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MEMORIAL LUTHERAN NEWS

February 2021

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As we see nearly a month of 2021 in our rearview mirror I hope you're able to let words of promise and hope echo through each day. One of my favorite passages that you may have often heard from me comes from the Lord's words of hope to His people who faced very difficult struggles. Here's Lamentations 3:19-23 - "I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me."

(Okay, that's not my favorite part yet, but here we go now:) "Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

A challenge that I see standing out that seems to carry over from these past ten months or so, is the challenge of separation and isolation that I believe has been strong for so many people. I hear it in the words and see it in the tears of God's faithful people. We feel cut off from family, friends, church members. We feel afraid, nervous, angry, hurt, disappointed. To these physical and emotional factors add an alarming degree of division we sense in our nation over values, allegiances, ideals, and goals.

This threat to unity is felt in the Body of Christ. Just before He was arrested, Jesus prayed for the Church that He knew would face struggles of division and strife (John

17:20-21): "My prayer is not for them (His close disciples) alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me." Jesus prays for our unity in Him!

For that reason, our staff believes it is timely, in this year *Twenty Twenty-ONE*, that we emphasize the oneness that God brings to us in our Savior Jesus. Even though we are still challenged by separation and isolation in many forms, we hold as true God's declaration in Jesus that we are one with Him, and therefore with one another. Listen to this calling to the Church in Ephesians 4:2-6: *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

Do you catch what this says? Where circumstances of distance and separation can seem to threaten life together, we are brought together by the powerful and compassionate call of ONE Lord into ONE body in Jesus Christ. We are gathered by One Hope into One Family having One Purpose! Throughout 2020ne, we'll explore ways in which God's gifts and blessings hold us together as His people and move us forward as one through every challenge and opportunity ahead!

God's Blessings For Our Days Ahead!
Pastor Aaron



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION:

8:00 am Traditional Worship Service

-Please wear face coverings in the hallways while entering & leaving the building. Face coverings are encouraged, but optional during the service.

9:30 am* Blended Worship Service -

Please wear face coverings in the hallways while entering & leaving the building. Face coverings are encouraged, but optional during the service.

11:00 am Contemporary Worship -

Face coverings are encouraged but optional for this service. This service is Livestreamed on facebook & YouTube.

Visit, www.memoriallutheran.net, or <https://m.facebook.com/MemorialLutheranSF/> or

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFrnxj3UbtS5SNc3XqGJgQ>

12:30 pm Shortened Communion

Worship Service - Please wear face coverings at all times for this service. Please register for this service at www.memoriallutheran.net.

***NOTE: Bible Studies and Sunday School are available at the 9:30 am hour for ages 3—Adult.**

Memorial Lutheran Church
invites you to help support their LWML & Student Ministries

Let's Celebrate the
SOUP-ER BOWL!

Order by January 31st Pick-Up February 7th

Order forms available OR order online at memoriallutheran.net

*Stewardship is managing
God's blessings,
God's ways,
for God's glory.*

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Serving In February

Serving Communion:

Feb 7: 8:00 am - Dennis O'Neill, Dan Peters, Jay Prouty
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Dan Amert, Doug Borchert
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Darold Danley, Jerome Heyd

Feb 14: 8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Doug Foster, Rich Hartmann
9:30 am - Ken Wickre, Mark Schoeneman, Rick Dierks
11:00 am - David Fehrs, Jim Schmidt, Mike Gilbride

Feb 17: 6:30 pm - Rocky Boer, Ken Wickre, Mike Mlnarik
Ash Wed

Feb 21: 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Jay Prouty, Rich Hartmann
9:30 am - Dan Amert, Rick Dierks, Tim Miller
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Darold Danley, Paul Luetjen

Feb 28: 8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Rich Ulses, Rocky Boer
9:30 am - Doug Borchert, Mark Schoeneman, Tim Miller
11:00 am - David Fehrs, Joel Shaver, Mike Gilbride

Acolytes:

