



# MEMORIAL LUTHERAN

"Connecting To Jesus And You!"

# Connection

April 2023

## "Every Morning Is Easter Morning!"

By Pastor Aaron Asmus

An Easter chorus written by Richard Avery and Don Marsh sings:

*"Every morning is Easter morning from now on—  
Every day is resurrection day;  
the past is over and gone!"*

Easter's message is simple and clear: Jesus Christ has entered our lives . . . giving His own life . . . rising with new life . . . so that every day we live is a celebration of hope, of forgiveness, of renewal. Again, the message? Jesus simply said, "Because I live, you also shall live!" *(John 14:19b. I also invite you to read John 11:25-26 & 1 Corinthians 15:51-58.)*

Can you imagine observing Easter without this message? Could we really get all that excited over a short holiday break from work or school? . . . or a couple extra pounds of chocolate bunnies, marshmallow chickies, and jelly beans? . . . A few new spring clothes which might get worn through the middle of summer, and maybe twice more next year? What would really be the point?

The song continues:

*"Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good riddance!  
Hello, Lord, Hello, sun!  
I am one of the Easter People!  
My new life has begun!"*

What does Easter mean for you? What does it mean for the Church? And what does it mean for many who have not been able to see beyond the surface shine of a few happy spring experiences. We who are "Easter people," who know of Jesus'

resurrection, have the most important Good News to share with a world of people who are often starved from lack of good news.

Many things threaten to starve us from hearing good news. Illness; falling out with a friend; mistake at work; dispute with a neighbor; argument with a family member; a fall to temptation – maybe even *again*; failure to accomplish a task; the seeming finality of death; \_\_\_\_\_ fill in your own blank. Any one or combination of these life experiences can wipe out any sense of well-being I may try to cling to – unless I understand the message of Jesus' resurrection.

If Jesus has not risen from the dead, what He did to give to us the forgiveness of sins is buried forever with a dead man. If Jesus has not risen from the dead, the hope and promise of everlasting life with God is hollow and empty. We're left to somehow try to make it through *this* life as best as we can – and then comes the end. But He *has* risen from the dead! And so each morning echoes the promise of new life. "The past is over and gone" – whether it's the past of failure, guilt, or the threats that lurk in the valley of the shadow of death. "Goodbye, guilt! Goodbye, fear!" Or shall we say, "Good riddance!"

"EVERY MORNING IS EASTER MORNING!" Do you need to hear this Good News? I sure do. Can you think of anyone else who may need to hear this message or experience it from you?

God's resurrection blessings!

*Pastor Aaron*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

### INFORMATION:

8:00 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am\* Blended Worship  
11:00 am Contemporary Worship  
11 am service is also Livestreamed.  
Visit, [www.memorillutheran.net](http://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."*

HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- April 2 - Directory Update Photos - 9-11 am
- April 6 - **Maundy Thursday** Worship - 6:30pm (Communion Service)
- April 7 - **Good Friday** Worship - 6:30pm
- April 9 - **Easter Celebration Services** - Worship at 6:30am; 8am; 9:30am; 11 am.  
Easter Breakfast served 7:30am - 10:30am (*Free will donation*)

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# Updates from The Church Council

Greetings from your Church Council!

As the first quarter of 2023 ends, we felt it was important to provide some updates to the congregation that come from our monthly Church Council meetings.

In late February our storage shed on the north side of the building was vandalized. Fortunately, not much was stolen, however there was damage done to the door. Head Trustee Casey Bialas had been looking into needed repairs or replacement of the shed over the past several months, as it is showing its age. The break in and damage of the shed has caused some added urgency and options for replacing the shed are being explored. We hope to share more on this soon as plans come together.

Thus far in 2023 our general giving has been coming up short of the church's general operating expenses. This was mentioned at the annual meeting in

January, as we closed out 2022 with a shortfall of approximately \$23,000. Thus far in 2023, general giving has been approximately \$25,000 less than our operating expenses. Our general cash position is reviewed monthly and tracked separate from gifts that are given as designated offerings, as well as the large estate gift that was received last year. The mission gifts the church has been making to other organizations along with several other projects that either have been or will be completed, are being funded from designated offerings or the estate gift without an impact to the general fund. An increase in general giving is needed to ensure this deficit does not continue to grow. We will continue to provide updates on this in the months to come.

