



# EAGLES NEWS



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Nov 1, 2024

## Imagining, and Experiencing Immeasurably More last Sunday: **Eph. 3:20-21!**

On Sunday, October 27th, just over 240 voters from our Association Churches (Faith, Lord of Life, Memorial, Our Redeemer, and Resurrection) approved 1) revisions to the school’s Articles of Incorporation; and 2) initial construction for our Upper School addition (middle & high school), including earthwork, concrete footings and foundation walls before the ground freezes, as well as ordering the structural steel for this 2-story building. Praise be to God!



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Following the voters assembly meeting, the **Imagine Immeasurably More Campaign** officially launched its public phase, after raising \$2 million, cash and pledges in its leadership stage. Supporters heard from Elementary Principal Kristen Newell about the important influence our teachers and staff have each and every day to ensure all of our students know their savior’s voice and find their own identity in Christ; from school parent, board representative, and volleyball coach, Mark List, about the exponential growth (63% since the 2019-20 school year) SFLS is experiencing and the accompanying need to expand our Gospel mission with additional space; from Chuck Hiatt on planting trees under which we will never sit, by giving

the funds God has entrusted us with, as gifts and pledges; and from Architect Steve Jastram who had never before experienced ground-breaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies on the same day! To His Glory!



In the next two weeks, construction will begin—installing strong foundations for the first-floor completion of four new classrooms, restrooms, conference rooms, a staff workroom, and a large learning area to be completed by December 2025/January 2026, along with a second floor “shell.” As additional funds are raised, the “shells” of second floor rooms, including three more classrooms and “The Upper Room” conference and seminar space, will be finished—perhaps as early as March 2026.



The total cost of the finished first floor and the shelled second floor is \$5.4 million. Finishing the second floor will cost an additional \$1.25 million.

To date, \$2 Million in cash and pledges has been raised for this project. In addition, the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) has approved a construction loan of \$3.86 million and a bridge loan of \$1 million. In January 2025, the association voters will gather again to approve these loans and to authorize the 1<sup>st</sup> floor completion and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor shell. In the meantime, the capital campaign committee will continue to raise funds to finish the second floor as soon as possible (at the rate we’re going, we will need the space!) and to minimize the loan amounts borrowed. Please join me in thanking God for our campaign co-chairs: Scott Peters, Bhrett Baney, Mary Ann Zinnel, and Mary Ellen Heirigs; campaign consultant Chuck Hiatt; and prayer-chain captain Sarah Sailer, for their tireless efforts. Above all, please keep this important initiative in your prayers!

Since 2016, when we launched the first “Our Greatest Gifts” capital campaign, consultant Chuck Hiatt continually reminds us that “every gift is significant.” As we link arms to provide needed space for our Gospel-spreading mission—*developing capable Christian Servant-Leaders in a Complex World: World Ready, Faith Secure*—please consider how you can help. Click [here](#) to read more about this important campaign and to discover ways in which you can support it.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. It’s an honor and a privilege to serve you all!

With Gratefulness,  
Mrs. Tia Esser, Executive Director

## **PRAYER REQUESTS from IIM Prayer-Chain Captain, Sarah Sailer**

### **Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving**

- Thanks for the great attendance and powerful messages on Sunday at SFLS
- Thanks for the unexpected gift of \$100,000 received on Monday for the IIM campaign
- Thanks for the high-quality teaching/learning at SFLS, enhanced by spiritual mentoring
- Praise God for the tremendous growth he has given the school in recent years

### **Petitions**

- That campaign leadership can identify new potential donors among all the families at SFLS
- That the Holy Spirit will go before us and inspire donors to Eph 3:20-21 responses
- Boldly pray that God will grant us success in raising an additional 3.5 million in cash or pledges in the next 3-5 months, so we have no additional loans!

