



# MEMORIAL LUTHERAN

“Connecting To Jesus And You!”

# Connection

May 2024

## Happiness Or Joy

By Pastor Doug Slavens

So, as many of you already know, we have a new driver in our household. I will openly admit that I am not happy with this. Actually, I have been actively fighting against this inevitable event. I personally blame my wife for encouraging my daughter to study and pass the test for her learners permit. And, now, here we are with a teenage driver in our house. I don't know if you have ever had a teenage driver in your home, but let me tell you this, they always want to drive! Well, last week, I finally gave in and let her drive my car. Now, I will tell you that my car is not as new and not as nice as the family van that my wife has been letting her practice on...and I bring this up because while we were slowly and nervously driving around town she says to me, "your car is not as nice as mom's" to which I reply, "and one day this will all be yours". Her response was, and I quote, "Ew No"

So I ask, what was your first car? Was it new and shiny or old and rusty? Looking back, I'm sure I wanted new and shiny...actually I think we are all hard wired for new and shiny. Yet, it seems so bizarre that so many of us would give our time and money to things which would eventually break or be forgotten. Yet, Scripture makes it abundantly clear that humans have always had a serious happiness problem connected to new and shiny.

A recent article from Relevant Magazine asked readers if they're searching for joy in all the "right places". Writer, Austin Bonds reflects on how even now, "Christians attach too much of their happiness to material possessions. And while it's no sin to take pleasure in a new car or nice pair of shoes, or a big house we must always remember these feelings are temporary. Happiness never lasts

for long, but joy can endure even in the darkest times." In a parable about a rich fool, Jesus said, "Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." (Luke 12:15) Possessions make us happy, but their pleasure is brief.

I like Mt Dew and old cars that cost a lot of money to make into shiny new "old" cars. These simple pleasures provide a measure of happiness; they are material blessings from a bountiful God who loves me deeply. Yet, happiness in Christ, on the other hand, is eternal. It has no shelf life or odometer that wears out.

Stuff needs replacement. Christ is irreplaceable.

The apostle Peter puts it so eloquently, stating, "Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls." (1 Peter 1:8-9) This may seem like a pretty common lesson for believers, but it's telling how many of us are guilty of this mistake. It's easy to lose sight of what you have while yearning for what you want. We forget the many blessings God has given us, while pining for something which will never make us whole. The end result is a mad game where we habitually try to complete ourselves with things that only God can do for us. We try to prolong our happiness when we could be embracing joy!

Needless to say, this lesson was lost on the teenage girl driving around with her nervous dad in a not-so-shiny car....So, pray for me!

Blessings,  
Pastor Doug

May 26, 2024

9:30 am

### One Combined Worship

We will be having one combined Worship Service on Sunday, May 26th.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP INFORMATION:

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am\* Blended Worship

11:00 am Contemporary Worship

11 am service is also Livestreamed.

Visit, [www.memoriallutheran.net](http://www.memoriallutheran.net) & click on the Youtube link under 'Worship.'

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

*"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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*"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* - Phil 4:6-7

**OFFERING SUMMARY - 2024**

Giving thru March. \$ 316,137 April giving to date: \$ 73,221  
Expenses thru March. \$ 289,334 Monthly Budgeted Need: \$ 98,165  
Difference \$ 26,802

**Offering Boxes!** - Offering boxes are available at each Worship Center entrance. Cards are also available at each box with a QR code if you would prefer electronic giving.

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

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

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

**Memorial Wish List**

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

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

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Jim Schmidt, Andy Schmuck, Joel Quist



*"Connecting To Jesus And You"*

**LUTHERAN IN WOMEN (LWML)**

Lutheran Women in Mission is open to every woman at Memorial with Bible Studies and social gatherings. We strive to use our Mites in Missions to help people at Memorial and around the world.

Our National Missions for the month of May are: 1) Lutheran Women in Mission Finish the Job – Ministry in Mission, Haiti \$85,000. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti is building churches with the same structure and painted the same colors so when traveling from village to village one sees and recognizes the Lutheran Church. 2) Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals – Trinity Hope \$58,082. Trinity Hope feeds thousands of hungry children, teachers and cooks each day in Christian schools throughout Haiti. This grant will provide 200,800 meals to 538 pupils at Paul et Isabel Lutheran School in Hinche, Hait.