Building maintenance items that we have been discussing for over a year now are continuing to move forward and many of them will soon become a reality. The Building Maintenance fund along with funds from the estate gift will allow us to move forward with several items this spring and summer. We will have some construction happening in the original part of our building as we

update flooring, the main bathrooms, paint some walls, etc. Bids for these items are coming in higher than we anticipated so additional contributions towards these updates will be needed. There will be opportunities to contribute with your time, talents, and treasures throughout this project. Look for these items to get underway shortly after Easter! New sanctuary chairs have been ordered and will be arriving in early May. The cost of the new chairs is approximately \$75 per chair. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the new chairs you can do so by contributing to the Building Maintenance Fund.

We hope everyone has a blessed Easter! If anyone has questions, please reach out to a Church Council Member.

**In Christ,  
Matt Hieb  
Church Council President**

*"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."  
- 1 Cor. 12:12*

## FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

### Building Loan Update

Balance as of January 1, 2023 = \$ 274,791  
Principal paid YTD = \$ 53,593  
Current Loan Balance as of March 16, 2023 = \$ 221,198

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

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

#### OFFERING SUMMARY - 2023

Giving thru Feb 28 \$ 179,668 **Monthly giving as of March 26th: \$73,753**  
Expenses thru Feb 28 \$ 205,498 **Monthly Budgeted Need: \$ 103,302**

**SECURE ELECTRONIC GIVING:** is available at: [www.memoriallutheran.net](http://www.memoriallutheran.net). Click on 'Giving Online' at the top of the home page. Forms are also available in the Church Office. Questions? Contact the office at 605-334-7133.

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

#### Memorial Wish List

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

#### 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 can be chosen as a recipient! Doesn't seem like a lot, but it adds up.



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

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

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#### SFLS School Board

Greg Miller & Sarah Swingdorf

#### Organists/Accompanists:

Peggy Baney Joy Johansen Jan Noah  
Kristi Prouty

#### Church Council

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Doug Monson, Vice. Pres.  
Michelle Knappe, Secretary  
Bart Viss, Treasurer  
Merry Miller, Financial Sec.  
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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

## NEWS FROM THE GARAGE:

*"Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?'" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." John 11:23-27*

Have you ever heard someone say, "I'm sending you good vibes"? Recently, I've heard the term used before a competition, before a major surgery, and other major life events. Your students use these terms often, as well as my own generation. I would encourage you to ask your students what "good vibes" can get a person? Is the sender of those vibes capable of changing the outcome? God's word tells us that He is the only one capable of power strong enough to change our circumstances. For Martha, Jesus was the only one who could raise her brother from the dead. She trusted in that promise and we can trust in it too, for our sake and the sake of those who believe.

## Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday- 6:30pm  
Good Friday-6:30pm  
Easter Sunday-6:30am, 8am, 9:30am,  
11am

## Easter Sunday Breakfast

Be on the lookout for an email with a sign up link for the following times:

**Saturday morning prep:** April 8th 9am-  
when done (usually around 11am)  
**Sunday Serving Shifts:** 6-8am, 8-10am,  
10am-12pm

## STUDENT CONNECT

**High School Connect (9th-12th gr)** meets every Wednesday, starting at 6:30pm. Friends are always welcome!  
NO HS Connect: Feb 22-April 5. See you April 12th!

**Middle School Connect (6th-8th gr)** meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30pm-8pm. Students meet with mentors for the first half hour. The large group then comes together for devotion and a game.  
NO MS Connect: Feb 22-April 5. See you April 12th!

## CONFIRMATION

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

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

**Upcoming Classes in April:** Discipleship & Bible History -

## 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.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Bible Study - Sundays at 9:20am  
High School Connect & Middle School Connect  
See you April 12th at 6:30pm  
Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 9th  
Senior Graduate Sunday - May 7th  
Confirmation Project Meeting - May 10th, 6pm

## YOUTH & CHILDREN CONNECTIONS!

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

One of my favorite things about being a Director of Children's Min is that I get LOTS of artwork. I like to hang pictures on the door to my office! Here's a picture that Owen handed me after I did a kids time. Growing up, I don't remember drawing about Jesus very often, not really sure why, but I could have! When we do things like the LEGO Bible Build or share artwork about Jesus, we encourage our children to express their faith in ways that kids can only do best. I used to LOVE to color and draw, but as an adult, I don't do it so much. So, encourage your kids (or even you as an adult) to draw in church...what did a song say to them? What could they draw about the Bible readings or sermon? So drawing assignment for April....say this great Easter saying and then make a creation! Send a picture to me or bring it in!!!



**Christ has risen!!! He has risen indeed, Alleluia!!!**

-Liz Peters Director of Children's Ministries

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

SS is continuing on in the Old Testament, looking at the Hope in the Exile of God's People and How God restored His people. We will look at how God plans to fix what sin broke by sending us a Savior. SS meets each Sunday from 9:30-10:30 AM and SS @ Home is sent via email.



