

# MEMORIAL LUTHERAN *Newsletter*

August 2021

## God's Character

By Pastor Aaron Asmus

Have you had enough summer yet? Probably not! I guess when you live in the Dakotas, you pretty much want to take in all the summer you can get, because as we well know, August is just another way of saying "pre-winter!" Okay, I'm probably jumping the gun a bit, but it's amazing how fast the seasons rotate through their cycles – and yet even this is one more testimony to the marvelous way in which God has made our world!

Two things.

First, I was struck by how last Sunday's "Song for Every Day Life" – Psalm 136 – pointed me to the consistency

of our Lord's very being. So many phrases of the Psalm pointed to one event in life after the other, and yet each refrain reminded us: "His steadfast love endures forever!"

New events unfold in each of our lives day after day. Some are good, some are bad. Some are enjoyable, some are drudgery. Some are exciting, some are depressing. Some are calming, some bring on anxiety. Do you find the ups and downs difficult to navigate? I sometimes do as well. I don't like hurting, watching others hurt, feeling confused or feeling helpless. Why can't we just live in a world where everything can turn out well and bring smiles to our faces?

The Sunday afternoon small group I'm part of – and now our Thursday morning Bible Study group, as well – has been going through a Bible Study called "Where is God?" (You can find it in the RightNow Media resource Memorial has subscribed to – if you have

*What would it look  
like to trust God,  
not based on an  
outcome, but based  
on His character?*

questions how to access it, please call our office!). The 4-part video study takes us through real-life stories of hope in the midst of suffering. Here's a question from the Study Guide for the 3<sup>rd</sup> study: "What would it look like to trust God, not based on an outcome but based on His character?" Think about that question for a moment! Jesus' words are clear about God's

character: "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..." Indeed, "His steadfast love endures forever!"

Second, as we head toward fall, our staff has been engaged in a process of bringing a new look to our Memorial logo and

some fresh wording for how we communicate our mission and purpose. We're not looking to bring any changes to Memorial's "character." We always remain grounded and growing in the character of God, the truth of His Word, and the mission given by our Lord Jesus to serve all by sharing His Good News. But we seek to find ways to continue consistently connecting this Good News to our fast-changing world – again, not changing our message or purpose, but always finding the best ways to faithfully share Jesus! This is exciting!

God's blessings as we move soon into a new school year cycle.

We will begin a 3-week series on gathering as OneFamily (202One) starting September 12!

*Pastor Aaron*



*"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*

### In This Issue:

Offering/Building Loan Update	2
Serving In August	2
Bible Studies	3
Sioux Falls Lutheran School News	3
Youth	4
Lutheran Women In Mission News	4
Birthdays/Anniversaries	5
Children	6
Calendar	7

## Building Loan Update

Balance as of January 1, 2021 = \$721,071  
 Principal paid YTD = \$ 123,066  
 Current Loan Balance  
 as of July 16, 2021 = \$598,005

New estimated payoff date if only regular monthly payments are made: **September 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!

**STEWARDSHIP MINUTE—** 2nd Corinthians 9:6 says "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously". As we see the gardens and flowers start to bloom and grow, think about where you sow your time, talents, and treasures.

### 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

## OFFERING SUMMARY - 2021

July Giving to date	\$ 88,066
Monthly Budgeted Need	\$ 93,730
Giving YTD	\$522,037
Budgeted Need YTD	\$605,640

**SECURE ELECTRONIC GIVING** is available on the church website ([www.memoriallutheran.net](http://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.