The Diaper Derby starts on Mother's Day, May 12. Be sure to bring diapers and wipes!! The collection for these items will be in the hallway under the slat wall.

The SD District Convention is coming up June 7 & 8. The Gifts from the Heart In-Gathering is for **Safe Harbor:** Deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and Ziploc Bags (any size). Also, **Journey Home:** Peanut butter, coffee and non-perishable food items. Collection boxes are in the hallway under the slat wall, if you choose to donate.

We are putting plans together for our Vendor and Craft Fair. We are excited to get this started to have a group of vendors and crafters for you to shop!!!

God's Blessings to all,  
Colleen Keiser, President



**Lutheran Women in Mission**

## NEWS FROM THE GARAGE:

This month we've been learning how to put our faith into our own words—why does this story in Scripture matter to me? Why does it matter to those around me? John reminds us that the example of who God is and what he's done for us in Scripture is just a fraction of the love he's poured out on us. Our stories matter too! How we take God's word and share it paralleled to our life experience matters to those around us. I encourage you to help your students make those connections when they share a life experience, point them to their faith and then watch them do it in return!

*"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:30-31*

### Summer Schedule Coming Soon!

#### Senior Graduate Sunday: May 12th

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 families to gift them their quilts. RSVP with Hailey Jo.

### NYG Informational Meeting: May 19<sup>th</sup>

Directly following the Late Service, I'll be hosting an informational meeting regarding the 2025 National Youth Gathering for parents and students who are finishing up their 7<sup>th</sup> grade-11<sup>th</sup> grade year. I will provide lunch, please RSVP so I can plan accordingly. Thank you!

### STUDENT CONNECT

**High School Connect** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr) meets every Wednesday, starting at 6:30pm.

Friends are always welcome!

**Middle School Connect** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr) meet every 2nd and 4th 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 & a game.

See you May 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

### CONFIRMATION

**Unit Classes Coming Up** include Lord's Prayer May 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. This will complete our 2023-24 school year.

Fall 2024 schedule will come out at the end of August. Please make sure your student has all of their homework caught up so they don't have to redo a class in the Fall. Students who have completed their unit classes can begin work on their Final Project, message Hailey Jo for details.

### 9:20 Sunday Bible Study (For 6th-12th 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 26<sup>th</sup>—**  
**enjoy worshipping together as a family!**

### Important Dates:

- **Bible Study** - Sundays at 9:20am
- **High School Connect**—  
Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- **Middle School Connect** –  
May 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> -6:30pm
- **Senior Graduate Sunday** - May 12<sup>th</sup>
- **NYG Info. Meeting** - Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>
- **NO SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - MAY 26TH**

*"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

**2 Peter 3:18** - *"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."*

What a great year of looking at The Story—we went through the basics of the Bible from start to finish. God has given us so much more than we deserve, but through Jesus we see His love for us. This month the Bible verse the kids will be singing and saying is 2 Peter 3:18, we want us ALL to "grow in the grace and knowledge" of Jesus. It has been a pleasure watching our numerous children ministry team members share themselves and Jesus with the children of Memorial. God has brought us all to be at this place at this time to grow together in our love of Jesus.

### No \$\$ on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>—Worship Together!

### Club 345

Pizza Party on **May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30-8 PM!**

We will celebrate that we looked over the Books of the Bible this past year! We'll make our own pizzas and play some fun games! One last hurrah for the current 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders!



### Zingers

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders are invited to our last gathering on **May 8<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-8pm for a Pizza Party!!!! We'll make our own pizzas and play some fun games to celebrate the end of Zingers for the school year.

### SUMMER GaGa Ball Fun Nights!

**Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**from 6:30-8 PM** - GaGa Ball & Fun

—new 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders

**Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30-8 PM**

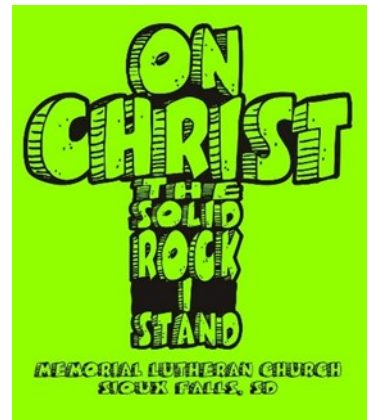
Calling new 1<sup>st</sup> graders up to new 6<sup>th</sup> graders to come play some GaGa Ball & more! Parents, you are more than welcome to stay and play too!!!! Come find out what GaGa ball is all about!