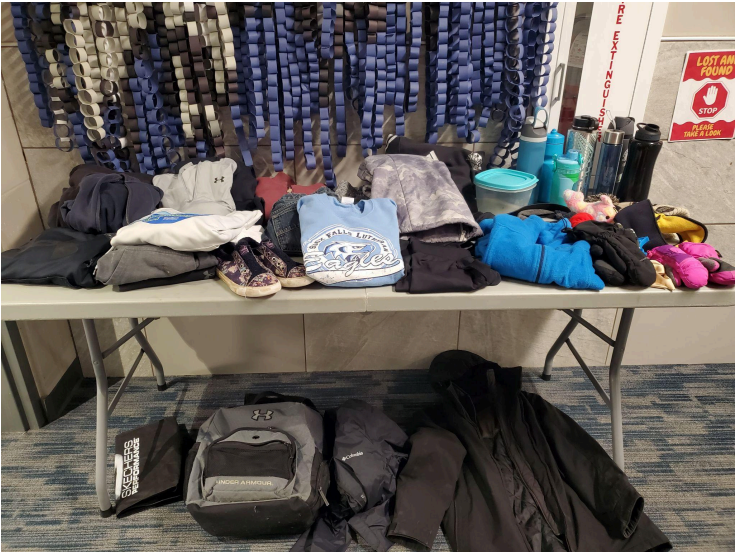
## **FITNESS CENTER OFFICIALLY OPENS!**

On Sunday, October 27, we celebrated the official opening of our new Fitness Center with a ribbon cutting and dedication service. Attendees heard from Executive Director, Mrs. Tia Esser; high school principal and coach, Mr. James Stubkjaer; physical education teacher, coach, and fitness center donor, Mrs. Melanie Nelson; and Pastor and coach, Billy Newell. In their own unique way, each of these individuals spoke to the many and various ways this new, state-of-the-art facility will benefit our students from their youngest years through their high school athletic careers for years to come. Our sincere thanks to everyone who donated to this important project and joined us for this historic celebration!



## LOST & FOUND <sup>NEW</sup>

Please visit the Lost & Found table to claim any items by Friday, November 8th. After school that day, they will be donated. Items in the right photo can be claimed in the office.



## BALANCES DUE

Effective October 25th, 2024, any remaining balances due in TADS family accounts will be transferred to your FACTS account. Please check your account balances in FACTS and pay those past-due charges within 15 days, to avoid additional fees.

## KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for kitchen volunteers from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays. Please contact Laurie Ascher by text or call at (605) 759-3063 or email [ascherfam74@gmail.com](mailto:ascherfam74@gmail.com) if you are interested!

## LICENSE PLATE DECAL

Show your SFLS support on your SD license plate! We now have license plate decals available for purchase. They are \$10 for a set of two. Please contact Mikela Iverson at [miverson@sflutheranschool.com](mailto:miverson@sflutheranschool.com) to purchase.



## PICTURE RETAKES

WHEN: Thursday, November 7th in the AM

ORDERING INFORMATION: Your student will need to bring their original photo packet with them to school on that day. After retakes, a new packet will be sent home that will have the instructions to order inside. If you prefer not to order online or missed the open house photo day, paper forms are available in the school office and with the photographer.

Please call (605) 362-9221 or email [office@schooltimephotos.com](mailto:office@schooltimephotos.com) with any questions.

## SFLS BLOOD DRIVE

November 4th from 8 - 11 AM, the Community Blood Bank will do a blood drive at SFLS. Please see the [Sign-up Genius](#) to register. Thank you!

## SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT WORKSHOP

November 3rd beginning at 2:15 held at SFLS. Ideas and Inspiration for Mission and Ministry; NAVIGATING THE INTERSECTIONS OF FAITH AND CULTURE; Plenary Address by Reverend Dr. Greg Selz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, DC. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

## SPIRIT STORE OPEN

Our winter spirit wear store is OPEN until Monday, Nov. 4th. Order your basketball spirit wear, Eagle spirit wear and Christmas gifts! There will not be another online store until the Spring.

<https://mrghauff.chipply.com/SIOUXFALLSLUTHERANL>



## CAREER CORNER

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

### Preschool:

- Part-time education assistant positions, Tuesday afternoons

### Eagle Care:

- Part-time afternoon assistants. Adults and/or high school age students:
  - Flexible Schedule: Between 3:15 - 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday

### Middle School:

- Study Hall Monitor, 2:30 - 3:10 PM, Wednesdays and Fridays

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](mailto:dpankow@sflutheranschool.com) for more information.

