



# MEMORIAL LUTHERAN

June 2020

# NEWS

## MOVING FORWARD

It's springtime here in South Dakota... Well, I think it's spring-time? I'm not really sure because it doesn't feel like spring. Now, some of the traditional things that mark the spring season are upon us, like the school year is over, Memorial day has happened, and the grass needs to be cut, so I'm pretty sure it's spring. But it doesn't really feel like spring yet. The school year ended without much fanfare; there was no end of year parties, no big graduation ceremonies, and the kids have been home since March. Memorial day came and went and the public pools are still closed. The only thing that tells me it's spring is...well, the grass needs to be cut. You see, there are certain things that mark the change of season for each of us. And most of those things (those traditions) have been put on hold this year, leaving us feeling like something is missing.

I would say that most of us have been missing certain parts of our lives. Maybe even mourning the loss of some of the freedoms we take for granted. We have been coping with this sickness that has changed the way we live. We face social distancing, job loss, school

closures, business closures, and not being able to physically gather with our church community. And I have heard over and over again, "I can't wait until things get back to normal." I have also said this same thing. But, what does "back to normal" look like?

We're living in such a strange dichotomy. All of these "new" changes were thrust upon us very quickly and we have had little time to mourn the loss of the way things were. And in the beginning of COVID, I was drawn to a passage in Exodus, "And Moses said to the people, 'Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.'" (Exodus 14:13-14 ESV) Here we find the Israelites also mourning the way things were. Questioning the choices they had made as they fled Egypt. Here we find them complaining to Moses, claiming it would be better to suffer oppression from their Egyptian masters than to die out in the desert. And, in response, Moses told the people to stand firm and watch God act on their behalf.

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## Stewardship Minute

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. - Romans 12:12-13*

The certainty of the Christian's hope is a cause for joy. Enduring confidently is necessary for a Christian because affliction is a frequent experience. We pray in hard times, but also maintain closeness with God through prayer at all times. As Christians we take responsibility to care for all people.

### Until Further Notice

We will continue with online Worship Services each Sunday at 9:30 am & short communion services on Sundays (various times). Sign-up to attend communion services at [www.memoriallutheran.net](http://www.memoriallutheran.net) or call the church office.

### Building Activities?

When will we come back together in our building for Bible Studies & other group activities? We are evaluating the virus situation and will put out notices on Facebook, Email, Letters, & our website when dates are determined.

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### MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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This is such a powerful reminder that no matter how things appear, God is in control. It is also a reminder that God is a God of change. Not that He changes, but that He calls us to follow Him through change. Look at God's response in verse 15: "The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward." God had a plan, but for the plan to work, the people of Israel needed to keep walking...to keep going forward. As it turns out, God's plan to part the Red Sea and allow the Israelites to pass safely was a pretty good one, but it required the people to keep going. It required their faith in something bigger than what they could physically see in-front of them.

We see a similar demonstration in Joshua 3. Joshua is set to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land, but first they have to cross the Jordan River, which just so happened to be at flood stage. God commanded the priests to carry the Ark of the Covenant ahead into the Jordan River. The Bible tells us that as soon as the feet of the priests were in the water, the flow of the river stopped, once

again allowing the people to pass on dry ground. This is a great illustration of how our faith also requires action. For the Jordan River to stop flowing, the priests first had to step into the river itself. God will be faithful to act, but we must be faithful in our obedience by continuing to move forward, to press on, and sometimes to get our feet wet. We cannot let the uncertainty of our circumstances or our fear of the unknown paralyze us. Or worse yet, have us long for the way things were.

Your future may seem uncertain and unclear today. And that is okay! But, remember our God is working in all the uncertainty. Isaiah 43:19 says, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Sometimes, in order to perceive something new, we need to recognize what was lost. God wants to do something new in us. It's okay to pause, recognize, mourn, and lament all that is lost before we move forward into the new.

That phrase, "I am doing a new thing," was the word spoken

by God to his people. God was calling his people out from the old and into the new. God is speaking new life into each of us. He is speaking hope into our heartbreak. He is speaking peace into our chaos. He is speaking life into loss. He is speaking into our time of being still and silent. Where do you need to recognize what has been lost? Where are you seeing something new being brought forward?

