



MEMORIAL LUTHERAN

“Connecting To Jesus And You!”

Connection

March 2024

Why Lent?

By Pastor Doug Slavens

“By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.” - Genesis 3:19

Each year these familiar words from Genesis usher us into the season of Lent. As ashes are smeared across our foreheads we hear, *“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”* It’s a reminder of our mortality. And, more importantly, it’s a reminder of God’s grace. Without it, we sinners would know only pain, suffering, and death. By it, we know hope, joy, love, and life. But, what about the rest of the season? What is it? How did it come to be? Why should we lean into it and make it a part of our regular faith practice?

Well, originally, the practice of preparation for Easter (or Lent) was fasting for two days. Beginning on Good Friday and ending with the celebration of Easter. The idea behind this was that it equaled the time Jesus spent in the tomb.

Generations that followed increased the period of fasting to six days which was also the amount of time catechumens (or New Christians) spent in preparation for the reception of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper that they would first receive at the Easter Saturday vigil and Easter morning service. Over time, the length of preparation for Easter increased from one week to three weeks, then to six weeks, usually excluding Sundays, which were held by Christians as “mini” Easters.

In Jerusalem, as early as the Fourth Century, Christians fasted for forty days in preparation for Easter. The forty days consisted of five days a week for eight weeks. These forty days symbolized the forty days that Moses dwelled on Mount Sinai

(Exodus 24:18), the forty days that Elijah journeyed to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8), and the forty days that Jesus fasted in the wilderness (Matt. 4:2). It wasn’t until the Seventh Century, that the western church decided to include the four days that preceded the first Sunday of preparation which became known as Ash Wednesday.

During the time of the Reformation, Martin Luther continued to observe this practice and, as a result, the Lutheran church has continued this practice. Now, Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with its conclusion being Holy Saturday, the day before Christ’s resurrection. Because Sundays are mini-Easters, each Sunday in Lent is (in Lent) and not (of Lent) therefore not counted toward the forty days.

But why continue the practice today? Well, I’m of the opinion that engaging Lent as a faith practice is one of the most valuable regular rhythms available to us in the church. In a world of instant gratification, we rarely deny ourselves of anything or actually pause long enough to look up from our busy lives to be reminded of the grace we receive over and over again. Yet, Lent invites us to do just that. To spend time... Time with God and time in His Word.

And the good news is, God gives you a gift during this Lenten season: an opportunity to refocus. To zero in on what is important. To redirect your eyes away from your (dusty) self and return your gaze in the proper, life-giving direction: toward Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug

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

- Phil 4:6-7

SUNDAY WORSHIP INFORMATION:

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

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

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

March 24 - Palm Sunday - Sunday
School Kids sing at 9:30am & 11am
March 28 - Maundy Thursday -
6:30pm Worship
March 29 - Good Friday -
6:30pm Worship
March 31 - Easter - 6:30am Sunrise;
8am, 9:30am, & 11am Worship Svcs.
Easter breakfast: 7:30am - 10:30am

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

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OFFERING SUMMARY - 2024

Giving thru Jan. \$ 78,380
Expenses thru Jan. \$ 86,116

February giving to date: \$ 86,671
Monthly Budgeted Need: \$ 98,165

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

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

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

Memorial Wish List

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

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Bhrett Baney, Alan Carlson, Kasey Danley,
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Jim Schmidt, Andy Schmuck, Joel Quist

"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

GIVING, CONTACTS, ETC

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

25th Anniversary of the Celebrate His Gifts Gala - Mark your calendar and plan to join us on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, at the Sanford Barn (2510 East 54th St N, Sioux Falls) for the 25th Annual Celebrate His Gifts Gala (formerly known as Hearts on Fire). In celebration of the gala's 25th year, we have some special nostalgic surprises in store. We hope to see you there!

Trivia Night - Join us at 6:00pm on Saturday March 2 for Trivia Night at SFLS! This annual fundraiser supports our 7th graders as they prepare for their 8th grade leadership and earth science trip to the Black Hills in September. Assemble your team of 8 and join us at a cost of \$12/person or \$96/table. To register contact Miss Ockander at mockander@sflutheranschool.com. *Due to their large class size, this year's 7th graders are in need of more funds than past classes. Any extra donations are greatly appreciated!* Learn more at bit.ly/sfls-trivia-night-2024.