## Serving In August

### Serving Communion:

**Aug 1:** 8:00 am - Rich Hartmann, Rocky Boer  
 9:30 am - Dan Currier, Don Becker, Ken Wickre, Tim Miller  
 11:00 am - Darold Danley, Jim Schmidt, Joel Shaver, Paul Luetjen

**Aug 8:** 8:00 am - Dennis O'Neill, Larry Noah  
 9:30 am - Bob Seidel, Dan Amert, Doug Borchert, Joel Quist  
 11:00 am - Dave Fehrs, Jerome Heyd, Kasey Danley, Rich Miller

**Aug 15:** 8:00 am - Rich Hartmann, Rocky Boer  
 9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Dan Amert, Don Becker, Ken Tucker  
 11:00 am - Al Herrig, Joel Shaver, Mike Gilbride, Mike Mlnarik

**Aug 22:** 8:00 am - Dennis O'Neill, Larry Noah  
 9:30 am - Ken Wickre, Mark Schoeneman, Rick Dierks, Tim Miller  
 11:00 am - Bill Cooper, Jerome Heyd, Jim Schmidt, Paul Luetjen

**Aug 29:** 8:00 am - Rich Hartmann, Rocky Boer  
 9:30 am - Joel Bialas, Dan Currier, Ken Tucker, Tim Miller  
 11:00 am - Dave Fehrs, Kasey Danley, Mike Mlnarik, Rich Miller

### Lay Readers:

**Aug 1:** 8:00 am - Dan Peters  
 9:30 am - Marge Rand  
 11:00 am - Cindy Grothmann

**Aug 8:** 8:00 am - Larry Noah  
 9:30 am - Tim Miller  
 11:00 am - Paul Luetjen

**Aug 15:** 8:00 am - Rose Foster  
 9:30 am - Bob Seidel  
 11:00 am - Shirley Miller

**Aug 22:** 8:00 am - Dan Peters  
 9:30 am - Bruce Olson  
 11:00 am - Wayne Grothmann

**Aug 29:** 8:00 am - Larry Noah  
 9:30 am - Ken Wickre  
 11:00 am - Breck Miller

### Power Point:

**Aug 1:** 8:00 am - Seth Peters  
 9:30 am - Bruce Olson  
 11:00 am - Noah Miller

**Aug 8:** 8:00 am - Maddy Peters  
 9:30 am - Steve Feuerstein  
 11:00 am - Mike Gilbride

**Aug 15:** 8:00 am - Charlie Peters  
 9:30 am - Bruce Olson  
 11:00 am - Shirley Miller

**Aug 22:** 8:00 am - Seth Peters  
 9:30 am - Pete Illing  
 11:00 am - Noah Miller

**Aug 29:** 8:00 am - Charlie Peters  
 9:30 am - Pete Illing  
 11:00 am - Wayne Grothmann

### Accompanists:

**Aug 1:** 8:00 am - Joy Johansen  
 9:30 am - Mindee Birststiehl  
 11:00 am - Worship Team

**Aug 8:** 8:00 am - Joy Johansen  
 9:30 am - Kristi Prouty  
 11:00 am - Worship Team

**Aug 15:** 8:00 am - Peggy Baney  
 9:30 am - Kristi Prouty  
 11:00 am - Worship Team

**Aug 22:** 8:00 am - Peggy Baney  
 9:30 am - Kristi Prouty  
 11:00 am - Worship Team

**Aug 29:** 8:00 am - Joy Johansen  
 9:30 am - Kristi Prouty  
 11:00 am - Worship Team

### Acolytes:

**Aug 4 -** 8:00 am - Eddie Jerke  
 11:00 am - Amelia Larson

**Aug 8 -** 8:00 am - Sam Woodson  
 11:00 am - Ruby Slavens

**Aug 15 -** 8:00 am - Henry Woodson  
 11:00 am - Ariel Irvin

**Aug 22 -** 8:00 am - Clarie Sohre  
 11:00 am - Noah Miller

**Aug 29 -** 8:00 am - Elyse Prouty  
 11:00 am - Lily Irvin

### August Ushers:

**8:00 am** - Doug Foster, Tom Kenyon, LeRoy Zafft, Rich Ulses, Dan Peters  
**9:30 am** - Brian Johnson, Allen Hulzebos, Erik Helland  
**11:00 am** - Greg Miller, Shirley Miller

*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 9:30 am in the café. Join Pastor Aaron and Pastor Doug as they look at a variety of topic.

