



# MEMORIAL LUTHERAN

"Connecting To Jesus And You!"

# Connection

May 2023

## "Christ Is Risen!" By Pastor Doug Slavens

"Christ has risen! Christ has risen indeed, Alleluia!" I don't think I will ever get tired of saying that. In fact I think we don't say it enough. We tend to resign this phrase to only the Easter season, as if this is the only time we are allowed to proclaim this amazingly complex, yet seemingly simple promise.

We are Easter people and we live Easter lives. There is a quote from Pope John Paul the 2<sup>nd</sup> which I really like. He said, "We do not pretend that life is all beauty. (I love that line) We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through His own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of this Mystery – the mystery of His Death and Resurrection. **"We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!"**

We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love."

Now, I could just end it here and say Amen. After all, we *are* Easter people, we believe Jesus rose from the dead and that we, too, will one day be resurrected. There is great joy that comes in this promise. But, in the meantime, though . . . in the meantime, life continues and people suffer, the answers we want don't come, and much of

the world around us acts as if there is no resurrection at all. What then do we do with this proclamation of being Easter people?

Well, we live Easter lives. We take Jesus at His word, because through His word...we are forever changed.

We are the Body of Christ. This is not merely a nice metaphor; it speaks a reality by which we live as Easter people. Jesus now is with us, within us, and outside us. He is made present in others. Others in the body of Christ and especially in those who need our love the most, those we can feed, clothe, visit, heal, forgive, and love.

Easter is not magical. It is transcendent. Jesus is not somewhere else. Christ is everywhere—through Him all creation holds together. He lives and breathes through His body, the Church.

So what does it mean to live as Easter people? It means we live as *a people*, all parts of Christ's Body working together toward a single purpose: love. The unselfish love that was poured out upon you. After all, We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song! We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, a faith that grows through unselfish love.

Christ has risen! Christ has risen indeed, Alleluia

*Pastor Doug*

### 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.memorallutheran.net](http://www.memorallutheran.net) & click on the Youtube link under 'Worship.'

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

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

### Bible Studies at Memorial

#### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

**THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS**, Through June 11. Our perception of Jesus shapes us—what we say, how we treat others, even what we think.

**Christianity 101** - Sundays at 9:30am. *Written & Led by Chris Andresen*. How Modern Lutherans can discover who they are in Christ.

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

THROUGH MAY 3RD - 7 PM - **BONHOEFFER STUDY**. Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writings are explored.

**Note: Watch for additional Wednesday Studies.**

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** - 9:00am in the café. Various topics studied.

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

#### Interested in small group bible study?

Talk with Pastor Doug & he'll connect you with one of the groups.

**RightNow Media**— A great resource for everyone. Stream Adult Bible Studies AND an abundance of Christian Children's programming for the whole family! Email the church office for the link. ([info@memorallutheran.net](mailto:info@memorallutheran.net))



#### Daily Devotion Opportunities

LWML Mustard Seed Devotions. Go to [LWML.org](http://LWML.org) and click on resources.

Lutheran Hour Ministries. Go to [lhm.org](http://lhm.org), click on News/Resources. Scroll down to Daily Devotions.

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# Updates from The Church Council

Greetings from your Church Council! Last month our general cash position was highlighted, and the deficit we are currently running. March continued to see our regular operating expenses outpace our general giving. April giving was up and will be a positive month toward the overall general cash position. At the time of this newsletter, we don't have the final numbers available for April. We are hopeful we will see more months like April throughout the year to ensure the deficit does not continue to grow. We will continue to provide updates on this in the months to come.

Building updates began the week of April 24<sup>th</sup> in the original part of our building! This project is starting in Café Logos as well as the main bathrooms. As things progress work will move to the main entrance, hallways, nursery, classrooms, sanctuary, and kitchen. We are anticipating this project will take approximately 3 months to complete. Please continue to look for updates as certain parts

of the building will be unavailable at different times throughout the project. This project is being funded by the Building Maintenance fund along with funds from the estate gift that was received last year. We are hoping to raise an additional \$150,000 - \$165,000 towards the project. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the project, you can do so by contributing to the Building Maintenance Fund.

If you look at the building loan update posted in this newsletter as well as our Sunday bulletins, we crossed another milestone as the loan balance is now under \$200,000! The loan is on target to be paid off no later than April 15, 2024.

If anyone has questions, please reach out to a Church Council Member.