### Memorial VBS-Camp Rock July 21-24, 2024

**from 6-8:15 PM**

Interested in helping plan 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*

# End of Life Planning Workshop

Memorial Lutheran Church

Saturday June 1, 2024

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

(Lunch will be served - Please sign up on the slat wall across from the church office or by calling the church office at 605-334-7133, so that we can prepare enough food.)

We are all on a journey through life that is full of God's love and grace. Prayers and plans help us to navigate through all that we have and will encounter. This workshop is designed to provide you with information and resources to facilitate your planning process.



The following individuals will present on topics that we feel will be helpful to you. The presenters will make it feel more like a conversation than a presentation:

**Rachel Ross** will be our first presenter and will share information about a variety of health care services available to people. Rachel will talk about services at home, assisted living, skilled care, and information about hospice care.

**Pastor Aaron** will share his ministry of working with individuals as they experience these levels of care and the details of planning a funeral. He will also touch on experiencing and dealing with grief.

**Larry Raad** will present information that will help people understand the planning and documents they should have in place to take care of their estate and their family.

**Kristen Peterson** from Heritage Funeral Home will share information about the benefit and details of funeral planning and how she interacts with the family at the death of a loved one.

## MISSION & MINISTRY CONNECTIONS!



**St. Francis House:** Memorial will serve at the St. Francis House on Sunday, May 19th from 5:45-7:30pm. Sign up sheet is on the Outreach Slat Wall outside of the church office..

### The Blood Mobile was at Memorial on Sunday, April 14th

Thanks to all for donating. It was a great drive, with a total of 14 units donated, which will help save the lives of 42 of our local patients. We appreciate your support and commitment to Community Blood Bank, and wish you a wonderful summer. The next Blood Drive will be in October!



### Ongoing Collections:

- Used eyeglass, sunglasses, and hearing aids for the Lions Club. Place in the jar on the shelf by the gray slat board.
- Pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Place in jar on the shelf by the gray slat board.

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

Questions? Contact Dan Amert: danamert@yahoo.com  
Or Mary Andresen: maryacares@me.com

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on His left.

<sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me.'

<sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see You a stranger and invite You in, or needing clothes and clothe You? <sup>39</sup> When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit You?'

<sup>40</sup> "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 25:31-40

# Serving In May

## Serving Communion:

- May 5:** 8:00 am - Larry Noah, Rich Hartmann  
 9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Dan Amert, Don Becker, Ken Tucker  
 11:00 am - Andy Schmuck, Jim Schmidt, Joel Shaver, Paul Luetjen
- May 12:** 8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Rich Hartmann  
 9:30 am - Joel Quist, Mark Schoeneman, Rick Dierks, Tim Miller  
 11:00 am - Al Herring, Bill Cooper, Jim Schmidt, Mike Mlnarik
- May 19:** 8:00 am - Rich Hartmann, Rocky Boer  
 9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Dan Currier, Ken Tucker, Ken Wickre  
 11:00 am - Al Herring, Bill Cooper, Joel Shaver, Paul Luetjen
- May 26:** 9:30 am - Mike Mlnarik, Dan Amert, Mark Schoeneman, Terry Conrad

## Power Point Operators:

- May 5 -** 8:00 am - Eddie Jerke  
 9:30 am - Pete Illing  
 11:00 am - Shirley miller
- May 12 -** 8:00 am - Charlie Peters  
 9:30 am - Bruce Olson  
 11:00 am - Mike Gilbride
- May 19 -** 8:00 am - Troy Miller  
 9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein  
 11:00 am - Jacob Richards
- May 26 -** 9:30 am - Mike Gilbride

## May Lay Readers:

- May 5 -** 8:00 am - Dan Peters  
 9:30 am - Bob Seidel  
 11:00 am - Breck Miller
- May 12 -** 8:00 am - Jay Prouty  
 9:30 am - Ken Wickre  
 11:00 am - Bryce Gammeter
- May 19 -** 8:00 am - Larry Noah  
 9:30 am - Nadine Bornitz  
 11:00 am - Don Reichert
- May 26 -** 9:30 am - Janet Borchard

