



MEMORIAL
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"Connecting To Jesus And You!"

Connection

December 2023

It's Hard to Wait!

By Pastor Aaron Asmus

Waiting is hard. We want what we're anticipating to happen now! A fun trip? The new movie or video game? A championship for your sports team? Lunch? Or maybe just the dessert part? (there's a reason that many have said, "Life is short, so eat dessert first!"). How about opening your Christmas presents?

We find ourselves longing for what easily satisfies our wants – sometimes to the point of forgetting or even ignoring the greater blessing that may be coming down the road. Sometimes we get desperate and jump the gun on something still not ready – such as fruit that's still ripening, or a cake that hasn't fully baked. The Bible speaks often about exercising patience. It is listed as a fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22. Yet patience is so hard to come by!

I believe the season of Advent can be really helpful for us. While we're looking for Christmas to already be here, Advent tells us: "Wait a little bit (or a lot?). The process is still taking place." When we wait for Christmas, we join the people of God who spent their lives waiting for the birth of the Savior. We join the whole church in the fulfilling joy of the greatest Gift ever received when our waiting yields to the celebration of Jesus' birth!

But don't forget this – Advent prepares us to patiently look for the return of our Lord Jesus! In their letters to the early church (the epistles found in the New Testament), the apostles speak often of patience as we anticipate what we do not yet have and as we experience the difficulties of this earthly life. And, yes, the waiting can be hard, especially when we find ourselves suffering and hurting.

I certainly don't know why Jesus hasn't returned yet, but the apostles hint at understanding God's patience as He longs for human hearts to become confident in His promises and trust in His ways. The Scriptures call us to repentance – to turn away from our dependence on things that don't last and are not able to provide the life we so desperately need. The Scriptures call us to anticipate Jesus' return with joy for the rescue He brings!

This year, Advent is as short on the calendar as it can possibly be. But I encourage you to embrace the season of Advent and allow your patience to grow long, fully comforted and held by the promises of our coming Savior!

Advent Wednesdays -

"The Clothing Of The King" – 6:30 PM
dinner served from 5 – 6:10 PM, Dec. 6, 13, 20

Advent Sunday mornings –

"The Light of Grace."

Note: one Dec. 24 morning service at 8 AM

Christmas Eve services at 1, 3, 5, & 9 PM

For more on patience and Jesus' return, see what Paul, Peter and James wrote:
Romans 8:22-25; 2 Cor. 1:3-7; 2 Peter chap. 3;
James 5:7-8

Blessings,
Pastor Aaron

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 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."*

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"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

Updates from The Church Council

Greetings from your Church Council! It's hard to believe this is the last newsletter for 2023. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! The members of Memorial put together another wonderful Thanksgiving meal for the community serving around 700 meals.

Thank you to everyone who contributed toward the meal, and special thank you to Greg and Rita Miller for their leadership to make that meal happen!

As we transition from Thanksgiving into the Advent season, we have so much to be thankful for.

The Council is working on the 2024 budget, and we ask for your prayers as we look for His guidance to manage the resources He has blessed our congregation with. I also want to take a moment to remind everyone about our upcoming Annual

Voters meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 1:00pm. The budget, election of council members and many other exciting updates will be provided at that meeting. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

Building loan updates continue to be posted in our weekly bulletins as well as this newsletter. Our members continue to generously give towards the goal of paying this loan off. God willing, the loan may be paid off at the end of the year!

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

In Christ,
Matt Hieb
Church Council President

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Rich Hartmann; Mike Mlnarik; Dennis O'Neill;
Jim Schmidt; Andy Schmuck; Joel Quist

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 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

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Building Loan Update

Balance as of January 1, 2023 = \$ 274,791
Principal paid YTD = \$ 224,317
Current Loan Balance as of November 16, 2023 = \$ 50,474

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

Additional Principal Needed to payoff loan by December 31, 2023: \$33,878

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 Oct. \$ 991,793 November giving to date: \$ 89,016
Expenses thru Oct. \$ 996,951 Monthly Budgeted Need: \$ 103,302

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.

Bible Studies at Memorial

9:30 AM SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES - Christianity 101 - Sundays at 9:30am. How Modern Lutherans can discover who they are in Christ.

"THE CLOTHING OF THE KING" ADVENT BIBLE STUDY - Sundays 9:30am in the café.

THURSDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY - 9:00am in the café; **SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY** - 8:00am

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

Wednesday Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7pm at Memorial. (Note no study during Advent.) Next Study Jan 3 - Feb 7th: **"The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism"** - by Timothy Keller. This study addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics, & even ardent believers, have about religion. Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one.

