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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR NEEDS-BASED VARIABLE TUITION

The [K-12 needs-based variable tuition](#) application window for the 2025-26 school year is now open through TADS. Thanks to our generous donors who continue to graciously invest in our mission through donations to our needs-based variable tuition fund, we are preparing to award up to \$200,000 in needs-based variable tuition to qualifying families during the 2025-26 school year.

Families that have received variable tuition funds in years past must reapply annually. Applications for the 2025-26 school year are **due by May 15, 2025** and must achieve a rating of GOOD to qualify. A GOOD rating simply means that all required documentation has been successfully submitted—to include a finalized 2024 income tax return. Prior year tax returns are not acceptable.

To apply, please log into or create a TADS account for your family at www.mytads.com by clicking on "Financial Aid Assessment." TADS will provide a complete list of required documentation before you begin your application, but please know that items like your previous year's tax return are required.

If your family has received funds or wishes to be considered for funding through the [South Dakota Partners in Education \(SDPE\) tax-credit scholarship program](#), you must reapply/apply **by May 15th** using the same TADS application and by selecting funding through both SFLS and SDPE.

Again, please note that submitting an application by the May 15, 2025 deadline does not guarantee a variable tuition award. To be eligible for funding through SFLS and SDPE, your application must achieve a GOOD rating from TADS. They are very good about sending email updates, so once you've applied, watch your email for updates and requests.

If you have any technical questions while submitting your variable tuition application, please feel free to contact TADS support directly at 800-477-8237 or support@tads.com (M-F 7 AM - 8 PM CST).

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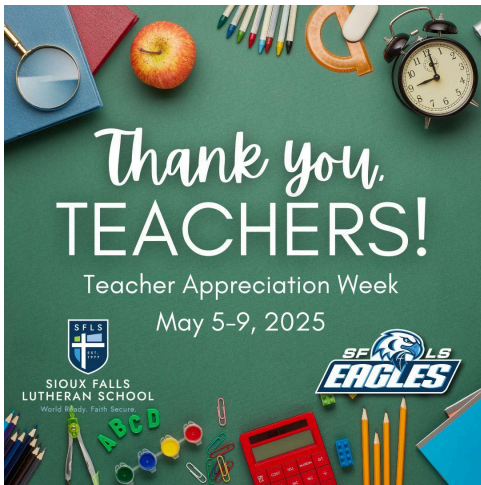
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APPRECIATION WEEK FOR TEACHERS



Monday May 5th - Friday May 9th

Looking for a simple way to bless our classrooms? Our teachers have put together Amazon Wishlists with a few helpful items that enhance learning and brighten their spaces. If you feel led to give, check out the links below—every little bit makes a big difference!

<https://bit.ly/SFLSTeacherWishlists>

BOOK SALE · Sioux Falls Lutheran School Annual Used Book Sale August 13-16

Money raised goes to Tuition Assistance Fund

- Donation boxes will start at SFLS on May 12
- Donation boxes will start at Memorial Church on May 27
- Donation trailer for Kingswood Rummage leftovers will be at Resurrection Church on May 3
- Donations accepted include (but not limited to): Adult books, Fiction and Nonfiction, Children's Books, Board Books, Cook Books, Do It Yourself Books, Vintage Books, Comic Books, Music Books, Sheet Music, Coloring Books, Text Books, Religious Books, Bibles, Science Fiction, Westerns, How-To Books, History Books, Poetry Books, Informational Books, puzzles, board games, records, CDs, DVDs and so much more.



LCMS SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT JOB OPENING

Applications are being sought for the position of Administrative Assistant. This position includes these duties: receptionist; maintenance of office filing system, including the roster of church workers in the District; submission of Synod reports; and assistance with planning conferences and workshops. Flexibility required to learn and work with a variety of software programs. The position is 20 hours per week, with flexible hours. The pay is \$20+ per hour, depending on skill and experience. Position begins May 19 at the SD District Office, 3501 S. Gateway Blvd., Sioux Falls, SD 57106. Request a job application by calling Mr. Chad Zinnel, Business Manager, 605-361-1514, or by emailing him: chadz@midco.net.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY - Join the Team Behind the Annual Used Book Sale!