Feb 7: 8 am - Sam Woodson
11 am - Lilly Irvin

Feb 14: 8 am - Henry Woodson
11 am - Braylee Larson

Feb 17 6:30 pm Elyse Prouty

Feb 21: 8 am - Claire Sohre
11 am - Henry Slavens

Feb 24 6:30 pm Claire Sohre

Feb 28: 8 am - Elyse Prouty
11 am - Amelia Larson

Lay Readers:

Feb 7: 8:00 am - Dan Peters
9:30 am - Nadine Bornitz
11:00 am - Breck Miller

Feb 14 8:00 am - Jay Prouty
9:30 am - Marge Rand
11:00 am - Brenda DeGraw

Feb 17: 6:30 pm - Marge Rand

Feb 21: 8:00 am - Larry Noah
9:30 am - Bob Seidel
11:00 am - Chris Andresen

Feb 24: 6:30 pm - Marge Rand

Feb 28: 8:00 am - Rose Foster
9:30 am - Ken Wickre
11:00 am - Paul Luetjen

Accompanists:

Feb 7: 8:00 am - Jan Noah
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
11:00 am - Worship Team

Feb 14 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
11:00 am - Worship Team

Feb 17: 6:30 pm - Joy Johansen

Feb 21: 8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
11:00 am - Worship Team

Feb 24: 6:30 pm - Jan Noah

Feb 28: 8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
11:00 am - Worship Team

Power Point:

Feb 7: 8:00 am - Maddy Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Mike Gilbride

Feb 14 8:00 am - Seth Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Claire Miller

Feb 17: 6:30 pm - Maddy Peter

Feb 21: 8:00 am - Charlie Peters
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein
11:00 am - Shirley Miller

Feb 24: 6:30 pm - Maddy Peter

Feb 28: 8:00 am - Maddy Peters
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein
11:00 am - Wayne Grothmann

February, Sunday Ushers:

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

February, Special Services Ushers:

Feb 17: 6:30 PM - Tim Miller, Dan Amert, Ken Wickre, Larry Miller, Bart Viss
Feb 24: 6:30 PM - Larry Noah, Rocky Boer, Gordy Johnson, Jeff Nelson, Dennis O'Neill

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Ellie Nord, Trustees 605-360-1174

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Ken Wickre - Chairman
Doug Borchert; Dan Currier; Kasey Danley;
Craig Gehrels; Rich Hartmann; Mike Mlnarik;
Dennis O'Neill, Jim Schmidt; Andy Schmuck; Joel Quist

A SPECIAL THANK YOU !

Have you been to the 11 am Worship or watched online? Thanks to Ken & Mindee Birstiehl, we have a new keyboard to enhance the music. **Thanks Ken & Mindee!**

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

1 Joel Bialas
Kellsie Hoffmann
Elizabeth Nord
2 Pastor Aaron Asmus
Louis Krabbenhoft
Megan Schoeneman
Rubi Webb
3 Lucas Gue
Doug Monson
4 Daniel Asmus
Olivia Jensen
Maria Larson
Kay Wood
5 Braxton Johnson
Tyler Sullivan

6 Martin Aljets
Connor Braunesreither
Tyson Catron
Karla O'Neal
7 Dan Amert
Abbie Duin
Paul Krapf
8 Erica Rayman
9 Madyson Determan
Don Reichert
Annette Weisenbach
10 Don Becker
11 Bruce Aljets
Ella Fahy
Dennis O'Neill
13 Brad Hanisch
Jadelyn Stokke

14 Brock Anshutz
Cadence Christensen
Craig Larsen
15 Tatum Baxa
Laurel Strobl
Sam Woodson
16 Kaitlyn Gehrels
Ethan Gugel
Kaitlyn Stuck
Mason Thamavongkeo
17 Donna Aljets
Mindee Birstiehl
18 Candi Currier
Chase Kaiser
Dean Lorenzen
Heidi Mattson
19 Jacob Birstiehl