### Grace Alone- Salvation as a Gift of God

Sundays at 9:30am in the James room.  
June 6—August 29

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

## 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.

## Upcoming Bible Studies:

(Watch for more details on these upcoming studies.)

**Aug. 1 – Aug. 22—The Art of Neighboring- Café**  
*Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door*

**Sept 5– Dec. 19 - Faith Alone - James Room**  
*Justification—What the Reformers Taught. . . And Why It Still Matters*

**Sept. 12– Oct. 3 - Marriage– Music Room**  
*'The Heart of Every Marriage...Real Stories by Real People'. Meet couples who have found hope in challenging circumstances and in everyday life. Be encouraged as you join the discussion.*

## People To Contact:

Aaron Asmus-605-254-8471 -Sr. Pastor  
asmuspa@yahoo.com

Doug Slavens-314-348-5487 - Assoc. Pastor  
pastordoug@memoriallutheran.net

Hailey Jo Miller-830-837-1822 - Dir. Student Ministries  
students@memoriallutheran.net

Liz Peters- 605-759-4782 - Dir. Children's Ministries  
children@memoriallutheran.net

Colleen Keiser-605-209-2098 -Dir. Ministry Involvement  
getinvolved@memoriallutheran.net

Mindee Birnstiehl -605-212-3425 - Dir. of Music Ministry  
music@memoriallutheran.net

Kathy Holdorf-605-334-7133 - Administrative Manager  
info@memoriallutheran.net

### SFLS School Board

Laura Alderman - 261-7133  
Greg Miller - 605-261-3764

### Organists/Accompanists:

Peggy Baney 605-332-7497  
Joy Johansen 605-270-3686  
Jan Noah 605-582-2929  
Kristi Prouty 605-357-7194

### Church Council

Matt Hieb, President	605-321-8965
Doug Monson, Vice. Pres.	605-310-2768
Trisha Viss, Secretary	605-940-5254
Dan Amert, Treasurer	605-366-1868
Merry Miller, Financial Sec.	605-366-8262
Lisa Asmus, LWML	605-254-8469
Peggy Baney, Outreach	605-759-8424
Ellie Nord, Trustee	605-360-1174

### Elders:

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.)

## Annual Book Sale

The annual SFLS book sale takes place August 11-14 at Memorial Lutheran Church. Hours are 8:00am-6:00pm Aug 11-13 and 8:00am-12:00pm Aug 14. The \$5 bag sale runs Fri & Sat. All proceeds benefit the SFLS tuition assistance fund. Contact Peggy Baney at 605-759-8424 with questions or to make a donation.

## 11th Annual Dr. Vaughn & JoAnn Meyer Memorial Golf Tournament

Join us on Sun., Aug. 22, at Great Life Central Valley Golf Club in Hartford, SD. Registration is \$100 per person (includes dinner) or \$20 for dinner only. Not a golfer? Consider being a sponsor. Registration and sponsorship information is available online at <https://siouxfallslutheran.ejoinme.org/SFLSGolfTournament>.

## Join Our Team!

We are seeking part-time **strings instructor**, **educational assistants**, before/after school **childcare workers**, and **substitute teachers** for the 2021-22 school year. View full job descriptions and application instructions online at [www.siouxfallslutheran.com/careers](http://www.siouxfallslutheran.com/careers).



## Books and Bags -

The 10th annual Lutheran School book sale will be held at Memorial **August 11-14**. We are accepting donations of books (adult, children, hardcover, paperback, coloring books, board books....) DVD's, CD's, board games, & puzzles.

We are also accepting donations of cloth bags that we can use to tote books. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Baney at 759-8424.