We're looking for enthusiastic helpers to join the team behind the **Annual Used Book Sale at Memorial Lutheran Church** — and eventually take the reins! If you've ever wanted to be part of a meaningful, community-focused project that directly supports **tuition assistance**, this is your chance.

What We're Looking For: We're recruiting individuals who are interested in learning the ropes over the next few years. Think of it as a "pass the baton" opportunity — you'll shadow the current organizers to gain insight into how the sale works, so you're ready to help lead in the future.

Your Role Might Include:

- Assisting with **advertising and communications** (flyers, social media, etc.)
- Helping coordinate **donation drop-offs** (including the music trailer during Kingswood Rummage Sales)
- Sending **letters to businesses** (250–300) to request donations
- Organizing posts or blurbs in community outlets like **Eagle News**
- Promoting the sale in **Facebook groups**, especially classroom and school pages
- Using **Square payment software** (new this year!)
- Working with **high school volunteers** for setup and heavy lifting
- Helping sort books, board games, and puzzles in **alphabetical and organized order**

Important Dates:

- **Book collection begins June 1st**
- **Sale runs the second week of August**
- **Location:** Memorial Lutheran Church
- **Final day includes a \$5 Bag Sale**, with remaining items donated to agencies or Augustana's book sale

Why It Matters:

Last year, the sale raised **\$10,000** — all of which went directly to **tuition assistance**. Your involvement helps continue that legacy and grow the impact even further.

Interested or Know Someone Who Might Be?

Reach out to **Peggy Baney** at **bandpbaney@sio.midco.net** for more info or to get involved.

Let's keep the tradition strong and make this year's sale the best yet.

LIBRARY

Week of May 5th - books need to be returned. If they are lost or damaged, please replace the book.

Week of May 12th - Last chance to return books!

Last day to turn in library books is Thursday, May 15th.

Any library books that are not returned or are returned damaged, will be charged to your account so we can replace the book.

SFLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the date for the annual Dr. Vaughn & JoAnn Meyer Memorial Golf Tournament!

Monday, August 4th @ Bakker Crossing Golf Course!

Stay tuned for more information!



CAREER CORNER

Would you or someone you know make a great addition to our team? We're seeking:

Preschool:

- **Substitute assistants:** Are you interested in being on our call list to assist in one of our classrooms? This could be in infants, toddlers and 3-year-olds to 5-year-olds. With subbing, you have complete flexibility to choose specific days and say yes or no when getting a call. Come have fun with us!

Middle School

- **Full-Time English Language Arts Teacher:** Do you love literature, grammar, and guiding young minds through the power of words? Are you excited about building relationships, fostering faith, and creating a learning environment where students can grow academically and spiritually? If so, apply to join our team during the 2025-26 school year as our Middle School ELA Teacher & Homeroom Leader.

Eagle Care:

- **Part-time afternoon assistants:** Adults and/or high school age students:
 - Flexible schedule: between 3:15 - 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday
 - Be available to work 2-3 days a week

Please prayerfully consider joining our team and/or sharing these opportunities with someone you believe would be a good fit! Contact Debbie Pankow at dpankow@sflutheranschool.com for more information.

View jobs and application instructions here: www.sioxfallslutheran.com/careers.

CHAPEL

Chapel times for Wednesday, May 7, led by Pastor Slavens from Memorial Lutheran Church:

- 6-12 chapel: 8:10 AM
- K-5 chapel: 8:50 AM

This year's theme is ONE - The Gospel Story is Our Story. This week's topic: *Armor of God; Helmet of Salvation*

Preschool chapel will be held on Thursday, May 8, led by DCE Liz Peters from Memorial Lutheran Church, in the Early Childhood wing beginning at 8:40 and 9:00 AM. This week's theme: *Pentecost*

Chapel Offerings for 2nd semester will go to support Lutheran Family Service (LFS). So far we have collected **\$1070.58**. **LFS offers the following services:**



