

MEMORIAL LUTHERAN *Newsletter*

September 2021

New Beginnings

By Pastor Doug Slavens

I love this time of year. Not the change in seasons, because that hasn't really started yet. No, I'm talking about the return of the school year. It's a new beginning of sorts, and it happens every year. My children, awoken from their summer slumber, find themselves thrust back into a routine of planned out days, full schedules, and homework.

Yet each year, we as parents, come to this time of year with anticipation. We build excitement, we prepare them to face this new routine with a tradition of "back to school" shopping. And as a child this was the most hated and yet exciting time of the year. But, these small, seemingly invisible rituals mark meaning. They are a new beginning...a new start. The smell of new notebooks and fresh pencils, the feel of an unused backpack. The way the light reflected off of a brand new protractor. (Just kidding) I don't even know what a protractor is for. But, these traditions are important when we have kids. For a short time, we are architects of our children's memories, and these rituals are our signposts: These moments matter. These moments mark a new beginning.

This isn't just true for students starting school. In many ways, we all start over again throughout life. We all face new routines and new beginnings that send us venturing beyond what is familiar and growing in the process. The wonderful thing about starting over again is that it happens now... today.

The Bible is filled with stories of people who received a new beginning from God. I love the account of the Samaritan woman who had a life-changing encounter with Jesus while drawing water from a well. (John 4:1-42).

This woman needed a turnaround. She had already been married five times,

and she now was living with a man who wasn't her husband. Yet despite her sordid past, she was about to meet someone who could turn things around and give her a wonderful new future.

That someone was Jesus, and He met her right where she was...

One of the intriguing parts of the Samaritan woman's story, for me, is when she told Jesus, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things" (v. 25).

You see, this woman expected the Messiah to come someday. She could envision a future day when the Messiah would "tell us all things."

However, she didn't recognize that her new beginning was at hand. There was no need to wait any longer. The long-awaited Messiah was standing right next to her! To the woman's amazement, Jesus told her, "I who speak to you am He" (v. 26).

You see, there's a vital lesson here. Perhaps you've gotten used to thinking that your turnaround would come at some distant time in the future, if it ever came at all. But Jesus the Messiah is not some faraway person. He's right there with you, just as He was for the Samaritan woman!

So I leave you with a question... What is your new beginning?

Pastor Doug

"For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end." - Ps. 48:14



"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."
- Ephesians 4:4-6

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Building Loan Update

Balance as of January 1, 2021 = \$721,071
Principal paid YTD = \$ 139,045
Current Loan Balance
as of August 16, 2021 = \$582,026

New estimated payoff date if only regular monthly payments are made: **August 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 - 2021

Aug. Giving to date	\$ 62,674
Monthly Budgeted Need	\$ 93,730
Giving YTD	\$598,152
Budgeted Need YTD	\$735,420

SECURE ELECTRONIC GIVING is available on the church website (www.memoriallutheran.net). Click on 'Giving Online' at the top of the home page. Forms are also available on the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact the office at 334-7133.

Giving By Text - Send a text to 605-269-0985 with the amount you would like to give. Make sure to include the dollar sign (\$) before the amount. You'll receive a text with a link to register. Click on the link & enter your info. Once your registration is complete, you'll receive a text verification & receipt via email. For future giving, just send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE— "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." — *Ephesians 5:15-17*

Memorial Wish List

- Funding for high school quilts (\$0-\$50 per quilt)
- Funding for Faith Chests (\$26 each)
- Street sign update
- Carpet Replacement
- Tech equipment for Sanctuary

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." — *Romans 12:6-8*

Serving In September

Serving Communion:

Sept 5: 8:00 am - Doug Foster, Dan Peters
9:30 am - Dan Currier, Joel Quist, Mark Schoeneman, Craig Gehrels
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Bill Cooper, Jim Schmidt, Paul Luetjen

Sept 12: 8:00 am - Bhrett Baney, Doug Foster
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Doug Borchert, Ken Tucker, Rick Dierks
11:00 am - Darold Danley, David Fehrs, Jerome Heyd, Rich Miller

Sept 19: 8:00 am - Dan Peters, Rich Ulses
9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Dan Currier, Joel Quist, Mark Schoeneman
11:00 am - Joel Shaver, Kasey Danley, Mike Gilbride, Rich Miller