## STUDENT MINISTRIES

### INSIGHTS FROM HAILEY JO...

This summer we've been studying the book of James with Frances Chan (through Rightnow Media). So far, my favorite chapter to study has been chapter 2. God gives us the freedom to love everyone and to not use that love to show partiality or favoritism. And in the very next breath, God tells us the reason we can do that, is because He has first loved us and shown us mercy. God's forgiving; life-giving love changes us from the inside out. As our students start preparing for their Fall semesters, I want to encourage them to have a heart of mercy; seeing what God sees in the people around them. *"For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment."* James 2:13

## August 2021 Student Ministry Calendar

### Move-Up Day

Students entering their 6th grade year will be able to move up to Middle School beginning September 12th. More information regarding confirmation and other things will be going home this month.

## STUDENT CONNECT

**Summer High School Connect** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr) meets every Wednesday, starting at 6:30pm. Check out the summer schedule for details!

- High School August 11th; 6:30pm @Tuthill, RSVP by August 4th
- High School August 18th Canaries @7:05pm. RSVP by August 11th.

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

- Middle School Aug 8th, walk to Dairy Queen; 6:30-8pm (bring \$)
- Middle School Aug 22nd, Garage - 6:30-8pm

## CONFIRMATION

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

- Confirmation Parent Meeting Sunday, August 29th
- 6th Grade Parents: 2-2:30pm
- 7th-8th Grade Parents & Students: 3-4pm

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

**September 5th: Worship with your family! No Youth Bible Study.**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Sunday Bible Study (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grad Sundays at 9:30am)
- High School Connect, Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Middle School Connect, Info on Calendar
- Confirmation Parent Meetings, Sunday, August 29th

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

## 2022 National Youth Gathering



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

## LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

**What is the LWML** (aka Lutheran Women in Mission) **all about?** *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.* At Memorial we do this by offering opportunities for Bible Studies, fellowship, collecting Mite Box Offerings for district & national support and missions, fundraise to support our church and other local ministries, and sponsor Gifts from the Heart collections. If you have questions or would like more information about Women in Mission, contact Lisa Asmus.

**Mark your calendar for October 9 – Craft and Vendor Sale** at Memorial. You may rent a table or come & shop! There will also be a bake sale and food available. Contact Colleen Keiser for more information. Proceeds go to support the Memorial Women in Mission - Mission Grants.

**What happens to the money (mite offerings) we put in those little boxes??** They are put into action to fund "Mission Grants" in South Dakota and around the world.

**August Mites in Action:** Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch - Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch — \$81,680. Matthew 25:40 assures us that whenever we serve the "least of these brothers and sisters" of Christ, we are serving the Lord. The healing ministry of the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch creates an eternal, life-giving impact in the lives of children age 10–18 who face unimaginable abuse, neglect, & trauma — truly "the least of these." This is especially true for female children who have been victimized by male figures, resulting in trust-related issues that are hopelessly difficult for a child to bridge. The specialized ministry of a deaconess bridges this gap with the transformational care of Christ, helping both young girls and boys.

**Mites In Action –SD:** Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Clothing Co-Op, Fort Wayne, IN — \$5,000. The Food and Clothing Co-Op provides 80–85% of the families' food and household needs. This grant will aid in the purchase of ground beef, eggs, milk, fresh fruits & vegetables, & other perishable items to stock the Co-Op's shelves.



**LWML-South Dakota District is hosting a retreat on September 17-18 at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre, SD.**

The Theme is "God's Quilt of Comfort – Wrapping up in the Psalms". There will be opportunity for Bible Study, fellowship, food, service: making tie blankets & scarves, writing notes of encouragement, & collecting Gifts of Love for the Pierre Area Referral Service (PARS) (more info. coming). Go to [http://sdlwml.org/SD\\_LWML\\_Retreats/2021-Retreat.html](http://sdlwml.org/SD_LWML_Retreats/2021-Retreat.html) Contact Lisa Asmus for more information.