Pregnancy Help



Adoption Services



Marriage
Counseling

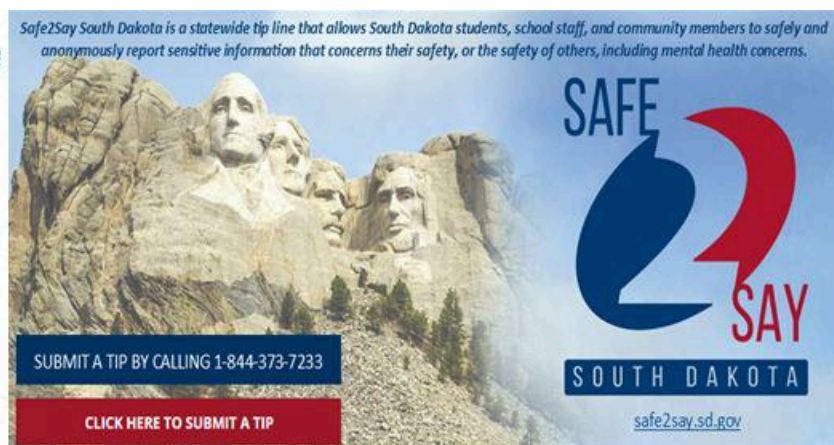


Mental Health
Counseling



Outreach

COUNSELING SERVICES



PTF (PARENT-TEACHER-FELLOWSHIP)

CONNECT WITH THE PTF ON FACEBOOK



Scan the QR Code with your camera app to go to the SFLS PTF Facebook Page



RAISERIGHT (AKA SCRIP)

Order Dates by 10 AM	Pick-Up Dates after 11 AM
Monday, May 5	Thursday, May 8
Monday, May 12	Thursday, May 15
Monday, May 19	Thursday, May 22

EAGLE CARE

APRIL Charges will be assessed for care through Friday, April 25th. May charges will be assessed from April 28-May 20, 2025. Let us know if you have any questions. Email eaglecare@sflutheranschool.com.

The summer Eagle Care director will be Laurie Hamann.

ELEMENTARY

We are so excited for **Matthew Landis** to come on Tuesday, May 6. He will visit K-2 classrooms and present to 3rd-5th Grade students. Check out [THIS](#) Youtube video to see more.

Dallas Brass concert is happening on Monday, May 5. Many of our 1st-2nd grade students will be involved playing violin, and our 5th grade band students will be involved as well.

Field Day - May 19 all elementary students will be involved in Field Day. Pray for nice weather!

Only two weeks and two days of school left! We will continue making lots of memories and learning all that we can.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Matthew Landis** visit - See picture and link above.
- **6-8 Spring Concert** - Monday, May 12 starting at 7:15 PM
- **Field Day** - Students in Grades K-8 will celebrate the *penultimate* day of school with Field Day, May 19. More info to come on that as we get closer.

HIGH SCHOOL

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Thank you for letting us serve you this quarter! Our cup hath truly run over in this space and we hope to return next school year!

~Our Cup Runneth Over Crew



ATHLETICS

GOLF

Monday, May 5: JV Golf @ Alcester

Monday, May 12: JV Golf @ Irene-Wakonda

Wednesday, May 14: V Golf @ Irene-Wakonda

TRACK & FIELD

Saturday, May 3: HS Track @ Sioux Falls (Howard Wood Relays)

- SMR - 10:19 AM
- 4x100 - 1:15 PM
- 4x400 - G at 1:55 PM, B at 2:55 PM

Tuesday, May 6: HS Track @ Freeman

Thursday, May 8: MS Track @ Alcester

Tuesday, May 13: HS Track @ Alcester

Thursday, May 22: HS Track @ Deubrook

Registrations are still open however there is no guarantee you will receive a t-shirt: [Volleyball](#); [Drama](#); [Football](#); [Strength & Agility](#); [Basketball](#); [Cheer](#); [Dance](#). Marching Band registration will come directly from Mrs. Birnstiehl when competition schedules are set.

