



# MEMORIAL LUTHERAN Connection

August 2022

## There Is No Holier Land

By Pastor Aaron Asmus

Okay, I'll admit – the trip to The Holy Land that Lisa and I will begin on August 15 is occupying many of my thoughts these days. We've attempted to take a Holy Land pilgrimage several times over the years beginning in Fall of 1995. But each time we were getting close to "sealing the deal," something stood in the way – everything from a family crisis, to a blocked schedule, to a COVID virus. I'm not even sure exactly what the number is of this particular attempt. But at the risk of speaking too soon and having something totally unexpected appear on the horizon that might disrupt this trip, it certainly appears that the plane will be leaving Chicago on Monday evening the 15<sup>th</sup> with Lisa and myself on it.

First of all, thank you for making this trip possible. The gift from you as a congregation (initiated three years ago marking our 20 years together in ministry at Memorial) is a generous gift indeed! To see with my own eyes the landscape of our Lord's ministry among us has been a life-long desire for me. People who've visited Israel and the surrounding area claim that it's impossible to replace the first-hand perspective that such a trip lends to the understanding of the Scriptures. I don't expect the experience to make my salvation in Christ be any more secure. God continues to do an amazing job of bringing those promises home to my heart to instill a certainty in what our Savior Jesus has done for me. But I DO expect to gain further insight into how real the Lord's presence among us truly is!

As I contemplate our upcoming trip, however, I have one more thought I'd like to share with you: I guess it should be obvious why the area is generally called "The Holy Land." The word "holy" means "set apart to be special." Without a doubt Israel is a special place. It's the land to which God had led Abraham and His descendants when He promised to give them a home of their own. There's a lot of special history that's taken place there – history that many

of us have read and recited over and over again; history that has found its focal point in Jesus; history that has changed my life from a hopeless wandering into an eternally purposeful journey. It struck me in our story at Vacation Bible School last night how God announced His presence to Moses by calling the Sinai desert ground on which Moses was standing "holy ground." God was present there! It certainly was holy land!

But it's also not lost on me that God's presence among us is every bit as real and as holy right here in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. That's

*"Surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*  
(Matt. 28:20).

where you and I live. And that's where God continues to come among us – over and over again by the strength of His Word and in the power of His promised presence in our Lord's Supper. Jesus was called *Immanuel* because the

name declared the truth: this is "God with Us!" (Matt. 1:23) – the same Jesus who said to His disciples and for all of us to hear: "Surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt. 28:20).

**There is no holier land** than the very ground you stand upon as our Lord confirms His promises that His love for you never ends.

**There is no holier land** than the place you and your family occupy as you serve one another as Jesus served you. **There is no holier land** than the pathway between you and your neighbor as you come near with Christ's words that speak forgiveness and with actions that demonstrate the love and hope we know from Him!

Don't get me wrong. I'm looking forward to this coming experience in Israel. I'm really grateful for the opportunity. But the God who has chosen to come among us in the person of Jesus Christ, who was walking on some very specific Middle-Eastern real estate exactly 2000 years ago, is no less alive today than He has always been – interacting with human beings like you and me that He loves with an everlasting love!

*God's blessings!*  
*Pastor Aaron*

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

### SUNDAY WORSHIP INFORMATION:

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am\* Blended Worship

11:00 am Contemporary Worship

11 am service is also Livestreamed. Visit, [www.memoriallutheran.net](http://www.memoriallutheran.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.

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost"*  
- Luke 19:10

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# Outreach

## St. Francis House:

Memorial will serve dinner from 5:45 pm -7:30pm on August 21. The sign up is on the table by the front doors. Remember that you may not wear shorts or sandals. They will supply workers with gloves, beard nets, and hair nets.

## Sioux Falls Lutheran Annual Book Sale:

The used book sale will be held August 10-13. We're accepting books, puzzles, and board games for the sale. Donations are being taken until August 8.