Sept 26: 8:00 am - Rich Hertmann, Rich Ulses
9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Don Becker, Doug Borchert, Ken Tucker
11:00 am - Al Herrig, Bill Cooper, Darold Danley, Jerome Heyd

Lay Readers:

Sept 5:
8:00 am - Rose Foster
9:30 am - Marge Rand
11:00 am - Chris Andresen

Sept 12:
8:00 am - Dan Peters
9:30 am - Tim Miller
11:00 am - Paul Luetjen

Sept 19:
8:00 am - Larry Noah
9:30 am - Bob Seidel
11:00 am - Shirley Miller

Sept 26:
8:00 am - Rose Foster
9:30 am - Marge Rand
11:00 am - Wayne Grothmann

Power Point:

Sept 5:
8:00 am - Seth Peters
9:30 am - Pete Illing
11:00 am - Mike Gilbride

Sept 12:
8:00 am - Charlie Peters
9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein
11:00 am - Shirley Miller

Sept 19:
8:00 am - Seth Peters
9:30 am - Bruce Olson
11:00 am - Cindy Grothmann

Sept 26:
8:00 am - Charlie Peters
9:30 am - Pete Illing
11:00 am - Noah Miller

Accompanists:

Sept 5:
8:00 am - Jan Noah
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
11:00 am - Worship Team

Sept 12:
8:00 am - Joy Johansen
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
11:00 am - Worship Team

Sept 19:
8:00 am - Peggy Baney
9:30 am - Mindee Birstiehl
11:00 am - Worship Team

Sept 26:
8:00 am - Jan Noah
9:30 am - Kristi Prouty
11:00 am - Worship Team

Acolytes:

Sept 5 - 8:00 am - Eddie Jerke
11:00 am - Braylee Larson

Sept 12 - 8:00 am - Sam Woodson
11:00 am - Henry Slavens

Sept 19 - 8:00 am - Henry Woodson
11:00 am - Amelia Larson

Sept 26 - 8:00 am - Elyse Prouty
11:00 am - Ruby Slavens

September Ushers:

8:00 am - Larry Noah, Rocky Boer, Gordy Johnson, Jeff Nelson, Dennis O'Neill

9:30 am - Tim Miller, Dan Amert, Ken Wickre, Larry Miller, Bart Viss

11:00 am - Wayne Grothmann, Cindy Grothmann, Craig Larsen, Scott Ruml, Mike Mlnarik

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

Bible Studies at Memorial

RightNow Media

This is amazing resource for Individuals, Families, Small Group and Bible Study Leaders, etc. To sign up for this free great resource, just email the church office and a link will be sent to you. (info@memoriallutheran.net)



READY, SET, MOVE . . . FAITH PACE
Sundays at 12:30 pm in the parking lot. Run, Walk, or Jog for 45 min, then join in a short devotion. This great fellowship and devotion time continues as long as the weather is good.

Thursday Morning Bible Study . . .
Thursdays at 9:00 am in the café. Join Pastor Aaron and Pastor Doug as they look at a variety of topic.

Faith Alone - The Doctrine of Justification: What the Reformers Taught... and Why It Still Matters (The Five Solas Series) written by Thomas R. Schreiner. Sundays in the James Room at 9:30am.

Watch the Bulletin and Hallway Flyers for additional Bible Study opportunities.

THE HEART OF EVERY MARRIAGE—
SUNDAYS 9:30a - MUSIC ROOM (*in high school wing*)- SEPT 12-OCT 3
(Books provided.)



IF WE STOP TO LISTEN...
every heart has a story just waiting to be told!

JOIN Mike & Connie Gilbride as they share stories of a few couples featured in their book, **THE HEART OF EVERY MARRIAGE**. Together with you, they will open the pages to stories of struggle, courage, commitment & renewed love.

When we think we are at the end of our rope, these couples remind us that Jesus is holding the other end of that rope. Come to be encouraged and to encourage each other!

Daily Devotion Opportunities

Check out the LWML Mustard Seed Devotions? Go to LWML.org & click on resources. Scroll down to Devotions/Mustard Seeds. From there you can subscribe to daily Mustard Seed devotions free!

Another great daily devotion is from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Go to lhm.org and click on News/Resources. Scroll down to Daily Devotions. From there you can read the daily devotion or subscribe to have them sent to your e-mail.

