ask for your support. I welcome your prayers and financial contributions. On Sunday, July 21, there will be a

Missions fundraiser at Memorial to help cover the trip's expenses. I am excited about the work that God has placed before me and our team and look forward to sharing my experience with you.

God's Blessings,
Melinda



"Connecting
To Jesus
And You!"



Sundae Sunday

Sunday, July 21
between worship services

A fundraiser to support
Melinda Wood's mission trip
to the Dominican Republic.
Freewill donations accepted.