## PALM SUNDAY SS KIDS SINGING!

Palm Sunday, **April 2**, we'll have the Sunday School Children sing in our worship services! **Preschool-5th Gr.** will sing at the beginning of the **9:30 & 11AM services.**



10:30-11 we'll have a special Palm Sunday Party in the Backyard for families as they wait around for kiddos to sing! The children are learning the songs in SS the weeks prior.

## Club 345 - is for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

This year we are focusing on the Armor of God and why God gives us these tools to protect ourselves The group will meet on 2 odd week Wednesdays from 6:30-8 PM. This year we are exploring the various names of God...what they mean? Come join us! **APRIL 19th - Sword of the Spirit**  
**May 3rd - Stand Firm -Pizza Party**

**Zingers** - for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders meet once a month (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays) for some special events to get to know each other and know Jesus! This month we'll meet **Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 PM.** Parents are more than welcome to lend a hand!  
**April 12 - Spring Fun; May 11 - Pizza Party**

## LEGO BIBLE CHALLENGE!!! People's Choice Award Winners

We had an OUTSTANDING turnout of LEGO creations this year! 40 builds made & 204 people voted for their favorites! Thanks to ALL for making this such a great event to share God's Word! Our Thrivent Action Team grant allowed us to purchase gift cards to the Bricks & Mini-Fig store and Fly Boy donuts as prizes. Here are the winners:

### Preschool & Kindergarten

Carson Q. "The Last Supper"  
Tucker C. "David & Goliath"



### 1st-5th Graders

Paul L. "Paul & Silas in Jail"  
Olivia L. "Moses Crossing the Red Sea"

### Middle & High School

Aryn & Lauren Roerig "Noah's Ark"

### Family Project

Anshutz Family-"Matthew 1:21 The Nativity"

### Adult Creation

Bryce Gammeter "Revelation"

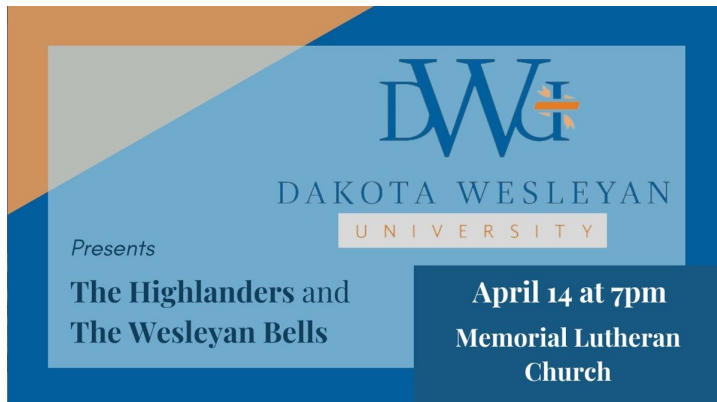


## Photo Directory Picture Updates

Sunday, April 2nd 9-11am

Gather the family together & stop by the kitchenette area just inside the east doors. We'll take an updated photo for the church directory and verify contact info. No appointment needed.

**NOTE: THIS IS THE LAST SCHEDULED PHOTO DATE.**



All are invited to this wonderful free concert. Join us in welcoming Dakota Wesleyan musicians. A free will offering will be taken to help the groups offset travel expenses.

# BUNCO NIGHT

**Friday**  
**April 28**  
**6:30-9:30pm**

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>

## Outreach

**Thanks** to all who donated items for the Union Gospel Mission Thrift Store. Memorial helped stock the store and the warehouse.

**Thanks** to all the Readers who read books at Sioux Falls Lutheran School during Read Across America Week. The students love to have different people read to them.

**Laundry Night:** April 17, 5:00-9:00pm Hilltop Laundromat (18<sup>th</sup> Street & Cleveland Avenue) We pay for customers washer and dryer expenses for the evening and visit with them while waiting for the laundry to get finished. Sign up on the gray slat board.



**Furniture Mission:** Immediate needs at the Furniture Mission include: Dressers; small tables; coffee tables; lamps; crib mattresses; end tables; dining room table/chairs. Please bring to church or take to the Furniture Mission at 209 N Nesmith Ave.

**St. Francis House:** Thanks for all the Servers who have been helping at the St. Francis House. Memorial serves again on Sunday, April 16. We need 4-5 people to help serve the meal. Wear a cap or they will give you a hair net to wear. Wear closed toe shoes. We work from 5:45-7:30pm. Questions? Call Peggy Baney at 605-759-8424.