## May Sunday Ushers

- 8:00 am** - Doug Foster, Tom Kenyon, LeRoy Zafft, Rich Ulses, Dan Peters  
**9:30 am** - Bart Viss, Erik Helland, Kyle Loudenslager  
**11:00 am** - Paul Wood, Noah Wood, Mark Bridges

## May Acolytes:

- May 5 -** 8:00 am - Paul Lorang  
 11:00 am - Elsie Slavens
- May 12 -** 8:00 am - Troy Miller  
 11:00 am - Bode Larson
- May 19 -** 8:00 am - Tristen Miller  
 11:00 am - Elijah Richards
- May 26 -** 9:30 am - Caleb Quist

## May Accompanists:

(Worship Team - all 11 am Services)

- May 5 -** 8:00 am - Peggy Baney  
 9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- May 12 -** 8:00 am - Joy Johansen  
 9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- May 19 -** 8:00 am - Joy Johansen  
 9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
- May 26 -** 8:00 am - Jan Noah/Kristi Prouty

“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 Through Serving

“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

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Willard Dathe  
Lucy Kaiser
- 2- Judeen Brehmer  
Vivian Shaver
- 3- Tradyn Sand
- 4- Brian Casey  
Karen Newman
- 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  
Karla Wickre
- 9- Mark Bridges  
Ashley Conradt
- 10- Julie Dowling  
Clay Noteboom
- 12- Mia Catron  
Marcus Helland  
Rita Hoffman  
Leanne Holdorf  
Bannon Larson  
Brecken Larson  
Dustin Larson
- 13- Melanie Nelson  
Rev. Doug Slavens
- 14- Marcus Fleming
- 15- Katelyn Fiegen  
Adam Maxwell  
Bradyn Stansbury  
Bonnie Stewart
- 16- Chandler Christensen
- 17- Bonnie Haugen  
Isaac Maxwell  
Lyndsey Miller  
Natasha Presler

- 17- Andrea Schonhardt  
Joan Tuttle
- 18- Duane Ricke  
Kali Swift
- 19- Linda Braunesreither  
John Halbur  
Kathy Luetjen
- 20- Paul Haugen  
Andrew Meier  
Sue Reuter  
Mary Ross
- 21- John Duprey  
Kay Herring  
Glenda Mathiesen
- 22- Juli Anshutz  
Laurel Demaray  
Ted Jerke  
Nathan Werdel
- 23- Dawn Gilbertson  
Larry Miller  
Jackson Monson  
Brynlee Schmid  
Landon Sohre
- 24- Jan Koch

- 24- Hayden Schmidt  
Claire Sohre
- 25- Becky Bessman  
Denise Griebel
- 26- Rylan Boe  
Brian Catron  
Steve Feuerstein  
Wanda Helgager  
Trust Monfore  
Michelle Monson  
Charlie Schonhardt  
Lori Wendt
- 28- Ron Griebel  
Jennifer Johansen  
Michelle Miller  
Henry Reichert
- 29- Raymond Aljts  
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- Jason & Elaina Mathiesen  
Duane & Pam Ricke
- 20- Steve & Casey Johnston  
Dan & Candi Currier
- 25- Andrew & Laurie Hamann
- 29- Ken & Karla Wickre  
Loren & Sheila Boyens
- 30- Paul & Michelle Miller

## MAY CALENDAR

### Wed. May 1

8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
6:30 pm Club 345  
6:30 pm Confirmation - 'Bible History'  
6:30 pm High School Connect  
7 pm Adult Bible Study

### Thurs. May 2 - National Day Of Prayer

9 am Adult Bible Study  
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas  
6:30 - 8:30 pm Quilting Group  
7 pm Connect Elder's Meeting

### Fri. May 3

9 am Quilting group

### Sat. May 4

8:30 am Men's Bible Study  
9 am Worship Team Practice  
9 am Prayer Walk - Meet at Memorial

### Sun. May 5

8 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Studies - "The Story" - Café  
"The Parables Of Jesus" - Isaiah Rm  
11 am Contemporary Worship (+Livestream)  
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

### Mon. May 6

7:30 am - 4:30 pm Roosevelt HS - AP Exams  
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 Couples Bible Study

### Tues. May 7

7:30 am - 4:30 pm Roosevelt HS - AP Exams  
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas  
6:30 pm Card Ministry