Sale Dates/Times: August 10-12 8am-6pm; August 13 8am-noon. \$5 Bag sale on Friday, August 12 & Saturday, August 13. The book sale money assists the Sioux Falls Lutheran School Tuition Assistance Fund. If you would like to help with the sale, call Peggy Baney at 605-759-8424.



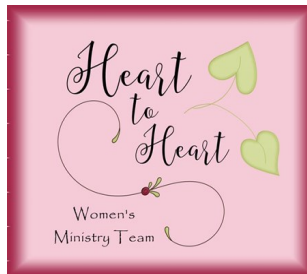
**Comfort Meals:** Did you know that a group of members assemble meals that are frozen and kept in the freezer at church? These meals are wrapped in foil and are rectangular shaped. You may take these meals to people in need: new parents, death in a family, hard times, fire in home, sickness in family, just need a pick-me-up.....Call the office at 605-334-7133 for more details.

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

## *Heart to Heart is Ministry To Women By Women*

Each month, we offer Fellowship, Study and Service opportunities for women of all ages. No membership is required...just a desire to join with other women.

If you think this is a ministry that might interest you or you would like to attend an event... please check out 'Heart to Heart Women's Ministry' Facebook page or contact the church office (info@memoriallutheran.net or 605-334-7133) for more info.



**UPCOMING EVENTS** (6:30-8p at church unless otherwise noted)

**August 8** -Picnic at Falls Park - 6:30pm

**September** -Help plan events/projects for 2023.

Watch for more info on upcoming events.

**Electronic Newsletter:** Did you know that you can have the Memorial Newsletter delivered to your inbox? No papers to shuffle through, see the colored version, and saves paper & postage. Have the news at your fingertips to go back and find info on a particular event or to check the calendar. Just send an email to Kathy in the office, and you will be added to the email newsletter list. Thank you to all who currently receive the newsletter via email. (info@memoriallutheran.net)



## **MEMORIAL HISTORY!**

### ***Did you know?***

In March of 1943, the Secretary of Missions came to Sioux Falls to determine the feasibility of a new mission church.

On August 13, 1943, Pastor Herman E. Rossow arrived in Sioux Falls after accepting a call to begin a mission church.

## **Bible Studies at Memorial**

### **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...**

Thursdays at 9:00 am in the café.

A variety of topics are studied.

### **GOD'S WORD ALONE -**

This series will discuss the authenticity and authority of Scripture, as well as how books came to be. We'll use other documentaries along the way to establish the trustworthiness of Scripture, with plenty of times to answer questions. Sundays in the James Room at 9:30am. *Led by Chris Andresen*

### **GOSPEL DNA -**

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm - This study traces five markers that lead to a flourishing church. Hope is closer than you may think. It's time to reconnect with Gospel DNA. *Led by Dan Amert*

### **TWELVE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**

**A Women's Study beginning June 12th.**

Sundays 9:30am in the café. **Aren't you drawn to women who are transparent and real?** In this 12-session study, you will meet a group of amazing women in the Bible who are absolutely real. Their stories are not fairytales, their road was not easy, and their examples are not perfect. They lived in times and places quite different than ours, yet they hold up a mirror that can help us better understand our own story. A perfect summer study! You can pop in any Sunday you're available and meet a different woman of the Bible.

Workbook -your cost \$5 (Heart to Heart Women's Ministry will cover balance)  
Text/call Connie to reserve your book  
(605-321-5870)

**RightNow Media**—This resource is for everyone. You can have Bible studies to stream directly to you AND you can have an abundance of Christian Children's programming available for the whole family! It's the "Netflix" of Bible Studies & Christian videos for adults & kids! Just email the church office & a link will be sent to you.

### **Daily Devotion Opportunities**

LWML Mustard Seed Devotions. Go to LWML.org and click on resources.



Another daily devotion is from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Go to lhm.org and click on News/ Resources. Scroll down to Daily Devotions.

