



MEMORIAL
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"Connecting To Jesus And You!"

Connection

October 2023

Appreciating You!

By Pastor Aaron Asmus

I'm a little hesitant to write the following article, but I hope you understand my purpose of looking to lift up the whole body of believers in Christ, and specifically our family here at Memorial as we serve one another with the Good News of our Savior Jesus!

First, there is an anniversary I want to make you aware of, and it seems appropriate to do so at this time as many calendars note October as "Church Worker Appreciation" month (Actually, we usually see it designated "Pastor Appreciation" month, but church work leaders in our church body are known by a variety of different titles where many denominations use the term pastor to cover a wider range of workers).

We celebrate the 5th year anniversary of DCE Hailey Jo Miller at Memorial as of September this year.

That's a lot of lives touched in our Lord Jesus' name represented by these years of service! Day in, day out, church workers everywhere live, breathe, think about, worry about, dream about, and radiate the activity that takes place as churches seek to share Jesus. We are so grateful for the gifts and strengths God has given to Hailey Jo and Kathy and the way they apply these gifts in their work among us.

But as I write about our church workers, any thoughts would be incomplete without lifting up the service of all the saints! By saints, I mean all of God's people. I mean you. Especially as our congregation has been continually blessed by new people to live and work alongside, the amount of activity that's required to serve one another – and serve *with* one another – seems to increase exponentially! It can seem overwhelming at times. But it starts with Jesus serving His whole Body. And then, God has blessed us to serve alongside YOU. You may not be a professional church worker or serve on a church staff, but SO MANY OF YOU spend countless days living, breathing, thinking about, worrying about, dreaming about, and radiating the activity that takes place as we seek to share Jesus! I won't dare try to single out any individuals here, but I appreciate you all so much!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Aaron

As I have shared some anniversaries, I note that a couple of significant dates are coming ahead: Next year Pastor Doug celebrates 5 years in ministry and 5 years here at Memorial; DCE Liz will reach the 25 years in ministry milestone! I thought you might appreciate knowing some anniversary dates of our church workers and staff. These dates are beginning dates of those serving on staff.

Ben	– Jan 2023
Cole	– Sep 2022
Melinda	– Jun 2022
Mindee	– Sep 2020
Kathy	– Sep 2003

The following are starting dates for our professional church workers. The first date is commissioning (our Directors of Christian Education) or ordination (our Pastors) into ministry in connection with their first call. The second date is their starting date here at Memorial.

Pastor Doug	– Jun 2019; Jun 2019
DCE Hailey Jo	– Jun 2011; Sep 2018
DCE Liz	– Sep 1999; Sep 2007
Pastor Aaron	– Jul 1986; Aug 1999

I appreciate you, teammates!

*"Well done, good and faithful servant! . . .
Come and share your Master's happiness!"*
- MATT. 25:21

October is Church Worker Appreciation month. We have a wonderful staff here at Memorial and Church Worker appreciation month provides an excellent opportunity for us to show our appreciation for those who lead, teach, & serve us here at Memorial. Take a moment sometime this month & let them know how much they are appreciated. *(Pray for them & their families; Greet them with a warm handshake and a "Thank You"; Give a card sharing your appreciation and encouragement; etc.)*

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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Updates from The Church Council

The start of October brings several exciting updates we want to share with you!

The remodel is nearing 100% completion. During the last two weeks of September, new material arrived for the stair nose of the chancel to correct the installation issues we had during the remodel. Thanks again for your patience and contributions towards this significant project!

As we have mentioned throughout 2023 our general giving has been running short of the church's general operating expenses. In September Memorial Lutheran received a significant undesignated general offering! We anticipate that this gift, combined with all our September offerings will close the gap and our 2023 general offerings and expenses will be approximately even as of the end of September! The year-to-date numbers posted in the weekly bulletins will be updated soon to reflect this.

Our building loan now has a balance of \$102,774! In September we were able to make another principal payment of \$6,815

from designated offerings and the loan will now be paid off no later than March 2024! At the end of this year the balance will be just over \$50,000, minus any contributions we received towards the principal of the loan in the last 3 months of 2023.