### Ongoing Projects:

- Collecting eyeglasses and sunglasses for Lions Club. Place them in jar on gray slat board shelf.
- Collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Place them in jar on gray slat board shelf.

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

### REMINDER!!!

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

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

# Serving In April

## Serving Communion:

**April 2:** 8:00 am - Dennis O'Neill, Rocky Boer  
9:30 am - Dan Amert, Ken Wickre, Rick Dierks, Tim Miller  
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Jerome Heyd, Mike Mlnarik, Paul Luetjen

**April 6:** 6:30 pm - Dan Peters, Bob Seidel, Tim Miller, Mike Mlnarik

**April 9:** 6:30 am - Dennis O'Neill, Rich Ulises  
8:00 am - Bhrett Baney & Rocky Boer  
9:30 am - Dan Amert, Don Schmidt, Ken Wickre, Mark Schoeneman  
1:00 am - Al Herrig, Dave Fehrs, Mike Gilbride, Mike Mlnarik

**April 16:** 8:00 am - Kasey Danley, Larry Noah  
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Terry Conrad, Rick Dierks, Craig Gehrels  
11:00 am - Andy Schmuck, Jerome Heyd, Jim Schmidt, Paul Luetjen

**April 23:** 8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Rich Ulises  
9:30 am - Dan Amert, Don Schmidt, Joel Quist, Ken Wickre  
11:00 am - Bill Cooper, Dave Fehrs, Joel Shaver, Mike Gilbride

**April 30:** 8:00 am - Dennis O'Neill, Kasey Danley  
9:30 am - Don Schmidt, Mark Schoeneman, Craig Gehrels, Tim Miller  
11:00 am - Bill Cooper, Jerome Heyd, Mike Mlnarik, Paul Luetjen

## April Accompanists:

*(The Worship Team accompanies all 11 am Worship Services)*

**April 2 -** 8:00 am - Joy Johansen  
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

**April 6 -** 6:30 pm - Joy Johansen

**April 7 -** 6:30 pm - Peggy Baney

**April 9 -** 6:30 am - Peggy Baney  
8:00 am - Joy Johansen  
**9:30 am - OPEN**

**April 16 -** 8:00 am - Joy Johansen  
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

**April 23 -** 8:00 am - Jan Noah  
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty

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

## April Acolytes:

**April 2 -** 8:00 am - Tory Miller  
11:00 am - Elijah Richards

**April 6 -** 6:30 pm - Troy Miller

**April 7 -** 6:30 pm - Henry Slavens

**April 9 -** 6:30 am - OPEN  
8:00 am - OPEN  
9:30 am - OPEN  
11:00 am - OPEN

**April 16 -** 8:00 am - Henry Woodson  
11:00 am - Henry Slavens

**April 23 -** 8:00 am - Brianna Danley  
11:00 am - Sophie Wood

**April 30 -** 8:00 am - Tristen Miller  
11:00 am - Chandler Christensen

## April Sunday Ushers

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

## Lent—Mid-Week Ushers:

Thurs., April 6 - 6:30 pm—Dennis O'Neill, Rocky Boer, Ken Tucker  
Fri., April 7 - 6:30 pm - Ken Wickre, Dennis O'Neill  
April 9 - 6:30 am Sunrise Service - Bannon Larson, Joel Bialas

## April Lay Readers:

**April 2 -** 8:00 am - Larry Noah  
9:30 am - Bruce Olson  
11:00 am - Breck Miller

**April 6 -** 6:30 pm - Dan Peters

**April 7 - 6:30 pm - OPEN**

**April 9 - 6:30 am - OPEN**  
**8:00 am - OPEN**  
9:30 am—Ken Wickre  
11:00 am - Bryce Gammeter

**April 16 -** 8:00 am - Rose Foster  
9:30 am - Nadine Bomitz  
11:00 am - Chris Andresen

**April 23 - 8:00 am - OPEN**  
**9:30 am - OPEN**  
11:00 am - Cindy Hyronemus

**April 30 -** 8:00 am - Dan Peters  
9:30 am - Tim Miller  
11:00 am - Cindy Grothmann

## Power Point Operators:

**April 2 -** 8:00 am - Charlie Peters  
9:30 am - Pete Illing  
11:00 am - Mike Gilbride

**April 6 -** 6:30 pm - Bruce Olson

**April 7 -** 6:30 pm - Pete Illing

**April 9 - 6:30 am - OPEN**  
8:00 am - Eddie Jerke  
9:30 am - Bruce Olson  
11:00 am - Henry Slavens

**April 16 -** 8:00 am - Seth Peters  
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein  
11:00 am - Ruby Slavens

