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## Celebrating the Hearts Behind Sioux Falls Lutheran School

At Sioux Falls Lutheran School, we are blessed by a community of volunteers who generously give of their time, talents, hearts, and hands in service to our students, faculty, and families. From lending helping hands in classrooms and at special events to offering encouragement, prayers, and faithful support behind the scenes, our volunteers make a meaningful difference in the life of our school every day.



As we approach the close of another wonderful school year, we look forward to taking time to honor and celebrate these generous servants at our Volunteer Appreciation Recognition and Lunch on Wednesday, May 20.

The event will begin with Volunteer Recognition at 11:30 a.m. in the Vaughn & JoAnn Meyer Chapel and Performing Arts Center, followed by lunch at noon. This special gathering is our opportunity to express heartfelt gratitude to those who help make Sioux Falls Lutheran School a place where students—from infants through 12th grade—grow academically, spiritually, and personally in a Christ-centered environment.

Scripture reminds us:

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” Colossians 3:23*

This verse beautifully reflects the servant-hearted spirit of our volunteers, whose faithful work blesses our students and strengthens our school community.

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To every volunteer who has supported Sioux Falls Lutheran School this year—thank you. Your generosity, dedication, and love are woven into the daily life of our school, and we are deeply grateful for the many ways you help us fulfill our mission.

With heartfelt thanks,  
*Sioux Falls Lutheran School*

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## LOST & FOUND NEW

Please visit the Lost & Found table located outside the school office to claim any personal belongings. Items remaining after school on **Tuesday, May 19**, will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul (located at the northeast corner of 41st St. and Tea-Ellis Rd.). Jewelry and electronics are retained in the school office. Please also ensure that your student checks the locker room as well as the lockers for their personal belongings, as it will be cleared out on Friday, May 15. Unclaimed items will be donated.



## MEDICATIONS

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(s). If you have any questions, please contact the school office at #605-335-1923 or email: [schooloffice@sflutheranschool.com](mailto:schooloffice@sflutheranschool.com).

## LIBRARY

**LAST CHANCE to return overdue library books!** Please have all library books returned no later than Thursday, May 14. If a book has been lost or damaged, we would greatly appreciate a replacement. Thank you for helping us care for resources that bless all of our students!

## PLANNING AHEAD

Last day of school for preschool through 11th grade is Tuesday, May 19. Dismissal times will be:

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

## 2026-27 BACK TO SCHOOL ORIENTATIONS/SCHOOL PICTURES

- Preschool: Thursday, August 13 from 10AM-7PM
- Elementary/Middle School/High School: Monday, August 17 from 12PM-7:30PM



## K-8th GRADE YEARBOOK ORDERS!

We're excited to continue offering K–8 yearbooks as a special way to capture this year's memories! After many years of providing them at no cost, yearbooks will now be available for purchase at \$20 each.

If your family would like to order one, please use the link below **by June 1**.

<https://shop.memorybook.com>

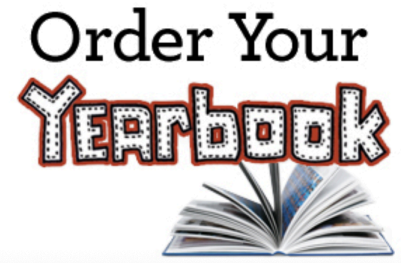
All users will have to register the first time they access the site. School Code: 064826M.

Yearbooks will be available for pick up at back to school night in August.

Thank you for your understanding and support—we're grateful to continue providing this keepsake for our students!

## HS YEARBOOK ORDERS!

For current students in 9th-12th grade who would like to purchase 2025-2026 yearbooks, order forms are available in the school office or you may order through this [google form](#). Contact Mrs. Heidi Albers if you have any questions! **All orders are due by June 1.**



## FROM THE SFLS DEVELOPMENT TEAM: Matching Gift Challenge to Finish the Year Strong

We have some exciting news! Thanks to the generosity of John and Michele Sturdevant, a \$50,000 matching gift is available for our Annual [Eagle Fund](#)! Every gift made will be matched dollar-for-dollar—doubling your impact on the students, teachers, and mission of Sioux Falls Lutheran School.

The Eagle Fund helps bridge the gap between tuition and the true cost of an SFLS education. It supports classrooms, equips teachers, and nurtures faith in each of the 550 students we serve every day. Generosity like this is what makes Christ-centered education possible.