19 Andrew Mattson
21 Ted Jackson
Abigail Thomson
Charyl Wittfoth
22 Alexa Fahy
Marcus Kanefke
Odin Swingdorf
23 Troy Penrod
Marshall Reichert
24 Madison Monson
26 Carol Becker
27 Alex Braunesreither
George Niemann
Sthpanie O'Neal
28 Eli Bridges
Brandon Dannenbring
Randy Wend

ANNIVERSARIES

6- Randy & Barb Knudtson
9- Daniel & Andrea Letze
11- Trent & Lisa Boe
14- Lenny & Heather Sand
20- Tom & Jean Kenyon
22- Jim & Mary Larsen
23 - Cole & Jessica Buer
25- Lionel & Elizabeth Fraction
28- Jim & Judy Albright

FROM OUR LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

You are welcome support the LWML & District missions by adding your coins to the wooden Mite Box on the Welcome Center. Those coins that we call "mites" are based on the story of the Widow's Mite in Mark 12:41-43. Here are our Mites in Action for February:

LWML Grant #19—\$100,000 for the 2019-2021 biennium is "Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis." The seminary offers distance learning and training so that men can be ordained to serve churches in multi-ethnic communities. This grant gives financial assistance for the training.

Across the country, in both rural and urban areas, there are passionately devoted first-generation immigrants serving in full-time ministry positions who share the Gospel among their immigrant/ethnic communities. A number of these dedicated church workers are students enrolled in two Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, programs: the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) and the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT). The "Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis" mission grant will give financial assistance to meet their tuition needs. Check out this grant at www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-19.

MITES IN ACTION FROM THE LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT:

LCMS Missionary Support at just the RIGHT Time, LCMS Mission Central — \$5,000 Mission Central is the largest mission network providing support to as many people as possible in the LCMS World Mission. This grant will aid a missionary at just the right time it is needed.

**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER
YOUR SOUP-ER BOWL MEAL** at memoriallutheran.net. Your meal comes with soup, pulled pork sandwich, & a cookie. A free will offering at pick up will support the Women in Mission 2021 Mission Grants & the Student Ministries trip to the National Youth Gathering.

Devotions—Are you still not comfortable meeting in person but crave fellowship with others? You are welcome to join us on ZOOM for devotions, prayer time, and fellowship. Call the church office if you would like the ZOOM link invitation. We will meet the second Tuesday of the month — February 9 at 6:30 p.m. for about 45 minutes to an hour.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION BIBLE STUDIES:

Lois Circle — 2nd Wednesday of the month (Feb 10) at 9am

Lydia Circle — 4th Tuesday of the month on ZOOM (February 23) at 7 pm

ANNUAL MEETING!

Each year we meet together to hear updates on the ministries of Memorial, review and vote on an annual budget, and other business matters church.

At the Jan 17, Annual meeting, the 2021 budget was passed. (*Budget & Ministry Reports are available in the church office.*) This year we also elected several new Council members. We thank our outgoing council members for their faithful service.

Outgoing Council Members:

Ken Tucker -President
Quinn Stein -Vice President
Wayne Grothmann -Financial Secretary
Sheree Soles -Board of Outreach

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL:

Matt Hieb-President
Doug Monson-Vice Pres.
Trisha Viss-Secretary
Dan Amert-Treasurer
Merry Miller-Financial Secretary
Ellie Nord-Board of Trustees
VACANT -Board of Outreach
Ken Wickre-Elder Chairman
Lisa Asmus-LWML Pres.

*"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*

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

MEMBERSHIP AT MEMORIAL

Are you or someone you know interested in finding out more about Memorial Lutheran Church? Who we are? What we believe? Why is membership important? For more information contact the church office at 605-334-7133.

It is true that there is no requirement for membership in any particular church to be part of the Kingdom of God. However, when we join in the ministry of a congregation:

- We strengthen our commitment to grow in our God-given faith through Word and Sacrament.
- We benefit from an accountability to Serve God with all of His life blessings.
- As a family in Christ we enjoy one another's support in body, mind, heart, and soul.
- We join our resources to more effectively reach people who do not know Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- We express to the world by example the blessings and importance of Christian discipleship.