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

## NEWS FROM THE GARAGE:

The number of times I tell my children to stop to help them avoid danger or unnecessary fear or pain, only to be immediately ignored—never fails to make me feel like I'm the least important or substantial human being in their lives. Like my opinion, authority, and feelings don't hold any value to them. However, as I read over the statistics in Relationships Count, I'm faced with the truth. The way I raise my girls, respond to their experiences, and teach them through life has the greatest impact, above all others (aside from Fathers, according to the research). One quote stands above the rest, "Those who today are unaffiliated with any church (referring to millennials who no longer affiliate with any church but used to be LCMS members) were much more likely to report poorer relationships with their parents." My encouragement for you is to keep fighting for your children and their faith, keep encouraging them to wrestle with life's tough situations and God's great love, and include daily faith practices in your life. Your children are watching and they value what they see in you!

*"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."* -Deuteronomy 6:6-7

## STUDENT CONNECT

**Summer High School Connect** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr) meets every Wednesday, starting at 6:30pm. Check out the summer schedule for details! **High School August 26th, Canaries @7:05pm.** RSVP by August 12th. Get tickets at <https://www.fevo.com/edp/Memorial-Lutheran-Church-Night-at-the-Birdcage-a86zfUwa>

**Summer Middle School Connect** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr) meets twice monthly over the summer. Check out the summer schedule for details! Looking for Parent help during our Connect Nights, sign up with Hailey Jo—THANKS!

- **Middle School Aug 2nd, walk to Dairy Queen; 6:30-8pm (bring \$) Middle School (parents welcome to join)**
- **Aug 26th, Canaries @7:05pm.** RSVP by August 12th. Get tickets at <https://www.fevo.com/edp/Memorial-Lutheran-Church-Night-at-the-Birdcage-a86zfUwa>

**9:20 Sunday Bible Study** (For 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade): Students are welcome to join us for Bible Study every Sunday morning. Doors open at 9:10am, with games, socializing and then music.

**Worship with your family! No Bible Study September 4th.**

## Move-Up Day

Students entering their 6<sup>th</sup> grade year will be able to move up to Middle School beginning September 11th. Save the date for August 28th for a parent meeting at 1:30pm.

## CONFIRMATION

If your student has completed all 8 class units then they may begin working on their project. Students have to complete their units before they can begin work on their final projects. Continue to work on Worship Reflections throughout the summer.

### Confirmation Parent Meeting Sunday, August 28th

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents 1:30-2pm  
7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents 2:30-3:30pm


## IMPORTANT DATES

- 9:20 Bible Study (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr.) Sundays
- HS Connect - Every Wednesday, 6:30-8pm
- MS Connect - Check out the Summer Schedule!
- MS & HS Canaries -Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Confirmation Parent Meeting , Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>
- NO Sunday Bible Study, Sunday, September 4th

## Lutheran Women in Mission:

**What is the LWML?** We are Lutheran – Women – in–Mission who: proclaim Christ; support missions; equip women to honor God by serving others. If you have questions or would like more info about Women in Mission, contact Lisa Asmus.

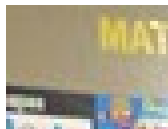
**Our monthly Bible studies will resume in September.**

 You may empty your mite box into the wooden mite box on the shelf in the entryway. Take it home again and refill it! What happens to the mite box offerings we collect??? They are put into action to fund the work of the LWML including "Mission Grants" in South Dakota (75%) and around the world (25%).

**Please pray for the following organizations who will receive funding for our mite offerings:**

**August LWML Mites in Action:** The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas - St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy — \$42,000. St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy is located in a poor Dallas community of mostly unchurched families and offers the only Christ-centered

preschool, before and after school care, and adult academic & Bible classes. St. Paul is outgrowing their current facility after a single year of operation. Going forward, more space is needed for the preschool, nursery, and after-school educational enrichment. The kitchen needs to be upgraded to a commercial kitchen. The funds will help with these expenses.