Power Up with Pancakes - Join us from 9:30am-1pm on Sunday, March 10, for Chris Cakes pancakes & sausage. All funds raised will go towards equipment for our new fitness center, and our Booster Club will match donations up to \$10,000! Learn more at bit.ly/sfls-power-up-with-pancakes.

Parent Education Night - Join us at 6:30pm on Thursday, March 21, to hear Rev. Dr. Justin Hannemann's presentation on Childhood and Youth Mental Health: Anti-Fragility, ACE's, and Best Practices. Learn more at bit.ly/parent-night-hannemann.

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.*



**SIoux FALLS
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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NEWS FROM THE GARAGE:

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." -Ps. 34:18
This past week I attended the Best Practices Ministry Conference in Phoenix, AZ. One of the speakers I had the privilege to listen to focused on the importance of mental health in our staff and in our ministry. I'm chewing on how I can incorporate feeling words into our regular gatherings. I was encouraged to hear that God never shies away from emotions—good or bad. And I want to encourage you too, to give your student (and yourself) space to share our emotions and acknowledge them. For God promises that He won't shy away from us whether we're in the storm or at peace in the calm.

Lent Meals & Services - Lent Services begin at 6:30pm every Wednesday with a meal provided from 5-6pm. Students interested in attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in 2025 can help serve the meal and earn money towards their trip. Sign up to help with DCE Hailey Jo.

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

NYG Meeting - If your student is interested in attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in 2025 and they're a current 7th grader-11th grade (24), then join us for a meeting Sunday, May 19th, directly following the late Service. RSVP with HJ and I'll have lunch provided!

STUDENT CONNECT

High School Connect (9th-12th grade) meets every Wednesday, starting at 6:30pm. Friends are always welcome!
NO HS Connect until April 3rd!

Middle School Connect (6th-8th grade) 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 & a game.
NO MS Connect until April 10th!

CONFIRMATION

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

Upcoming Classes in March: Means of Grace

Confirmation Project Meeting: Join us April 24th from 5:30-6pm to discuss the final piece of your student's Confirmation journey. We'll meet in the Backyard.

9:20 SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

(For 6th-12th grade) - Based off 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 Service -

Sunday, March 3rd at 11am

Bible Study - Sundays at 9:20am

High School Connect -

See you April 3rd at 6:30pm

Middle School Connect -

See you April 10th at 6:30pm

Lent Services - Wednesdays, 6:30pm

Easter Sunday - Sunday, March 31st

"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 -

INSIGHTS FROM LIZ

"The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you." Eph. 1:17-18

This Lenten season, I am not giving up anything, but I am adding to my devotional time. It is so easy for me to slide my personal Bible reading and devotional time aside, and just work on my Bible reading for my lessons prep. So I am going to be intentional about what I am reading. During Lent I get the Lutheran Hour Ministries Lenten devotion sent to my in-box. We have our Witnesses to Christ devotional and the Seek & Find book for the kiddos...I have many to read through. I will have much to increase my focus on Jesus this Lent. May you find joy and wisdom in God's Word and be enlightened with His hope. -

Liz Peters— Director of Children's Ministries
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NO CLUB 345 & ZINGERS

Club 345 will meet again on Wednesday April 19th @ 6:30-8 pm

Zingers will meet on Wednesday April 12th @ 6:30-8 PM

Sunday School - Each Sunday from 9:30-10:30 AM we gather children together to explore The Story!! We will be beginning the New Testament this month and seeing all about this promised Savior, Jesus! So very thankful for the SS volunteers that come EACH Sunday to share Jesus and themselves with our Memorial children.

PALM SUNDAY SS KIDS SINGING!

Palm Sunday, **March 24th**, we will have the Sunday School Children sing in our worship services! Preschoolers-5th Graders will sing at the beginning of the **9:30 & 11 AM services**. The children are learning the songs in SS the weeks prior.



"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

LEGO BIBLE CHALLENGE! SUNDAY.

MARCH 10 - Get out your LEGOs & find a Bible Story or Bible Verse to create a unique LEGO display! This is for **ALL** ages!!!

