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NEEDS-BASED VARIABLE TUITION APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 15

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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DALLAS BRASS NEW

We give ALL honor and glory to God for the amazing Dallas Brass concert and all the interaction those guys devoted to our students this past Monday. The day was packed full of amazing events and opportunities for our student musicians. Further, this event could not have happened without so many different people pulling together! Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for the people who donated money to make this night possible! Thank you to the SFLS Administration for believing in the power of music education and allowing us to bring in the Dallas Brass. Thank you teachers and staff for your help, support and flexibility that day! Many thanks to the SFLS Boosters and the Parent-Teacher Fellowship Group. Without your help, this night would not have been possible. Parents who volunteered...thank you for your extra time and work. It is very much appreciated! Music students....the Music Team is so proud of you and we are hoping this will be an unforgettable memory as you look back at your musical endeavors and accomplishments! Job well done, SFLS musicians!!

If anyone has photos or videos from the Dallas Brass concert, please scroll down to the Music portion of this newsletter and click on the link to add them to that space. Michael Levine would love for us to send him the things our audience recorded, so they can use it as new promotional material. The words of Michael Levine to Mrs. Birnstiehl after the concert were, "What an incredible day! One of my favorite concerts of all time!!"

DRIVEWAY PAINTING NEW



COMING SOON

Coming soon to a driveway near you, is an opportunity to show pride in your SFLS Eagle students and athletes. The 2025-26 Junior class will be taking orders to paint the Eagle head logo onto a 3' x 3' area near the end of your driveway.

Cost: \$25
All proceeds go to support Prom 2026.
More information on sign-up shortly.
Painting will begin early August using high quality/long lasting paint.

LOST & FOUND ^{NEW}

We will be donating anything left after school on Tuesday, May 20th to St. Vincent de Paul (northeast corner of 41st St. & Tea-Ellis road). Jewelry and electronics are kept in the school office. Be sure to have your student check the locker room too! That will be cleaned out on Friday, May 16th.



MEDICATIONS ^{NEW}

Please remember to stop by the office to retrieve medications that were kept at the school during the year. They will not be sent home with your student. If you have any questions, please contact emartinez@sflutherschool.com.

PLANNING AHEAD ^{NEW}

Last day of school for preschool through 11th grade is Tuesday, May 20th. Dismissal times will be:

- Preschool at 11:00 AM
- K-11th at 11:30 AM
- NO AFTER-SCHOOL EAGLE CARE

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.



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 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 age 18 and older
 - 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@sflutheralschool.com for more information.

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

CHAPEL

Chaplain for the week of May 12th is Pastor Aker from Faith Lutheran Church.

Chapel times for Wednesday, May 14th:

- 6-12 chapel at 8:10 AM, in the Meyer Chapel & Performing Arts Center, led by Pastor Aker from Faith Lutheran Church. Senior recognition will take place following this chapel.
- K-5 chapel at 8:50 AM, in the gym, led by Dr. Kristen Newell

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

Preschool chapel will also be held on Wednesday, May 14th, 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: *Disciples for Christ*

Chapel Offerings for 2nd semester will go to support Lutheran Family Service (LFS). So far we have collected **\$1211.32**. **LFS offers the following services:**



Pregnancy Help



Adoption Services



Marriage Counseling



Mental Health Counseling



Outreach

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

COUNSELING SERVICES

Help is 3 Numbers Away

211 maintains a comprehensive database of community resources and provides information and referrals for essential needs like:

- Food
- Housing and Shelter
- Utility Assistance
- Healthcare Services
- Government Services

211 also can connect people with information and referrals for:

- Transportation
- Legal Services
- Support Groups
- Disaster Aftercare
- Everything Else

988 provides crisis support for:

- Thoughts of Suicide
- Mental Health Crisis
- Substance Use Crisis
- Emotional Distress

911 provides first responder dispatch for:

- Medical Emergency
- Fire
- Reporting a Crime
- Disaster Response
- Life-Threatening Situation

Call for Information and Community Resources
211

Call for Suicide Intervention and Crisis Support
988

Call for Emergencies
911

Whole Person Care
Warm Handoff

Safe2Say South Dakota is a statewide tip line that allows South Dakota students, school staff, and community members to safely and anonymously report sensitive information that concerns their safety, or the safety of others, including mental health concerns.



SAFE 2 SAY SOUTH DAKOTA

SUBMIT A TIP BY CALLING 1-844-373-7233

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A TIP

safe2say.sd.gov

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 12	Thursday, May 15
Monday, May 19	Thursday, May 22
No orders week of May 26	No orders week of May 26

****Summer RaiseRight schedule, click [HERE!](#)****

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@sflutheralschool.com.

The summer Eagle Care director will be Laurie Hamann.

No after school EAGLE CARE on Tuesday, May 20th with the early dismissal.

Thank you for letting us serve you before and after school.

ELEMENTARY

Field Day is right around the corner. K-8 will participate in Field Day in the afternoon of May 19. **Parents are welcome to come as spectators to this fun event.** Students will be grouped by Family Group to rotate through the activities. Please pray for good weather and plan to send **sunscreen!** The activities will run from 12:30-2:45.

MIDDLE SCHOOL


UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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. Parents are welcome to come as spectators. The activities will run from 12:30-2:45. Please pray for good weather and send sunscreen.

HIGH SCHOOL



Order Your Yearbook



2024-2025 High School Yearbooks

The 2024-25 high school yearbook will be available to order before students leave for the summer!! To purchase yearbooks, order forms are available in the school office. Please contact Heidi Albers at halbers@sflutherschool.com if you have any questions. **High school yearbook orders are due by Friday, May 30th and can be returned to the school office.**

Yearbooks will arrive at the start of the new school year. We will let you know when they arrive!

ATHLETICS

GOLF

Monday, May 12: JV Golf @ Irene-Wakonda

Wednesday, May 14: V Golf @ Irene-Wakonda

TRACK & FIELD

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.



2025 SFLS Summer Camps

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	6-8	For SFLS band students. More information	SFLS School	TBD
	Aug. 4-8	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)

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:

- Friday, May 16: SFLS Graduation Ceremony - HS music students will perform

The Dallas Brass:

Please refer to the top of this newsletter to see notes of thanks concerning the Dallas Brass concert that took place on Monday, May 5th!

[Share your photos & videos from the Dallas Brass concert here!](#)

ASSOCIATION CHURCHES

Faith - Rev. Corey Aker and Rev. Jason Rensner

Join us for
TACOS IN THE LOT!



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
SUPPORT
CAMP MINNEBOJI
CAMPERS!

June 1, 2025
11:30am-1:30pm
\$6 for adults
\$3 for children
Additional donations
are appreciated

@ 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



VBS **June 8-11**

Day 1: What is Baptism?

Day 2: What benefits does Baptism give?

Day 3: How can water do such great things?

Day 4: What does Baptizing with water indicate?

Day 4: The Rite of Baptism

Registration:
<https://tinyurl.com/kjc357ps>

5:30 PM Meal
6:00-8:00 VBS

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Our Redeemer
LUTHERAN CHURCH

[Resurrection](#) - Rev. Chris Ascher

Join us for VBS - **Outback Rock: Where Kids Venture into Solid Faith** - August 2nd, 2025

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

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORTING MEMBER

[Zion](#) - Rev. Greg Lehr

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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



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