We also recently shared our [Development Update](#), offering a closer look at the heart behind the Eagle Fund, stories of generosity impacting students right now, and how God continues to provide through faithful supporters and legacy gifts. If you haven't had a chance to read it yet, we invite you to take a moment—you may just find a meaningful way to be part of the story.

## ONE WEEK LEFT TO APPLY FOR NEEDS-BASED VARIABLE TUITION & SDPE SCHOLARSHIPS

[K–12 needs-based variable tuition](#) applications for the 2026–27 school year are due through TADS by **Friday, May 15**. Thanks to the continued generosity of our donors, SFLS anticipates awarding up to \$400,000 in tuition assistance to qualifying families.

**Important SDPE Update:** New legislation (SB 84) expands eligibility for the [South Dakota Partners in Education \(SDPE\) scholarship program](#) beginning in 2026–27.

- **Income eligibility is increasing to 200% of the Free & Reduced Lunch Income Guidelines**, meaning more families may qualify.
- Students who have been in the program for three years or are entering high school will need to **reapply this year** (all families who wish to be considered for tuition assistance funds through SFLS during the 2026-27 school year need to reapply this year).

- Reapplying students' household income may not exceed **250% of the Reduced Lunch Income Guideline.**
- **Children in Foster Care automatically qualify** and receive the same scholarship amount for three years.
- SDPE prioritizes **returning students first**, and then new applicants.

## 2026-2027 Qualifying Income Scale

We honor the income level that originally qualified the student, or we use the lower-income level of a subsequent application submitted before the time to reapply.

A qualifying income cannot be more than what is listed below.

Household Size	Free Lunch Income Level	Reduced Lunch Income Level	200% Of Reduced Lunch Income Level	250% Reapplying Students Only
2	\$28,132	\$40,034	\$80,068	\$100,085
3	\$35,516	\$50,542	\$101,084	\$126,355
4	\$42,900	\$61,050	\$122,100	\$152,625
5	\$50,284	\$71,558	\$143,116	\$178,895
6	\$57,668	\$82,066	\$164,132	\$205,165
7	\$65,052	\$92,574	\$185,148	\$231,435
8	\$72,436	\$103,082	\$206,164	\$257,705
For each additional family member, add	\$7,384	\$10,508	\$21,016	\$26,270

### What to Do:

- Visit [www.mytads.com](http://www.mytads.com) and click "Financial Aid Assessment" to start your application.
- Submit your application to **both SFLS and SDPE** to be considered for all available assistance.
- Ensure your application reaches a **GOOD form rating by May 15, 2026** (late applications will be waitlisted).

TADS will guide you through required documentation, including your most recent tax return. **For technical support, contact TADS** (Mon–Fri, 7am–5pm CST) at 612-548-3320, 800-477-8237, or [TADS-Support@venturedsolutions.com](mailto:TADS-Support@venturedsolutions.com).

As a friendly reminder, **all infant through 12<sup>th</sup> grade families may reduce tuition through [RaiseRight](#)** by purchasing gift cards for everyday expenses and earning tuition credit throughout the year.

### SIGN UP & JOIN THE FUN!

Sioux Falls Lutheran School's annual golf tournament is coming up on Monday, August 3 at Bakker Crossing. This year's Mardi Gras-themed event will bring even more fun and flair to a great day on the course with our community, all while supporting our school's activities and athletics programs. Registration is now open at

<https://siouxfallslutheran.ejoinme.org/2026SFLSGolfRegistration>—\$500 per team of four. Interested in getting your name out on the course? Hole sponsorships are available for \$750—reach out to learn more!



**BOOK SALE:** The SFLS Annual Used Book Sale will be held at Memorial Lutheran Church from August 5-8. We have already begun collecting books at the school, and boxes are available at the main entrance and the preschool entrance. Donations will be accepted at the school through August 1. Memorial will also have donation boxes available at the church beginning June 1.



We accept all books, puzzles, board games, records, music, CDs, and DVDs. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Tuition Assistance Fund.

## CAREER CORNER

### We're hiring!

2026-27 School Year:

Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

Junior High Football Coach

Eagle Care Workers (especially 18+)

Learn more and apply: [siouxfallslutheran.com/careers](https://siouxfallslutheran.com/careers).