The Lord continues to bless Memorial Lutheran Church and we have so much to celebrate and be thankful for! To God be the glory! In October the council will begin work on the 2024 budget. We ask for your prayers as we look for His guidance to manage the resources He has blessed our congregation with. The budget, election of council members and many other exciting updates will be provided at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 1:00pm. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

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

In Christ,
Matt Hieb

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Church Council

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Doug Monson, Vice. Pres.
Michelle Knappe, Secretary
Bart Viss, Treasurer
Merry Miller, Financial Sec.
Lisa Asmus, LWML
Peggy Baney, Outreach
Casey Bialas, Trustee

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. 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	= \$ 172,017
Current Loan Balance as of September 16, 2023	= \$ 102,774

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

Additional Principal Needed to payoff loan by December 31, 2023: \$50,735

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 August	\$ 688,061	September giving thru 9/26: \$ 60,997
Expenses thru August	\$ 797,744	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** is also available.

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 | |

Bible Studies at Memorial

"THE STORY" BIBLE STUDIES

Sundays at 8am, 9:30am, 11am. **Thursdays** at 9:30am. Saturday's Men's Study at 8am.

9:30 AM SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

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

YOUNG MARRIED SMALL GROUP - 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 Christian programming for the whole family! Email the church office for the link. info@memoriallutheran.net



Daily Devotion Opportunities

- Mustard Seed Devotions. Go to LW/ML.org & click on resources.
- Lutheran Hour Ministries. Go to lhm.org, click on News/Resources. Scroll down to Daily Devotions.

"For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them." -Matt.18:20

NEWS FROM THE GARAGE:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." - Isaiah 55:8-9

Chad Bird once said, "Never trust your heart." What a contradictory thing to say in today's culture where our daily focus is always on what my heart is telling me. Moses's heart told him that he was weak, terrible at public speaking, and the wrong person to walk back into Egypt and demand the freedom of the Israelites. What we (and Moses) don't remember is that God doesn't think the way we think. He chose Moses because he's a terrible public speaker and because he was probably the last person Pharaoh would say "yes" to. God chose Moses' weaknesses so that every miracle and rescue would point back to the God who made them and made promises to them. Our encouragement is to see God using our very weaknesses to bring Him glory and sinners their comfort. God bless you as you serve even in your weaknesses and trust in God's ways above your own!

DCE Hailey Jo Miller
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It's Laundry Week!!!

Memorial is hosting a week of serving our community by taking care of their laundry, October 2nd-8th. We especially want to encourage our students and families to participate! Please sign up for a shift during an evening in the week or a shift during the weekend.

Wednesday Night Hosts

We are looking for individuals to hang out near the East doors on Wednesday nights from 6:15-8pm. This requires no skill, other than the ability to be present and greet people as they come in. You can catch up on work, finish a craft project, write letters, read a book...the opportunities are endless! Sign-up with DCE Hailey Jo, DCE Liz Peters, or Elder Chairman Craig Gehrels.

STUDENT CONNECT

High School Connect (9th-12th gr) meets every Wednesday, starting at 6:30pm. We start each night sharing how our week has been going then grow together in God's Word and play a game!

Middle School Connect (6th-8th gr) meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30pm-8pm. They meet in their small groups for the first part of the night. The large group then comes together for devotion and a game. Sign up for reminder text messages by texting @433687 to 81010. See you October 11th & 25th!

CONFIRMATION

7th-8th grade; Register for unit classes with Hailey Jo. October classes include Apostles' Creed and Bible History. If you have any questions about classes, the model or what to sign up for, email Hailey for assistance.

Save the Date! Confirmation Sunday will be November 5th and March 3rd.

IMPORTANT DATES

Bible Study - Sundays at 9:20am

High School Connect -

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Middle School Connect -

Oct 11th & 25th, 6:30-8pm

Confirmation classes -

Check the Schedule & Register!

Laundry Week - October 2nd - 8th

NE Gathering - November 17th - 19th

YOUTH & CHILDREN CONNECTIONS!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY -

Sunday School Connect

Our Memorial family is looking at The Story-God's Story and the SS children will be looking at our theme verse this month. **Ps. 119: 105 "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."** This Bible verse describes our desire to share God's Word with The Story. We want God's Word to shine in our lives and guide us as we walk as His forgiven children. Some weeks, there is a lot much to even cover, but we are breaking down the time-line and seeing how God's promises, care and love shine through. We need Jesus, and God gave us Jesus. Each week we see how God's people rely on Him. We are excited to see how The Story unfolds for us all and shines in our daily lives. If you haven't picked up your family's books of The Story-stop by to pick them up while supplies last!!