*"You are chosen people, . . . people who belong to God.
You were chosen to tell about the excellent qualities
of God, who called you out of darkness into His
marvelous light." — 1 Pet. 2:9*

**SPRING NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGIN
FEBRUARY 21ST AT 9:30 AM.**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.MEMORIALLUTHERAN.NET OR PICK UP A
BROCHURES FROM THE WELCOME DESK.**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INSIGHTS FROM LIZ . . .

SOOOOOO EXCITED!!!! How about some winter fun?!?! We're gonna have a **LEGO Bible Building Challenge!** Find a favorite Bible story, or a Bible verse and build something!!! This is for ALL ages, so you adults that have fond memories of LEGOs, you can play too!!! On **Sunday, Feb. 28th** we will display the creations in the hallway like a museum and have folks vote for Peoples Choice and then also have a few judges help pick out the most creative, and a few other categories....and then give away some prizes!!! Winners will be announced on Sunday, March 7th and then creations can be taken home. If you are unable to bring your creations in, take a picture and send to Liz by noon on Thursday the 25th.

-Liz Peters,
Director of Children's Ministries

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." - Romans 8:28

LEGO BIBLE CHALLENGE!!!

SUNDAY, FEB. 28th

Get out your LEGOs & find a Bible Story or Bible Verse to create a unique LEGO display! Kids (& Adults) of ALL ages can participate!!



Drop Off LEGO Displays:

Feb. 25th & 26th During office hours of 8am-5pm; Feb. 27th 11am-12:30pm **OR** Send in Pictures of Creations by Noon on the 25th to be printed off.

AWARDS:

Winners Announced on Sunday, March 7th

PRIZE CATEGORIES:

- ◆ People's Choice Awards (3)
- ◆ Most Unique
- ◆ Most Creative Bible Scene
- ◆ Judges Favorite
- ◆ Best Use of Bricks (In Age Categories)

PICK-UP LEGOS:

Sunday, March 7th After 11 AM (or during the week)

QUESTIONS?: Contact Liz Peters chil-dren@memoriallutheran.net

Sunday School—

SS continues in the Old Testament, looking at the Southern Kingdom of Judah. We'll look at how God plans to fix what sin broke by sending us a Savior. SS meets Sundays at 9:30-10:30 AM or SS @Home is sent via email.

Club 345: 3rd, 4th & 5th Graders



Calling 3rd, 4th & 5th Graders to join Club 345 at Memorial each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8 PM in the Backyard. This year we are looking at the Books of the Bible! **Feb. 3rd** Dear Pastor Paul wrote letters to churches to encourage them in Jesus.

Zingers: 1st & 2nd Graders!

Zingers are 1st & 2nd graders gathering on the 2nd Wednesday of most months from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Backyard. Zingers will have fun in God's Word and play together & get to know each other. **Feb. 10th** Heart Healthy

Club 345 and Zingers will not meet during Lent.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." -Matthew 19:14

SIoux FALLS LUTHERAN NEWS! (PREsCHOOL—12TH GRADE)

2021-22 Classes Nearing Capacity—Save Your Seat!

Registration for the 2021-22 school year is now open to the Sioux Falls community, and seats are filling fast. Early childhood classes for 2, 3, & 4-year-olds are well over half full. In addition, more than 25 students from our early childhood program committed to kindergarten before enrollment opened to the greater Sioux Falls community.

We praise and thank God that we were able to build our new facility on Boe Lane with a second kindergarten-ready classroom. All we

need in order to open a second section of kindergarten during the 2021-22 school year is the enrollment to support it.

To learn more about our commitment to helping families raise capable, faithful leaders and discover whether Sioux Falls Lutheran School is the right educational fit for your family, contact Megan Baedke at 605-335-1923 to schedule your educational success consultation. The complimentary visit with our early childhood director or K-12 principals is designed to help us understand your family's needs and give you a true understanding of what it means to receive a Sioux Falls Lutheran School education. We look forward to meeting you!