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

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

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

Voters Approve Construction of High School Phase 2 "Shell"

With a vote of 97% approval, the SFLS United Voters' Assembly has approved the SFLS Board recommendation to immediately contract with Hoogendoorn Construction to build the high school Phase 2 "shell" (foundation, floors, interior/exterior walls, doors, windows, roof, basic plumbing/electrical). The construction costs will total \$1 million, with architecture fees of \$55,000 funded by cash and current commitments already made by private donors.

On the same ballot, voters also authorized the Board to finish the interior space of Phase 2 as an "add alternate," for the sum of \$211,000 in construction and architectural fees, as soon as gifts/donations to fund the space have been received. This approval eliminates the need to call a second voters' meeting to approve the interior finishing costs when funding is in place. Once complete, the Phase 2 addition will

include three additional 1,200 sq. ft. rooms that will serve as our high school science room/lab, technology/STEM lab, and learning center.

As the 2021-22 school year begins, we extend our sincerest thanks to each of you for your ongoing prayers and financial support of this gospel project. To learn more about the *Our Highest Gifts for Our High School Capital Campaign*, visit www.siouxfallslutheran.com/capital-campaign.

Rev. Darren Olson to Serve as Missionary-at-Large & SFLS Campus Pastor

Rev. Darren Olson has accepted the call to serve as the Missionary-at-Large for Northern Lincoln County and as the Campus Pastor at Sioux Falls Lutheran School. Pastor Olson served in this role in a part-time capacity during the 2020-21 school year. In July, 2021, he received a call from

the South Dakota District Board of Directors to continue serving in this role in a full-time capacity moving forward. Learn more online at bit.ly/sfls-campus-pastor, and plan to join us for an installation service at 7 pm on Thursday, September 2, in the Vaughn & JoAnn Meyer Chapel and Performing Arts Center. Directions to campus: www.siouxfallslutheran.com/new-location.

SFLS Named #1 Preschool by Local Best for Third Year Running

After 14 years of recognition as a Local Best preschool, we are grateful and honored to be named the number one preschool in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the third year running! This year, SFLS was also named number one in the categories of child care and learning centers. Learn more online at bit.ly/sfls-local-best-2021, and thank you for voting!



STUDENT MINISTRIES

INSIGHTS FROM HAILEY JO...

At the beginning of each school year I try and put myself in the shoes of our students. Some have begun classes in a new school and may not have as much time with their friends. They're working hard to fit in, keep up with their workload and be relatable to their peers. There's a lot of pressure that can sometimes be overwhelming. My encouragement for parents this month is to look for ways to encourage your students to invite Christ into their day. It could be a devotional in the car that you read together; a note on their bathroom mirror, or a silent prayer you've all memorized for those especially tough moments. However it works for you and your family, my prayer is that Christ is at the center of the beginning of this school year.

"They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."
Jeremiah 17:8

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." - Proverbs 22:6

September 2021 Student Ministry Calendar

Fall Kick-Off September 12th -

9:30am Bible Study: 6th-12th grade students can join us for Bible Study. We begin every morning with the ping pong & air hockey available, then we move into Music & Bible Study. Doors open at 9:10am.

STUDENT CONNECT

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

Middle School Connect (6th-8th grade) meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30pm-8pm. Confirmation students meet with mentors & 6th grade meet with Hailey Jo for the first half hour. The large group then comes together for devotion & a game.

CONFIRMATION

7th-8th grade; Register for unit classes with Hailey Jo. Classes begin the week of September 12th. If you have any questions about classes, the model or what to sign up for, email Hailey for assistance.

Save the Date! Confirmation Sunday will be November 7th & March 6th. That's right, we have decided to add a second Confirmation Sunday in the Spring to benefit our confirmation students and their families.

No Bible Study, Sunday Sept. 5th

—we encourage our students to Worship with their families!

Important Dates

- Sunday Bible Study (6th-12th grade) Sundays at 9:30am
- High School Connect Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Middle School Connect September 8th & 22nd
- No Sunday Bible Study September 5th

2022 National Youth Gathering



Check out more info on the upcoming gathering at <https://lcmgathering.org>.

Lutheran Women in Mission:

- proclaim Christ
- support missions
- equip women to honor God by serving others

If you have questions or would like more information about Women in Mission, contact Lisa Asmus.