*Teacher Jonesia Hickman works with preschoolers Nola & Saint Arvie at St. Paul Lutheran Church, which turned Sunday School classrooms into innovative and creative learning spaces for little ones.*

**LWML South Dakota District Mites in Action:** Black Hills Pregnancy Center Earn While You Learn Program — \$5,000. The program was established to give help for unplanned pregnancies. Young parents learn proper parenting skills for their newborn through age 4. This program helps clients choose life for their babies when they see there is support for them to learn, grow, and understand how to be good parents. This grant would help fund the cost of the curriculum for the Earn While You Learn program.

### August Flowers for Worship Center:

7 – Judi Brennan, Betty Zeik (in memory of Nancy)  
14 – Open    21 – Open    28 – Open  
o you have an anniversary or birthday you would like to celebrate with flowers in the worship center? Check out the sign-up sheet on the wall to the left of the kitchen to mark your date. Let Kathy know if you would like the occasion for the flowers listed in the prayers.



### Coming Soon:

- **September 24** – Sarah Sailer presents: Write to Remember
- **October 15** – Sioux Falls Zone Rally at Zion
- **October 16** – Root Beer Diaper Shower for Baby Miller (Hailey Jo & Blake)
- **October 22** – Craft and Vendor Fair Contact Colleen Keiser if you would like a space to sell your items.





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - INSIGHTS FROM LIZ ...

*"Let me hear of your unfailing love each morning, for I am trusting you. Show me where to walk, for I give myself to you."*  
Psalm 143:8 NLT

The last few weeks have been crazy. VBS has consumed my life. Getting volunteers, dividing kids into groups, figuring out music, creating the Powerpoints, making sure we have supplies.....the list went on and on. I'd wake up in the middle of the night thinking about something that needs to be done, write it down and work on it in the morning. I LOVE my job. I get to share Jesus with kids, and VBS allows me to come up with ways to share God's love and grace. So when I read Psalm 143:8, I am reminded that God's got this, it will all fall into place and Jesus will be shared. I am thankful for everyone that is helping making VBS happen with me being gone with my dad. I thank God for sending me to Memorial Lutheran.

-Liz Peters Director of Children's Ministries

## Summer Sunday School 9:30-10:30 AM

## VBS 2022 Camp Moses Recap

Thanks to ALL who made VBS happen! The kids got a closer look at Moses and how God called Moses to rescue His people. God also sent Jesus to rescue us, the promise of the one-to-come. At VBS, the kids got to experience the stories, the "room of plagues", make some great crafts, play some games, sing some songs and eat LOTs of cookies! We had over a 100 kids register and 60 some volunteers helping out! I will share all the numbers next month. We collected cereal for the Food Pantry and offering to the Alpha Center. Thanks again!



## Fall Sunday School

We will be starting up The Gospel Project for Kids Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30-10:30 AM for 3 years olds up to new 5<sup>th</sup> Graders in the classrooms off the Backyard. We will pick up in the New Testament with Acts and the Apostle Paul. Registration will go live the end of August on the web site for kiddos. Also looking for SS staff to help share Jesus....so see Liz if you are interested in being on the SS team!



## Acolytes

Acolytes are young members (new 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders) of the congregation who assist with the worship services by lighting and extinguishing the candles, and other worship duties as needed. We use acolytes at the 8 am and 11 am Worship and at special services like Advent, Lent, Christmas. If you are a 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, or 6<sup>th</sup> grader and would like help please let Liz know by **Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**. Schedule will be emailed out and in newsletters. See Liz for more information. Email [children@memoriallutheran.net](mailto:children@memoriallutheran.net) or text #759-4782

## Third Grade Bible Presentations

On **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** all third grade students will be presented with a Bible from Memorial. This will be a special time for the students and their parents to receive this teaching tool during the early and late worship services on Sunday morning. **During the SS hour (9:20-10:30 AM), the parents will attend a special class with their child on ways to use the Bible in the home.**