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STUDENT MINISTRIES



INSIGHTS FROM HAILEY JO...

This month we're focusing on the "servant heart" and why God wires us to care for the needs of others. I encourage you to share with your student acts of service, big and small, and how those acts can shine the light of Christ. Challenge yourselves to serve at a local organization, donate clothes or food items or look for ways to serve those in your household.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father." John 14:12

Important Dates

- Sunday Bible Study (6th-12th grade)
Sundays at 9:30am
- High School Connect
Weekly on Wednesdays, 6:30pm
- Middle School Connect
February 10th & 24th, 6:30pm
- Soup-er Bowl Fundraiser Prep
Saturday, February 6th, 9am-12pm
- Soup-er Bowl Fundraiser Hand Out
Sunday, February 7th, 9am-1pm

February 2021 Student Ministry Calendar

Soup-er Bowl Fundraiser: We're teaming up with our LWML to serve meals on Super Bowl Sunday. The funds raised from this event will help us reach our annual \$4,000 goal. We will need volunteers to help serve and hand out soup on the day of. Sign up by following this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4ba5ad2aa2fa7-souper>

Please make sure you're signing up for slots outside of your Worship time. We prefer you Worship above everything else, thanks

High School Connect (9th-12th gr):

We meet weekly, Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm to share in our week, dive into God's word and build up friendships through games. Students are always welcome to bring friends. We're currently going through God questions our students asked in a previous study. We hope you'll join us!

Middle School Connect (6th-8th gr):

We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Students will meet with their mentor first and then we play a game and share a devotion together in a large group. Students are always welcome to invite friends to join them!

9:20 Sunday Bible Study

(For 6th-12th grade): Students are welcome to join us for Bible Study every Sunday morning. Doors open at 9:10am, with games, socializing and then music. I'm looking for more adults to serve as small group leaders, let me know if you're interested!

Confirmation: New classes starting in February and March include: Ten Commandments (Feb 21st & 28th), Discipleship (March 7th & 14th), and Worship (March 13th). Let me know if you're interested in signing your 7th or 8th grader up for classes. Our second Means of Grace unit takes place in April and May. Let me know if you have any questions!

2022 National Youth Gathering



Colossians 1:15-20

Check out more info on the upcoming gathering at <https://lcmmsgathering.com/>

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

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LENT?

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Early in the Church's history, the major events in Christ's life were observed with special observances, such as His birth, baptism, death, resurrection and ascension. As these observances developed, a period of time was set aside prior to the major events of Jesus' birth and resurrection as a time of preparation.

During Lent, the Church's worship assumes a more penitential character. The color for the season is purple, a color often associated with penitence. The "Hymn of Praise" is omitted from the liturgy. The word "Alleluia" is usually omitted as well. By not using the alleluia, a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord"--until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Additionally, it

forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear.

Finally, the penitential character of Lent is not its sole purpose. In the ancient Church, the weeks leading up to Easter were a time of intensive preparation of the candidates who were to be baptized at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday. This time in the Church's calendar was seen as an especially appropriate time for Baptism because of the relationship between Christ's death and resurrection and our own in Holy Baptism (see Romans 6:1-11). This focus would suggest that the season of Lent serves not only as a time to meditate on the suffering that Christ endured on our behalf but also as an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

YOU'RE INVITED . . .

... TO A CONGREGATION OPEN HOUSE
BRIDAL SHOWER FOR:
ALISSA ASMUS & JESSE BAKER
March 7, 2021 2:00-4:00



Come and congratulate the happy couple at the walk through couples bridal shower. (Men, women & families are invited) Masks are required and social distancing will be observed. Meet the groom, find out the couple's future plans, grab a treat, and continue on with your day. Limited seating will be available for those who wish to stay for a while. (*The couple is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and Amazon*) Cards may be sent to :

Asmus/Baker Wedding
6509 South Mogen Avenue
Sioux Falls, S.D. 57108

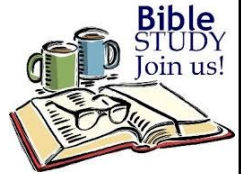
For more information or questions, please contact the hostesses:
Connie Gilbride, Rita Miller and Peggy Baney.