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

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

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

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

QUESTIONS?: Contact Liz Peters
children@memoriallutheran.net





St. Francis House:

Memorial will serve at the St. Francis House on Sunday, March 17, from 5:45-7:30pm. Sign up sheet is on the table in the hallway.

The Blood Mobile will be at Memorial on Sunday, April 14th from 9:00am-12:30pm

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



Ongoing Collections:

- Used eyeglass, sunglasses, and hearing aids for the Lions Club. Place in the jar on the shelf by the gray slat board.
- Pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Place in jar on the shelf by the gray slat board.
- Memorial is collecting new and gently used backpacks for children ages 4-16. They will be used by students at an orphanage located in Eritrea, Africa. A local native, who now lives here, will be taking them to Eritrea. Backpack collection now through March 18.

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

Questions? Contact Dan Amert: danamert@yahoo.com

UPCOMING AT MEMORIAL:

March 6, 13, 20 - Lent Worship—Services at 6:30 pm;
Fellowship Meals served from 5-6:10pm

March 1 - First Friday Fellowship - Make & Take
Easter Crafts at Memorial

March 3 - Confirmation

March 10 - Lego Bible Challenge

March 24 - Palm Sunday - Sunday School Kids sing
at the 9:30am & 11am Worship Services

March 28 - Maundy Thursday - 6:30pm Worship

March 29 - Good Friday - 6:30pm Worship

March 31 - Easter - 6:30am Sunrise Worship; 8am,
9:30am, & 11 am Worship. Easter breakfast
served 7:30am - 10:30am

April 5 - First Friday Fellowship -
Movie Night at Memorial

April 7, 14, 21 - New Member Sunday Class Sessions &
April 13 Saturday New Member Session

“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

MISSION & MINISTRY CONNECTIONS!

LUTHERAN IN WOMEN (LWML)



The mission of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League South Dakota District is to provide women opportunities for spiritual growth and to equip and nurture them to use their God given gifts to serve the Lord in home, church, community, and the world.

PRAISE THE LORD!! 3 of our 31 Mission Grants are Paid in Full and 3 of the remaining 28 are partially paid. These Mission Grants are on the National level. This month’s Featured Mission Grant is **Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide** – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO - \$100,000. The LCMS receives frequent requests from other Lutheran church bodies around the world to share theological knowledge and doctrinally sound practices. With this grant theological students can complete advanced degrees and go to their home countries to train pastors.

We will be hosting the **Sioux Falls Zone Prayer service on March 2**. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9am with the Prayer Service starting at 10. All are welcome to attend.

March 28 is Maundy Thursday. During the service we strip the altar. If you would like to be a part of this, please contact me via text at 605-209-2098.

It’s not too early to think about the **District Convention** that will be held in Aberdeen on June 7 & 8. The Theme for the convention is taken from 1 Peter 1:8-9. “Inexpressible Joy + Matchless Savior”. Bible studies will be led by Donna Snow, author, from LWML Texas District and the Keynote Speaker is Kay Kreklau. LWML President 2011-2015, LWML North Dakota District. This will be an awesome time to meet and greet women from across the state of South Dakota!

Blessings to all! Colleen Keiser, President

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!

In March, we meet on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30pm & will be having a game night. All are invited to join in this fun event.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS UPDATE:

The South Dakota District churches have voted to discontinue the required Lutheran Witness subscriptions for all members due to the large cost increase. Each church will now determine what will be done for their members.

Memorial Lutheran has now gone to a limited number bulk subscription. We will be receiving a monthly bulk order beginning in April. There will be a location on the slat wall under ‘Resources’ that you can grab a copy. If you would like to order your own subscription for home delivery, visit cph.org and type *Lutheran Witness* in the search bar. Click on ‘Individual issue’ and then near the bottom of the page will be a box to click to set up a monthly subscription.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Serving In March

Serving Communion:

- Mar 3:** 8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Rocky Boer
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Dan Amert, Ken Wickre, Tim Miller
11:00 am - Andy Schmuck, Paul Wood, Joel Shaver, Mike Mlnarik
- Mar 10:** 8:00 am - Dennis O'Neill, Rocky Boer
9:30 am - Mark Schoeneman, Terry Conrad, Craig Gehrels, Alan Carlson
11:00 am - Al Herring, Bill Cooper, Jim Schmidt, Paul Luetjen
- Mar 17:** 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Jay Prouty
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Ken Wickre, Rick Dierks, Tim Miller
11:00 am - Al Herring, Bill Cooper, Paul Wood, Joel Shaver
- Mar 24:** 8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Kasey Danley
9:30 am - Joel Quist, Mark Schoeneman, Craig Gehrels, Alan Carlson
11:00 am - Jim Schmidt, Joel Shaver, Mike Mlnarik, Paul Luetjen
- Mar 28:** 6:30 pm - Rich Hartmann, Joel Quist, Craig Gehrels, Mike Mlnarik
- Mar 31:** 6:30 am - Dan Peters, Bhrett Baney
8:00 am - Jay Prouty, Rich Ulses
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Ken Wickre, Terry Conrad, Tim Miller
11:00 am - Bill Cooper, Paul Wood, Jim Schmidt, Paul Luetjen

March Accompanists:

(Worship Team - all 11 am Services)

- Mar 3 -** 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- Mar 6 -** 6:30 pm - Joy Johansen
- Mar 10 -** 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- Mar 13 -** 6:30 pm - Peggy Baney
- Mar 17 -** 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- Mar 20 -** 6:30 pm - Joy Johansen
- Mar 24 -** 8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- Mar 28 -** 6:30 pm - Joy Johansen
- Mar 29 -** 6:30 pm - Peggy Baney
- Mar 31 -** 6:30 am - Peggy Baney
8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Joy Johansen

March Acolytes:

- Mar 3 -** 8:00 am - Olivia Lorang
11:00 am - Elijah Richards
- Mar 6 -** 6:30 pm - Bode Larson
- Mar 10 -** 8:00 am - Paul Lorang
11:00 am - Eero Larson
- Mar 13 -** 6:30 pm - Elsie Slavens
- Mar 17 -** 8:00 am - Troy Miller
11:00 am - Sophie Wood
- Mar 20 -** 6:30 pm - Cora Johansen
- Mar 24 -** 8:00 am - Tristen Miller
11:00 am - Elsie Slavens
- Mar 28 -** 6:30 pm - Olivia Lorang
- Mar 29 -** 6:30 pm - Sophie Wood
- Mar 31 -** 6:30 am - TBD
8:00 am - TBD
9:30 am - TBD
11:00 am - TBD

March 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

Mid-Week Ushers - 6:30 PM Lent Worship

- March 6 -** Dan Amert, Tim Miller
- March 13 -** Matt Hieb, Mike Mlnarik
- March 20 -** Dan Currier, Bannon Larson
- March 28 - Maundy Thurs -** Dennis O'Neill, Ken Wickre, Jay Prouty
- March 29 - Good Friday -** Dennis O'Neill, Ken Wickre, Rocky Boer
- March 31 - Easter Sunrise (6:30am) -** Dennis O'Neill, Rich Ulses

March Lay Readers:

- Mar 3 -** 8:00 am - Dan Peters
9:30 am - Landon Keller
11:00 am - Don Reichert
- Mar 6 -** 6:30 pm - TBD
- Mar 10 -** 8:00 am - Jay Prouty
9:30 am - Tim Miller
11:00 am - Paul Luetjen
- Mar 13 -** 6:30 pm - TBD
- Mar 17 -** 8:00 am - Luke Hamann
9:30 am - Bob Seidel
11:00 am - Shirley Miller
- Mar 20 -** 6:30 pm - TBD
- Mar 24 -** 8:00 am - Rose Foster
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Breck Miller
- Mar 28 -** 6:30 pm - TBD
- Mar 29 -** 6:30 pm - TBD
- Mar 31 -** 6:30 am - TBD
8:00 am - Dan Peters
9:30 am - Ken Wickre
11:00 am - Paul Luetjen

Power Point Operators:

- Mar 3 -** 8:00 am - Troy Miller
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein
11:00 am - Jacob Richards
- Mar 10 -** 8:00 am - Charlie Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Shirley Miller
- Mar 17 -** 8:00 am - Seth Peters
9:30 am - Pete Illing
11:00 am - Brent Heyd
- Mar 24 -** 8:00 am - Troy Miller
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Mike Gilbride
- Mar 28 -** 6:30 pm - TBD
- Mar 29 -** 6:30 pm - TBD
- Mar 31 -** 6:30 am - TBD
8:00 am - Charlie Peters
9:30 am - Pete Illing
11:00 am - Henry Slavens
- Mid-Week - Operators TBD**