**April 23 -** 8:00 am - Charlie Peters  
9:30 am - Bruce Olson  
11:00 am - Jacob Richards

**April 30 -** 8:00 am - Seth Peters  
9:30 am - Pete Illing  
11:00 am - Shirley Miller

## Connecting Through Serving

## Serving Opportunities

Want to learn more about serving during Worship Services? Maybe one of the opportunities below is right for you? Contact the church office for more info on any of the areas. (605-334-7133 or email: [info@memoriallutheran.net](mailto:info@memoriallutheran.net)) and we'll get you connected with the team leader. *(Training provided)*

- Do you like to meet and talk with folks? Maybe joining an usher team is for you?
- Do you like to work with computers? Maybe joining a power point/presentation or livestream team is for you?
- Do you enjoy reading Scripture & speaking in front of folks? Maybe joining the Lay Reader Team is for you?

*Serving*

*"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*

# APRIL CALENDAR

## Sat. April 1

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

## Sun. April 2 - Palm Sunday

### Directory Update Photos between services

8 am Traditional Worship  
8 am Bible Study - **Mere Christianity** - cafe  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101**;  
11 am Contemporary Worship / *(+Livestream)*

## Mon. April 3

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

## Tues. April 4

7 am SFLS Childcare  
8 am Tues Homeschool Group  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard  
6:30 pm Card Ministry

## Wed. April 5

7 am SFLS Childcare  
8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

## Thurs. April 6 - Maundy Thursday

9 am Adult Bible Study  
5 pm TOPS  
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

## Fri. April 7 - Good Friday

6:30 pm Good Friday Worship

## Sat. April 8

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

## Sun. April 9 - Easter Sunday - HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

6:30 am Sunrise Easter Worship  
7:30 am-10:30 am Easter Breakfast Served  
8 am Traditional Easter Worship  
9:30 am Blended Easter Worship  
11 am Contemporary Easter Worship / *(+Livestream)*

## Mon. April 10 - OFFICE CLOSED

4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard  
7 pm Young Women's Small Group - Matthew Rm

## Tues. April 11

7 am SFLS Childcare  
8 am Tues Homeschool Group  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard  
6:30 pm Heart to Heart - Mystery Bag Event

## Wed. April 12

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

## Thurs. April 13

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

## Fri. April 14

7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
7 pm DWU Highlanders & Wesleyan Bells Concert

## Sat. April 15

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

## Sun. April 16

8 am Traditional Worship  
8 am Bible Study - **Mere Christianity** - cafe  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101** (James Rm);  
**THE ART OF PARENTING** (Café - across from the Worship Ctr); **THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS A RIGHT NOW MEDIA STUDY BY LOUIE GIGLIO** (Music Rm - youth end of bldg)  
11 am Contemporary Worship / *(+Livestream)*  
1:30 pm - 3 pm Confirmation - "Discipleship"  
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group  
5:45 pm Serving at St. Francis House

## Mon. April 17

7 am SFLS Childcare  
8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard  
5 pm-9 pm Laundry Night at Hilltop Laundromat  
7 pm Young Women's Small Group - Matthew Rm

## Tues. April 18

7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard

## Wed. April 19

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

## Thurs. April 20

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

## Fri. April 21

7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
TBD Casey/Pavelko Wedding Rehearsal

## Sat. April 22

8 am Men's Bible Studies  
9 am Worship Team Practice  
2 pm Casey/Pavelko Wedding and reception

## Sun. April 23

8 am Traditional Worship  
8 am Bible Study -  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101** (James Rm);  
**THE ART OF PARENTING** (Café - across from the Worship Ctr); **THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS A RIGHT NOW MEDIA STUDY BY LOUIE GIGLIO** (Music Rm - youth end of bldg)  
11 am Contemporary Worship / *(+Livestream)*  
1:30 pm - 3 pm Confirmation - "Discipleship"  
6:30 pm Miller Small Group

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

## Mon. April 24

7 am SFLS Childcare  
8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard  
7 pm Lydia Circle  
7 pm Young Women's Small Group - Matthew Rm

## Tues. April 25

7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
4 pm Just For Kix - garage/backyard

## Wed. April 26

7 am SFLS Childcare  
8 am M/W Homeschool Group  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out  
6 pm Bells Practice  
6:30 pm MS & HS Connect  
7 pm Choir practice  
7 pm Bonhoeffer Bible Study

## Thurs. April 27

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

## Fri. April 28

7 am SFLS Childcare  
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

## Sat. April 29

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

## Sun. April 30

8 am Traditional Worship  
8 am Bible Study - **Mere Christianity** - cafe  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3- 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Studies - **CHRISTIANITY 101** (James Rm);  
**THE ART OF PARENTING** (Café - across from the Worship Ctr); **THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS A RIGHT NOW MEDIA STUDY BY LOUIE GIGLIO** (Music Rm - youth end of bldg)  
11 am Contemporary Worship / *(+Livestream)*  
1:30 pm - 3 pm Confirmation - "Discipleship"  
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

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

"Here's the pitch . . . And Swing"

Are you a slow-pitch softball player?