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 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.

NEWS FROM THE GARAGE:

Advent reminds me of how loved I truly am. There are many people who love me and show me regularly just how much. But there is no one who loves me quite like God loves me. I feel it especially during this time. One of my favorite lines says, "It will be good for us to know again that the Word made flesh became just that—because He loves us so much He would not let us live on the earth without Him—because He loves us so much that He would not live in heaven without us." John D. Fritz wrote it in the December edition of "The Springfielder" in 1972. I'm grateful for his words and the way he so effortlessly drives home God's love for me. I hope you feel loved this Christmastime too!

Advent Services, Wednesdays at 6:30pm
(Dinner at 5pm-6:10pm)

- December 6: Ham and Cheesy Potatoes
- December 13: Walking Tacos
- December 20: Soup Sampler

*If your student is in 6th-9th grade they can sign up to serve and earn money towards Camp Minneboji

Ways to GET INVOLVED in the month of December

Activities like Christmas Wrapping at the mall, donating presents, decorating the church, etc.

Special Worship Services & Times

December 24th - 8:00am (normal service)

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, and 9pm
- December 25th - 9:30am
- December 31st - 8am, 9:30am, 11am
- New Year's Eve Service at Zion Lutheran

STUDENT CONNECT

High School Connect (9th-12th gr) - NO HS Connect through the month of December. See you January 3rd!

Middle School Connect (6th-8th gr) - NO MS Connect in the month of December, see you January 10th!

CONFIRMATION

Upcoming Classes this month includes Pastor Asmus' Worship unit. Register for classes with Hailey Jo.

9:20 Sunday Bible Study (6th-12th gr)
December 3rd, 10th, & 17th we'll be tying blankets for the Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety, making Christmas ornaments to be donated to St. Francis House, and watching the Nativity Story. Join us at 9:30am in the Garage.

No Bible Study December 24th and 31st!

Important Dates:

- 9:20 Bible Study (6th-12th gr) ...Sundays 9:30am
- High School Connect Christmas Party Friday, Dec 1st

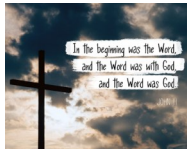
"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Rom. 15:13

YOUTH & CHILDREN CONNECTIONS!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY -

Sunday School Connect

Our Bible verse for the month is John 1:1- God is the Word! As we prepare to celebrate the Word made flesh in Jesus, we remember why God gave us the Savior. The SS children will be looking at Immanuel, God with us, who came to save us from our sin. During December, we will look closely at the Christmas story and how the anticipation of the coming Savior is here for us. Kids will making some keepsake ornaments to celebrate Jesus. Be sure to join us on Sunday, Dec. 10th @ 4 pm to hear the kids share The Light of Christmas at the children's Christmas Service.



Liz Peters—

Director of Children's Ministries

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Cell # 605-759-4782

Register On-line for SS!

Help update your child's information by linking on www.memoriallutheran.net (Must be updated yearly.)



NO Club 345 & Zingers
During December

THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS: CHILDREN'S SERVICE - The SS Children will be leading worship on **Sunday, Dec. 10th @ 4 PM**. There will be **ONE** Saturday practice **Dec. 9th from 10:30-11:45 AM** so all know where to stand, speak and sing and be ready for the next day's service at 4 PM. (Preschoolers do **NOT** attend the Saturday practice, just the Sunday morning and then showtime on the 10th) Each Sunday, we will be working on the music & parts were handed in Nov. Kindergarteners will dress up for nativity and group pictures will be taken at SS on Sunday, Dec. 3rd.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC - We are looking for kids (1st-5th gr) to share their musical talents at Memorial for the Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, Dec. 10th. We are looking for instrumentalists or vocalists to do the pre-service music. If your child is interested, please contact Liz by email: children@memoriallutheran.net or by phone 605-759-4782 or by Dec. 4th at NOON.



ADVENT MEALS - Kids 4th Gr & up wanting to raise money for Camp will be serving Advent meals before worship! Join us for food & fellowship and help the kids get funds for camp! Food will be served **Wednesdays during Advent from 5-6:10 PM. December 6th Ham & Cheesy Potatoes; December 13th Walking Tacos; December 20th Soup Sampler** - Come try some new soups! We'll have little cups so you can try more than one! If interested in making a crock-pot of soup or help donating food see Liz!