Serving

Connecting Through Serving

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Kiah Boetel | 8 Rich Hartmann | 18 Jennifer Fleming | 23 Brenna Durfee | 29 Clayton Sonnenschein |
| 2 Ethan Olander | Marianne Perkins | Alec Hammond | Brent Heyd | 30 Gavin Larson |
| Ronda Steffen | Cecilia Sullivan | Kate Joffer | Carson Jones | Rich Miller |
| 4 Jean Lancaster | 9 Lucas Dannenbring | 19 Logyn Bialas | Zachary Reiners | Retaeh Sand |
| Noah Miller | Colt Davidson | Chad Konop | 24 James Larson | 31 Ellis Berg |
| 5 Emory Brosnahan | 11 Landon Keller | Boyd Perkins | Beckett Sandeen | Michelle Duin |
| Tanner Crockett | Cathy Miller | Mallory Raaen | Natalie VanHouten | Casey Johnston |
| Eli Olander | 12 Kyle Dowling | Ken Wickre | Ethan Wood | Kris Oehlerts |
| Soren Swingdorf | 13 Jackson Jones | Paul Wood | 25 Tim Dahmen | |
| 6 Marie Boetel | Casey Raaen | 20 Ben Baxa | 26 Tucker Crockett | |
| Merlin Knutson | Dave Steensma | Mark Buchholz | Madison Hieb | |
| Cayden Rasmussen | Henry Woodson | Craig Gehrels | 27 Crosby Alderman | |
| Cooper Rasmussen | 14 Chad Bozzell | Joan Timmerman | Seth Peters | |
| 7 Michael Boetel | Brian Johnson | 21 Wendy Carlson | 28 Ken Birstiehl | |
| Brianna Gibbs | Kennedy Parrish | Rachelle Himrich | Taylor Koehn | |
| Linda Heyd | Conor Murphy | Emilee Peterson | Greg Oehlerts | |
| Marie Steffen | Rex Stockwell | Aubrey Swift | Megan Wendt | |
| 8 Brenda Gugel | 15 Claire Miller | 22 Tiffany Larson | 29 Lori Helland | |
| | Henry Slavens | Corrine Mlnarik | Shannon Henry | |
| | 18 Dwane Boxdorfer | | Jacob Richards | |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Brian & Shamra Johnson
8- Gary & Grace Letsche
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

MARCH CALENDAR

Fri. March 1

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm **First Friday-**
Make & Take Easter Crafts

Sat. March 2

8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9 am LWML Zone Prayer Service - café

Sun. March 3 - Confirmation Sunday

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **"The Story"** - café;
"The God Who Speaks" - Isaiah Rm
10:30 am Private Party - café
11 am Contemporary Worship / *+Livestream*)
1:30 - 3 pm Confirmation - 'Means Of Grace'

Mon. March 4

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

Tues. March 5

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

Wed. March 6

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

Thurs. March 7

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

Fri. March 8

8 am - Private Meeting - Worship Center
6 pm - 9 pm Private Meeting - 'garage'

Sat. March 9

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

Sun. March 10

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **"The Story"** - café;
"The God Who Speaks" - Isaiah Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship / *+Livestream*)
6:30 pm Miller Small Group

Mon. March 11

4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6 pm Young Women's Study

Tues. March 12

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

Wed. March 13

9 am LWML Lois Circle
5 pm - 6:10 pm Fellowship Meal - *"Walking Tacos"*
5:45 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Lent Wednesday Worship
7:30 pm Bells Practice

Thurs. March 14

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

Fri. March 15 - No Events Scheduled

Sat. March 16

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

Sun. March 17

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **"The Story"** - café;
"The God Who Speaks" - Isaiah Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship / *+Livestream*)
1:30 - 3 pm Confirmation - 'Means Of Grace'
5:45 pm Serving at St Francis House

Mon. March 18

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

Tues. March 19

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

Wed. March 20

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

Thurs. March 21

9 am Adult Bible Study
10 am **"55 Alive"** Lunch, games, fellowship
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
7 pm Church Council