Looking to play ball and  
have fun this summer?

Here's the place for you!!

Memorial fields an adult Men's A/B Division Church League softball team each year. The season begins at the end of April, with games played on Tuesday evenings at Sherman Park. If you're interested in playing church league softball and want to find out more about it, please contact the church office and we'll get you connected with the team leaders.

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





## Bible Studies at Memorial

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

**THE ART OF PARENTING**, beginning April 16 in the café. This 8 session study will help parents make faith the core of their parenting with intentional, biblical teaching and Christ-centered plans. Parents will end the experience with renewed confidence, fresh insights on raising children at different ages, & a parenting plan unique to each child's personality and gifting.

**The Book Of Colossians**, beginning April 16 in the Music Room. What we think about Jesus matters. Our perception of Him shapes us—what we say, how we treat others, even what we think. If we paint Jesus as any less than who He is as supreme over all creation and savior of the world, not only does our theology slip, but the working out of our faith also suffers. All are invited to join in this 8 week, video based study

**CHRISTIANITY 101** - Sundays at 9:30am in the James Room. *Written and Led by Chris Andresen*. How Modern Lutherans can discover who they are in Christ.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY -

BEGINNING APRIL 19TH -7:00 PM -**BONHOEFFER STUDY**. In this four-session video-based Bible study, author Eric Metaxas will help you discover the major themes of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writing and speaking and how he not only helped transform an entire faith community in Germany during World War II, but how his beliefs continue to impact the Christian faith of people throughout the world today.

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** - 9:am in the café.  
Current Study: **"The Chosen"**

### YOUNG MARRIED SMALL GROUP -

Meet other young couples; Learn more about marriage; Have some fun together. Join us the 1st Monday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Memorial. Let us know you can join us, Text/Call: Kathleen & Aaron Tennyson 605-877-2954.



### Interested in small group bible study?

Several groups are currently meeting and more are being planned. Please talk with Pastor Doug and he will connect you with one of the groups.

**MORE BIBLE STUDIES ARE BEING PLANNED. WATCH THE BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTERS FOR TOPICS, TIMES, AND DATES.**

**RightNow Media**—A resource for everyone. Stream Adult Bible Studies AND an abundance of Christian Children's programming for the whole family! It's the "Netflix" of Bible Studies and Christian videos for all ages! Email the church office for the link.



### Daily Devotion Opportunities

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

Lutheran Hour Ministries. Go to lhm.org, 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

## BIBLE STUDIES AND CELEBRATING OUR FAMILY!

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Joy Bendt  
Greg Miller  
Camryn Mebius  
Katie Mlnarik
- 2- Samantha Griebel  
Rick Hanson  
Raina Weigelt
- 3- Jason Ackmann  
John Cooper III  
John Fischer  
Sarah Glawe  
Shanna Konz  
Josh Mlnarik  
Kaylee Reil  
Brooks Stein  
Sophie Wood
- 4- Kim Duprey  
Gretchen Gammeter  
Kurt Holdorf  
Stacy Warwick
- 5- June Stiles  
Kelli Tucker

- 7- Cheyanne Hays  
McKenzie Nelson
- 8- Maddox Joffer  
Jim Nord
- 9- Lindsay Kaiser  
Heidi Krabbenhoft  
Susan Ruml
- 10- Paige Boetel  
Dean Bornitz  
Jason Bosley  
Doug Foster  
Jan Konop  
Alyson Rozeboom
- 11- Maverick Brock  
Eddie French  
Simon Hamilton  
Jodie Parrish
- 12- Amy Bozzell  
Emily Jackson  
Sharla Ratzlaff
- 13- Mary Andresen  
Lisa Boe  
Brianna Danley