## August Flowers for Worship Center:

1 – Open; 8 – John & Georgia Raap;  
15 – Open; 22 – Open; 29 – Open  
Do you have flowers in your garden that you would like to share with your church family, 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.





## BIRDS OF A FEATHER – FLOCK TOGETHER (BUT WHAT ABOUT THE LITTLE BIRDIE WHO SITS ALONE?)

At 6am Saturday morning, a group of people we had never even seen before gathered to make the trip to Mount Rushmore for a tour called 'Breakfast with the Presidents'. They were from all parts of the country – and without a doubt,



all walks of life. They quickly became friends as we shared a few hours together. I even met a former Navy guy who lived in Okinawa a few years before we arrived there to serve with the Air Force. Before long, we were reminiscing like old friends!

That afternoon, we took one couple from Canada, another from Colorado and the last couple from Nebraska on a tour through Needles Highway, Custer State Park and Iron Mountain Road. We climbed together to get a better look at Mt Rushmore in the distance. We marveled at Crazy Horse Monument and shared our lives as we shared our meal. Look what I would have missed if I had stayed with the flock!

The final night of our gathering, we walked into the banquet room to see it filled with tables and people. Can I tell you where my radar wanted to go? Right to our familiar flock! Can I tell you where we sat? At a table enjoying new friendships with couples from Seattle, Washington - Paducah, Kentucky and St Charles, Missouri. By the time dinner was over, we were planning to meet up with the couple from Seattle when we make a trip there later this summer for a wedding. We now have another flock!

On the way out of the banquet for a bathroom break, I happened to look over and saw a couple sitting by themselves. I stopped to talk with them and this is what I learned: He is a paraplegic and travels with his wheelchair strapped to the back of their sports car. His wife did all the driving all the way from Wisconsin...with no air conditioning). They broke down on the way from Sioux Falls to Spearfish and missed the first night of the event. They weren't frustrated or angry. They just didn't want to miss all the fun! (Birds of a feather flock together – but there they sat all alone.) As I spent a few minutes with them, I saw their faces light up and excitement in their words. Ohhhh – am I thankful through my husband, God gave me eyes for the birdies who were sitting alone. (Even meeting 'new birds', I found we had time to be with friends!)

What about you? Are you more comfy in your own flock? (Me, too!) It isn't always easy to approach the birdie sitting alone. It isn't always as much fun to leave friends to meet strangers. (Even here at church!)

This past weekend, God reminded me how I was once that little birdie sitting all alone – feeling lost. He reached to me and made me a part of His flock.

*Father, daily give me eyes for those who might not know You. Give me eyes for those not in my own flock who need to know they, too, can live hope-filled expressions of faith in Jesus. In Your Son's Name. Amen.*

Written by Connie Gilbride. Reprinted from August 2009 Memorial Newsletter.

As I thought about our weekend, that title made me smile. We spent 3 days out in the Black Hills with several hundred other car enthusiasts. There were fun events, food, competition, lots of car talk and a car show to display the sparkling shine. It's also a great opportunity to spend time with friends from our own Sioux Falls club (birds of a feather flock together, you know).

If you know me – you know I LOVE people! I enjoy talking with them and laughing together. But...I also like the comfort of being with friends. That means, when I walk into a room, my first inclination is to look for familiar faces and head their direction...then I can meet some new faces.

We barely arrived at the hotel when my husband, Mike, announced that he didn't want to only spend time with people we knew. He wanted to sit with new people. Inside, I balked and whined: *...but I wanted to spend time with my friends!* (Mike is so good for me as he reminded me to have eyes for other birds than just those in our own flock.)

## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Emma Duprey  
Cole Heyd  
Debra Weeldreyer
- 2- Cynthia Hansen  
Grant Jackson  
Chrissy Ling
- 3- Nancy Bialas
- 4- Lynna Christensen  
Lydia Slavens
- 5- Bhrett Baney  
Carolyn Reitz  
Kelly Ricke
- 6- Emmie Holland  
Heidi Jerke  
Colleen Johnson  
Bristol Krumm  
Samantha Penrod
- 7- Lori Ackmann  
Jessica Buer  
Donna Hartmann  
Hudson Schmuck  
Toni Stansbury
- 8- Sarah Stokke

- 9- Sheila Boyens  
Debra Stuck
- 10- Allie Johnston  
Leesa Olander
- 12- Sydney Determan  
Theodore Gundvaldson  
Ashley Sandeen
- 13- Courtney Currier  
Erin Griebel  
Gracie Wood
- 14- Beth Elam  
Cari Stein
- 15- Taylor Hoz  
Gary Page
- 16- Allen Hulzebos
- 17- Brendan Hansen  
LeRoy Zafft
- 19- Jason Schroeder
- 20- Wyatt Davidson  
Jeff Nelson  
Sue Page
- 21- Joy Johansen  
Samantha Parson
- 22- Jennifer Henry

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

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- John & Kim Duprey  
Robb & Dawn Grotewold  
Jered & Angela Holland
- 3- Matthew & Katie Braden  
Matt & Gina Hieb
- 4- Breck & Lyndsey Miller
- 5- Tyler & Joslyn Durfee  
Jeremy & Susie Richards
- 6- Josh & Kathryn Mlnarik
- 7- John & Georgia Raap
- 9- Peter & Ellie Nord  
Matt & Sarah Stokke  
Aaron & Kathleen Tennyson
- 10- Merlin & Lisa Knutson
- 11- John & Shirley Johannsen
- 12- Mark & Laura Gibbs  
Bernie & Karen Moore
- 13- Kevin & Wendy Lampe  
Mike & Tanya Lindsey  
Gary & Michelle Reil
- 14- Craig & Kathy Gehrels  
Bill & Shelley Miller  
Jim & Lindie Nord

- 14- Doug & June Schaefers
- 15- Gregg & Kris Oehlerts
- 18- Corey & Liz Christensen
- 19- Kelby & Heidi Krabbenhoft
- 20- Jason & Shelly Thomson
- 21- Tim & Toni Dahmen  
Arthur & Vivian Shaver
- 22- Chad & Amy Bozzell  
Monty & LaDonna Dell
- 23- Dustin & Ashley Larson
- 24- Brad & Mary Hanisch
- 28- Mark & Jackie Swanstrom
- 29- Bob & Christa Kerr  
Russ & Shanna Konz
- 30- Larry & Kristie Hoyme
- 31- Steve & Stacy VanWesten

*"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 ....

What's the next step?!

So, this month, my daughter Maddy begins college...she'll be moving out of the house, heading to Concordia University in Seward, NE and gone the majority of the year. I am ready for this....this is what we have been training for, waiting for.... yet, not sure I am quite ready to let her go. But I trust in God to guide her steps and help her walk forward and so proud of the young woman she has become. Then I think of the kids at Memorial... some big steps for the new 6<sup>th</sup> graders. As they move up and are no longer under my domain of Children's ministry, it is hitting me hard! I have known MANY of these kiddos since they were babies, and now they are middle schoolers, moving that next step up to student ministries and connecting with Hailey Jo Miller and her tribe of youth. It is time. I will pray for their movement and continued growth in their knowledge and love of Jesus.

## Psalm 17:5

"My steps have held to your paths;  
my feet have not stumbled."

-Liz Peters

Dir. of Children's Ministries



## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

This summer we have been looking at the Lord's Prayer and what it all means. Summer SS is in the Backyard at Memorial, and we do a One-Room type of gathering for the kids.

**NO SS on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>**—Come celebrate and worship together as a family!

## SUMMER FUN KID NIGHT

Let's have some summer fun, parents bring a lawn chair and stick around and play with us in the front yard at church! (Or inside if it is REALLY hot.) This is open for preschool-5<sup>th</sup> graders!