Fri. March 22

4:30 pm Just for Kix - Make-up Session

Sat. March 23

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

Sun. March 24 - Palm Sunday

Sunday School Kids Sing at the 9:30am & 11am Worship Svcs
8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **"The Story"** - café;
"The God Who Speaks" - Isaiah Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship / *+Livestream*)

Mon. March 25

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

Tues. March 26

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

Wed. March 27

8 am M/W Homeschool Group

Thurs. March 28 - Maundy Thursday

9 am Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Fri. March 29 - Good Friday

6:30 pm Good Friday Worship

Sat. March 30

8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Worship Team Practice
9 am - 12 noon Set up for Easter Breakfast
10 am Baby Shower - café

Sun. March 31 - Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Easter Worship
7:30 am - 10:30 am Easter Breakfast
8 am Traditional Easter Worship
9:30 am Blended Easter Worship
11 am Contemporary Easter Worship / *+Livestream*)

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

Bible Studies at Memorial

9:30 AM SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES -

- **"The God Who Speaks"** led by Chris Andresen - Sundays at 9:30am.
- **"THE STORY"** - Sundays at 8:00 am, 9:30am, 11:00 am in the café.

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

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY - 8:30am

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

Wednesday Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7pm at Memorial. (Note no study during LENT.)

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

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

Daily Devotion Opportunities: Mustard Seed Devotions. Go to LWML.org & click on resources; Lutheran Hour Ministries. Go to Ihm.org, click on News/Resources. Scroll down to Daily Devotions.

MEMBERSHIP AT MEMORIAL

Are you or someone you know interested in finding out more about Memorial Lutheran Church? Who we are? What we believe? Why is membership important? For more information contact the church office at 605-334-7133 or info@memoriallutheran.net.



"You are chosen people, . . . people who belong to God. You were chosen to tell about the excellent qualities of God, who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." – 1 Pet. 2:9

SPRING NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGIN

APRIL 7TH AT 9:00 AM.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.MEMORIALLUTHERAN.NET OR PICK UP A BROCHURE FROM THE SLAT WALL ACROSS FROM THE OFFICE.

*"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*

FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Make and Take Easter Crafts

Get ready for an egg-citing evening of crafty fun! Join us for an Easter-inspired crafting extravaganza where creativity knows no bounds.



FRIDAY, MARCH 1
6:30-8:30 PM
MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

55 Alive

A fellowship group for members who are young at heart

10 AM

Cafe Logos

Come together for games, food, and fellowship

The 3rd Thursday of each month

We meet next on March 21st



"Connecting To Jesus And You"

First Friday Fellowship

Movie Night



FRIDAY

Grab your family & friends and join us for a fun Free Movie Night.

April 5
at Memorial Lutheran

No Charge for this event.

6:30-8:30 pm



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Best Practices In Ministry

On Wednesday, February 21, the ministry staff from Memorial (Pastor Aaron, Pastor Doug, Liz, Hailey Jo, Cole, Mindee, & myself) boarded an Allegiant plane and flew to Phoenix, Arizona, to attend the Best Practices in Ministry conference.

For over ten years, Christ Lutheran Church has been hosting Best Practices in Ministry. It is a free conference to remind professional and lay church workers that they are loved, not alone, and matter. When they say free, they truly mean that: free meals, free speakers, free snacks, free activities, free registration. I was amazed at the variety and amount of food that they prepared. I was never hungry.

There were a variety of events to choose from. I attended breakout sessions on leading large group events, being intentional in small group events, serving on mission trips, mental health, and church communication among

others. There were also large group events that we attended together. Liz geeked out when she saw Chad Bird present about the Christ Key and we all felt inspired when we attended a session on the power of prayer. Another highlight was worshiping with all of the attendees of the conference; there were over 2500 attendees!

It was a wonderful experience to attend with the Memorial staff. It was good to have the ministry team together, to be encouraged and dream together. I came home physically exhausted but spiritually refreshed. I hope that I am able to use some of what I learned at Best Practices in my continued effort to serve you and connect to Jesus and you.

*Blessings,
Melinda*



*"Connecting To
Jesus And You!"*

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 jpjike@midco.net.

4-SQUARE REMINDER:
Sign-up by March 3rd for the next session of 4-Square. Sign-up on the slat wall across from the office.