In Christ,  
Matt Hieb  
Church Council President

*"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*

## FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

### Building Loan Update

Balance as of January 1, 2023	= \$ 274,791
Principal paid YTD	= \$ 77,004
Current Loan Balance as of April 16, 2023	= \$ 197,787

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

Additional principal payments from Reaching Beyond/Building Fund contributions will shorten the time until the loan is paid off. Please consider making contributions to the Reaching Beyond/Building Fund in addition to your regular general fund offerings. **Thank You!**

#### OFFERING SUMMARY - 2023

Giving thru March 31	\$ 261,490	Monthly giving as of April 23: \$111,012
Expenses thru Feb 28	\$ 310,895	Monthly Budgeted Need: \$ 103,302

**SECURE ELECTRONIC GIVING:** is available at: [www.memoriallutheran.net](http://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** - Please see the brochures on the shelf across from the 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                    |

### People To Contact:

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#### SFLS School Board

Greg Miller & Sarah Swingdorf

#### Organists/Accompanists:

Peggy Baney Joy Johansen Jan Noah  
Kristi Prouty

#### Church Council

Matt Hieb, President  
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#### Elders:

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

**Offering Boxes!** - Offering boxes are available at each Worship Center entrance. Offerings can be dropped in any of the boxes. Cards are also available at each box with a QR code if you would prefer electronic giving.

*Thank you for supporting the Ministry of Memorial Lutheran Church.*

*"You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly." - 2 Cor 9:7*

## NEWS FROM THE GARAGE:

*"Then when Judas, His betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changes his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' They said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself." Matthew 27:3-5*

Some call this the saddest story in Scripture, and I'm inclined to agree. How can we not put ourselves in Judas' shoes, knowing we betray God daily and not be appalled that after confessing his sin he didn't not receive forgiveness but was instead told to see to it himself. If we are left to deal with our own sin then there is only one way—death and condemnation. My encouragement for you is to often talk about the power of giving forgiveness and our very need to receive it. It is through Christ alone that we receive forgiveness and it is through Christ alone that we can share it. Praise God we don't have to deal with it on our own!

## SUMMER SCHEDULE COMING SOON!

## SENIOR GRADUATE SUNDAY: MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

During each Worship Service, students will be acknowledged and included in the prayers. Following the late Service we'll host an Open House for Graduates and their immediate families to gift them their quilts. RSVP with Hailey Jo.

## STUDENT CONNECT

### High School Connect (9th-12th grade)

meets every Wednesday, starting at 6:30pm. Friends are always welcome!

### Middle School Connect (6th-8th grade)

meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8pm. Students meet with mentors for the first half hour. The large group then comes together for devotion and a game. See you May 10th & 24th

## CONFIRMATION

### Confirmation Project Meeting: May 10th @ 6:00pm

- For parents and students who are close to being finished OR finished with their unit classes. We'll go over the final project information. RSVP with Hailey Jo

## 9:20 SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

(6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr)

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

## NO SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY MAY 28TH.

## Important Dates

- Bible Study - Sundays at 9:20am
- High School Connect - Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Middle School Connect - May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- Senior Graduate Sunday Sunday, May 7th
- Confirmation Project Meeting May 10<sup>th</sup>, 6pm
- No Sunday Bible Study Sunday, May 28th

*"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 ...

Graduation....what? How can that be? My Seth is graduating from High School this year. When we moved to Memorial, Seth was 2 years old. Y'all have gotten to watch him grow up into the man God has made him. His first word was "GO" and he has always been on the go. He is not certain of what comes next, but is confident that he will figure out what God wants him to do. Seth has such a big heart, amazing smile, compassionate and caring for others. Dan and I cannot be any more proud in all that Seth has accomplished. He has just flourished in High School and I am excited to see what comes next in his life. Thank you for helping us raise our son and for helping him always know that he is a child of God and part of the Memorial family. Psalm 18:2 is Seth's confirmation verse and it speaks volumes of his faith and trust in God.



*"The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." - Psalm 18:2*

-Liz Peters Director of Children's Ministries

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are going to be finishing the New Testament, for the past few years, we have walked through the entire Bible and how God has blessed us with Jesus. I am so thankful for all the SS volunteers that have given us their all each Sunday morning. Please help me thank them by patting their backs, telling them thank you, maybe giving them a gift....but let them know we are glad that they are sharing themselves and the Good News of Jesus with our children.