## CHAPEL

**Campus Chaplain** for the week of May 11 is Pastor Slavens from Memorial Lutheran Church.

### Chapel times for **Wednesday, May 13:**

- 6-12 chapel at 8:05 AM, in the Meyer Chapel & Performing Arts Center, led by Pastor Slavens from Memorial 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 Walk by Faith, and this week's focus is *The Church's Mission by Faith: Walking by Faith Until He Comes* based on Revelation 21:1-5.

**Preschool chapel** will be held on **Wednesday, May 13**, 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 *Armour of God*.



**Chapel Offerings:** Our 2nd Semester offering supporting the work of Missionaries Rev. Jordon and Alison Andreasen serving in Romania continues with a total of \$1,442.06 so far. Please join us in supporting these missionaries for the last 2 chapels this school year. Through these gifts, we join in God's mission of sharing the love of Jesus with people around the world.

**We honor God by serving others!**

## BUILDING AN ARK OF FAITH FOR OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS

Step by step, two by two, we are building an Ark of Faith — a joyful new playground for our littlest disciples. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, each gift, big or small, helps bring this vision to life. From our mighty Elephants to the diligent Ants, every member of our giving Ark is making a lasting impact. Soon, children will have a safe, faith-filled place to laugh, explore, and grow *for generations of tiny disciples*. We invite you to climb aboard by scanning the QR code, emailing [bmakepeace@sflutheranschool](mailto:bmakepeace@sflutheranschool) for more information, or visiting the early childhood entrance to see the progress firsthand!



### **NEWSFLASH: PTF Matches Gifts to Preschool ARK OF FAITH Project through the Month of May!**

Thanks to your generous contributions to our fall fundraiser, the PTF was able to donate \$10,000 toward the new Preschool Ark Initiative playground equipment! You can see the LION representing this gift displayed in the preschool wing vestibule. Even more exciting — PTF will **match gifts up to \$5,000 through the month of May**, doubling the impact of your support! If you would like to contribute, please scan the QR code in the Ark of Faith section above.

## PTF (PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP)

No PTF meeting in May due to band concerts.

**Next Meeting:** June 15 from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Upper Room.

## EAGLE CARE

No after-school Eagle Care will be offered on *Tuesday, May 19* due to early dismissal.

*Tuesday, May 26* is the first day for registered Summer Eagle Care families. Summer Eagle Care families please make sure you have received an email with more information about this summer.

**NEW** Watch for an email early this summer with a form to register for before- and/or after-school care for the 2026-27 school year. We do have your information from the enrollment forms submitted in January; however, we understand that plans may change.

## COUNSELING SERVICES

### Awareness Topic for May: Mental Health

This **Mental Health Month**, Mental Health America invites you to reflect on what a “good day” looks like to you. Click [here](#) to learn more.



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](mailto:bdevos@carrollinstitute.org) or [bdevos@sflutheranschool.com](mailto:bdevos@sflutheranschool.com)

## RAISERIGHT (AKA SCRIP)

Order Date by 10 AM	Pick-Up Date after 11 AM
Monday, May 18	Thursday, May 21

**\*\*For the summer RaiseRight schedule, click [Here!](#)\*\***

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**Spring MAP scores** are being sent home by your student’s teacher.

**Field Day** is right around the corner. K-8 will participate in Field Day in the afternoon on *May 18*. **Parents are welcome to come as spectators to this fun event.** Field day events will take place from 12:30-2:30. Students will be grouped by Family Groups to rotate through the activities. Please pray for good weather and plan to send **sunscreen!**

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL



**Spring MAP scores** are being sent home by your student’s teacher.

### AP Testing May 12

- Tuesday, May 12: 8-12 - AP Calc; 12-4 - AP Psych

### High School Finals Schedule, May 14-15, will be done in 80 minute blocks

- **Thursday, May 14**
  - 9 - 10:20: 1st Period Classes

- 10:20 - 11:40: 2nd Period Classes
- 11:40 - 12:35: Lunch provided by Booster Club
- 12:35 - 1:55: 3rd Period Classes
- 1:55 - 3:15: 4th Period Classes
- **Friday, May 15**
  - 9 - 10:20: **6th Period** Classes
  - 9:00: High School Graduation rehearsal followed by a parade throughout the school.
  - 10:20 - 11:40: **5th Period** Classes
  - 11:40 - 12:35: Lunch provided by Booster Club
  - 12:35 - 1:55: 7th Period Classes
  - 1:55 - 3:15: 8th Period Classes

If students have work to complete, they can come as early as 7:45 to work in the HS Wing. Any student on ICU will not be allowed to leave during school hours if they have a period without a test. If your student is not on ICU and you give them permission, they may leave if they do not have a final. An email was sent by Mrs. Asmus for you to give permission.