Register On-line for SS!!!

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



CLUB 345

Club 345 is for 3rd, 4th & 5th

Graders on the first & third Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-8 pm. This year we are exploring the Books of the Bible & learning what's all in the Bible. We have lesson, games, snacks, crafts...fun time just for these Club 345ers. Oct. 4th & 18th in the Backyard at 6:30-8 PM.



ZINGERS

1st & 2nd Graders are invited to be a Zinger and meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30-8pm. This year we will be looking at some Basics of the Bible as we reinforce The Story as a church family. Oct. 11th will be our next event.



Kindergarten Bible Presentations

On Sunday, Oct. 15th we will present our Kindergarteners with a Picture Bible Book! Kindergarteners & their parents/guardians will be called forward during the **8:00, 9:30 OR 11:00 AM** Worship Service to receive a Picture Bible and special blessing. (Children attending SS during the 9:30 service will be ushered into the service to.



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"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

St. Francis House: Memorial serves the evening meal on the third Sunday of each month. We begin at 5:45pm and end at 7:30pm. Please wear closed toe shoes and a cap (or they will provide a hairnet for you) Sign up at church.

October 15, November 19, and December 17 are open.



Stuffed Animals: Thanks for all the stuffed animals that have arrived for the **Ronald McDonald House**. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Memorial will be collecting WINTER GEAR

during the month of October. Bring your gently worn coats, jackets, snow pants, boots, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, in any size, for the Winter Gear drive. Place the items in the canvas cart in the entry at church. These items will be distributed between **Center of Hope, Union Gospel Mission, and St. Francis House**.



Sharing Christmas: Will be October 29th - November 27th.

Purchase gifts for children ages infant through 16. Please don't wrap the gifts and include the price tag/receipt on them. Gifts can be placed in the canvas cart in the entry at church. These gifts will be put in the Christmas Store on the Empower Campus. Parents who are in a special program are invited to shop at the store. They pay only 10% of the price of the item. For each child, they choose 3 gifts or up to \$8. This program gives parents a choice in buying gifts and holds them accountable (it is not just a hand out). Families can only be in the program for 2 years and then they are on their own with support from Community Outreach. Foster parents also get one night of shopping at the store for children that they currently have in their homes. Idea lists will be available for you on Oct 29th. If anyone would like to work at the store or help type in information, let Peggy Baney know. 605-759-8424.



Ongoing Projects:

- Collecting **eyeglasses/sunglasses/hearing aids**
- Collecting **pop tabs** for Ronald McDonald House.
- **Food Pantry:** Drop off donations of food/hygiene supplies in the office
- Use the pantry if needed.
- **Comfort Meals:** For your personal use in family emergencies and for you to give to others in need.
- **Prayer Shawls:** Let us know if you know of someone in need of a shawl and we can deliver it.
- **Helping Hands Builders:** This group helps others in need of small home repairs. Do you or a friend have a door that doesn't close properly? Need help getting it fixed? Let us know and we can take a look to see if we can help to get it fixed before winter. This is just one example of what we can do.

REMINDER!!!

Memorial has a food pantry that is available for use. You can also donate items for the food pantry. Bring the items to the office.

Comfort Meals: are kept in the freezer at church? The meals are available for you to use as needed or to take to others 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.

"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

Laundry Week October 2nd - 8th



Laundry week will be at Hilltop Laundry at 18th & Cleveland Ave.

We'll be paying for customers washing & drying and be providing laundry detergent. Instead of just helping folks that come for one day, Memorial is going to help folks for one full week. **In order to do that, we need quarters.....lots and lots of quarters and folks to help distribute them at the laundromat.** Check out the time slot sign-up sheets on the table near the front door. Bring the family and join in this great outreach event. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

"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

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.



"Connecting To Jesus And You!"

"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

FALL NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGIN

OCTOBER 15TH AT 9:00 AM.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.MEMORIALLUTHERAN.NET OR PICK UP A BROCHURES FROM THE TABLE IN THE ENTRYWAY.