- 13- Riley Miller  
Sarah Swindorf
- 14- Kendall Johansen  
Grace Letsche  
Madelyn VanDenBerg  
David Witte
- 15- Kelsie Gehrels  
Shamra Johnson  
Kyra Knudtson  
Sam Kueter  
Elizabeth Larson  
Oliver Swanstrom
- 17- Larry Noah
- 18- Terry Brooks  
Lisa Cooper  
Nathan Meyer  
Heather Sand
- 19- Tyler Duin  
Katie Steffen
- 20- Andy Berg  
Jaxon Lindsey
- 21- Carsten Ling  
Kim Niemann

- 22- Caleb Quist
- 23- Norman Jerke  
Gary Reil
- 24- Adam Asmus  
Peggy Baney  
Lorna Friese  
Dave Hanson  
Barb Knudtson
- 25- Carol Bedford  
Peter Illing
- 26- Calvin Keller
- 27- Stephanie Baxa  
Gaven Warwick
- 28- Brynn Nelson  
Diane Nelson  
Stacey VanWesten
- 29- Matt Harsh
- 30- Matthew Braden



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Joel & Cheryl Grams
- 3- Adam & Vania Asmus
- 5- Chad & Jan Konop
- 6- Dean & Nadine Bornitz
- 7- Brian & Wendy Carlson
- 9- Jeff & Rhonda Hubert
- 10- Ben & Stephanie Baxa
- 12- John & Shirley Fischer  
Steve & Marianne Perkins
- 16- Don & Joyce Rodman
- 18- Kyle & Amanda Loudenslager
- 20- Dane & Ronda Steffen
- 21- Ron & Denise Greibel  
Al & Kay Herring  
Chris & Erin Woodson
- 25- Terry & Lynda Boxdorfer
- 26- Terry & Joy Bendt  
Brian & Mandy Dumke  
Tyler & Nicole Sullivan
- 29- Scott & Susan Ruml
- 30- Doug & Dawn Borchert

*"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

# 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.



# Care Ministry



Do you have a desire to visit members of our church community who are hospitalized or homebound? Do you have a willingness to bring Comfort Meals to families that have just welcomed a new baby to their family? Would you like to be part of a team that sends cards to those serving in the military?

Memorial is renewing the Care Ministry team and we would love to have you as a part of this ministry.

On Sunday, April 30, there will be a brief meeting at 10:30am to discuss how you can be part of this team. The meeting will only be about 20 minutes long. If you would like to be a part of this team and can't make the informational meeting, contact Melinda Wood, Director of Ministry Involvement, at 605-929-6708 or [getinvolved@memoriallutheran.net](mailto:getinvolved@memoriallutheran.net).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tues, April 11 - Mystery Bag Event!

Be creative! Get a little competitive! Have some fun! 6:30-8p. Each team of 2-3 ladies will pick an unmarked brown bag. Inside they will find one of these tags: Make something to eat. Make something to wear. Make something to decorate a home. Make something you could give to a friend. Also inside is a bagful of 'stuff' that you can use to create your project in 30 minutes. Best Team creations might win a prize!!

### Tues, May 9 - Prep for Ladies' Tea.

An evening of teamwork as we mix up dough, fold napkins, bake & freeze for this beautiful event we are presenting with our LWML partners on June 10th. 6:30-8p


## MISSION & MINISTRY CONNECTIONS!

## Lutheran Women in Mission:



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

Our local Women in Mission group is divided into two circles that meet for Bible study and fellowship in the morning or in the evening. Please join us if you are able. **Lois Circle** meets Wed., April 12 at 9am in the Café. **Lydia Circle** meets Mon, April 24-7pm in the Timothy rm.

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

### EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to bring a plant of spring flowers to beautify the worship area on Easter Sunday, please place them in the Timothy room by Friday, April 7. Please put your name on it. You are free to take it home after the last service on Easter.



### South Dakota District Women's Retreat.

Friday April 21 - Sat, April 22  
Theme: With One Voice  
Friday, 7 p.m. to Saturday 3 p.m.  
Register by going to  
<https://www.sdlwml.org/district-retreats>



### Women's Tea

Have you ever wondered why God placed you here at this time and place? You're invited to a **Women's Tea**, Saturday afternoon, **June 10**, where we will explore this theme, *For Such a Time as This* from Esther 4:14b, with a program, food, and fun. More details coming soon...  
(sponsored by Memorial Lutheran Women in Mission and Heart to Heart Groups)



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

**June 22-25, 2023.** Come to the 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML Convention. For more information and to register go to <https://www.lwml.org/2023-convention>.



**Hygiene Kit Service day**—Join us on Saturday, June 17 at 1 p.m. where we will assemble hygiene kits to take to the convention in Milwaukee.