Cabin Fever- Burn Off GLOW PARTY

Sunday, Jan. 28th 1-6 PM
Memorial Lutheran
5000 S Western Ave
Sioux Falls

Families, come play together!
Inflatables, games, snacks, crafts, service project...pure fun—Gonna glow for Jesus!
Children **MUST** have an adult with them!!!
Free-will offering.

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

First Look Friday

Join us on the first Friday of each month at 9:00am for First Look Friday. 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.

Sign up online: www.sioxfallslutheran.com/first-look-fridays.

Fitness Center Construction is Underway at SFLS

On Friday, October 27, Sioux Falls Lutheran School broke ground on a new 4,700 sq ft Fitness Center and the shell of an Athletic Training/Storage room. Led by South Dakota District President of the LC-MS, Rev. Scott Sailer, the groundbreaking ceremony honored nine school supporters who were present for the event, as well several who could not attend.

Over the past several months, these donors have witnessed the need for a new Fitness Center to support our newly established high

school and growing athletic programs. As a result of that witness, they have sacrificially given over \$1.3 million in cash and pledges for the construction of such a space. Praise be to God!

The new spaces are scheduled to be completed in spring 2024. Please visit <https://bit.ly/sfls-fitness-center-groundbreaking> to learn more about the groundbreaking and follow construction progress at www.facebook.com/SiouxFallsLutheranSchool.



SFLS Booster Club's

Cookie Walk



Sunday, December 17th

2:00-4:00pm

Sioux Falls Lutheran School Commons

6715 South Boe Lane

Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Pay \$20 for a box and walk through the selections to choose from a variety of different treats! Cookies, candies, fudge, caramels, and more!

All proceeds go towards the SFLS Booster Club which helps student activities and sports.

All are invited to join in the Cookie Walk.

Pick up a delightful box of treats for your Holiday gathering.



9th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale



Cookie Orders due Monday, December 4th.

Pickup Sunday, December 17th

from 2:00-4:00 pm in the

Sioux Falls Lutheran School Commons.

All proceeds will go towards the SFLS Booster Club which helps fund student activities and sports.



Congregational Christmas Caroling December 9th 3:00.

Sign up on the table by the Outreach board.
Pizza and fellowship following here at church.



Military Gift Cards

Memorial is sending gift cards to our active military people for Christmas. We are collecting gift cards or money for gift cards until December 15th.

Gift Wrapping at the Empire Mall:

We are in need of two more people to help wrap gifts at the mall on Friday, December 15th from 5:00-7:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet by the Out Reach board. This event benefits the Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety (former Children's Inn).



St. Francis House

Memorial serves at the St. Francis House every third Sunday of the month. We start at 5:45pm and end at 7:30pm. Wear a cap or hair nets will be provided. Closed toe shoes please. Sign up by the Outreach Board.

Ongoing Projects:

- Collecting Used Hearing Aids, Sunglasses, and Eyeglasses for the Lions Club. A collection jar is on the shelf by the gray slat boards.
- Collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. A collection jar is on the shelf by the gray slat board.

?????Outreach Questions?????

Contact Peggy Baney at 605-759-8424 or
bandpbaney@sio.midco.net

THANK YOU to the Memorial Lutheran Church family for your generosity to provide for the 39th annual Thanksgiving meal. Our numbers increased this year to around 521 meals to go and around 220 for meals dining in. Whether you provided donated food, made a cash donation, helped take down chairs on Sunday, volunteered on Wed and/or Thurs you are such a blessing. The people receiving these meals are appreciative. Thank you all!
Thanksgiving Meal team

MISSION & MINISTRY CONNECTIONS!

Lutheran Women in Mission:

I hope all of you had a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving. It seems that Thanksgiving gets mixed up with fall and at times it loses its possibilities for us to be thankful for all we have.

We have a busy month ahead of us as Lutheran Women in Mission. If there is any way that you can help, it would be greatly appreciated!

December 2 @ 11am – We are decorating our church. We would really appreciate all the help we can get. Many hands make light work!

December 10 – Between Services
– We will be selling baked goods and other Christmas goodies. If you'd like to donate baked goods, that would be wonderful!

December 12 & 15 – Gift Wrapping at the Mall – We are teaming up with Outreach for this activity. The sign-up sheet is on the table by the front door.

Be sure to join us for any/or all of the above activities if your schedule allows.