PUPPET PLACE VOLUNTEERS

I'm looking for 3 people to attend the South Dakota State Fair with me on Saturday, September 4 and volunteer at the Puppet Place. We offer a place where fair attendees can sit and rest their feet in an air-conditioned building while watching a puppet show that shares the Gospel of



Jesus. Volunteers hand out "tickets" with show times, welcome people, and hand out treats after the show. Please let me know if you can help! Lisa Asmus.

Sioux Falls Zone Fall Rally -

Join with other Women in Mission from Sioux Falls as we "rally" together for prayer, song, information, fellowship, service to others, and more.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Saturday, October 2, 8:30 am - noon
A light lunch will be served.

Craft & Vendor Fair

October 9 - 9 am to 2 pm
Memorial Lutheran "garage"
Lunch & bake sale will also be available. Rent a table and sell your goods or come to shop! Join the fun of this great event. Contact Colleen Keiser for more information. Proceeds go to support Memorial's LWML mission grant projects.



MITE BOXES—We will be handing out individual Mite Boxes this month at church that you can fill with your coins to go toward LWML missions! We will take a special offering for MITES on October 3.

What happens to the money (mite offerings) we put in those little boxes??? They are put into action to fund LWML "Mission Grants" in South Dakota and around the world. 75% goes to LWML South Dakota District. 25% is sent to the National LWML.

Women's Retreat

Faith Lutheran Church, Pierre
Theme: "God's Quilt of Comfort - Wrapping up in the Psalms"
September 17 (1 pm) - 18 (3 pm)
Bible Studies, Servant Activities, Gifts from the Heart, Mite Box Offerings, Food, Fellowship!

Go to http://sdlwml.org/SD_LWML_Retreats/2021-Retreat.html
Contact Lisa Asmus for more information.



September Flowers for Worship Center:

- 5 - Open
- 12 - Open
- 19 - Open
- 26 - Open

Do you have flowers in your garden that you would like to share with your church family on a Sunday, or you may 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. You are welcome to take them home to enjoy any time after the last service on that Sunday. **Let Kathy know if you would like the occasion for the flowers listed in the prayers.**





OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY!

Memorial Lutheran Church will serve the evening meal at St Francis House on the third Sunday of each month.

Check in is at 6:00pm and you are finished by 7:30pm. We bring bars or cookies for dessert and all other food is provided, we just serve it. We clean tables between the two shifts of serving. Most important is that we converse and interact with the people who are staying there. It requires 3-5 people each third Sunday. Consider signing up for this important outreach opportunity. Talk with Peggy Baney for more information.

ABOUT ST FRANCIS HOUSE . . .

We are an ecumenical transitional housing program for the homeless offering hospitality, fellowship and support to those in need. Our program provides our guests shelter, food, case management, and support. We offer special services for reaching long term goals including employment, independent housing, addiction recovery, and money management.

We differ from others by requiring all guests to follow guidelines including: a zero tolerance policy on drugs, gambling and alcohol, guests must attend two self-improvement classes each week, hold a full-time job, attend all evening meals, uphold household chores, place 100% of their earning into a savings account. Guests are required to pay on any outstanding debt, including fines, restitution, child support and past due utilities. Our program focuses on a hand-up rather than a hand-out approach.

Those served at the St. Francis House includes, those coming from hospitals, treatment centers, and prisons, families looking to relocate, and anyone looking for a chance to start over. Guests have ranged from newborn infants to the elderly. We are open 24 hours a day seven days a week including holidays.

The St. Francis House depends entirely on private donations and grants for its operating funds.

Partners in Prayer

In our Memorial family, there are so many people in need of prayer. You can join our Facebook prayer team and along with over 100 other members, you will be able to pray for them anytime and anywhere.

If you have a FB account, just request to join Partners in Prayer-Memorial Lutheran. We will accept your friend request and then prayer requests will come right to you. This is a closed group so only members see the posts and only members of Memorial Lutheran are able to join the group because we treasure the privacy of those submitting requests.