Sunday Adult Bible Study

*'Fearfully and Wonderfully:
The Marvel of Bearing
God's Image'*

9:30 am in the James Room

The human body holds endlessly fascinating secrets. Your physical being is knit according to a pattern of stunning purpose. The human body is a window into the very structure of God's creation and a testament to God's glory.



WORSHIP CENTER FLOWER CALENDAR

is located near the south kitchen door. If you would like to bring flowers for a special occasion or just because, add your name to the date on the calendar. You may also tell Kathy in the office about the special occasion for publication.



Who Is Jesus?

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- No one else has influenced history as He has.
- Jesus is the Son of God.** Old Testament prophets spoke of His coming and described the eternal and life-changing impact He would have.
- Jesus is both God and man.** He stilled the seas and walked on water. With a touch of His hand, He cured incurable diseases. He restored life to those who had physically died.
- Jesus personifies love.** He paid the ultimate price so that we could live with Him forever. He sees us through the eyes of love.
- He loves us in spite of** every hurtful thought, every harmful word, and every wrongful action. These are all a result of sin, which contaminates everything we do. It is behind every broken home, every empty life, every infirmity, every damaged emotion, every sorrow and grief. And as the Bible says, the end result of sin is death (*Rom. 6:23*). But Jesus Himself was sinless; only He could pay the penalty for our sins.
- Because of His love,** He suffered, died, and rose again.
- We are forgiven.** All who believe in Jesus are guaranteed eternal life with Him in heaven.
- Why did Jesus do this? Because Jesus is love.**

Something to think about! . . .

Faith

As Christians we are often asked to define our faith or to describe what faith is. So how would you explain what "faith" is? Below are some ideas to help.

The dictionary says "faith" is . . .

confidence or trust in a person or thing; belief that is not based on proof; belief in God or in the doctrines or teachings of religion;

Martin Luther described "faith" as. . .

"... a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake"

"... permitting ourselves to be seized by the things we do not see."

In "*What Luther Says*" compiled by Ewald M. Plass and published by CPH in 1959, Plass writes:

"Faith is... the Evidence of Things Not Seen."
"Faith is the "Yes" of the Heart."

"Faith" is one of those concepts that is very hard to define. God's Word gives us the perfect definition to share with those who ask us to explain it: "*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*" - *Hebrews 11:1. (Read Hebrews 11 for examples of faith in action.)*

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Mon, Feb 1

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix
5:30 pm Private Meeting—James Room

Tues, Feb 2

8 am Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix
5:30 pm Private Meeting—James Room

Wed, Feb 3

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
6:30 pm Club 345
6:30 pm Tone Chime Practice
6:30 pm Confirmation—Means of Grace & Apostles' Creed
6:30 pm High School Connect Group

Thurs, Feb 4

9 am Adult Bible Study
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix
5 pm TOPS
5:30 pm Private Meeting—James Room
7 pm Elder's Meeting

Friday, Feb 5

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

Sat, Feb 6

7:30 am & 8 am Men's Bible Studies

Sunday, Feb 7

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3–12 gr)
9:30 am Women's Bible Study—cafe
9:30 am Bible Study—James Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship
11 am Livestream Worship
12:30 pm Short Communion Service

Mon, Feb 8

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix
5:30 pm Private Meeting—James Room

Tues, Feb 9

8 am Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix

Wed, Feb 10

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9 am Lois Circle—cafe
6:30 pm Tone Chimes Practice
6:30 pm Zingers
6:30 pm High School & Middle School Connect Groups