UPCOMING AT MEMORIAL:

Oct 7 - LWML Annual Vendor/Craft Fair
Oct 7 - Bunco Night - An adult fellowship event.
Oct 15 - New Member Classes begin
Nov 5 - Blood Mobile at Memorial
Nov 5 - Confirmation Sunday
Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Eve Worship held at SFLS
Nov 23 - Annual Thanksgiving Outreach Meal
Dec 3 - Christmas By Candlelight
Dec 6, 13, 20 - Advent Worship Services
Dec 10 - Children's Christmas Program

Serving In October

Serving Communion:

- Oct 1:** 8:00 am - Dennis O'Neill, Bhrett Baney
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Dan Amert, Don Becker, Ken Tucker
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Bill Cooper, Darold Danley, Jerome Heyd
- Oct 8:** 8:00 am - Rich Hartmann, Rocky Boer
9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Dan Currier, Joel Quist, Ken Wickre
11:00 am - Andy Schmuck, Jim Schmidt, Joel Shaver, Mike Mlnarik
- Oct 15:** 8:00 am - Kasey Danley, Rocky Boer
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Mark Schoeneman, Rick Dierks, Tim Miller
11:00 am - Jerome Heyd, Jim Schmidt, Mike Mlnarik, Paul Luetjen
- Oct 22:** 8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Larry Noah
9:30 am - Joel Quist, Ken Wickre, Terry Conrad, Craig Gehrels
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Andy Schmuck, Darold Danley, Joel Shaver
- Oct 29:** 8:00 am - Dennis O'Neill, Jay Prouty
9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Dan Amert, Don Becker, Ken Tucker
11:00 am - Bill Cooper, Jerome Heyd, Jim Schmidt, Paul Luetjen

October Accompanists:

(The Worship Team accompanies all 11 am Worship Services)

- Oct 1 -** 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- Oct 8 -** 8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- Oct 15 -** 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Joy Johansen
- Oct 22 -** 8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- Oct 29 -** 8:00 am - Jan Noah
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

October Acolytes:

- Oct 1 -** 8:00 am - Olivia Lorang
11:00 am - Elsie Slavens
- Oct 8 -** 8:00 am - Paul Lorang
11:00 am - Elijah Richards
- Oct 15 -** 8:00 am - Troy Miller
11:00 am - Eero Larson
- Oct 22 -** 8:00 am - Tristen Miller
11:00 am - Sophie Wood
- Oct 29 -** 8:00 am - Caleb Quist
11:00 am - Elsie Slavens

October Sunday Ushers

- 8:00 am** - Doug Foster, Tom Kenyon, LeRoy Zafft, Rich Ulises, Dan Peters
9:30 am - Brian Johnson, Allen Hulzebos, Erik Helland, Bart Viss
11:00 am - Greg Miller, Shirley Miller

October Lay Readers:

- Oct 1 -** 8:00 am - Dan Peters
9:30 am - Bob Seidel
11:00 am - Breck Miller
- Oct 8 -** 8:00 am - Larry Noah
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Don Reichert
- Oct 15 -** 8:00 am - Jay Prouty
9:30 am - Ken Wickre
11:00 am - Chris Andresen
- Oct 22 -** 8:00 am - Rose Foster
9:30 am - Janet Borchard
11:00 am - Cindy Hyronemus
- Oct 29 -** 8:00 am - Dan Peters
9:30 am - Tim Miller
11:00 am - Paul Luetjen

Power Point Operators:

- Oct 1 -** 8:00 am - Troy Miller
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein
11:00 am - Brent Heyd
- Oct 8 -** 8:00 am - Eddie Jerke
9:30 am - Pete Illing
11:00 am - Henry Slavens
- Oct 15 -** 8:00 am - Charlie Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Shirley Miller
- Oct 22 -** 8:00 am - Troy Miller
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein
11:00 am - Brent Heyd
- Oct 29 -** 8:00 am - Eddie Jerke
9:30 am - Pete Illing
11:00 am - Shirley Miller

Serving

Connecting Through Serving

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

"That's why a man will leave his father and mother and will remain united with his wife, and the two will be one?" - Matthew 19:5
GOD'S WORD TRANSLATION

BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1- Josh Johansen | 9- Braxton Danley | 21- Angie Vikesland |
| Tanya Lindsey | 10- Jan Noah | 22- Tessa Beyer |
| Darin Steffen | Walker Schmidt | Norah Schmuck |
| 2- Janie Illing | Camden Schmuck | 23- Brody Sonnenschein |
| Myla Schmidt | 11- Magenta Hammond | 24- Trent Boe |
| 3- Laura Alderman | 12- Darrell Bleeker | Bruce Weeldreyer |
| David Fehrs | Maria Larson | 25- Sully Berg |
| Sharon Sonnenschein | 13- Amanda Loudenslager | Tucker Catron |
| 4- Brody Konz | 14- Matt Hieb | Angela Holland |
| 5- Colin Kerr | 15- Paul Miller | MKenzie Koehn |
| 6- Katie Bleeker | Pam Ricke | Jana Maxwell |
| Ione Carlson | 17- Jack Bozzell | 26- Jada Cooper |
| Quinn Jacobs | Abigail Kanefke | Jacey Meier |
| Lanae Larson | Melinda Wood | 27- Marissa McFadden |
| Eevi Prah | 18- James Gilbertson | 28- Kendra Beyer |
| Abigail Stuck | Don Schmidt | Terry Boxdorfer |
| 7- Kathy Gehrels | 19- Eero Larson | Rick Dierks |
| 8- Courtney Davidson | Zachary Noteboom | Olivia Schonhardt |
| Kalan Meier | Darlene Sopko | 29- Nadine Bornitz |
| Maddy Peters | 20- Staci Noteboom | Sydney Hansen |
| | 21- Ella Joffer | Michael Mlnarik |

- 29- Howard Schacht
Sharon Teunissen
- 30- Darrell Christopherson
Chase Helland
Margaret Nord
Dorothea Prouty
- 31- Hadley Reiffenberger
Ken Tucker

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Kyle & Dowling
- 2- Jason & Lisa Bosley
- 3- & Kendra Beyer
- 5- Bob & Marilyn Seidel
- 6- Don & Pat Reichert
Andy & Nicolette Schmuck
Bill & Marianne Wittrock
- 7- Dwane & Maxine Boxdorfer
- 8- Ryan & Erin Capouch
Jeff & Rita Hoffman
- 9- Al & Sandy Baer
Jacob & Kate Joffer
- 10- Dave & Sara Carson
Nathan & Anna Werdel
- 11- Brian & Katrina Catron
- 12- Brian & Jennifer Brosnahan
Jacob & Natasha Meyer
- 13- Matthew & Katie Demaray
Bannon & Lanae Larson
- 14- Jim & Myla Schmidt
- 17- Matt & Julie Dowling
Mike & Connie Gilbride
Steve & Brenda Gugel
- 19- Michael & Marie Boetel
- 20- Bob & Becky Bessman
- 22- Darrell & Debi Dowdell
- 27- Casey & Holli Bialas
- 28- Lucas & Kayla Dannenbring

OCTOBER CALENDAR

"MINISTRY APPRECIATION MONTH"

Sun, Oct 1 - LWML Sunday

8 am Traditional Worship
8 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101; THE STORY**
11 am Contemporary Worship / *(+Livestream)*
11 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
1:30 pm Confirmation - 'Bible History'
3 pm Confirmation - 'Ten Commandments'

Mon, Oct 2

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
5-9 PM LAUNDRY EVENT @ HILLTOP LAUNDRY
6 pm Young Women's Study
6:30 pm Young Married Couples' Small Group

Tues, Oct 3

8 am Tues Homeschool Group
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
5-9 PM LAUNDRY EVENT @ HILLTOP LAUNDRY
6:30 pm Card Ministry - Timothy Room

Wed, Oct 4

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
5-9 PM LAUNDRY EVENT @ HILLTOP LAUNDRY
6 pm Bells Practice
6:30 pm Club 345
6:30 pm High School Connect
7 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thurs, Oct 5

9 am Adult Bible Study
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
5-9 PM LAUNDRY EVENT @ HILLTOP LAUNDRY
7 pm Elder's Meeting

Fri, Oct 6

Vendor/Craft Fair Set-Up
5-9 PM LAUNDRY EVENT @ HILLTOP LAUNDRY

Sat, Oct 7

8 AM - 8 PM LAUNDRY EVENT @ HILLTOP LAUNDRY
8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Worship Team Practice
9 am - 2 pm Vendor / Craft Fair
6:30 - 8:30 pm Bunco - Fellowship Event

