



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

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TODAY

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Bob & Pam Berg, in memory of Bob's mother, Mary. Thank you!

God's blessings to Cooper Scott Kelley, who receives the new birth of Holy Baptism today in the 8AM service! Cooper is the son of Colin and Rachel (Shane) Kelley. We give thanks and praise to the Lord for His grace and mercy given to Cooper!

Bible Class today is being led by Pastor Nour on Christians and conflict in the Middle East.

Thank you to Pastor Shane for leading worship, Bennett Lee and Jacob Birger for doing the readings, and Pastor Nour for leading Bible Class this morning! Pastor Simek will return to the office on Tuesday, February 17. In the meantime, if you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Morfitt.

Installation Service - Rev. Doug Slavens will be installed as Senior Pastor at Memorial Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, at 3PM TODAY. All are invited to attend.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

with Communion and
Imposition of Ashes

February 18

12PM & 6:30PM

CATECHESIS CLASS

We are on break until April 8.
Worship notes are still due for
February and March.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

February's Hymn of the Month

LSB 578 - *Thy Strong Word*

3rd - 5th Grade

Lesson: The Lord's Commander Leads Israel into the Promised Land

- Bible Story: Joshua 1:1-11, 16-18; 2:1-24
- Learn by Heart
 - Table of Duties - *What the Hearers Owe Their Pastor - REVIEW*
 - All Bible Passages in this section

6th - 8th Grade

- Catechism: Confession and the Office of the Keys
 - What is Confession?
 - What is the Office of the Keys?
 - Where is this written?
 - What do you believe according to these words?

Verse of the Week: *Psalm 51:17 - The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart - these O God, You will not despise.*

9th-12th Grade

Christian Denominations - Difference #1: God's Word

LWML FUNDRAISER MEAL

Soup & Hot Dogs

Wednesday

February 18 | 5PM

Suggested donation is
\$5 per person.

Funds raised will go to the
Medical Mission Team.

To help with planning, there
is a sign-up in the narthex.



I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

- Philippians 4:10-13

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the fabulous meals, prayers, and support during our time of recovery and financial strain. The time and care you provided for our family, especially as a new family to the congregation, is amazing and shows how wonderful and loving you truly are. We are incredibly thankful to be a part of such a great congregation. thank you so very much.

-The Voss Family

CHURCH FAMILY SKYFORCE GAME

Friday, March 15 - 7pm

\$16 per person



SIGN UP TO ATTEND!



Lutheran Family Service

For Nothing is Impossible with God

Building Healthy Families: Husbands, listen up! Did you know 90% of effective communication is listening, not talking? When your wife is talking to you, stop what you are doing, turn toward her, and look at her face.

Communicate the message that you are interested in and care about what she is saying. This is respectful, courteous, and a proven way to build a great relationship.

Want to know of other ways? Check out the blog posts on the LFS website to find useful information to strengthen your marriage. Call us to schedule time to meet with a marriage counselor in person or virtually.

Give us a call this week! Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org Lutheran Family Service 605-271-1081

Sponsors Needed



We have been blessed with more children wanting to serve as acolytes and are taking the opportunity to update the albs used by acolytes and confirmands. You can help us by "sponsoring" an alb.

Please consider sponsoring 1 alb for \$100, or half an alb for \$50. Our goal is to have 13 new albs before Confirmation, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 24. Thank you!



Investment Committee

In order to be better stewards of our gifts, Our Redeemer is looking for 2-3 members to join our investment committee. Financial background is preferred. If interested, please reach out to Lauren Penning.

BIRTHDAYS

Missed Last Week 2/10: Wendy Hickcox
2/17 - Nathan Sandbulte
2/20 - Kristy Eden
2/21 - Kristen Hurley
2/22 - Joel Simek



ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries this week.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

2/16 - Chuck Kuntze
2/17 - Chad Birger
2/19 - Susan Kiger
2/21 - Aaron Clemens, Kristen Hurley
2/22 - Paul Eden

Dartball Team

We are putting together a dartball team! There will be a dartball tournament at Peace Lutheran Church in Brookings on March 1 at 2PM and the state tournament will be on March 7 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. If you're interested in being on the team, contact Chad Birger!



SIOUX FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

World Ready. Faith Secure.

- **Tickets for the 2026 Celebrate His Gifts Gala are sold out!** You can still support the event by participating in the online silent auction, entering the drawing for an electric bike, or donating to tuition assistance. We are grateful for a \$50,000 matching gift from LWML to support socioeconomically challenged and ethnically diverse high school students as we aim to raise \$100,000 for tuition assistance at the 2026 gala. **Learn more:** <https://bit.ly/2026-sfls-gala-ta>.
- **Work at SFLS:** We're hiring a Middle & High School Science Teacher (Physics emphasis), an Orchestra Teacher, a 5th Grade Teacher, a head varsity volleyball coach, and a junior high track & field coach for the 2026–27 school year. Learn more and apply: www.siouxfallslutheran.com/careers.
- **Become a Mentor at SFLS:** This spring, we're launching a new Mentor Program for K-12th grade students—an initiative rooted in Scripture, modeled after the ministry of Jesus, and built on the simple but transformative power of consistent, caring presence. Learn more about the program and how you can apply to serve a child in this meaningful way: <https://bit.ly/sfls-mentor-program-2026>.