## GaGa Ball—Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> @

**6:30 PM** Come play a fun game together—easy to learn, easy to play and lots of fun. We'll have some ice cream treats to cool off with!



## Fall Sunday School

We will be starting up The Gospel Project for Kids Sunday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30 AM for 3 years olds up to new 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Registration will go live the end of August on the web site for kiddos. Also looking for SS staff to help share Jesus....so see Liz if you are interested in being on the SS team!



## Memorial Lutheran VBS RE-Cap

We had 100 plus kiddos and we shared that Jesus is our forever friend! We sang, heard God's Word, made some great crafts, ate some yummy snacks and even roasted some marshmallows! We collected 280 boxes of cereal for feeding SD and over \$300 for Spoke Folk. Thank you to ALL the volunteers that gave their time, energy, care for kids and love of Jesus with the kids.



## Club 345—Names of God

This is a ministry tailored to 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Each gathering is based on a Christ-centered lesson helping them grow in their faith and their relationship with Jesus and with their peers. We will meet in September on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 do they mean? Come join us!

## Zingers

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

## Acolytes



Acolytes are young members (new 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders) of the congregation who assist with the worship services by lighting & extinguishing the candles, and 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 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader and would like help please let Liz know by **Sept 19<sup>th</sup>**. The schedule will be emailed out & in newsletters. See Liz for more info. Email [chil-dren@memoriallutheran.net](mailto:chil-dren@memoriallutheran.net) or text #759-4782

## Third Grade Bible Presentations

On **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** all third grade students will be presented with a Bible from Memorial. This will be a special time for the students and their parents to receive this teaching tool during the early and late worship services on Sunday morning. **During the SS hour (9:20-10:30 AM), the parents will attend a special class with their child on ways to use the Bible in the home.**



*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

- Matthew 19:14

## AUGUST CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 1

8 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Study—James Rm & Café  
9:30 am Bible Study—James Rm  
11 am Contemporary Worship  
11 am Livestream Worship  
12:30 pm Faith Pace—Group run/walk+ devotion

### Mon, August 2

1:30 pm Communion Wafer Making

### Tues. August 3

6:30 pm Card Ministry  
6:30 pm & 7:30 pm Memorial Softball fields F & G

### Wed., August 4

6:30 pm High School Connect Group  
7:00 pm Elder's Meeting

### Thurs., August 5

9 am Adult Bible Study  
5 pm TOPS

### Friday, August 6

5:00 pm Howard/Holzer Wedding Rehearsal

### Sat, August 7

3:30 pm Howard/Holzer Wedding

### Sunday, August 8

8 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Study—James Rm, Café, & Music Rm  
11 am Contemporary Worship  
11 am Livestream Worship  
12:30 pm Faith Pace—Group run/walk+ devotion  
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group  
6:30 pm Middle School Connect walk to DO

### Mon, August 9

12:30pm-4 pm Private Meeting—café

### Tues., August 10

8 am Staff Planning Meeting  
12:30pm-4 pm Private Meeting—café

### Wed., August 11

8 am–6 pm SF Lutheran High Annual Book Sale  
6:30 pm Summer Fun Kid's Night—GAGA Ball  
Kids Preschool -5th grade are invited  
6:30 pm High School Connect Group @Tuthil Park

### Thurs., August 12

8 am–6 pm SF Lutheran High Annual Book Sale  
9 am Adult Bible Study  
5 pm TOPS

### Friday, August 13

8 am–6 pm SF Lutheran High Annual Book Sale  
6 pm Jung/Ricke Wedding Rehearsal

### Sat, August 14

8 am–12 noon SF Lutheran High Annual Book Sale  
4 pm Dustin Jung/Jill Ricke Wedding

### Sun, August 15

8 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Study—James Rm & Café  
10 am -12:30 pm Fundraiser meal (see details pg.8)  
11 am Contemporary Worship  
11 am Livestream Worship  
12:30 pm Faith Pace—Group run/walk+ devotion