**Preschool 3 & 4's** Lyndsey Miller & Lanae Larson

**PreKinder 4 & 5's** Josie Lorang, Shanna Konz

**Kindergarten** Peggy Baney, Andrea Schonhardt

**1st & 2nd Grade** Kasey & Steff Danley

**3rd & 4th Grade** Joy Bendt & Dan Peters

**5th Grade** Jay Prouty & Quinn Stein, Grant Prouty

**Welcome Staff & Subs:** Shelley Miller, Terry Bendt, Elizabeth Larson, Seth Peters

**THERE IS NO SS ON SUNDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>—  
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE @ 9:30 AM**

## CLUB 345—Armor of God

For 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders & we will end the year on Wed., May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8 pm in the Backyard with our annual Pizza Party! Kids will make their own pizzas to enjoy & we will celebrate knowing that God protects us no matter what and provides all our needs. Hope to see you there! We may even play GaGa ball....



## ZINGERS

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will meet one last time for this school year on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Café. We will be MAKING PIZZA so don't eat supper! We'll have a grand finale for Zingers and LOTS of fun!!! Parents are more than welcome to lend a hand!

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

### Memorial VBS

**July 23-26, 2023 @ 6-8:15 PM**

Interested in helping planning this amazing event? See Liz!!!



*"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



# Outreach

## Collecting Eye Glasses and Sunglasses for Lions Club

The used eyeglasses are cleaned and classified by prescription. The eyeglasses are then distributed to those in need by Lion volunteers and other organizations hosting optical missions in developing countries. This is an ongoing collection at Memorial. There is a jar on the gray slat board shelf for the glasses.



## Collecting Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House

This is an ongoing project at Memorial. There is a jar on the gray slat board for the pop tabs. The aluminum is sold and the money is put back into the Ronald McDonald House Program. Last year \$30,000 was raised state wide in pop tab money for South Dakota.

Ronald McDonald Houses provide a temporary home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill or injured children receiving treatment at nearby medical facilities. The Houses help keep families together by offering a safe, supportive, welcoming environment that gives guests a sense of normalcy and lets caregivers focus on the needs of the young patients.

Ronald McDonald House Charities is a service-focused organization, committed to the safety, security, and comfort of guests. We are sensitive to the needs of guest families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. All families referred to the Houses are welcomed with open arms regardless of their financial situation.

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me.' - Matthew 25:40*

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

**Thank You** - Thank you to all who participated in Laundry Night. We had 11 Memorial members help put quarters in washers and dryers for customers at the laundromat. There were smiles and words of thanks expressed. Many conversations and even prayers were exchanged along with the laundry getting done. Watch for another Laundry Night this summer.



**Thank you** to all who brought items for the Union Gospel Mission to replace items lost to water damage. They were very thankful for the donation.

**Thanks** to the people who brought socks for Seats and Socks. They will be distributed to the nonprofit agencies as needed.

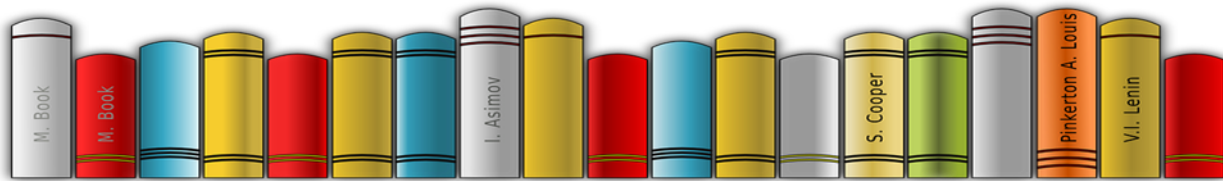
**Thank you** to all who brought lids for the Sioux Falls Lutheran School art project. We have enough lids at this time. When the project is complete, a photo of the project will be shown.

Other Outreach events are being planned. If you are interested in joining the Outreach Team, please contact the church office & we will get you connected. Email: [info@memoriallutheran.net](mailto:info@memoriallutheran.net) or 605-334-7133 or Peggy Baney at 605-759-8424.

## REMINDER!!!

**Comfort Meals:** are kept in the freezer at church? These meals are about 2 servings each. There are also mini breads (banana, pumpkin, etc) to go along with each meal. The meals are available for you to take to people in need: new parents, death in a family, hard times, sickness, or just need a pick-me-up, etc..... Call the office at 605-334-7133 for more details.