We are in need of donations for the Food Pantry. We are in need of all of the usual items except canned tuna and canned vegetables. Thank you!



PARISH NURSE

Did you know that hypertension can raise the risk of dementia? The link between high blood pressure and cognitive decline is now very clear — several recent studies have found that lowering blood pressure can reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

What are your numbers? See Karen today between worship services to have your blood pressure checked.



YOUTH GROUP

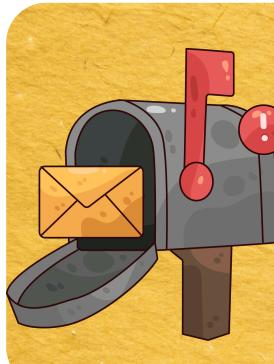
6TH-12TH GRADERS

Complete the poll about our March event!



HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Mark your calendar for our planning meeting on Sunday, March 8 between services. Parents don't need to attend this meeting.



Please Note:

We have updated the member mailboxes in the narthex. Most mailboxes have moved by at least one column. Your mailbox is the box above your name. Please check your mailbox every week!

ADULT INFORMATION CLASSES

We will begin a series of Adult Information Classes on **Thursday, February 26 at 6PM**. All are invited, members and nonmembers alike. If you are curious about the Lutheran faith or in need of a refresher and want to attend, let Pastor Simek or Stephanie in the church office know!

—UPCOMING AT OUR REDEEMER—

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| Sun 2/15 | Communion Worship <i>Acolyte: Kaden Ver Hoeven</i> Sunday School & Adult Bible Study Communion Worship <i>Acolyte: Lucas Birger</i> Oromo Group Church Family Stampede Game | 8AM 9:15AM 10:30AM 1PM 4PM | Sun 2/22 | Communion Worship <i>Acolytes: Kaden Ver Hoeven</i> Sunday School & Adult Bible Study Communion Worship <i>Acolyte: Ellis Dewitz</i> Oromo Group | 8AM 9:15AM 10:30AM 1PM |
| Mon 2/16 | Weigh-2-Go S.A.I.L. Class Trail Life | 9:30AM 1:30PM 6:30PM | Mon 2/23 | Newsletter Deadline Weigh-2-Go S.A.I.L. Class Trail Life | 9:30AM 1:30PM 6:30PM |
| Tues 2/17 | Parish Nurse Hours Staff Meeting Senior Saints Bible Study Discipleship Committee Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 10AM-1PM 10AM 1PM 6PM 6:45PM | Tues 2/24 | Parish Nurse Hours Staff Meeting Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 10AM-1PM 10AM 6:45PM |
| Wed 2/18 | Ash Wednesday Worship Fundraiser Meal: Evening LWML -- <i>Soups and Hot Dogs</i> Ash Wednesday Worship <i>Acolyte: James Lafrentz</i> Vocal Choir Rehearsal | 12PM 5PM 6:30PM 7:30PM | Wed 2/25 | Lenten Worship Fundraiser Meal: Camp Minneboji Youth -- <i>Walking Tacos</i> Lenten Worship <i>Acolyte: Leah Eden</i> Vocal Choir Rehearsal | 12PM 5PM 6:30PM 7:30PM |
| Thurs 2/19 | TOPS Group Ebenezer Guild S.A.I.L. Class Women's Bible Study | 9AM 1:30PM 1:30PM 6:30PM | Thurs 2/26 | TOPS Group S.A.I.L. Class Adult Information Class | 9AM 1:30PM 6:30PM |
| Fri 2/20 | Pastor Simek's Personal Day Kids 4 Christ Theology on Tap | 5:45PM 6PM | Fri 2/27 | Pastor Simek's Personal Day | |
| Sat 2/21 | Lower Level in Use | | Sat 2/28 | <i>No Events</i> | |

IN OUR PRAYERS

*Dorene Cink
Marge Dreesman
Mike Gabel
Duane Genzlinger
Duane Hartmann
Don Hennies
Ella May Kelly
Louise Lafrentz
Carole Lang
Mary Muchow*

*George Sagissor
John Severson
Larry Srouse
James Streyle
Rhoda Thomas
Jeanne Toay
Kendra Voss
Mary Warns
Jim Wosje*

*Families and Friends of:
Mitzi Bittner, Member of Our Redeemer
Norene Goetsch, Tim Goetsch's Mother
Chuck, Family Member of Ed & Jean Harmdierks
Nicole, Aunt of Ashley Consoer
Bernice, Mother of Nathan Sandbulte
Jim Wegehaupt, Former Member
Aislyn, Daughter of David Wacker
Michael, Son of David Olson
Mark, Brother-in-Law of Jean Harmdierks
Russell, Father of Grace Biermann*