*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*

## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS

- |  |  |                                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1- Emma Duprey<br>Cole Heyd<br>Debra Weeldreyer  | 8- Sarah Stokke<br>9- Sheila Boyens<br>Debra Stuck | 10- Allie Johnston<br>Leesa Olander  |
| 2- Cynthia Hansen<br>Grant Jackson<br>Chrissy Ling                                     | 12- Sydney Determan<br>Theodore Gundvaldson        | 13- Courtney Currier<br>Erin Griebel |
| 3- Nancy Bialas  | 14- Beth Elam<br>Cari Stein                        | 16- Allen Hulzebos                   |
| 4- Lynna Christensen<br>Lydia Slavens  | 17- Brendan Hansen<br>Parker McNamara              | 19- Jason Schroeder                  |
| 5- Bhrett Baney<br>Carolyn Reitz<br>Kelly Ricke  | 20- Wyatt Davidson<br>Jeff Nelson                  | 21- Joy Johansen<br>Samantha Parson  |
| 6- Emmie Holland<br>Heidi Jerke<br>Colleen Johnson<br>Bristol Krumm<br>Samantha Penrod | 22- Jennifer Henry                                 |                                      |

### BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|
| 22- Jenn Neisteadt  | 23- Nathan Bleeker<br>Cole Knudtson<br>Susie Richards |
| 24- Chris Andresen<br>Wendy Lampe                                     | 25- Natasha Meyer<br>Brenda Schmidt<br>Andy Schmuck   |
| 27- Mara Dahmen<br>Travis Graves<br>Shirley Miller<br>Jeremy Richards | 28- John Duprey<br>Gloriann Kueter<br>Brandon Schmid  |
| 29- Jim Amen  | 30- Ryan Ling<br>Wayne Steensma                       |
| 31- Lionel Fraction<br>Doug Monzat<br>Lindie Nord,<br>Tami Penrod     |   |

### ANNIVERSARIES

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1- John & Kim Duprey<br>Robb & Dawn Grotewold<br>Jered & Angela Holland   | 14 - Bill & Shelley Miller<br>Jim & Lindie Nord<br>Doug & June Schaefer |
| 2- Rick & Karen Geske   | 15- Gregg & Kris Oehlerts   |
| 3 - Matthew & Katie Braden<br>Matt & Gina Hieb                            | 18- Corey & Liz Christensen   |
| 4- Breck & Lyndsey Miller   | 19- Kelby & Heidi Krabbenhoft   |
| 5- Tyler & Joslyn Durfee<br>Jeremy & Susie Richards                       | 21- Tim & Toni Dahmen<br>Arthur & Vivian Shaver                         |
| 6 - Josh & Kathryn Mlnarik  | 22- Chad & Amy Bozzell<br>Monty & LaDonna Dell                          |
| 7 - John & Georgia Raap   | 23- Dustin & Ashley Larson<br>David & Sandra Witte                      |
| 9- Peter & Ellie Nord<br>Matt & Sarah Stokke<br>Aaron & Kathleen Tennyson | 24- Brad & Mary Hanisch   |
| 10- Merlin & Lisa Knutson   | 27- Travis & Shauna Hamilton  |
| 11- John & Shirley Johannsen  | 28- Mark & Jackie Swanstrom   |
| 12- Mark & Laura Gibbs<br>Bernie & Karen Moore                            | 29- Bob & Christa Kerr<br>Russ & Shanna Konz                            |
| 13- Kevin & Wendy Lampe<br>Mike & Tanya Lindsey<br>Gary & Michelle Reil   | 30- Larry & Kristie Hoyme   |
| 14- Craig & Kathy Gehrels   | 31- Steve & Stacy VanWesten   |

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

## Using Fruit of the Spirit to Build a Safe, Challenging School Environment

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." —Galatians 5:22-23*

At SFLS, students receive more than an excellent academic education and robust extracurricular experience. Our educators are committed to developing children—academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually—into capable, Christian servant-leaders who are world ready and faith secure.

They do so by intentionally nurturing fruit of the spirit qualities within students

as they study God's Word alongside Peace-WiseKids and Youth Curriculum.

Learn more about PeaceWise and its benefits on our blog at [bit.ly/sfls-blog-fruit-of-the-spirit](https://bit.ly/sfls-blog-fruit-of-the-spirit). Contact our admissions director at 605-335-1923 to schedule an educational success consultation in order to learn more about how our whole-child approach to education could benefit your student and family.