“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.” - Philippians 4:6-7

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Leslee Gundvaldson
Jean Kenyon
Caden Ling
- 2- Jered Holland
Olive Reichert
Kami Vogt
- 3- Taya Dahmen
- 4- Mary Jo Graves
- 5- Archer Bosley
Katie Braden
- 6- Logan Kerr
Dan Letze
Cody Reil
Samantha Reil
Jameson St. Clair
- 7- Brenda Crawford
Monica Fehrs
Judy Larson
Leanne Ratzlaff
- 8- Hazel Reiffenberger
Bria Berg
Brady Dannenbring
Carson Quist

- 9- Cindy Hyronemus
Carole Johnson
Kathleen Zafft
- 10- Bruce Olson
- 11- Reese Hays
Ariel Irvin
Lily Irvin
Jersey Sonnenschein
Joshua VanHouten
- 12- Rhonda Hubert
- 13- Jim Christian
Gordy Johnson
Isabella Larson
- 14- Lisa Asmus
Courtney Brockhoff
Kevin Lampe
Evan Mattson
- 15- Kaylyn Lindsey
- 16- Emily Borchert
Matt Dowling
David TerEick
- 17- Andrew Borchert
Jacob Glawe
- 18- Jerome Heyd

- 19- Konner Fischer
Levi Harnisch
- 20- Brayden Miller
Wyatt Schmidt
- 21- Doug Borchert
Nolan Heiman
Clay Sonnenschein
Jackie Swanstrom
- 22- Lynda Boxdorfer
Jayden Jessen
Jordan Jessen
Jenna Schoeneman
- 23- Dausyn Pravecek
Jack Sandeen
- 24- Brandon Pavelko
- 25- Samuel Bosley
David Jones
- 26- Quinn Mebius
Norma Newberger
- 27- Miles French
Kristi Prouty
Ruby Slavens
- 28- Sarah Clark
Morgan Fehrs

- 28- Tom Sohre
- 29- Marcus Bergjord
Joslyn Durfee
- 30- Paxtyn Bork
Wayne Helgager
Willard Jernigan

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Rick & Bev Dierks
Lucas & Donna Gue
Darren & Natalie VanHouten
- 6- Kirk & Michelle Lee
- 9- Ken & Sue Reuter
- 10- Ken & Karen Newman
- 12- Cody & Laura Alderman
Ron & Lisa Glawe
- 13- Darrell & Stacie Bleeker
- 14- Allen & Phyllis Hulzebos
- 16- Kurt & Kathy Holdorf
- 22- Jeff & Annette Weisenbach
- 23- Kent & Linda Braunesreither
Dave Steensma & Chris Parks
David & Brenda Wendt

- 25- Jim & Karen Christian
- 26- Don & Carol Becker
Ben & Katelyn Fiegen
Brant & Carmen Jacobs
- 27- Chris & Mary Andresen
Brock & Juli Anshutz
Todd & Dawn Bechtold
Michael & Deb Williams
- 28- Mark & Stacy Warwick
- 29- Mark & Jodie Parrish
- 30- Martin & Michelle Duin
Tom & Joanne Landis

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INSIGHTS FROM LIZ

I love the back to school feeling...in my own household, it means getting back to a solid routine and starting a new year. This year is different at our house, with Maddy off to college, it has only been a few days with her gone, but her presence is missed. It is now Liz and the boys. I look forward to having the children back at Memorial. Stupid Covid kept many families away, and I am hoping that many will now feel okay to come back together. VBS was pretty exciting to have ALL those kids attend and to hug them was beyond belief. I am recruiting volunteers to work and share Jesus—in fact, we are doing formal background checks on all volunteers that work with minors. Hold on for details as we iron them out by the end of September. We want to continue to offer a safe place for children to grow in the love and understanding of who Jesus is in their lives.

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.

I love the above verse. Many of you know, I like to steal babies to hold. I know MOST of the children's names in the church, but I many not remember their parents names... my focus is on the children. I want to be like Jesus and welcome them all here with open arms so I can share Jesus. I love Jesus and I love children. I have the best job ever! If anyone wants to be a part of Children's Ministry at Memorial, just let me know and we will talk!

-Liz Peters
Director of
Children's Ministries



Fall Sunday School

We will be starting up The Gospel Project for Kids, Sunday, Sept. 12 - 9:30-10:30 AM for 3 year olds up to new 5th Graders in the classrooms off the Backyard. We begin the New Testament Gospels, starting with the Gospels and how all the promises of the Old Testament come to life in the New Testament. Register on the Memorial web site to get your kiddos signed up! Also looking for SS staff to help share Jesus....so see Liz if you are interested in being on the SS team!