Thurs, Feb 11

9 am Adult Bible Study
4:30 pm Just for Kix
5 pm TOPS
5:30 pm Private Meeting—James Room

Friday, Feb 12

Sat, Feb 13

7:30 am & 8 am Men's Bible Studies

Sunday, Feb 14 *Happy Valentine's Day*

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3–12 gr)
9:30 am Women's Bible Study—cafe
9:30 am Bible Study—James Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship
11 am Livestream Worship
12:30 pm Short Communion Service
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

Mon, Feb 15

4:30 pm Just for Kix
5:30 pm Private Meeting—James Room

Tues, Feb 16

8 am Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix

Wed, Feb 17 - Ash Wednesday

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
5:30 pm Tone Chime Practice
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Thurs, Feb 18

9 am Adult Bible Study
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix
5 pm TOPS
7 pm Church Council

Friday, Feb 19

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

Sat, Feb 20

7:30 am & 8 am Men's Bible Studies

Sunday, Feb 21

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3–12 gr)
9:30 am New Member Classes begin—cafe
9:30 am Bible Study—James Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship
11 am Livestream Worship
12:30 pm Short Communion Service
2 pm Private Event garage
4–6 pm Confirmation –Ten Commandments

Mon, Feb 22

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix

Tues, Feb 23

8 am Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix
7:00 pm Lydia Circle

Wed, Feb 24

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
5:30 pm Tone Chimes Practice
6:30 pm Lent Worship

Thurs, Feb 25

9 am Adult Bible Study
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just for Kix
5 pm TOPS

Friday, Feb 26

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

Sat, Feb 27

7:30 am & 8 am Men's Bible Studies
8 am –12:15 pm New Member Saturday Session

Sun, Feb 28—*Lego Bible Challenge Displays*

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3–12 gr)
9:30 am New Member Class—cafe
9:30 am Bible Study—James Rm
11 am Contemporary Worship
11 am Livestream Worship
12:30 pm Short Communion Service
4–6 pm Confirmation –Ten Commandments
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group

MID-WEEK LENT SERVICES:

(Mid-week services begin at 6:30 pm)

Feb. 17—Ash Wednesday
Feb. 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24
Mid-week Lent Worship
April 1—Maundy Thursday
April 2—Good Friday
April 4—Easter Sunday



Sunday Online Worship: <https://m.facebook.com/MemorialLutheranSF/> or
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFmrxj3Ubt55SNc3XqGJqQ>

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MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT . . .

The staff has chosen a theme for the year 2021. "ONE Hope, ONE Family, ONE Purpose". We, as a Family of Memorial, have ONE Hope...in Jesus; ONE Family...at Memorial; ONE Purpose...to reach out to our neighbors, our friends and people we don't know yet...to welcome them to the grace of our Lord. We are excited for this year and where it will lead us. Please stay tuned for more information.

I am excited to announce that we have a New Member Orientation Class starting on February 21. This will run for 4 Sundays: Feb. 21, 28, March 7, & 14. Our Game Night will be held on Friday, March 19. New Member Welcome will be on Sunday, March 21. We have several families that have registered and a few more that have shown interest. It is so exciting to

have our church family grow! If you are interested in learning more about the gifts that God has blessed you with, please join the class. You won't be sorry!

Please consider, for 2021, to use your gifts and talents that God has given you to help our church family grow. There are so many different ways. A couple of ways: PowerPoint operators for the 9:30 service. We would like to have at least 2 more so that each person would be responsible for 1 Sunday per month. Complete instructions will be given. We are also looking for an Historian. This is a very interesting position as it deals with the history of our church and family. Think about it.

As we go through 2021, please be mindful of the precious gifts that our Lord has given each of us and how we might be able to use them to glorify Him.

Ephesians 4: 4-6: "There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all".

God bless you and keep you wrapped in His loving arms!

Colleen Keiser, Director
Ministry Involvement

We care about:

- Relevance in Ministry
- Relationships in Ministry
- Passing the Ministry Forward
- Our Community as much as we care about ourselves