### Mon, August 16

*No Events Scheduled*

### Tues. August 17

*No Events Scheduled*

### Wed., August 18

7:05 pm High School Connect Group at  
Canaries baseball game

### Thurs., August 19

9 am Adult Bible Study  
5 pm TOPS  
7 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7 pm Church Council Meeting

### Friday, August 20

*No Events Scheduled*

### Sat, August 21

*No Events Scheduled*

### Sunday, August 22

8 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Study—James Rm & Café  
11 am Contemporary Worship  
11 am Livestream Worship  
12:30 pm Faith Pace—Group run/walk+ devotion  
4:30 pm Asmus Small Group  
6:30 pm Middle School Connect in garage

### Mon, August 23

*No Events Scheduled*

### Tues., August 24

6:30 pm–9 pm Private Meeting—garage

### Wed., August 25

6:30 pm High School Connect @ Memorial

### Thurs., August 26

9 am Adult Bible Study  
5 pm TOPS

### Friday, August 27

*No Events Scheduled*

### Sat, August 28

*No Events Scheduled*

### Sun, August 29

8 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Blended Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School (ages 3– 12 gr)  
9:30 am Bible Study—James Rm & Café  
11 am Contemporary Worship  
11 am Livestream Worship  
12:30 pm Faith Pace—Group run/walk+ devotion  
2-2:30 pm 6th grade Parent Confirmation Meeting  
3-4 pm 7th & 8th grade Parent & Student  
Confirmation Meeting

### Mon, August 30

5:30-8:30 pm Private Meeting - Garage

### Tues., August 31

*No Events Scheduled*

“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](http://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/UCMFmxj3Ubts5SNc3XqGJqQ>

## Outreach Opportunities

\*Memorial serves at St. Francis House on the third Sunday of each month.  
We serve the guests, mingle with them, and greet them.

\*Feeding America is looking for people to help pack boxes for food distribution. This is a physical job. We can schedule on days that they need extra assistance.

\*Pine Ridge LCMS Church rebuilding is happening all summer long. All types of jobs are needed from plumbing to sheet rocking. Check out the schedule on the table by Kathy's door.

Let us know if you have any suggestions for Outreach activities. You can call the church office with questions or contact Peggy Baney: 605-759-8424  
[bandpbaney@sio.midco.net](mailto:bandpbaney@sio.midco.net)

## Memorial Lutheran Church

5000 S Western Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

**Address Correction Requested**

NON-PROFIT ORG.

U.S. POSTAGE

**PAID**

SIoux FALLS, SD

PERMIT NO. 527

We're on the Web  
[www.memoriallutheran.net](http://www.memoriallutheran.net)

*"Living Hope-filled  
Expressions Of Faith  
in Jesus"*

---

## SUMMER'S HALF OVER!

My mom always said that once July 4<sup>th</sup> was celebrated, summer was half over and the second half goes much faster than the first half. She was right! We are immersed in planning family vacations, and activities with and for the kids. It gets very busy. It's August, and now the kids—college, high school and grade school—are preparing for a new school year already. PLUS, the teachers are gearing up for the school year too. This can be and usually is, a busy/exciting time of summer!

We are gearing up for a special event too! On August 15 we are having a fundraiser for Linda Heyd. This will help with building a ramp for her house to make it easier for her to enter and leave her home. We are going to have loose meat sandwiches, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, a cookie and water. All for a free will donation! There will be tables set

up outside to eat your delicious lunch or you can take it home with you. We will be serving from 10AM to 12:30PM. Mark this event on your calendar!

We are also preparing for the New Member Orientation classes beginning on September 26. We are excited to meet all the people that want to become part of our family here at Memorial.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and make the very best of it.

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



*"For where two or three gather in  
My name, there am I with them."*

- Matthew 18:20