Club 345—Names of God

Club 345 if just for 3rd 4th & 5th graders. This year we are focusing on the Names of God and what they all mean. Each gathering is based on a Christ-centered lesson helping them grow in their faith and their relationship with Jesus & with their peers. The group will meet on 2 odd week **Wednesdays from 6:30-8 PM.** **COME JOIN US!**

Sept 1 - God The Father

Sept 16 - God The Son

Oct 6 - God The Spirit

Oct 20 - Bread Of Life & Living Water

Zingers

This group for 1st & 2nd Graders will meet once a month (2nd Wednesdays) for some special events to get know each other and know Jesus! First meeting will be **Wednesday Sept. 8th from 6:30-7:30 PM**. Parents are more than welcome to lend a hand!

Oct. 13 - Fall Fun

Nov 10 - Servant Event

Acolytes

Acolytes are young members (new 4th, 5th, & 6th Graders) of the congregation who assist with the worship services by lighting & extinguishing the candles, & other worship duties as needed. We use acolytes at the 8 am & 11 am Worship and at special services like Advent, Lent, Christmas. If you are a 4th 5th or 6th grader and would like to help, please let Liz know by **Sept 19**. Schedule will be emailed out and in the newsletters. See Liz for more info. Email children@memoriallutheran.net or text #759-4782

Third Grade

Bible Presentations



On **Sunday, September 26th** 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 (9:30-10:30 AM), the parents will attend a special class with their child on ways to use the Bible in the home.**

(There are also some 4th graders that missed out on this opportunity last year, you are more than welcome to join us!)

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News for Thrivent Members

Did you know...

If you are a Thrivent member, you are eligible for TWO \$250 Thrivent Action Team cards EACH YEAR!

- You can support an unmet need in your community! You can apply to lead a volunteer team in a fundraiser, service activity, or educational event.

- You can APPLY to lead an event up until December 31 and you have until March 30 to host the event.
- You need to apply a minimum of 14 days prior to your event.

Some Thrivent Members are eligible to distribute Choice Dollars. This is money given to you by Thrivent – based on how much Thrivent product you have - to donate to a non-profit organization like Memorial Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls Lutheran School, Camp Okoboji, LWML, etc.

- If you don't designate the funds (by March 30, 2022), no one receives them.

- New Choice Dollars are distributed each year.
- To see if you are eligible for Choice Dollars: - Check your account online. Click on "What we offer" > "Generosity" > "Choice Dollars" > "Direct Choice Dollars". (You can also call Thrivent & they will help you.)
- \$4108 in Thrivent Choice Dollars has so far been designated to Memorial Lutheran church in 2021!

Contact Lisa Asmus if you have questions about Action Teams OR Choice Dollars.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Wed., Sept 1

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
6:30 pm Club 345
6:30 pm High School Connect Group

Thurs., Sept 2

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9 am Adult Bible Study
5 pm TOPS

Friday, Sept 3

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

Sat, Sept 4

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, Sept 5

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL; YOUTH BIBLE STUDY; OR
ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11 am Contemporary Worship
11 am Livestream Worship
12:30 pm Faith Pace—Group run/walk+ devotion

Mon, Sept 6 - LABOR DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

Tues., Sept 7

8 am Pastor's Circuit Meeting @ Resurrection
8 am Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
6:30 pm Card Ministry

Wed., Sept 8

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9 am Lois Circle
6:30 pm Zingers
6:30 pm MS Connect
6:30 pm High School Connect

Thurs., Sept 9

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9 am Adult Bible Study
5 pm TOPS
7:00 pm Elder's Meeting

Friday, Sept 10

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

Sat, Sept 11

8 am Men's Bible Study
4:30 pm Derek Bracht/Stephanie Ulses Wedding—
Offsite

Sun, Sept 12

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Study - FAITH ALONE - James Rm
9:30 am Bible Study - THE HEART OF MARRIAGE—
Music Room
11 am Contemporary Worship
11 am Livestream Worship
12:30 pm Faith Pace—Group run/walk+ devotion
12 noon Music Ministry Appreciation Lunch—garage
1 pm—3:30 pm Confirmation-Bible History—Café
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group - Café
6:30 pm Miller Small Group - Backyard

Mon, Sept 13

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just For Kix

Tues, Sept 14

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

Wed., Sept 15

9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
5:30 pm Private Meeting - Worship Center
6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Club 345
6:30 pm MS Connect/Confirmation - Café/James Rm
6:30 pm High School Connect
7:00 pm Tone Chimes Practice