<div>  <div> 2025 SFLS Summer Camps </div> </div>					
Activity	Date	Grades	Times	Location	Cost
Volleyball	June 2-5	8-12	1:00-3:00 p.m.	SFLS Gym	\$60 (includes t-shirt)
		5-7	3:00-4:30 p.m.	SFLS Gym	\$60 (includes t-shirt)
		2-4	4:30-5:30p.m.	SFLS Gym	\$40 (includes t-shirt)
Drama	June 2-6	5-12	9-11 a.m.; Performance Friday at 7 p.m.	SFLS CPAC	\$100 (includes t-shirt)
Football	June 16-19	9-12	Sign up with Mr. Strande	Hamlin HS, Bryant, SD	\$50
	June 27	9-12	DRSM/Garretson HS Team Camp	Garretson	Free
	July 8-10	3-6	8-9:30 a.m.	Eagle Field	\$60 (includes t-shirt)
	July 8-10	7-12	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Eagle Field	\$60 (includes t-shirt)
Strength & Agility	June 2- July 31 (T/W/Th.)	7-12	7 - 8:20		
		7-12	8:40 - 10:00	SFLS Fitness Room	\$175 (includes t-shirt)
Boys & Girls Basketball	June 9-11	K-2	9-10:30 a.m.	SFLS Gym	\$60
		3-5	10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	SFLS Gym	\$60
		6-8	1:15-2:45pm	SFLS Gym	\$60
Marching Band	July 28- Aug. 1 Aug. 4-8	6-8	For SFLS band students. More information	SFLS School	TBD
		9-12	to come from Mrs. Birnstiehl at a later date.	SFLS School	TBD
Cheer	June 11-13	4-6	9-11 a.m.	SFLS Gym	\$60 (includes t-shirt)
	June 27	7-12	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	SFLS Gym	\$60 (includes t-shirt)
Dance	July 14-17	5-12	9-11:30 a.m.	SFLS Gym	\$60 (includes t-shirt)

DRAMA

THANK YOU to everyone who attended our performances of "Cinderella" this past weekend!

We had record breaking attendance in the performing arts center. Thank you for supporting theater arts here at SFLS! We hope all had a *magical* time watching & celebrating Cinderella's dream come true!



MUSIC

MAY Middle School Ensemble Calendar

[Click or scan to take a look at the SFLS Strings Site!](#)

Middle School Concerts:

May 12 - 4th-8th Spring Concerts



- 4th/5th - 6:00 PM - for ALL 4th and 5th graders
- 6th-8th - 7:15 PM - for ALL Middle School students

High School Music Upcoming Events:

- Monday, May 5: Dallas Brass will be here at SFLS to give a concert in the evening and to work with our music students
- Friday, May 16: SFLS Graduation Ceremony - HS music students will perform

DALLAS BRASS AT SFLS

On Monday, May 5th, our band, choir, and orchestra students will get the once-in-a-lifetime chance to perform with this world-renowned ensemble — right here in the SFLS Gymnasium!

Thanks to generous donors, tickets are discounted and on sale now!

Don't miss this incredible night of music that celebrates our students using their God-given gifts.

Seating is tiered with floor and bleacher options (stadium chairs welcome!).

👉 Grab your tickets today! [Tickets for Dallas Brass at SFLS](#)

The Booster Club will be selling Cookies and drinks at the concert for \$1 each.

ASSOCIATION CHURCHES

Faith - Rev. Corey Aker and Rev. Jason Rensner



@ Faith Lutheran Church – 601 North Cliff Ave

[Lord of Life](#) - Rev. Billy Newell

[Memorial](#) - Rev. Aaron Asmus, Rev. Doug Slavens, DCE Hailey Jo Miller and DCE Liz Peters

[Our Redeemer](#) - Rev. Brett Simek

[Resurrection](#) - Rev. Chris Ascher

Click [HERE](#) for all church's worship times

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORTING MEMBER

[Zion](#) - Rev. Greg Lehr

FREE WOMEN'S HEALTH SEMINAR: You're invited to a FREE Women's Health Seminar with Mary Wuebben from Accelerate Wellness! With years of experience in functional medicine, Mary will share her expertise on hormones, gut health, inflammation, and much more. Have something specific on your mind? There will be plenty of time for questions and open discussion. You'll leave with valuable insights to help you take charge of your health and confidently advocate for your well-being.

The seminar will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, May 6 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to Laura 407-474-9134, iamlaurahall@gmail.com or Jody 605-941-1297, wjhuebert@yahoo.com by TODAY, May 2nd.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please visit your FACTS family portal calendar or click this [link](#) to our website for upcoming events.

Please contact schooloffice@sflutheranschool.com with any questions or concerns.



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