**Memorial Food Pantry:** Did you know that Memorial has a food pantry? If your family or someone you know needs food or hygiene items, let the office know (605-334-7133). It is ready to be utilized.



## Sioux Falls Lutheran Annual Book Sale August 9-12

This event raises money for tuition assistance. You may start bringing your donations **June 1**.

### We accept:

Hardcover books, paperback books, adult books, children's books, baby board books, cookbooks, music books, sewing books, Do It yourself Books, Craft Books, Crossword Books, Coloring Books, text books, any kind of books. Also, board games, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, records, computer games and teacher resources. We can also use cloth bags for shopping bags.

Call Peggy Baney at 605-759-8424 for more information.

# Serving In May

## Serving Communion:

**May 7:** 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Larry Noah  
9:30 am - Dan Currier, Don Becker, Ken Tucker, Rick Dierks  
11:00 am - Andy Schmuck, Jim Schmidt, Joel Shaver, Mike Gilbride

**May 14:** 8:00 am - Rich Ulses, Rocky Boer  
9:30 am - Dan Amert, Ken Tucker, Terry Conrad, Tim Miller  
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Bill Cooper, Mike Gilbride, Paul Luetjen

**May 21:** 8:00 am - Dennis O'Neill, Rich Hartmann  
9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Don Becker, Ken Wickre, Rick Dierks  
11:00 am - Bill Cooper, Dave Fehrs, Joel Shaver, Mike Mlnarik

**May 28:** 9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Don Becker, Don Schmidt, Ken Tucker  
**NOTE ONE SERVICE ONLY**

## May Accompanists:

(The Worship Team accompanies all 11 am Worship Services)

**May 7 -** 8:00 am - Joy Johansen  
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

**May 14 -** 8:00 am - Peggy Baney  
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

**May 21 -** 8:00 am - Jan Noah  
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

**May 28 -** 9:30 am - TBD

## May Acolytes:

**May 7 -** 8:00 am - Brody Konz  
11:00 am - Eero Larson

**May 14 -** 8:00 am - Olivia Lorang  
11:00 am - Elijah Richards

**May 21 -** 8:00 am - Troy Miller  
11:00 am - Henry Slavens

**May 28 -** 9:30 am - Sophie Wood

## May Sunday Ushers

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

**9:30 am -** Jason Bosley, Joel Quist, Mark Schoeneman, Don Schmidt

**11:00 am -** Jerome Heyd, Bannon Larson

## May Lay Readers:

**May 7 -** 8:00 am - Larry Noah  
9:30 am - Bob Seidel  
11:00 am - Don Reichert

**May 14 -** 8:00 am - **OPEN**  
9:30 am - Bruce Olson  
11:00 am - Shirley Miller

**May 21 -** 8:00 am - Rose Foster  
9:30 am - Ken Wickre  
11:00 am - Breck Miller

**May 28 -** 9:30 am - Nadine Bornitz

## Power Point Operators:

**May 7 -** 8:00 am - Eddie Jerke  
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein  
11:00 am - Henry Slavens

**May 14 -** 8:00 am - Seth Peters  
9:30 am - Pete Illing  
11:00 am - Ruby Slavens

**May 21 -** 8:00 am - Charlie Peters  
9:30 am - Bruce Olson  
11:00 am - Mike Gilbride

**May 28 -** 9:30 am - Pete Illing

*Serving*

## Connecting Through Serving

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10*

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Willard Dathe  
Lucy Kaiser
- 2- Judeen Brehmer  
Vivian Shaver
- 3- Tradyn Sand
- 4- Brian Casey  
Karen Newman  
Zachary Stokke
- 5- Loren Boyens  
Kasey Danley  
Crew Rayman  
Ivy Rayman  
Tanner Warwick
- 6- Al Baer  
Jack Fehrs  
Cheryl Grams  
Joel Quist
- 7- William Bosley  
Arthur Niemann  
Darren VanHouten  
Kristine Weigelt
- 8- Emmrey Braden  
Tanya Crockett  
Mark Johnson