### OUR MITE OFFERINGS AT WORK:

Each time you give to LWML Mission Grants, you are directly pouring God's mercy and message into the lives of others. Some recipients may be right in your neighborhood, others are living abroad. "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19).

### LWML: Expanding God's Love in Uganda; LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Region — \$92,000 PAID IN FULL

The Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) is a steadily growing church body in eastern Africa, which has requested LCMS assistance to locally train deaconesses so they may assist the small number of Lutheran pastors throughout Uganda. Being able to provide local training will be a huge benefit to qualified women who would not be able to travel to Kenya for a two-year program, and to the church. This grant would allow for a land purchase attached to the established Lutheran Theological College Uganda, fencing, and a small dormitory for the women.

### LWML South Dakota District: Luther's Small Catechism for African Mission – Lutheran Heritage Foundation — \$5,000

Due to the tremendous growth in Lutheran churches in Africa, missionaries, partner churches and Lutheran leaders throughout Africa have requested more than three dozen translations of the Small Catechism. This grant would help fund the texts which can help teach the faith when the pastors are stretched beyond their limits to personally instruct new believers.

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



# SIOUX FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS! (PRE SCHOOL—12TH GR.)

## The Sound of Music

Join us for 7:00pm performances of The Sound of Music in the Vaughn & JoAnn Meyer Chapel and Performing Arts Center on Thurs. April 20, Fri. April 21, or Sat. April 22. Tickets are \$8 each and may be reserved online at [bit.ly/sfls-sound-of-music-2023](https://bit.ly/sfls-sound-of-music-2023). Tickets will be available for pickup starting 45 minutes before showtime, and payment will be taken at the door.

## Schedule Your Shadow Day in April

Have your student spend a day at Sioux Falls Lutheran School to get a feel for what life is like before you enroll. Learn more at [www.siuoxfallslutheran.com/k12-admissions](https://www.siuoxfallslutheran.com/k12-admissions) and contact Megan Baedke at 605-335-1923 to schedule your shadow day experience.

## Join Our Team!

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

## First Look Fridays

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



*"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." - Jer. 29:11*

## LUTHERAN SCHOOL MINISTRY


### Spring

Here we are in the beginning of spring  
Finally seeing more days of sunshine  
And hearing the chirping morning birds sing.  
These days bring joy and warmth  
They bring smiles and laughter.  
They remind us of everything good.

How appropriate that Holy Week lands in the Spring...  
Like the flowers that bloom and fall away from the dreary gloom  
Christ's path to light and life and hope  
Falling away from death and darkness and doom  
Brightens our lives with immeasurable positivity.  
We can see the season of growth through His death.  
And that ultimate sacrifice,  
The loss that gains  
That we celebrate and honor in the upcoming days  
Brings us together as Christians and heirs of the King.

Let us pray and give thanks for that ultimate sacrifice...  
Lord, help us to honor you through all that we say and do.  
Be with us and shine through us. Amen.

Leanne Holdorf

**Sioux Falls Lutheran School**  
presents

**THE SOUND OF MUSIC**


Music by **RICHARD RODGERS**  
Lyrics by **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II**  
Book by **HOWARD LINDSAY**  
and **RUSSEL CROUSE**

Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp

Dr. Vaughn and JoAnn Meyer  
Chapel & Performing Arts Center  
Sioux Falls Lutheran School


Thursday, April 20 at 7:00pm  
Friday, April 21 at 7:00pm  
Saturday, April 22 at 7:00pm

Admission: \$8  
Follow the QR code to  
reserve your tickets today!



Questions? Contact 605-335-1923 or [halbers@sflutheranschool.com](mailto:halbers@sflutheranschool.com).

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for more about Memorial  
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## Get Involved

We all lead busy lives these days. It is hard to justify adding more activities to our already busy calendars. Yet, here I am encouraging you and your family to be a part of Four Square. Why should you be a part of Four Square?

In the article "Why Is Christian Fellowship So Important?" author Tedd Lewellen states, "God never intended for His people to be separate. In the very beginning, God said, 'It is not good for a man to be alone.' That has not changed. It is even more important for the followers of Jesus Christ to come together. Terms such as 'family,' 'together' 'fellowship' are all important concepts in the New Testament for us to gather together and encourage one another."

The next opportunity to join Four Square is from May-August. During this time, four families or individuals will meet together for fellowship once a month for four months. This is a great opportunity to meet others at Memorial. Your group might decide to go to a rodeo, go bowling, or have a game night. The possibilities are endless. I hope you will join your Memorial family for Four Square.

Blessings,

Melinda Wood



*"Connecting To  
Jesus And You!"*

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