### Wed. May 8

7:30 am - 4:30 pm Roosevelt HS - AP Exams  
8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
10 am Lois Circle  
6 pm Bells Practice  
6:30 pm Zingers  
6:30 pm Middle School Connect  
6:30 pm High School Connect  
7 pm Adult Bible Study

### Thurs. May 9

7:30 am - 4:30 pm Roosevelt HS - AP Exams  
9 am Adult Bible Study  
4 pm Just For Kix - 'backyard/garage' areas

### Fri. May 10

7:30 am - 4:30 pm Roosevelt HS - AP Exams

### Sat. May 11

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

### Sun. May 12 - Happy Mother's Day!

*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 - "The Story" - Café  
"The Parables Of Jesus" - Isaiah Rm  
11 am Contemporary Worship (+Livestream)

### Mon. May 13

7:30 am - 4:30 pm Roosevelt HS - AP Exams  
8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
6 pm Young Women's Study

### Tues. May 14

7:30 am - 4:30 pm Roosevelt HS - AP Exams  
6:30 pm Heart to Heart

### Wed. May 15

7:30 am - 4:30 pm Roosevelt HS - AP Exams  
8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
6:30 pm Club 345  
6:30 pm Confirmation - 'Lord's Prayer'  
6:30 pm High School Connect  
7 pm Adult Bible Study

### Thurs. May 16

7:30 am - 4:30 pm Roosevelt HS - AP Exams  
9 am Adult Bible Study  
10:30 am "55 Alive" Lunch, games, fellowship  
7 pm Church Council

### Fri. May 17

7:30 am - 4:30 pm Roosevelt HS - AP Exams

### Sat. May 18

8:30 am Men's Bible Study  
9 am Worship Team Practice  
8 am - 1 pm Private Party - 'garage' area  
3 pm - 8 pm Private Party - 'garage' area  
4 pm Hiller/Conrad Wedding - Off site  
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

### Sun. May 19

8 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Studies - "The Story" - café;  
"The Parables Of Jesus" - Isaiah Rm  
10:45 am - 3:30 pm Private Event - café  
11 am Contemporary Worship (+Livestream)  
12:30 pm NYG Meeting - Worship Center  
2 pm Private Party - 'garage' area  
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

### Mon. May 20

8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
6 pm Young Women's Study

### Tues. May 21

6 pm Private Event - Worship Center

### Wed. May 22

8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
6:30 pm Middle School Connect  
6:30 pm High School Connect  
7 pm Adult Bible Study

### Thurs. May 23

9 am Adult Bible Study  
2 pm Committal Service for Carol Bedford

### Fri. May 24

No Events Scheduled

### Sat. May 25

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

### Sun. May 26

*One Combined Worship Service This Day*  
9:30 am Blended Worship (+Livestream)

### Mon. May 27 - Memorial Day

OFFICE CLOSED

### Tues. May 28

No Events Scheduled

### Wed. May 29

6:30 pm Confirmation - 'Lord's Prayer'  
6:30 pm High School Connect  
7 pm Adult Bible Study

### Thurs. May 30

9 am Adult Bible Study

### Fri. May 31

No Events Scheduled

## 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 [jpikie@midco.net](mailto:jpikie@midco.net).

*"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."*

- Romans 10:17

## Bible Studies at Memorial

### 9:30 AM SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES -

*"The Parables Of Jesus" - in the Isaiah room; "THE STORY" - in the café.*

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

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY - 8:30am

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

Wednesday Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7pm at Memorial.

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

RightNow Media— Stream Bible Studies & Christian programming for the whole family! Email the church office for the link. [info@memoriallutheran.net](mailto:info@memoriallutheran.net))

Daily Devotion Opportunities: Mustard Seed Devotions. Go to [LWML.org](http://LWML.org) & click on resources; Lutheran Hour Ministries. Go to [lhm.org](http://lhm.org), click on News/Resources. Scroll down to Daily Devotions.

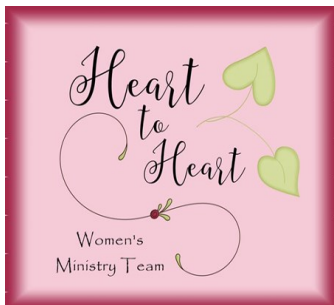
# Heart to Heart

Ministry To Women By Women.

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

Heart to Heart will be meeting on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30pm with an end of the year potluck. Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer type food or dessert. We will also be playing a game.