- 8- Kevin Maxwell  
Tenley Noble  
Karla Wickre
- 9- Mark Bridges
- 10- Julie Dowling  
Kendra Hoffmann  
Clay Noteboom
- 12- Mia Catron  
Marcus Helland  
Rita Hoffman  
Leanne Holdorf  
Bannon Larson  
Brecken Larson  
Dustin Larson  
Rich Munch
- 13- Melanie Nelson  
Rev. Doug Slavens
- 14- Marcus Fleming
- 15- Phyllis Jerke  
Katelyn Fiegen  
Adam Maxwell  
Bradyn Stansbury  
Bonnie Stewart
- 16- Chandler Christensen
- 17- Bonnie Haugen  
Isaac Maxwell

- 17- Lyndsey Miller  
Natasha Presler  
Andrea Schonhardt  
Joan Tuttle
- 18- Brian Parsons  
Duane Ricke  
Kali Swift
- 19- Linda Braunesreither  
John Halbur  
Kathy Luetjen
- 20- Paul Haugen  
Andrew Meier  
Sue Reuter  
Mary Ross
- 21- John Duprey  
Kay Herrig
- 22- Juli Anshutz  
Laurel Demaray  
Sara French  
Ted Jerke  
Nathan Werdel
- 23- Dawn Gilbertson  
Larry Miller  
Jackson Monson  
Brynlee Schmid  
Landon Sohre

- 24- Jan Koch  
Hayden Schmidt  
Claire Sohre
- 25- Becky Bessman  
Denise Griebel
- 26- Rylan Boe  
Brian Catron  
Steve Feuerstein  
Wanda Helgager  
Michelle Monson  
Matt Pruner  
Charlie Schonhardt  
Lori Wendt
- 28- Ron Griebel  
Jennifer Johansen  
Michelle Miller  
Henry Reichert
- 29- Raymond Aljets  
Brody Brock  
Alan Carlson  
Aubrey Cooper  
Andrea Hubert  
John Raap
- 30- Sharon Schwaderer
- 31- Holli Bialas

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Larry & Carol Bergjord
- 3- James & Dawn Gilbertson
- 4- Jared & Jean Gross  
Jonathan & Jennifer Johansen
- 5- Jerome & Linda Heyd  
Jim & Barb Amen
- 6- Randy & Lori Wendt
- 8- Paul & Joy Johansen
- 9- Josh & Lindsay Kaiser
- 12- Doug & Michelle Monson  
Joel & Nancy Bialas  
Bryce & Gretchen Gammeter
- 13- Darin & Jane Steffen  
Ron & Lynna Christensen
- 14- Mark & Jeanne Buchholz  
Dave & Monica Fehrs
- 19- Duane & Pam Ricke
- 20- Steve & Casey Johnston  
Dan & Candi Currier
- 23- Vince Berry & Kari Sampson-Berry
- 25- Andrew & Laurie Hamann
- 29- Ken & Karla Wickre  
Loren & Sheila Boyens
- 30- Paul & Michelle Miller

# MAY CALENDAR

## Mon. May 1

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

## Tues. May 2

7 am Roosevelt HS AP Testing  
7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard  
6:30 pm Card Ministry  
6:30 pm & 7:30 pm Memorial Softball Fields G & E

## Wed. May 3

7 am Roosevelt HS AP Testing  
7 am SFLS Childcare  
8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
6 pm Bells Practice  
6:30 pm Club 345  
6:30 pm HS Connect  
6:30 pm Confirmation - "Bible History"  
6:30 pm Confirmation - "Apostles' Creed"  
7 pm Choir practice  
7 pm Bonhoeffer Bible Study

## Thurs. May 4

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

## Fri. May 5

7 am Roosevelt HS AP Testing  
7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

## Sat. May 6

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

## Sun. May 7—High School Graduates - Recognition

8 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101** (James Rm);  
**THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS** (Music Rm);  
11 am Contemporary Worship / (+Livestream)  
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

## Mon. May 8

7 am Roosevelt HS AP Testing  
7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard  
7 pm Young Women's Small Group - Matthew Rm  
7 pm LWML Board Meeting

## Tues. May 9

7 am Roosevelt HS AP Testing  
7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard  
6:30 pm Heart to Heart - Tea Prep  
7:30 pm & 8:30 pm Memorial Softball Field H

## Wed. May 10

7 am Roosevelt HS AP Testing  
7 am SFLS Childcare  
8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
9 am Lois Circle  
6 pm Confirmation Project Meeting  
6:30 pm Zingers  
6:30 pm MS & HS Connect

## Thurs. May 11

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

## Fri. May 12

7 am Roosevelt HS AP Testing  
7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