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION GRANTS:

2023-2025 LWML MISSION GRANT #3:
Serving God's Children with special needs – Journeys Lutheran School, Milwaukee, WI - \$100,000. The mission of Journeys Lutheran School is to serve God's children ages eight to 21 with special needs. This grant will help the school purchase two vans to transport high school students enrolled in School-to-Work Internship Programs and students taking elective classes at nearby Martin Luther High School.

SD LWML MISSION GRANT #7: Mozambique Dorcas Sewing Project, LCMS International Mission Africa Region - \$5,000. The Lutheran Church of Mozambique has started this sewing project to help the women learn a skill and provide an opportunity to earn some income to help sustain the family while sharing the Gospel with them. Many of the women are at home working on their small farms. This grant will help provide funding for sewing machines, fabric and other necessities for sewing.

We are Lutheran Women in Mission:
Proclaiming Christ, supporting missions & equipping women to honor God by serving others.

Blessings and Merry Christmas!
Colleen Keiser, President
Lutheran Women in Mission



**Lutheran
Women
in Mission**

Check out more info about the international LWML organization at LWML.org.

Serving In December

Serving Communion:

Dec 3: 8:00 am - Larry Noah, Rocky Boer
9:30 am - Dan Amert, Ken Wickre, Tim Miller, Alan Carlson
11:00 am - Andy Schmuck, Jerome Heyd, Joel Shaver, Mike Mlnarik

Dec 10: 8:00 am - Dennis O'Neill, Dan Peters
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Joel Quist, Mark Schoeneman, Tim Miller
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Bill Cooper, Jim Schmidt, Mike Mlnarik

Dec 17: 8:00 am - Kasey Danley, Rick Hartmann
9:30 am - Ken Wickre, Rick Dierks, Craig Gehrels, Alan Carlson
11:00 am - Darold Danley, Jerome Heyd, Joel Shaver, Paul Luetjen

Dec 24: 8:00 am - Rich Ulses, Rocky Boer, Dan Amert

Dec 25: 9:30 am - Dan Peters, Bob Seidel, Ken Wickre, Mike Mlnarik

Dec 31: 8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Jay Prouty
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Joel Quist, Mark Schoeneman, Craig Gehrels
11:00 am - Andy Schmuck, Darold Danley, Jerome Heyd, Joel Shaver

December Accompanists:

(Worship Team - all 11 am Services)

Dec 3 - 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

Dec 6 - 6:30 pm - Peggy Baney

Dec 10 - 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

Dec 13 - 6:30 pm - Peggy Baney

Dec 17 - 8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

Dec 20 - 6:30 pm - Joy Johansen

Dec 24 - 8:00 am - Jan Noah
Dec 24 - 1:00 pm - Peggy Baney
Dec 24 - 3:00 pm - Joy Johansen
Dec 24 - 5:00 pm - Joy Johansen
Dec 24 - 9:00 pm - Jan Noah

Dec 25 - 9:30 am - Jan Noah

Dec 31 - 8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

December Acolytes:

Dec 3 - 8:00 am - Troy Miller
11:00 am - Elsie Slavens

Dec 6 - 6:30 pm - Cora Johansen

Dec 10 - 8:00 am - Tristen Miller
11:00 am - Bode Larson

Dec 13 - 6:30 pm - Eero Larson

Dec 17 - 8:00 am - Caleb Quist
11:00 am - Elijah Richards

Dec 20 - 6:30 pm - Bode Larson

Dec 24 - 8:00 am - OPEN
Dec 24 - 1:00 pm - OPEN
Dec 24 - 3:00 pm - OPEN
Dec 24 - 5:00 pm - OPEN
Dec 24 - 9:00 pm - OPEN

Dec 25 - 9:30 am - OPEN

Dec 31 - 8:00 am - Cora Johansen
11:00 am - Eero Larson

December Sunday Ushers

8:00 am - Ken Reuter, Darin Steffen, Terry Bendt, Clayton Sonnenschein
9:30 am - Don Becker, Dan Currier, Ken Tucker, Dean Bornitz, Joel Bialas
11:00 am - Tim Dahmen, Landon Dahmen, Rich Miller

Advent Usher Teams: Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Dec. 6 - Dennis O'Neill, Dan Currier, Rocky Boer

Dec. 13 - Tim Miller, Bart Viss

Dec. 20 - Larry Miller, Bhrett Baney

Christmas Eve:

8 am - Dennis O'Neill

1pm - Dennis O'Neill

3pm - OPEN

5pm - Kim Arends, Tim Miller

9pm - Rocky Boer

Christmas Day Ushers: 9:30am - Kim Arends

December Lay Readers:

Dec 3 - 8:00 am - Dan Peters
9:30 am - Bob Seidel
11:00 am - Cindy Hyronemus

Dec 6 - 6:30 pm - Rose Foster

Dec 10 - 8:00 am - Jay Prouty
9:30 am - Tim Miller
11:00 am - Don Reichert

Dec 13 - 6:30 pm - Rose Foster

Dec 17 - 8:00 am - Larry Noah
9:30 am - Ken Wickre
11:00 am - Paul Luetjen

Dec 20 - 6:30 pm - Janet Borchard

Dec 24 - 8:00 am - Shirley Miller
Dec 24 - 1:00 pm - OPEN
Dec 24 - 3:00 pm - OPEN
Dec 24 - 5:00 pm - OPEN
Dec 24 - 9:00 pm - OPEN

Dec 25 - 9:30 am - OPEN

Dec 31 - 8:00 am - Rose Foster
9:30 am - Janet Borchard
11:00 am - Breck Miller

Power Point Operators:

Dec 3 - 8:00 am - Seth Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Mike Gilbride

Dec 6 - 6:30 pm - OPEN

Dec 10 - 8:00 am - Charlie Peters
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein
11:00 am - Brent Heyd

Dec 13 - 6:30 pm - OPEN

Dec 17 - 8:00 am - Troy Miller
9:30 am - Pete Illing
11:00 am - Shirley Miller

Dec 20 - 6:30 pm - OPEN

Dec 24 - 8:00 am - Charlie Peters
Dec 24 - 1:00 pm - OPEN
Dec 24 - 3:00 pm - OPEN
Dec 24 - 5:00 pm - OPEN
Dec 24 - 9:00 pm - OPEN

Dec 25 - 9:30 am - OPEN

Dec 31 - 8:00 am - Seth Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Jacob Richards

Connecting Through Serving

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

1 Julia Perkins	6 Jeannie Bertsch	15 Tom Jacobson
2 Evan Broekemeier	Cheryl Cooper	16 Oliver Capouch
Fran Hendren	Karen VanDenBerg	Kristie Hoyme
James Kerr	7 Calvin Johnson	Myah Miller
Bob Seidel	8 Katelyn Fehrs	Shelley Miller
Elsie Slavens	Evelyn Heiman	Kerry Schmidt
3 Rocky Boer	9 Clinton Henry	Julie Viss
Paul Johansen	Elaina Mathiesen	17 Brenna Bessman
Stacey Landis	10 Aleah Fleming	Brady Bessman
Veda Loudenslager	Brenton Newman	Sharon Harless
Jane Steffen	Bill Wittrock	Cooper Quist
Mary Steffen	11 Hudson Bertsch	Scott Ruml
4 Karen Christian	12 Jett Dubbelde	18 John Cooper, Jr
Matthew Demaray	13 Eugene Frerichs	Erin Quist
Ken Newman	Donna Gue	Nicholas Tucker
Joel Shaver	Cathy Hey	19 Hudson Connelly
5 Alex Brosnahan	14 Avery Alderman	Steve Perkins
Gavin Joffer	Kelby Krabbenhoft	Kieran Weigelt
	Liz Peters	20 Henry Anshutz
	Tyler Roerig	21 Corey Christensen

22 Emersyn Bialas
Camden Christensen
Laurie Clark
23 Megan Harnisch
Merry Miller
Grayson Sandeen
24 Laurie Hamann
Marianne Wittrock
25 Bonita TerEick
26 Sarah Neugebauer
Steve VanWesten
27 Melissa Jones
Tyson Konz
Audrey Kouril-Rud
Noah Wood
28 Blakely Durfee
Lewis Jerke
Parker Stansbury
29 Jean Glaser
Marge Rand

30 Liz Christensen
Elyse Prouty
Jessica Stuck
31 Jeanne Buchholz
Travis Hamilton

ANNIVERSARIES

1 John & Aubrey Cooper
Josh & Jennifer Johansen
Rich & Vicki Ulses
10 Rick & Cami Hansen
12 Pete & Janie Illing
17 Paul & Bonnie Haugen
20 Bryon & Lorelei Reynolds
21 Troy & Janet Borchard
22 Ted & Heidi Jerke
29 Jack & Ashley Sandeen
30 Rex & Kay Stockwell
31 Paul & Melinda Wood

Serving

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Fri. Dec 1

5 pm - 10 pm High School Christmas Party

Sat. Dec 2

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

Sun. Dec 3

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 CLOTHING OF THE KING - CAFÉ