In this season there are new beginnings. New rhythms. New spiritual growth. New communities formed online. New friendships. New partnerships. New hobbies. New disciplines....New life. Things will not be as they were, and I think that is the plan. God is faithful and he wants you to keep walking forward. He has a plan for your circumstance and will see you through it...not back to the way things were. And as each of us continue to take those necessary steps of faith, God will continue to show up to reveal himself to us daily, to meet our needs as he promised and use us as His voice of hope to our world.

Blessings,  
Pastor Doug

faith

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

—Hebrews 11:1

### JUNE CALENDAR

WE WILL BE CONTINUING WITH ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP AND SHORTENED SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICES FOR NOW AND WILL BE RE-EVALUATING AS THE MONTH MOVES FORWARD. PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL, THE MEMORIAL FACEBOOK PAGE, AND THE MEMORIAL WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION.

#### Sunday Online Worship — 9:30 am

<https://m.facebook.com/MemorialLutheranSF/>

or

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFmxj3Ubt55SNc3XqGJgQ>

#### Sunday Communion Services—Various Times

Sign-up at [www.memoriallutheran.net](http://www.memoriallutheran.net) or call the church office at 605-334-7133.

## People To Contact:

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Kasey Danley  
Rich Hartmann  
Mike Mlnarik  
Peter Nord  
Dan Peters  
Jim Schmidt  
Andy Schmuck  
Allen Schoenwald  
Joel Quist



## Document Shredding Event

Bring your piled up boxes of files, books, old tax return, bank statement and personal documents to:

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**2200 S. Western**

**Saturday, June 13th, 10:00-12:00**

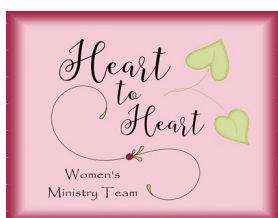
Goodwill Shred, truck will be in the parking lot to securely shred your materials.

Keep it simple, no need to remove staples, paperclips or file folders,

**Just DUMP, SHRED AND GO!!**

## UPCOMING EVENT!

Heart to Heart is meeting at Straw-bale Winery on Thursday June 11. Opens at 5 pm, food trucks are available if you'd like to eat there.



There are chairs, but to be safe bring your own. This will only be the second Thursday they are open, so it could be busy.

**You don't have to be involved in the Heart to Heart group to attend, this is for anyone interested in joining us.**

Please let Kathy Luetjen know (605-413-8256) if you are joining us so we save enough area for everyone! Make sure and check with Kathy or their webpage to make sure they will be open.

## CONNECTIONS!

Would you like some encouragement and a connection to other Lutheran women? Do you have a little extra time while "social distancing"? The internet has become a way to get and stay connected, especially now. Lutheran Women in Mission have some suggestions:



**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/TheLWML>



**Instagram** <https://www.instagram.com/lwmlnational/>



**Pinterest** <https://www.pinterest.com/theLWML/>



**Twitter** <https://twitter.com/TheLWML>



**YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/user/theLWML>

We pray you will Nurture Your Faith, Make Your Faith Meaningful, and Share Encouragement.