## Sat. May 13

8 am Men's Bible Studies  
9 am Worship Team Practice  
10 am—5 pm Private party - garage area

## Sun. May 14 - Happy Mother's Day

8 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101**;  
**THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS**  
11 am Contemporary Worship / (+Livestream)  
6:30 pm Miller Small Group

## Mon. May 15

7 am SFLS Childcare  
8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
6 pm Private Event - Worship Center  
7 pm Young Women's Small Group - Matthew Rm

## Tues. May 16

7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
6 pm Private Event - Worship Center  
6:30 pm & 7:30 pm Memorial Softball Fields G & E

## Wed. May 17

7 am SFLS Childcare  
8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
6 pm Choir practice  
6:30 pm HS Connect  
6:30 pm Confirmation: "Bible History"/"Apostles' Creed"  
6:30 pm Hayden Rensner Presentation - Worship Ctr.

## Thurs. May 18

7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
9 am Adult Bible Study  
5 pm TOPS  
6 pm Private Event - Worship Center

## Fri. May 19

7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

## Sat. May 20

8 am Men's Bible Studies  
9 am Worship Team Practice  
11 am - 1 pm Private Party - garage area

## Sun. May 21

8 am Traditional Worship  
8 am Bible Study -  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101**;  
**THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS**  
11 am Contemporary Worship / (+Livestream)  
5:45 pm Serving at St. Francis House

## Mon. May 22

7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
7 pm Lydia Circle  
7 pm Young Women's Small Group - Matthew Rm

## Tues. May 23

7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
6:30 pm & 8:30 pm Memorial Softball Field I

## Wed. May 24

7 am SFLS Childcare  
6:30 pm MS & HS Connect

## Thurs. May 25

7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am Adult Bible Study  
5 pm TOPS

## Fri. May 26

7 am SFLS Childcare

## Sat. May 27

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

## Sun. May 28

**9:30 AM ONE COMBINED WORSHIP / (+LIVESTREAM)**  
**NO BIBLE STUDIES OR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!**

## Mon. May 29 - Memorial Day

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## Tues. May 30

7 am SFLS Childcare  
6:30 pm & 7:30 pm Memorial Softball Field F

## Wed. May 31

7 am SFLS Childcare  
6:30 pm HS Connect  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm District LCMS Presentation

## It's Spring and That Means Softball Season!

Memorial fields an adult A/B Division Church League softball team each year. The season has begun with games played on Tuesday evenings at Sherman Park. Come out and support the team.



To see the schedule and which field, go to [www.sfchurchsoftball.com](http://www.sfchurchsoftball.com). Click on Leage and drop down to Tuesday. This will get you to the schedules. For more info, please contact the church office.

(605-334-133 or [info@memoriallutheran.net](mailto:info@memoriallutheran.net))

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

— Matt. 18:20



## Heart to Heart

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

### UPCOMING EVENT

#### Tuesday, May 9 - 6:30-8pm Prep for Ladies' Tea.

An evening of teamwork as we mix up dough, fold napkins, bake & freeze for this beautiful event we are presenting with our LWML partners on June 10<sup>th</sup>.



#### Missionary, Hayden Rensner

Serving the Lord in the Czech Republic.

Hayden Rensner serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the Czech Republic. In this role, she tutors students from the Luther Academy in Riga, Latvia, in English, and she teaches Bible and English as a Second Language at Christian International School of Prague. During the summer months, she also helps coordinate summer volunteer opportunities throughout the Eurasia region.

Join us in welcoming Hayden to Memorial on May 17th at 6:30 pm. She will give a presentation about her ministry in the Czech Republic and answer any questions. All are invited to this presentation and to visit with Hayden.

## SIoux FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS! (PREsCHOOL—12<sup>TH</sup> GR.)



### Join us for Graduation on May 19

Help our seniors celebrate graduation at 6:30pm on Friday, May 19, in the Vaughn & JoAnn Meyer Chapel and Performing Arts Center. Directions to campus: [www.sioxfordlutheran.com/new-location](http://www.sioxfordlutheran.com/new-location).