11 am Contemporary Worship / *(+Livestream)*
6:30 pm Christmas By Candlelight

Mon. Dec 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. Dec 5

8 am Tues Homeschool Group
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6 pm Private Program - Worship Center
6:30 pm Card Ministry

Wed. Dec 6

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
5 pm-6:10 pm Fellowship Meal -
Ham & Cheesy Potatoes
5:45 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Advent Worship Service
7:30 pm Bells Practice

Thurs. Dec 7

9 am Adult Bible Study
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6 pm Private Program - Worship Center
7 pm Elder's Connect Meeting

Fri. Dec 8

No Events Scheduled

Sat. Dec 9

8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Worship Team Practice
10:30 am Children's Christmas Program Practice
3 pm Annual Christmas Caroling

Sun. Dec 10

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 CLOTHING OF THE KING - CAFÉ
11 am Contemporary Worship / *(+Livestream)*
4 pm Children's Christmas Program
6:30 pm Miller Small Group

Mon. Dec 11

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

Tues. Dec 12

4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6 - 9 pm Gift Wrapping at the Mall
6:30 pm Heart To Heart Ministry

Wed. Dec 13

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
10 am LWML Lois Circle
5 pm - 6:10 pm Fellowship Meal - Walking Tacos
5:46 pm Bells Practice
6:30 pm Advent Worship Service
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thurs. Dec 14

9 am Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6 pm Private Program - Worship Center
7 pm Church Council Meeting

Fri. Dec 15

5 - 7 pm Gift Wrapping at the Mall

Sat. Dec 16

8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Worship Team Practice
9 am Private Party - garage area

Sun. Dec 17

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**;
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11 am Contemporary Worship / *(+Livestream)*
4:30 pm Asmus small group

Mon. Dec 18

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

Tues. Dec 19

4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas

Wed. Dec 20

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
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5 pm - 6:10 pm Fellowship Meal - Soup Sampler
5:45 pm Bells Practice
6:30 pm Advent Worship Service
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thurs. Dec 21

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

Fri. Dec 22

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Sat. Dec 23

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

Sun. Dec 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

(Note No Sunday School or Bible Studies)

8 am Blended Worship *(Note only 1 morning service)*
1 pm Christmas Eve Worship
3 pm Christmas Eve Worship
5 pm Christmas Eve Worship
9 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Mon. Dec 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 am Christmas Day Worship

Tues. Dec 26

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED - OFFICE CLOSED

Wed. Dec 27

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Thurs. Dec 28

9 am Adult Bible Study

Fri. Dec 29

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Sat. Dec 30

8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Worship Team Practice
10 am Confirmation - Worship
1 pm Private Party - Garage area

Sun. Dec 31

(Note No Sunday School or Bible Studies)

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
11 am Contemporary Worship / *(+Livestream)*
6:30 pm New Year's Eve Worship at Zion Lutheran

UPCOMING DURING 2024

AT MEMORIAL:

January 5 - First Friday Fellowship -
Game Night at Memorial

January 21 - Annual Voter's Meeting - 1:00 pm

January 28 - Cabin Fever Burn Off

February 2 - First Friday Fellowship -
Stampede Hockey (Watch for Details)

February 11 - Souper Bowl Youth/LWML Fundraiser

February 14 - Ash Wednesday - 6:30 pm Worship

February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20 -

Lent Worship Services at 6:30 pm
Fellowship Meals prior to Worship

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

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 28 - Maundy Thursday

March 29 - Good Friday

March 31 - Easter

April 5 - First Friday Fellowship -
Movie Night at Memorial

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.
All women are welcome!

We will be having our Heart to Heart annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 12th in Cafe Logos at 6:30pm. Bring an appetizer to share and a white elephant gift *(please don't go out and buy anything, find something in your home)*.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- Jeremiah 29:11



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“First Friday Fellowship!”

Join us at Memorial for the inaugural First Friday Fellowship event on Friday, January 5, 2024, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. This evening, the church will be hosting a family-friendly game night. Game nights bring a unique blend of joy, laughter, and a sense of community to our church family. In the midst of friendly competition, relationships are strengthened and different generations find common ground. An evening of fellowship wouldn't be complete without snacks. From popcorn to homemade treats, food transforms a simple game night into a home away from home experience. Please bring a snack to share.

Game night embodies the true spirit of community and fellowship within the Memorial family- Connecting to Jesus and You! We hope you can make it!

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!”

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