**\*SFLS has ample scholarship funds available for incoming kindergarten and high school families during the 2022-23 school year. Please schedule an Educational Success Consultation to learn more!**

## Save the Date for Celebrate His Gifts

We look forward to another beautiful night of fellowship and fun as we celebrate and support the ministry and mission of SFLS. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Saturday, October 22, for the 2022 Celebrate His Gifts Gala! Follow event updates at [www.siouxfallslutheran.com/celebrate-his-gifts](https://www.siouxfallslutheran.com/celebrate-his-gifts).



## Annual Used Book Sale



**August 10th - August 13th, 2022**

8:00am-6:00pm (Wed.-Fri.)

8:00am-12:00pm (Sat.)

Memorial Lutheran Church

5000 South Western Avenue

Sioux Falls, SD 57108

*All proceeds support the Tuition Assistance fund at  
Sioux Falls Lutheran School*

*Fiction Novels Informational Textbooks Cookbooks DIY*

*Children's CD'S DVD'S Game CD'S*

**\$5 Bag Sale on Friday & Saturday**

# Serving In August

## Serving Communion:

- Aug. 7:** 8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Dan Peters  
9:30 am - Dan Currier, Don Schmidt, Joel Quist, Mark Schoeneman  
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Bill Cooper, Darold Danley, Dave Fehrs
- Aug. 14:** 8:00 am - Doug Foster, Rich Hartmann  
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Don Schmidt, Terry Conrad, Craig Gehrels  
11:00 am - Andy Schmuck, Jerome Heyd, Jim Schmidt, Kasey Danley
- Aug. 21:** 8:00 am - Doug Foster, Rich Hartmann  
9:30 am - Don Becker, Ken Tucker, Mark Schoeneman, Rick Dierks  
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Darold Danley, Jim Schmidt, Joel Shaver
- Aug. 28:** 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Rich Ulses  
9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Dan Currier, Don Becker, Ken Tucker  
11:00 am - Bill Cooper, Dave Fehrs, Kasey Danley, Mike Gilbride

## AUGUST Sunday Ushers

- 8:00 am** - Larry Noah, Rocky Boer, Gordy Johnsons, Jeff Nelson, Dennis O'Neill  
**9:30 am** - Tim Miller, Dan Amert, Ken Wickre, Larry Miller  
**11:00 am** - Wayne Grothmann, Cindy Grothmann, Craig Larson, Scott Ruml, Mike Mlnarik

## August Acolytes:

- Aug 7 -** 8:00 am - Ethan Gugel  
11:00 am - Lily Irvin  
**Aug 14 -** 8:00 am - Tristen Miller  
11:00 am - Brianna Danley  
**Aug 21 -** 8:00 am - Henry Woodson  
11:00 am - Gavin Brosnahan  
**Aug 28 -** 8:00 am - Eddie Jerke  
11:00 am - Ruby Slavens

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

## Power Point Operators:

- Aug 7 -** 8:00 am - Seth Peters  
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein  
11:00 am - Jacob Richards  
**Aug 14 -** 8:00 am - Charlie Peters  
9:30 am - Pete Illing  
11:00 am - Mike Gilbride  
**Aug 21 -** 8:00 am - Eddie Jerke  
9:30 am - Bruce Olson  
11:00 am - Wayne Grothmann  
**Aug 28 -** 8:00 am - Seth Peters  
9:30 am - Pete Illing  
11:00 am - Shirley Miller

## August Lay Readers:

- Aug 7 -** 8:00 am - Dan Peters  
9:30 am - Bruce Olson  
11:00 am - Chris Andresen  
**Aug 14 -** 8:00 am - Larry Noah  
9:30 am - Ken Wickre  
11:00 am - Shirley Miller  
**Aug 21 -** 8:00 am - Rose Foster  
9:30 am - Marge Rand  
11:00 am - Wayne Grothmann  
**Aug 28 -** 8:00 am - Dan Peters  
9:30 am - Tim Miller  
11:00 am - Breck Miller

