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CELEBRATE HIS GIFTS GALA

Online Silent Auction Now Open!

All are welcome to join in the fun of online bidding during the 2026 Celebrate His Gifts silent auction.

 Important Silent Auction Changes:

The online silent auction will close ahead of the Celebrate His Gifts Gala at 8:00 PM on Thursday, February 26. In years past, nearly 80% of the online bidding happened before the event began. Closing the online auction before doors open will allow gala guests to enjoy this special evening of fellowship and fun.

There will be no buy it now option on this year's silent auction. As you join in the fun of online bidding, we kindly encourage you to remember that Celebrate His Gifts is, first and foremost, a fundraiser designed to help financially support the mission and ministry of SFLS. As you browse auction items, keep in mind that it is helpful (and encouraged) to partner up with friends and family to plan your bidding strategy for items of high value.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and families of Sioux Falls Lutheran School, thank you for your generous support. Happy Bidding! [Click Here to Browse & Bid](#)

Gala Day Details: Saturday, February 28 at Sioux Falls Lutheran School

4:00PM - Doors Open (*Enjoy Student and Alumni Spotlights, Wine Pull, Passed Appetizers, and Fellowship*)

5:30PM - Dinner is Served (*Meal catered by Chef Dominique's*)

7:00PM - Gala Program

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\$50,000 Matching Gift for Tuition Assistance

We are thrilled to share that we've received a \$100,000 grant from Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) to support ethnically diverse and/or low-income students. This year, we will receive \$50,000, which means each donation to tuition assistance—both those made online or in person during the reverse auction for tuition assistance at the gala—will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000. Matching funds can support any student whose family has demonstrated financial need, helping more children access a Christ-centered education.

Your generosity goes twice as far toward helping us meet our goal of raising \$100,000 for tuition assistance at this year's gala, opening doors for students to grow academically, socially, and spiritually. Together, we can make a lasting impact!

Can't make it to the gala? Help us reach our matching fund gift by [making a donation online](#) today.



***Sioux Falls
Lutheran School
Prom Fundraiser***

GRANDMA'S KUCHEN

18 Flavors!
Homemade!
Freeze Well!

\$18

ORDERS: FEB 9-FEB 27

PICK-UP: MARCH 12

To order, contact any SFLS high school student, or call Melissa at 605-480-2839.

Checks can be made payable to SFLS.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us after church on **Sunday, March 22, from 9:00 AM -1:30 PM** for Chris Cakes! All proceeds from this free will offering breakfast will benefit SFLS Activities.

2025 TAX INFORMATION To find instructions for accessing your 2025 tax information through the FACTS Management System, click [HERE](#). Please consult your tax advisor for questions regarding tax credits and deductions. With any other other questions, contact Monica at finance@sflutheranschool.com.

NEEDS-BASED VARIABLE TUITION APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

K-12 Needs-Based Variable Tuition Applications for 2026-27 school year are now open through TADS. Thanks to our expanding list of 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 \$400,000 in needs-based variable tuition to qualifying families** during the 2026-27 school year.

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. **Applications for the 2026-27 school year are due by Friday, May 15.**

If you have any technical questions while submitting your variable tuition application, please feel free to contact TADS support directly at 612-548-3320, 800-477-8237, or TADS-Support@venturedsolutions.com (M-F 7am-5pm CST).

South Dakota Partners in Education (SDPE) K-12 Scholarship Program

In addition to donor-funded variable tuition through SFLS, qualifying families are also eligible to submit their TADS application to the South Dakota Partners in Education (SDPE) K-12 scholarship program. During the 2025-26 school year alone, SFLS families qualified for over \$206,000 in tuition assistance through SDPE, which allowed us to spread our own variable tuition budget even further. If your family qualifies for SDPE and you plan to apply for variable tuition, please plan to submit your application to both entities.

Earn Tuition Credit through RaiseRight

Finally, please also remember that RaiseRight is available as a source of tuition assistance for all early childhood through 12th grade families. Simply buy gift cards for your favorite brands at face value through RaiseRight and use them, instead of cash or other cards, to make purchases. A percentage of each gift card you buy goes directly into an account for your family and gets applied toward your tuition at designated times throughout the course of the school year.



We're hiring a Junior High Track & Field Coach (Spring, 2026), Head Varsity Volleyball Coach, Junior High Football Coach, Middle & High School Science Teacher (Physics emphasis) and an Orchestra Teacher for the 2026–27 school year. Learn more and apply:

siouxfallslutheran.com/careers.

CHAPEL

Chapel for **Wednesday, February 25**, will be led by Pastor Simek from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in the Meyer Chapel & Performing Arts Center.

This year's theme is Walk by Faith, and this week's focus is *Lent: The Journey to the Cross*. This week's topic is *Gethsemane: Faith in the Father's Will* based on Matthew 26:36-46.