Sun, Oct 8

8 AM - 8 PM LAUNDRY EVENT @ HILLTOP LAUNDRY
8 am Traditional Worship
8 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101; THE STORY**
11 am Contemporary Worship / *(+Livestream)*
11 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
12:30 pm Private Event - garage area
1:30 pm Confirmation - 'Bible History'
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

Mon, Oct 9

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

Tues, Oct 10

8 am Tues Homeschool Group
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
6:30 pm Heart to Heart

Wed, Oct 11

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
9 am LWML Lois Circle
6 pm Bells Practice
6:30 pm Zingers
6:30 pm MS Connect / HS Connect
7 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thurs, Oct 12

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

Fri, Oct 13 - NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Sat, Oct 14

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

Sun, Oct 15 - Kindergarten Bible Presentations - all svcs.

8 am Traditional Worship
8 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am New Member classes begin
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101; THE STORY**
11 am Contemporary Worship / *(+Livestream)*
11 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
1:30 pm Confirmation - 'Bible History'
6:30 pm Miller Small Group - café

Mon, Oct 16

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

Tues, Oct 17

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

Wed, Oct 18

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
6 pm Bells Practice
6:30 pm Club 345
6:30 pm Confirmation - 'Apostles' Creed'
6:30 pm High School Connect
7 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thurs, Oct 19

9 am Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas

Fri, Oct 20 - NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Sat, Oct 21

8 am - 12:15 pm New Member Saturday Session
8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9 am Worship Team Practice

Sun, Oct 22

8 am Traditional Worship
8 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am New Member class - Music Room
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Basics for 3rd graders & Parents
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101; THE STORY**
11 am Contemporary Worship / *(+Livestream)*
11 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group



Mon, Oct 23

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas
7 pm LWML Lydia Circle

Tues, Oct 24

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

Wed, Oct 25

8 am M/W Homeschool Group
6 pm Bells Practice
6:30 pm MS Connect
6:30 pm HS Connect
7 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thurs, Oct 26

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

Fri, Oct 27

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

Sat, Oct 28

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

Sun, Oct 29

8 am Traditional Worship
8 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am New Member class - Music Room
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Studies-**CHRISTIANITY 101; THE STORY**
11 am Contemporary Worship / *(+Livestream)*
11 am **THE STORY BIBLE STUDY** - café

Mon, Oct 30

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

Tues, Oct 31

8 am Tues Homeschool Group



Handbells & Adult Choir!

It's not too late to join one of Memorial's Music groups. Rehearsals have just begun on Wednesday nights. Handbells rehearse from 6-7pm & Adult Choir rehearses from 7-8pm. If you would like more info or to join one, or both, of these groups please call/text Mindee Birnstiehl - 605.212.3425.



Saturday
October 7
6:30-8:30pm

Join us for a night of fellowship and fun!
This is an evening for adults 18 and older.
No childcare provided.

SPACE IS LIMITED!



Register your spot on Sign-up Genius
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4CAA622A7FE3-bunco>



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.

Next meeting - October 10th

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

Celebrate His Gifts Gala - Join us on **Sat, October 21**, for an evening of fellowship and fun accompanied by a taste of Italy! Gala tickets are available for \$65/person or \$500/table at bit.ly/chg-2023. Doors open at 4:30pm.

Can't make it? Consider donating a home-made dessert to the dessert auction. Contact Liz Antonio at LIZSAMP@gmail.com by Friday, Oct. 13, with your name, phone number, email address, and the type of dessert(s) you'll donate. All desserts must be delivered to SFLS by 4:30pm on Oct. 20 on a plate or in a container that you do not need back and with a covering to protect the dish.

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

- Matthew 6:33

Join Our Team - Openings during the 2023-24 school year include **full-time facilities manager, full-time assistant admissions director, snow removal, junior varsity girls basketball coach, 7-12th grade powerlifting coach, educational assistants, eagle care workers, subs, and more.** **Learn more and apply:** www.sioxfordslutheran.com/careers.

First Look Fridays - First Look Fridays are back at 9am on the first Friday of every month (October-June). RSVP online at www.sioxfordslutheran.com/first-look-fridays 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 SFLS.

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.

MEMORIAL'S WOMEN IN MISSION group is made up of 2 circles that meet once a month for Bible study and fellowship.