## August Accompanists:

*(The Worship Team accompa-  
nies all 11 am Worship Services)*

- Aug 7 -** 8:00 am - Joy Johansen  
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty  
**Aug 14 -** 8:00 am - Peggy Baney  
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty  
**Aug 21 -** 8:00 am - Jan Noah  
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty  
**Aug 28 -** 8:00 am - Peggy Baney  
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

*Serving*

## Building Loan Update

Balance as of January 1, 2022 = \$ 506,343  
Principal paid YTD = \$ 132,464  
Current Loan Balance as of July 16, 2022 = \$ 373,897

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

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

### OFFERING SUMMARY - 2022

July ... Giving to date	\$ 76,869	Monthly Budgeted Need	\$102,597
Giving YTD	\$ 497,778	Budgeted Need YTD	\$710,310

**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** - is also available. Please see the brochures on the shelf across from the office.

### Memorial Wish List

Funding for high school quilts (\$50 ea); Funding for Faith Chests (\$26 ea.); Street sign update; Carpet Replacement; Tech equipment for Sanctuary

*"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*

Do you shop on Amazon? Did you know that if you shop Amazon Smile, .5% of your purchase will be donated to a charity of your choice? Memorial Lutheran Church can be chosen as a recipient! Doesn't seem like a lot, but it adds up.

**amazonsmile**  
You shop. Amazon gives.

# AUGUST CALENDAR

## Mon. August 1

7 am SFLS Childcare

## Tues. August 2

7 am SFLS Childcare

5:30 pm-9:30 pm Private Meeting James/John Rm

6:30 pm-8 pm Middle School Connect

## Wed. August 3

7 am SFLS Childcare

6:30 pm High School Connect

6:30 pm Gospel DNA Study

6:30 pm Elder's Meeting

## Thurs. August 4

7 am SFLS Childcare

9 am Adult Bible Study

5 pm TOPS

## Friday August 5

7 am SFLS Childcare

5 pm - 8 pm Private Meeting James/John Room

## Sat. August 6

8 am Men's Bible Studies

9 am Worship Team Practice

9 am - 12 pm Rock Installation for landscaping (see p. 8)

## Sun. August 7

8 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Blended Worship

9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)

9:30 am Bible Study-GOD'S WORD ALONE- James Rm

9:30 am 12 WOMEN IN THE BIBLE - Women's Study - café

11 am Contemporary Worship

11 am Livestream Worship

4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

## Mon. August 8

7 am SFLS Childcare

6:30 pm Presler Small Group

## Tues. August 9

7 am SFLS Childcare

## Wed. August 10

7 am SFLS Childcare

8 am - 6 pm SFLS Annual Book Sale

6:30 pm Gospel DNA Study

6:30 pm High School Connect

## Thurs. August 11

7 am SFLS Childcare

8 am - 6 pm SFLS Annual Book Sale

9 am Adult Bible Study

5 pm TOPS

## Fri. August 12

7 am SFLS Childcare

8 am - 6 pm SFLS Annual Book Sale

6 pm - 8:30 pm New Member Game Night

## Sat. August 13

8 am Men's Bible Studies

8 am - 12 noon SFLS Annual Book Sale

9 am Worship Team Practice

## Sun. August 14- Welcome New Members

8 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Blended Worship

9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)

9:30 am Bible Study-GOD'S WORD ALONE- James Rm

9:30 am 12 WOMEN IN THE BIBLE - Women's Study-café

11 am Contemporary Worship

11 am Livestream Worship

4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

## Mon. August 15

7 am SFLS Childcare

## Tues. August 16

7 am SFLS Childcare

## Wed. August 17

7 am SFLS Childcare

6:30 pm Gospel DNA Study

6:30 pm High School Connect

## Thurs. August 18

7 am SFLS Childcare

9 am Adult Bible Study

5 pm TOPS

7 pm Church Council

## Fri. August 19

7 am SFLS Childcare

6 pm Private Event Set up - garage

## Sat. August 20

8 am Men's Bible Studies

9 am Worship Team Practice

9 am - 3 pm Private Event - garage

## Sun. August 21

8 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Blended Worship

9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)