- 6-12: 8:05AM
- K-5: 8:50AM

Preschool chapel will be held on Wednesday, February 25, led by Liz Peters, DCE from Memorial Lutheran Church, in the Early Childhood wing, beginning at **8:40 AM** and **9:00 AM**. The theme is **"The Good Samaritan"**.

Campus Chaplain the week of February 23 is Pastor Simek from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Chapel Offerings: 3rd Quarter: \$476.26

Our chapel offerings this quarter will support Rev. Jordon and Alison Andreasen, LCMS missionaries serving in Romania. Through our gifts, we help share Jesus' love with people around the world.

We honor God by serving others!



EAGLE CARE

Eagle Care now has a designated office space in our building. The office is located in the Elementary Learning Center, right next door to the tutor office. We are excited to have this space.

Awareness Topic of the Month:

Alcohol & the Facts: What You Need to Know About Underage Drinking

Click [here](#) to learn more about the developmental, academic, and legal impacts.

Should you suspect your child is using substances, a substance abuse screening and/or assessment can be scheduled privately at no expense. Contact Barb DeVos who can discreetly schedule a time outside of school hours to meet with your child and/or to give a call if you have questions. Barb DeVos, Contracted School Counselor, is available to support your child’s well-being. Barb is at Sioux Falls Lutheran School *Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.* bdevos@carrollinstitute.org or bdevos@sflutheranschool.com

RAISERIGHT (AKA SCRIP)

Order Dates by 10 AM	Pick-Up Dates after 11 AM
Monday, February 23	Thursday, February 26
Monday, March 9	Thursday, March 12
Monday, March 23	Thursday, March 26

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ash Wednesday and Lent

We have now, since Ash Wednesday, entered a season of the church year called Lent. During Lent, we pay particular attention to the lengths to which Jesus went to rescue us from sin and death, so that we might be called children of God.

Lent is sometimes known as a time when people “give up” something (chocolate, social media, etc.). The “giving up” helps us “lean in” to the saving work of Jesus. So whether you choose to give something up for Lent or not, I encourage you to spend time in prayer, in Bible reading, and in worship and fellowship with others who are following Jesus.

Now is a great time to visit a church if you do not have a church home. Our Association’s church worship times are linked below.



Staffing Updates

In preparation for the 2026-27 school year, we want to share a few planned staffing updates with our families.

Mr. Alan West plans to retire at the end of the 2025-26 school year. We are so grateful for the ways Mr. West has plugged into our community and taught our students during the last three years. He has been a great addition to SFLS, and we rejoice that he will have a chance to enjoy a slower pace during retirement.

Mrs. Brenda Shane is also moving on to a new season of life at the end of this school year as she prepares to step away from teaching to care for her new grandchild. We have loved having her back at SFLS this year, and we look forward to having her involved in our school community in a variety of ways in the future. We are excited for her to experience the next season of life with a new generation.

Please join our school staff in thanking these two fantastic teachers for their service at Sioux Falls Lutheran School. We will continue to communicate staffing updates for the 2026-27 school year to you as we have more information to share.

Testing and Service Learning

All 9th-11th grade students will be testing on *Thursday, March 12*. Freshmen and Sophomores will take the PreACT. When testing is complete, the 9th-10th graders will travel off campus to serve in our local community.

Juniors will take the ACT. Due to the new format and test options, this will take the majority of the day. Students will have an extended lunch break before the second half of the test.

The seniors will be serving off-campus all day.

SFLS College Scholarship Hub

All juniors and seniors and parents, please visit our [SFLS Scholarship Hub](#). We are continually updating this list of scholarships and it is organized by the due date.

Regarding Booster Club Passes and Play offs: All of our regular season games have been completed for the 2025-2026 school year, so the passes that were purchased in the fall are no longer valid. For any

playoff games attended (home or away) **all attendees**, including staff and students will need to purchase admissions, unless they are playing in the game or working the game.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Games:

- **Girls:**
 - Monday, February 23: Region 3B Play-in game @ Howard 7 PM
- **Boys:**
 - Friday, February 20: @ Waubay/Summit: JV 6:15; V 7:30
 - Friday, February 27: @ Colman/Egan: C 5:00; JV 6:15; V 7:30
 - Monday, March 2: Regions Play-in Game (if needed) TBD
 - Tuesday, March 3: Regions Round 1, 7 PM TBD



POWER LIFTING:

- March 7: Power Lifting State Meet at Baltic



SUMMER CAMPS:

SFLS 2026 Summer Camps

Activity	Date	Grades: for 26-27 SY	Times	Location	Cost
Volleyball	July 20-23	9-12	1:00-3:00 p.m.	SFLS Gym	\$65 (includes t-shirt)
		6-8	3:00-4:30 p.m.	SFLS Gym	\$65 (includes t-shirt)
		3-5	4:30-5:30p.m.	SFLS Gym	\$45 (includes t-shirt)
Drama	June 1-5	5-12	9-11 a.m.; Performance Friday at 7 p.m.	SFLS CPAC	\$100 (includes t-shirt)
Football	June 16-28	9-12	SIGN UP WITH MR. STRANDE	Hamlin HS, Bryant, SD	\$50
	July 7-9	3-6	8-9:30 a.m.	Eagle Field	\$65 (includes t-shirt)
	July 7-9	7-12	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Eagle Field	\$65 (includes t-shirt)
Strength & Agility	June 1-July 31 (T/W/Th.)	7-12	7 - 8:30		
		7-12	8:45- 10:15	SFLS Fitness Room	\$185 (includes t-shirt)
Boys & Girls Basketball	June 8-10	K-2	9-10:30 a.m.	SFLS Gym	\$65 (includes t-shirt)
		3-5	10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	SFLS Gym	\$65 (includes t-shirt)
Marching Band (fee includes school year)	July 27-31	6-8	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	SIGN UP WITH SFLS	\$150 (includes t-shirt)
	Aug. 3-7	9-12	8am-3pm	MRS. BIRNSTIEHL SFLS	\$185 (includes t-shirt)
Cheer	July 8-9	4-6	9am-12pm	SFLS Gym	\$65(includes t-shirt
	July 10	7-12	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	SFLS Gym	\$65 (includes t-shirt)
Dance	July 13-16	5-12	9-11:30 a.m.	SFLS Gym	\$65 (includes t-shirt)

Registration is OPEN NOW!

Use the QR Code to get you to the registration page. OR use [this link](#). Under Registration, click on Camps. There will be no additional fees added to your registration. Payment is due at time of registration.

Questions? Ask Lisa:

lasmus@sflutherschool.com or

Monica:

finance@sflutherschool.com



The graphic features a blue background on the left with a white hawk head logo and the year '2026' in white. To the right, on a grey background, is the text 'SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION & SIGN UP' in white. Below this is a QR code and the text 'Join us for growth and positive interactions.' and 'Many different camps are now open for registration!'. In the bottom right corner is the 'SOUND' logo.

Music

[FEBRUARY Middle School Ensemble Calendar](#)

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



Upcoming Music Recitals (for students who take music lessons):

- 5th Grade - February 25 at 2:00 PM.
- 7th/8th Grade - February 26 at 2:00 PM.
- 6th Grade - March 11 at 2:00 PM.

All recitals will take place in the chapel. Family and friends are invited to attend!

We will also have an optional **5th-8th Grade Music Contest** on Thursday, March 5, after school. This is a chance for our students to play for a judge, who will give them feedback on their performance. **Please see the email from Mrs. Prouty for more information. Students should also be getting a paper copy from their lesson teacher.**

High School Spring Semester High School Ensemble dates:

- Thursday, February 26 - Festival of Orchestras at RHS (Orchestra only)
- Saturday, February 28 - Gala- Jazz Band, Small Choir, Trumpet Quartet
- Monday, March 9 - Solo and Small Ensemble Contest at Augustana (Choir only)
- Tuesday, March 17 - Spring Fling for the Arts (All Ensembles)
- Thursday, March 19 - Concordia St. Paul Band Concert at SFLS (SFLS Band will join for 2 pieces)
- Wednesday, April 22 - Large Group Contest (Band and Choir)
- Tuesday, April 28 - Spring Concert (All Ensembles)
- Friday, May 15 - Graduation (Choir, Orchestra, Band)

ASSOCIATION CHURCHES

Memorial - Rev. Doug Slavens, DCE Hailey Jo Miller and DCE Liz Peters

Faith - Rev. Corey Aker & Rev. Jason Rensner

Lord of Life - Rev. Billy Newell

Our Redeemer - Rev. Brett Simek

Resurrection - Rev. Chris Ascher

Click [HERE](#) for worship times! The schedule includes details for Lenten & Easter worship services.

SUPPORTING MEMBER

ZION - Rev. Greg Lehr & Rev. Paul Winckler

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

You're invited to a new women's Bible study beginning March 1 through May 3 as we journey through *The Ministry of Motherhood* by Sally Clarkson. This encouraging study reminds us that motherhood is a God-given ministry and explores how God uses everyday moments to shape our hearts and our homes.

Through Scripture, personal stories, and practical wisdom, we'll focus on building Christ-centered homes, embracing grace over perfection, and finding joy in every season. Whether you're a new mom, seasoned mom, or supporting the next generation, you're welcome.

Join us for this meaningful time of faith, encouragement, and fellowship—we'd love to have you with us!

Sign up Link: <https://form.jotform.com/260408648096060>

Book Link: https://www.amazon.com/dp/1578565820?ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_fed_asin_title

Date/Time: Every other Sunday starting March 1 except for the last week which will be held on May 3 (to not interfere with Mother's Day)! We will meet from 3PM-5PM.

Dates: March 1, March 15, March 29, April 12, April 26, May 3

Location: Sioux Falls Lutheran School

Who: Any mother from any season of motherhood

Questions? Please reach out to Jennifer Reiners at jenn.reiners@gmail.com or 605-370-2831.

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



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