Lois Circle meets the 2nd Wednesday at 9 am (Oct 11); **Lydia Circle** meets the 4th Monday at 7 pm (Oct 23). Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



LWML Sunday is October 1.

We will have a special mite offering during the service. Bring your mite box or just an offering (above and beyond your regular offering). You are welcome to continue filling your Mite Box throughout the year. There is a wooden Mite Box on the book shelf in the entryway. You may always take a new one if you'd like! We accept coins, bills, and checks (written out to **Memorial LWML**). 100% of Mite Box offerings go to support the work of LWML on the district (75%) & national (25%) levels.

OUR MITE OFFERINGS AT WORK:

Please pray for the following organizations who will receive funding from our Mite Box offerings: (For more info on mites, visit LWML.org.)

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LWML Mites in Action: #1 Orphan Grain Train Servant Center - \$100,000

Orphan Grain Train (OGT) has carried out their mission for thirty years by providing

humanitarian service. They have assisted orphans, carried out domestic disaster relief, gathered, sorted, packed, & distributed food, clothing, medical supplies, equipment, & educational materials for those in need in the U.S. & internationally. The original facility in Norfolk, NE, is outdated and lacking adequate space to carry out their expanding work. This grant will help OGT complete their building project.

LWML South Dakota District Mites in Action:

Spanish Braille Bibles for Central and South America - Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) — \$5,000. LBW is the only Lutheran organization which intentionally serves people who are blind or visually impaired both in the United States and across all continents, and the world's largest nonprofit producer of Braille, specialized large print, and audio Christian materials.

LBW have been asked to produce over 20,000 volumes of Spanish Braille Bibles for use in Central and South America. This grant would help cover the cost of paper, cardboard and other supplies for the production of 1,000 of the Bibles.

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

ALTAR CARE - Do you think you would be able to help prepare the Lord's Supper/communion? An interesting fact is you do not have to be over 50 to do it! Anyone interested in serving our Lord and His people is eligible. We work monthly in pairs, either together or trading set up and clean up as it fits our situations. Please contact Pat Reichert 605-366-2188 or Kathy in the office.



OCTOBER 7 - Memorial Craft/ Vendor Fair & Bake Sale.

- You can support this event by...
- Rent a table and sell your goods
 - Bake something for our bake sale
 - Come and Shop!
 - Help set up tables on Friday, October 21
 - Help take tables down on Sat, Oct 22 at 2pm
 - Offer to help work.
 - Help prep food for Taco Bar on Friday
 - Contact Colleen Keiser or Lisa Asmus if you'd like to help! colleen.keiser@gmail.com / lsasmus@yahoo.com

FYI: Women in Mission fundraisers are used for local missions that we support: South Dakota churchwork/seminary students, SFLS; staff gifts, Memorial's children & student ministries, kitchen supplies, banners, etc...

OCTOBER FLOWERS FOR THE WORSHIP CENTER:

- 1 - Bill & Marianne Wittrock (50th Anniv.)
 - 8 - Don & Pat Reichert (55th Anniv.)
 - 15 - Open
 - 22 - Open
 - 29 - Open
- Do you have an occasion you would like to celebrate with flowers in the worship center? Sign-up on the table in the entry.



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“Connecting To Jesus And You”

I love how our church’s motto embraces the energy of Memorial. Over the years, I have noticed that the greeting portion of the worship service has gotten longer. Or maybe it is that I have gotten chattier? Either way, I love how greetings and handshakes are exchanged throughout the church.

During worship and Bible study each week, I am connected to God’s Word and reminded of my eternal home. I also love how Memorial provides opportunities for members to connect with each other and the greater community. Fellowship activities, such as Bunco night and Four Square, allow members to get to know each other on a deeper level. And outreach events, such as Laundry Week, help us to connect with Sioux Falls and spread the light and love of Jesus outside our church walls.

If you would like to connect with others at the church or an area of ministry, but are unsure where to start. . . reach out to me. I can guide you through a ministry interest survey and help plug you in to an area that you may be interested in. During new member classes, ministry leaders come in to speak to the class about ways to get involved. Perhaps you would like to sit in on that class to learn more. If so, please join us on Sunday, October 29, at 9:00am.

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



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WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR LCMS - SD DISTRICT ?

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