*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up.*

- 1 Thessalonians 5:11a

### June Birthdays

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1- Brayden Danley    | 14- Ryker Irvin       |
| 2- Kira Dahmen       | Natalie Niemann       |
| Bev Dierks           | Elsie Swingdorf       |
| Phyllis Hulzebos     | 15- Riley Amundson    |
| Kim Raap             | Ameriah Fraction      |
| Rich Ulses           | Kasen Irvin           |
| 3- Stacie Bleeker    | Chad Knudtson         |
| 4- Ladonna Balk      | Laura McFadden        |
| Mandy Cooper-Dumke   | Ken Reuter            |
| Lisa Glawe           | 16- Shea Stein        |
| Jayden Thammavongkeo | 17- Casie McFarlane   |
| 5- Doug Noble        | Mike Lindsey          |
| Jill Ricke           | Lauren Roerig         |
| Tina Viss            | 18- Brenda Wendt      |
| Erin Woodson         | 19- Joanna Fischer    |
| 6- Austin Clark      | 20- Jeanine Greenwood |
| Kurt Fahy            | Carter VanHouten      |
| Jessica Perkins      | Bart Viss             |
| June Schaefer        | 21- Audrey Aljets     |
| 7- Dana Deeter       | Christian Ling        |
| Lydia Sullivan       | 22- Laura Gibbs       |
| 8- Kim Arends        | 23- Taedyn Bialas     |
| Doug Borchert        | Alison Raaen          |
| Tate Groseth         | 24- Sara Carson       |
| 8- Kim Arends        | Ashley Currier        |
| Doug Borchert        | Charles Mebius        |
| Andrea Letze         | Nicole Sullivan       |
| Christine Parks      | 25- Genevieve Perkins |
| 9- Jennifer Johansen | Lenny Sand            |
| Larry Bergjord       | 26- Hudson Baloun     |
| Liz Slavens          | Paula Naber           |
| 10- Tyler Durfee     | Caroline Krapf        |
| Tristen Miller       | Michael Weigelt       |
| Troy Miller          | 27- Kathy Dathe       |
| Jordan Nelson        | Keenan Konz           |
| Joseph Pruner        | Marilyn Seidel        |
| 11- Ericka Ackmann   | 28- Olivia Bozzell    |
| 12- Thomas Jeans     | Ron Glawe             |
| Ian Mason            | 29- Katrina Catron    |
| Weston Mason         | Kaleb Rosenbaum       |
| 13- Kristy Bridges   | 30- Bonnie Melbrech   |
| 14- Barb Amen        | Vicki Ulses           |
| Shandon Boe          |                       |

### June Anniversaries

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| 1- Rocky & Becky Boer         |
| Dave & Cindy Hyronemus        |
| 2- Will & Betty Jernigan      |
| Bob & Diane Nelson            |
| Marshall & Darcie Reichert    |
| 4- Terry & Delores Brooks     |
| Joel & Erin Quist             |
| Clayton & Sharon Sonnenschein |
| Ken & Kelli Tucker            |
| 5- Travis & Mary Jo Graves    |
| 8- Jay & Kristi Prouty        |
| 9- Blake & Hailey Jo Miller   |
| Brandon & Katie Schmid        |
| 10- Bruce & Debra Weeldreyer  |
| 11- Kim & Lora Jundt          |
| 12- Darold & Elthea Danley    |
| Mike & Courtney Davidson      |
| Jim & Leesa Olander           |
| 13- David & Melissa Jones     |
| Andrew & Heidi Mattson        |
| Brian & Marissa McFadden      |
| 14- Steve & Gloriann Kueter   |
| 16- Pastor Aaron & Lisa Asmus |
| 20- Doug & Breanne Noble      |
| Troy & Tami Penrod            |
| 21- Bhrett & Peggy Baney      |
| 22- Gene & Julie Pike         |
| 23- Ted & Emily Jackson       |
| 24- Ryan & Cerissa Ling       |
| 25- Carl & Eevi Prah          |
| 27- Larry & Jan Noah          |
| 28- Gary & Sue Page           |
| 29- Mike & Kris Weigelt       |
| 30- Andy & Dolly Berg         |
| Erik & Kara Krumm             |

"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

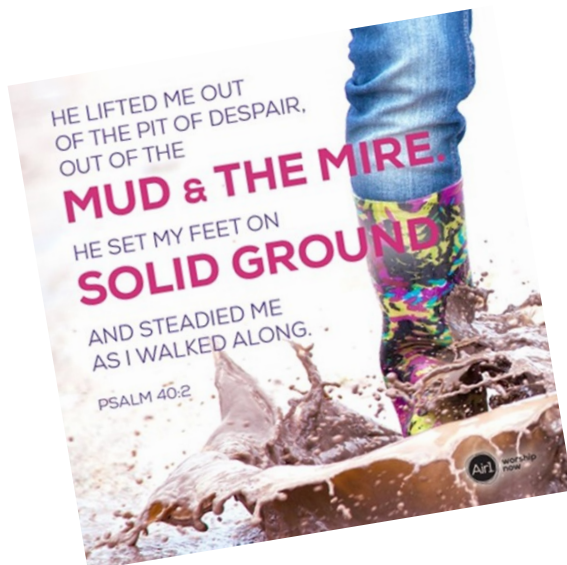
- Mark 10:9



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

I grew up on a farm, and my summer job was walking the beans....which means, pulling or cutting out the weeds so the soybeans can grow and get a high yield in the fall. So when I read **Psalm 40:2** where God talks about "*lifting me out of the mud and the mire...and setting my feet on solid ground*" I can't help but think of the days that we walked beans and it had rained. Ugh. My feet would be caked with LAYERS of mud and as that mud and the day dry up and heat up, the mud would get heavier and heavier as I walked the rows. Even if I scrapped the mud at the end of each row, there would be more and it would slow and weigh me down and discourage me. I don't know about you, but lately I have been a bit discouraged....I want to go out to eat, I want to go shopping without wearing