Thurs., Sept 16

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9 am Adult Bible Study
4:30 pm Just For Kix
5 pm TOPS
5:30 pm Driver's Ed - James Room
7 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry - Timothy Room
7 pm Church Council Meeting - Café

Friday, Sept 17

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

Sat, Sept 18

8 am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, Sept 19

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)
9:30 am Bible Study - FAITH ALONE - James Rm
9:30 am Bible Study - THE HEART OF MARRIAGE—
Music Room
11 am Contemporary Worship
11 am Livestream Worship
12:30 pm Faith Pace—Group run/walk+ devotion

Mon, Sept 20

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just For Kix

Tues., Sept 21

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just For Kix
5:30 pm Driver's Ed - James Room

Wed., Sept 22

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm MS Connect
6:30 pm High School Connect
7:00 pm Tone Chimes Practice

Thurs., Sept 23

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9 am Adult Bible Study
4:30 pm Just For Kix
5 pm TOPS
5:30 pm Driver's Ed - James Room

Friday, Sept 24

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out

Sat, Sept 25

8 am Men's Bible Study

Sun, Sept 26 - 3rd Grade Bible Presentations at 8am & 11 am Worship Services

8 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Blended Worship
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)
9:30 am 3rd graders & Parents - Bible Basics Class
9:30 am NEW MEMBER CLASS - Café
9:30 am Bible Study - FAITH ALONE - James Rm
9:30 am Bible Study - THE HEART OF MARRIAGE—
Music Room
11 am Contemporary Worship
11 am Livestream Worship
12:30 pm Faith Pace—Group run/walk+ devotion

Mon, Sept 27

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just For Kix
7 pm Lydia Circle - Café

Tues., Sept 28

7 am SFLS Childcare
8 am Homeschool Group
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
4:30 pm Just For Kix
5:30 pm Driver's Ed - James Room

Wed., Sept 29

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm MS Connect/Confirmation - Café/James Rm
6:30 pm High School Connect
7:00 pm Tone Chimes Practice

Thurs., Sept 30

7 am SFLS Childcare
9 am SFLS Kids' Day Out
9 am Adult Bible Study
4:30 pm Just For Kix
5 pm TOPS
5:30 pm Driver's Ed - James Room

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP INFORMATION:

8:00 am Traditional Worship Service
9:30 am* Blended Worship Service
11:00 am Contemporary Worship
11 am service is also Livestreamed. Visit,
www.memoriallutheran.net and click on the
Youtube link under 'Worship.'

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

Sunday Online Worship: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFmxj3Ubt5SNc3XqGJgQ>

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GET INVOLVED!

September is exciting for us on the Ministry Involvement team because we will be starting another New Member Orientation. It is always exciting to meet new people who are excited to become members of our family here at Memorial! We will begin these sessions on September 26 and continue the next 3 Sundays. In these sessions, we talk about what Spiritual Gifts and personalities God has blessed us with.

You know, every one of us has been blessed with Spiritual Gifts and personalities. In Jeremiah 1:5 God tells us, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Isn't that amazing?? God has a plan for all of us. Paul also told us in 2 Corinthians 12: 4-5: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord. God didn't intend for each of us to do the same thing. That would be boring! We can help in so many ways and all be a part of one body...the body

of Christ. Be thinking how you might be able to use your Spiritual Gifts and personalities to praise God. If you want to discover what your gifts and personality are, come to the New Member Orientation.

We are looking to build a committee to plan an all-church picnic for the Summer 2022. If you are interested, please text me at 605-209-2098 or email me at getinvolved@memoriallutheran.net.

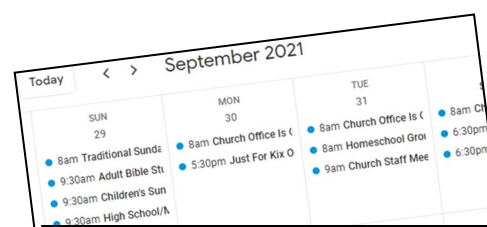
I also want to thank everyone who donated to the fundraiser for Linda Heyd. We will be able to help with a ramp to enter her home. I am so grateful to be a part of a church family that steps up to help one of our own. Memorial, you really know how to show your love for the Lord and fellow member,

God bless you and your month of September!

Blessings to all,
Colleen Keiser
Director of Ministry Involvement

We care about:

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



Looking to find out what's
happening at Memorial?
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