### First Look Fridays

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

### Join Our Team!

Openings for the 2023-24 school year include full-time 3 & 5-year-old preschool teachers, educational assistants, subs, and more. **Learn more and apply at [www.sioxfordlutheran.com/careers](http://www.sioxfordlutheran.com/careers).**


## MISSION & MINISTRY CONNECTIONS!

### Lutheran Women in Mission:



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

Our local Women in Mission group is divided into two circles that meet for Bible study and fellowship in the morning or in the evening. Please join us if you are able. **Lois Circle** meets Wed., May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am. **Lydia Circle** meets Mon, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

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

### CELEBRATE THE LORD OF THE NATIONS WITH LWML IN MILWAUKEE

**June 22–25, 2023.** Vania Asmus was chosen by the LWML South Dakota District to be one of the two Young Woman Representatives from our District to the convention. We are thankful for this opportunity for Vania to join other young Lutheran Women in Mission! For more information and to register go to <https://www.lwml.org/2023-convention>.

**Hygiene Kit Service day**—Join us on Sat., June 17 at 1pm. We'll assemble hygiene kits to take to the convention in Milwaukee.



### OUR MITE OFFERINGS AT WORK:

Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School & Outreach; St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries — \$70,208 PAID IN FULL. St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries in Merced, CA, has been actively involved in outreach to Hmong communities in their native tongue for 15 years. In 2015 & 2018, Hmong language schools were founded. They are connected with host churches, St. Paul Luth. in Merced & Redeemer Luth. in Fresno, CA. Funds will be used to continue mission programs, develop new training modules, & support training implementation of Christ-centered educational materials in the Hmong language to be used in the schools, for festival outreach, and to share with other LCMS churches and districts.

**LWML South Dakota District: Mozambique Dorcas Sewing Project – LCMS International Mission AFRICA Region - \$5,000** The Lutheran Church in Mozambique desires to support the women's Dorcas Sewing Project which provides an opportunity to share the Gospel while teaching the art of garment making, thereby giving these women hope for a better future and a way out of poverty. The funds from this grant will help purchase sewing machines, fabric, notions, and travel costs for the program.

### WOMEN'S TEA

Have you ever wondered why God placed you here at this time and place? You're invited to a **Women's Tea**, Saturday afternoon, **June 10**, where we will explore this theme, *For Such a Time as This* from Esther 4:14b, with a program, food, and fun. Registration will open May 14 online and in person. Cost is \$7 cash or check and \$8 with credit card. *(sponsored by Memorial Lutheran Women in Mission and Heart to Heart Groups)*



JOIN US FOR FAITH & FELLOWSHIP AT OUR

## WOMEN'S TEA

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS  
ESTHER 4:14B

We will be collecting backpacks for the food pantry backpack program.

**\$7**  
\*\$8 IF PAID ONLINE  
WOMEN & GIRLS OF ALL AGES

**SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2023 | 3 pm – 5 pm**  
Memorial Lutheran Church, 5000 S Western Ave  
SIGN UP ONLINE ([MEMORIALLUTHERAN.NET](http://MEMORIALLUTHERAN.NET)) OR IN PERSON AT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Check out more info about the international LWML organization at [LWML.org](http://LWML.org).



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for more about Memorial  
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## Get Involved

According to Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, besides food, water, and safety, **love** and **belonging** are the most important needs we must fulfill. As social beings, we crave connecting with others and being part of a group. It is my desire to continue to find ways to reach you and help you connect with others here at Memorial.

Starting in May, you will be able to find a "Ways to Get Involved at Memorial" card in the seat backs of the chairs in the sanctuary. This card is a way for you to see upcoming ways that you can get connected to others at the church. It will highlight fellowship events as well as ministry activities and needs. Fill it out and place it in the offering box or drop it off in the office. I will reach out to you and help you get involved at Memorial.

### Opportunities to Get Involved in May

- Four Square  
Commit to belonging to a small fellowship group that will meet once a month from June-September.
- Fourth of July picnic planning team  
Help plan and execute the 2nd Annual Memorial Fourth of July Picnic.

Blessings, Melinda Wood

"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



*"Connecting To  
Jesus And You!"*

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- May 17 - Missionary Hayden Rensner Presentation - 6:30 pm -Worship Center
- May 28 - Memorial Day Weekend - One Combined Worship Service at 9:30 am
- June 10th - Women's Tea
- June 18 - 24 - Camp Minneboji (for students that finished 4th gr - 9th gr)
- July 2 - Annual Outdoor Worship & Picnic - Worship at 9:30am, picnic follows
- July 23-26 - Vacation Bible School
- August 9-12 - SFLS Annual Used Book Sale