## FIELD DAY

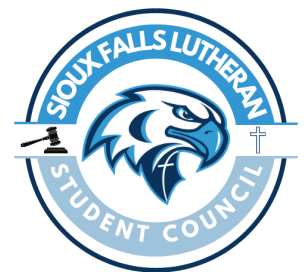
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## STUDENT COUNCIL

Our first-ever Student Council has been selected! The results can be found [HERE](#).

**Study Hall Volunteers Needed for 2026–2027 School Year:** Sioux Falls Lutheran School is seeking dependable and caring volunteers to help supervise high school study hall periods during the upcoming school year. In order to increase the number of class offerings, we are in need of additional support to ensure our students have a structured, productive environment for study and quiet work.

Study halls run throughout the day from 8:50 AM to 3:20 PM. Volunteers are welcome to choose days and times that fit their schedules, with the understanding that consistency is important for our students.



Volunteers would assist by monitoring students, maintaining a focused atmosphere, and offering general support during assigned study hall times. This is a great opportunity to serve our school community, build relationships with students, and support their academic success.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the school office. We are grateful for your consideration and partnership in serving our students.

*"Serve one another humbly in love." — Galatians 5:13*



**Graduation:** Friday, May 15 at 6:30 PM in the Dr. Vaughn & Joann Meyer Chapel and Performing Arts Center.

## ATHLETICS

### TRACK & FIELD

Click [HERE](#) for the full Varsity schedule.

Results can be found on the [Athletic.net](#) website. You can also download the [APP](#).



### GOLF

Click [HERE](#) for the full Golf schedule.



**Summer Camp Registrations** are still open.

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](mailto:lasmus@sflutherschool.com) or

Monica: [finance@sflutherschool.com](mailto:finance@sflutherschool.com)

## MUSIC

### [MAY Middle School Ensembles Calendar](#)

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



### High School Spring Semester High School Ensemble dates:

- Friday, May 15 - Graduation (Choir, Orchestra, Band)

### Upcoming Elementary/Middle School Music Events:

- Monday, May 11 - 4th-8th Grade Spring Concerts
  - 4th/5th Grade at 6:00 PM
  - Middle School at 7:15 PM

## **2026-27 MUSIC REGISTRATION OPEN HOUSE**

Current 1st-7th Grade Families ... Please watch for an email soon with information from Mrs. Prouty on Music Registration for the 2026-27 School year! This includes information about lessons, as well as music ensemble options for Middle School students. We will have an informational night on Thursday, May 14, in case you want to ask questions or chat with the Music staff. This will be from 3:30-6:00 PM in the Music Room.

### **ASSOCIATION CHURCHES**

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

#### **Food Pantry Open to All**

The Memorial Lutheran Church Food Pantry will now be open to all SFLS families, staff, friends, and neighbors in need of food assistance. (No questions asked and no forms to complete)

The Food Pantry will be open Monday - Thursday, 9:00-4:00PM or by appointment. You may call the church office at 605-334-7133 for an appointment or with questions. Memorial Lutheran Church is located at [5000 South Western Avenue](#).

**Faith** - Rev. Corey Aker & Rev. Jason Rensner

## **BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**

The Outreach teams from Memorial and Faith will host a Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway and Meal on Saturday, July 25, from 11 AM to 4 PM. Our desire is to provide gently used clothing for infants through teens, helping them start the school with confidence and pride.

We will begin collecting clothing donations in June and are seeking gently used items for infants through adults. Clean clothes may be dropped off at Memorial or Faith Lutheran through July 20.

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

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

[Resurrection](#) - Rev. Chris Ascher

Click [HERE](#) for worship times!

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.

Please contact [schooloffice@sflutherschool.com](mailto:schooloffice@sflutherschool.com) with any questions or concerns.



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