We do not meet in June or July and will resume with a picnic in August.



## 55 Alive

A group for retirees and other seasoned citizens

Next Meeting  
Thursday  
May 16  
10:30 AM

### Cafe Logos

Come together for games, food, and fellowship

Potluck lunch. Pulled pork entree is planned. Bring an item to contribute to the meal.



Use this QR code to let others know what you are bringing for the potluck

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

### SFLS Teacher Named Preschool Provider of the Year

Congratulations to Sara Brinkman, who was named 'hood Magazine's 2024 Preschool Provider of the year! Read the full story: [bit.ly/2024-preschool-provider-of-the-year](https://bit.ly/2024-preschool-provider-of-the-year).

### An Important Conversation about Youth Mental Health

On March 21, Rev. Dr. Justin Hannemann addressed parents, educators, church workers, and community members at Sioux Falls Lutheran School about Childhood and Youth Mental Health, with specific focus on Anti-Fragility, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and Best Practices. Catch his presentation on our blog: [bit.ly/youth-mental-health-conversation](https://bit.ly/youth-mental-health-conversation).

### First Look Fridays

Join us on the first Friday of the month at 9am meet our staff and students, tour the school building to observe learning in action, receive answers to your questions, & discover the value of investing in your child's future at SFLS. Learn more and RSVP at: [www.siouxfallslutheran.com/first-look-fridays](https://www.siouxfallslutheran.com/first-look-fridays).

### Meet Admissions & Marketing Coordinator Vania Asmus

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Vania Asmus to SFLS! As our new admissions and marketing coordinator, she'll work alongside our director of community engagement to assist prospective families through our admissions process, contribute to our marketing team as a graphic designer, and help with hosting a variety of SFLS events. Meet Vania: [bit.ly/meet-sfls-admissions-marketing-coordinator](https://bit.ly/meet-sfls-admissions-marketing-coordinator).

### SFLS Senior Grant Prouty Commits to Play Baseball at Peru State

SFLS senior, Grant Prouty, looks forward to playing baseball at Peru State College in Peru, Nebraska, next year. A preschool through 12th grade SFLS student, Prouty has been playing baseball in the Sioux Falls community since he was approximately four years old. Read more: [bit.ly/sfls-senior-commits-to-baseball-peru-state](https://bit.ly/sfls-senior-commits-to-baseball-peru-state).



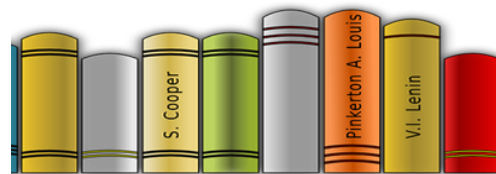
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## Sioux Falls Lutheran Annual Book Sale August 7-10, 2024

This event raises money for tuition assistance. You may start bringing your donations **May 19**.

**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.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS!


Mark your calendars for the following events at Memorial!

- **May 4:** First "Friday" (but on a Saturday) Fellowship. Join us for a prayer walk as we gather at the church and stroll through the neighborhood, offering blessings through our prayers for everything we encounter. Bring your family, friends, and walking shoes. We will meet at 9:00am.
- **May 16:** This is the third Thursday of the month and that means that 55 Alive (a group for retirees & other seasoned citizens) **will be meeting at 10:30 AM** (please note time change). Pulled pork is the planned entree for this potluck. Please bring a side dish to share and games to play.
- **Quilting Update:** Janet Borchard led an informational meeting on April 15 and it was decided that there is enough interest in forming a quilting group at Memorial. The quilting group will meet on Thursday, May 2, from 6:30pm-8:30pm as well as Friday, May 3, from 9:00am-12:00pm. There will be more dates coming. Contact myself or Janet Borchard for more information or to be added to the quilting information email group.

Blessings,  
Melinda

### UPCOMING FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

**Friday, June 7** - Levitt at the Falls  
**Friday, July 5** - Bowling  
**Friday, August 9** - Canaries Baseball game (Please note- This is the 2nd Friday in August. The Canaries do not have a home game on the First Friday.)



*"Connecting  
To Jesus  
And You!"*

## Prayer Walk

Walk and pray  
over our community

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**  
**9:00am**




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Bring your family and your  
walking shoes!

We will meet in the parking lot.