a mask, I want to HUG someone other than my family, I want to do Kids Time with actual kids. I want this Covid 19 Virus junk to be done! I want to know



if we are having VBS or not! Ugh! So I re-read that verse.... "*He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along.*" Yes, God did. Yes, God

does. Even in my discouragement, God is there and helping juggle and manage my feelings and thoughts to just keep walking with Him. May you remember that God is steadying you and walking with what ever weighs you down.

## SS @ Home

Families of 5<sup>th</sup> graders and below are being sent home a weekly lesson that y'all can do together. If you are NOT receiving this email, PLEASE email Liz [children@memoriallutheran.net](mailto:children@memoriallutheran.net) so we can get you on this mailing list. For now, we will continue with this till the all clear sign is given to meet together again. Stay safe!

## SUMMER PLANS

I wish I could tell you more, but I am still in a holding pattern of what is safe and caring to do with the children at Memorial this summer. Stay tuned for details of what we do to share Jesus with Children's Ministry.

*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*

## STUDENT MINISTRIES INSIGHTS FROM HAILEY JO. . .

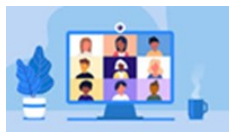
*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9.

What does it look like to be strong in the Lord? I've thought about this one a lot lately and sometimes it's hit me when I've cleaned up the same room of toys three different times in one day or when I feel sorely tempted to do something that is good for ME. My friends, having strength in the Lord isn't just when we're up against a great foe, it is also when we're in the trenches of the day to day. I've been thinking about our students and where they need strength in their lives. I want to encourage you to keep an open communication with them regarding the struggles their dealing with today. It could be being "stuck" at home, fear of what the

future holds, sorrow over a year-end that didn't go quite as expected. Whatever it is, we have the blessed opportunity of sharing God's good promises and a comfort only He can supply. Your family at Memorial is thinking of you, praying for you and looking forward to the hope of everlasting togetherness.

### Upcoming Schedule

- High School Small Group (9th-12th grade): Will meet on Zoom every 1st and 3rd Wednesday (June 3rd & 17th) at 6:30pm-7:30pm. Zoom Information will be sent via email. Please let us know if you need to be added to the receiving list. Thanks!
- Middle School Small Group (6th-8th grade): Will meet on Zoom\* every 2nd and 4th Wednesday (June 10th & 24th) at 6:30pm-7:30pm. Zoom Information



will be sent via email. Please let us know if you need to be added to the receiving list. Thanks!

- 9:20 Sunday Bible Study (For 6th-8th grade): We meet on Zoom\* every Sunday at 4pm.
- Zoom Information will be sent via email. Please let us know if you need to be added to the receiving list. Thanks!
- Confirmation: If you are signed up for a class this month, please be on the lookout for a message from your instructor. We may have to reschedule classes in order to comply with our city officials regarding social distancing.
- 8th grade Confirmation Projects: Informational packets will be sent via email or can be picked up in the office.





# LUTHERAN HIGH NEWS!



## LHSSF SENIOR GRADUATION

Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls is postponing graduation until Friday, June 5th, at the earliest. LHSSF will continue to monitor COVID-19 numbers in and around the Sioux Falls metropolitan area



## LET'S CELEBRATE

**Celebration:** Sunday, June 14th, 2020 from 5pm-7pm

**Place:** Memorial Lutheran Church (5000 S Western Ave, Sioux Falls, SD)

Outdoors along the sidewalk and grass area

### **Optional Ways to Celebrate:**

*Taking into account the guidelines set forth by the CDC:*

- ~Drive By! ~ Honk and wave, wave signs, yell out your windows, drop off cards, curbside cake delivered to your vehicle
- ~Park! ~ Visit with staff members (maintaining a six-foot distance), drop off cards, receive cake and eat near/in your vehicle
- ~ Send Cards! ~ Cards of appreciation may be sent to:

Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls  
5000 South Western Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108



We thank you for supporting Lutheran education in Sioux Falls, especially for our high school students, these past ten years. Please join us as we joyfully celebrate together at our 10 Year Celebration!