9:30 am Bible Study-GOD'S WORD ALONE- James Rm

9:30 am 12 WOMEN IN THE BIBLE - Women's Study - café

11 am Contemporary Worship

11 am Livestream Worship

## Mon. August 22

7 am SFLS Childcare

6-8:15 pm Vacation Bible School - *CAMP MOSES*

## Tues. August 23

7 am SFLS Childcare

8 am - 3 pm Homeschool Group

6 pm - 9 pm Private Meeting - garage

## Wed. August 24

7 am SFLS Childcare

6:30 pm Gospel DNA Study

6:30 pm High School Connect

## Thurs. August 25

7 am SFLS Childcare

9 am Adult Bible Study

5 pm TOPS

## Fri. August 26

7 am SFLS Childcare

7:05 pm MS & HS youth at the Canaries Game

## Sat. August 27

8 am Men's Bible Studies

9 am Worship Team Practice

11 am - 4 pm Private Party - garage

## Sun. August 28

8 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Blended Worship

9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)

9:30 am Bible Study-GOD'S WORD ALONE- James Rm

9:30 am 12 WOMEN IN THE BIBLE - Women's Study-café

11 am Contemporary Worship

11 am Livestream Worship

1:30 pm - 2 pm 6th Gr Parent Confirmation Meeting

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade Parent

Confirmation Meeting

## Mon. August 29

7 am SFLS Childcare

6:30 pm Presler Small Group

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Private Meeting - garage

## Tues. August 30

7 am SFLS Childcare

8 am - 3 pm Homeschool Group

5 pm - 9:30 pm Private Meeting - garage

## Wed. August 31

7 am SFLS Childcare

6:30 pm Gospel DNA Study

6:30 pm High School Connect

Looking to find out what's happening at Memorial? Check out the online calendar on our website at [www.memoriallutheran.net](http://www.memoriallutheran.net).

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

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## Get Involved

### Connecting to Jesus and You!

It has been a few months since I have taken the role as Director of Ministry Involvement at Memorial. I have spent time learning the role and responsibilities as well as beginning to implement my vision for how I can connect you to Jesus and others.

One of my main responsibilities is to help with the New Member Class. We are welcoming fifteen adults and six children into the Memorial family on August 14. It has been so much fun getting to know these individuals and sharing our church's history and beliefs with them. We explored our spiritual gifts and unique personalities and came to the realization that the church is stronger when each of us use our God-given gifts and personalities to serve the church and those around us. I have been so blessed by the members of the New Member Team. They were an integral part of the success of this class.

As I spoke about in last month's newsletter, I am updating the Ministry Interest Survey to help connect you to different ministries within

the church. I will make this available to members in September. In this survey, you will be amazed at the variety of opportunities available to you at Memorial.

Another project that I am working on is updating our church's directory, specifically the photo directory. For three Sundays this fall, I will be organizing an informal "photo shoot" at the church. I would like to collect current photos of as many families or individuals as possible. If you would like to assist me in this project, please let me know. I can use as much help as possible.

I have been welcomed into this role by many people. I have enjoyed getting to know members that I previously did not know. I look forward to meeting more of the Memorial family as I continue with this position.

*Melinda*

*"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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### HELP COMPLETE THE LANDSCAPING!

Volunteers are needed to help install the rock in the front of our building. Join us on Saturday Aug. 6th as we complete the work we began on Memorial weekend.



#### Landscaping Rock Installation

**Who:** Volunteers

**What:** Install new rock with shovels, rakes, and wheel barrows

**When:** Saturday, August 6, 9am - 12noon or until complete

**Where:** Memorial Lutheran Church

**Why:** To finish the great work we started on Memorial Day Sunday



*Questions?*

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