**~ At this joyous occasion we have a number of individuals to thank! ~**

Please show your appreciation to the LHSSF staff in attendance as they have educated our students in spiritual, emotional, and academic growth. During this time, we will also celebrate the retirement of Lutheran High's mathematics teacher, Mrs. Connie Hoefer. We thank her for her devotion and commitment to Lutheran education and wish her many blessings as she enjoys her retirement. Mr. Derek Bult has served as the principal at Lutheran High for seven years and has been faithfully committed to the success of our school! We thank him for his hard work, leadership, dedication, and exceptional service to Lutheran High. Let us all send our love and appreciation with Mr. Bult and his family as they now move to Sheboygan, Wisconsin!

## THE 10TH ANNUAL DR. VAUGHN & JOANN MEYER MEMORIAL SIOUX FALLS LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Where:** Great Life Central Valley Golf Club Hartford

**When:** Sunday, August 30th, 2020  
12:30 PM Register / 2:00 PM Start

**Cost:** \$90 Registration by July 15th  
(After July 15th, add \$10)  
Dinner for non golfers: \$15

**How:** Register in groups of four, or we can assign you a team.

Telephone: (605) 275-2024 or (605) 413-8742

Email: [heidialbers.lhssf@gmail.com](mailto:heidialbers.lhssf@gmail.com)

*This is a Best Ball Tournament.*

*Save the Date*



## CAMP CENTER STAGE 2020

Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls and Sioux Falls Lutheran School will hold their annual summer drama camp later this summer. Camp directors are discussing plans for July or early August. Stay tuned for more info! Who's interested!?

**Questions? Please contact Heidi Albers at [heidialbers.lhssf@gmail.com](mailto:heidialbers.lhssf@gmail.com).**

# SIOUX FALLS LUTHERAN NEWS!



## **Hearts on Fire Auction to Take Place in June**

Our annual Hearts on Fire Auction, which was postponed in March, will be offered online in mid-June. ALL proceeds from this year's event will go to our needs-based tuition assistance fund. Specific details about dates and online participation will be available soon. Please keep an eye on [www.siouxfallslutheran.com/hearts-on-fire-benefit-auction](http://www.siouxfallslutheran.com/hearts-on-fire-benefit-auction) for details!

## **Vote in This Year's Local Best Competition**

SFLS has been recognized by The Local Best as one of the top five preschools in Sioux Falls for the past 12 years. During the 2019-20 voting season, SFLS was named the #1 preschool in the city. As we prepare to enter our 44th year of hands-on, play-based early childhood education, help us make the list again by casting a vote for SFLS at <https://thelocalbest.com/vote/89194/>.

*"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*  
- Isaiah 41:10

*"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

## Memorial Lutheran Church

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Expressions Of Faith  
in Jesus"*

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## SPRING IS HERE!!!

Hello!

Spring is here! The weather is definitely Spring-like: cloudy, cool, windy, rainy, sunny, warm— every day is different as we transition into warmer/hotter weather. Just like everything that is going on now with more and more businesses opening back up. Every day is uncertain as far as what we can do or where we can go.

One thing that is unchanging is the love our Lord God has for us. Just as our Bible verse for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary states in Lamentations 3:22: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end.* He has us covered. His love for us will protect us and bring us through anything if we let him handle it. As we transition to more openness and less social distancing,

let us remember that God is in control and His love will be the constant that we need.

Do things have to go back to how they were before the pandemic? I hope that we feel that we don't have to go as fast and furious as we were when everything stopped. I want to stop and remind myself to keep in contact with people. I want to be able to use my talents and expertise in the areas where I can. One thing that will always be on my mind is that God is my constant, His faithfulness and love never ends.

I pray that you are staying safe and healthy and that you are taking time to remember who is in control.

God bless all of you,  
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