View jobs and application instructions here: [www.siouxfallslutheran.com/careers](http://www.siouxfallslutheran.com/careers).

## CHAPEL

**Chapel times** for Wednesday, November 6th, led by Pastor Slavens from Memorial Lutheran Church:

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

This year's theme is *ONE - The Gospel Story is Our Story*. This week's topic is: *Prayer for Strength; The One who is Able*

**3rd Grade Chat & Chapel** will also be on Wednesday, November 6th. All 3rd grade parents/guardians/family members are welcome to join for fellowship in the commons after drop-off, before the chapel service! More communication will come from your teachers.

**Preschool chapel** will be held on Wednesday, November 6th as well, led by DCE Liz Peters from Memorial Lutheran Church, in the Early Childhood wing beginning at 8:40 and 9:00 AM. The theme of this week's chapel is Moses' Birth.

### CHAPEL OFFERINGS:

**First semester we are supporting Missionary Hayden Rensner in Ethiopia.**

Goal: \$2000

Collected: \$878.97

**We honor God by serving others!**

**Campus Chaplain** this week is Pastor Slavens from Memorial Lutheran Church.



**Monday,  
November 11**  
**Veteran's Day Chapel**  
**8:45 a.m.**  
**Grades 4-12**

**Invite Veterans to  
Chapel Nov. 11**

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## COUNSELING SERVICES

### Help is 3 Numbers Away

helpline center

**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.



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

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A TIP

SOUTH DAKOTA

[safe2say.sd.gov](http://safe2say.sd.gov)

**CONNECT WITH THE  
PTF ON FACEBOOK**

**Next PTF Meeting:**

Monday, 11/11 at 5:30 PM



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



**RAISERIGHT (AKA SCRIP)**

<b>Order Dates by 10 AM</b>	<b>Pick-Up Dates after 11 AM</b>
Monday, November 4	Thursday, November 7
Monday, November 11	Thursday, November 14
Monday, November 18	Thursday, November 21

**PRESCHOOL**

**KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW NIGHT 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 5th**

4-year-old & 5-year-old families—mark your calendars and plan to join us for Kindergarten Preview Night! During this special event designed specifically for soon-to-be kindergarteners and their families, you'll receive the opportunity to meet our kindergarten teachers and elementary principal, visit with other incoming kindergarten families, receive answers to your questions, and discover the value of investing in your child's future at SFLS. [RSVP to Kindergarten Preview Night here.](#)

**PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Do you know someone with a preschooler who would make an excellent addition to our school family? Invite them to [RSVP to our Preschool Open House from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM on Saturday, December 7th](#), where they will meet our staff, tour the school building, receive answers to questions, and discover the value of investing in their child's future at SFLS.

**ELEMENTARY**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PREVIEW NIGHT**

Join us on Monday, November 18th, at 5:30 PM to learn everything you need to know about middle school! You'll meet our teachers, learn about the transition to middle school, explore academic and extracurricular opportunities, and connect with other families who are interested in middle school at SFLS. Above all, you'll discover the value of investing in your child's future at Sioux Falls Lutheran School. Supper will be served after the event at 6:30 PM. Please [sign up here](#) to join us!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION** November 4 at 6:30 PM.

### **MULTIMEDIA CLUB FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The SFLS Multimedia Club is in full swing, and it's not too late to join! This is a great opportunity for students to dive into photography, videography, graphic design, and content creation. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 6th at 3:30 PM** in the **STEM Room**. We're excited to welcome special guest speaker **Madison Felty with M. Felty Photography** at our November 20th meeting as well. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month after school. For more information, contact **Vania Asmus** at [vasmus@sflutherschool.com](mailto:vasmus@sflutherschool.com).

### **HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW NIGHT**

Join us on Monday, November 18th, at 7:00 PM to learn everything you need to know about high school! You'll meet our teachers, learn about the transition to high school, explore academic and extracurricular opportunities, and connect with other families who are interested in high school at SFLS. Above all, you'll discover the value of investing in your child's future at Sioux Falls Lutheran School. Supper will be served prior to the event at 6:30 PM. Please [sign up here](#) to join us!

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## ATHLETICS

**CROSS COUNTRY:** We'd like to extend a huge congratulations to Clara Pederson, a 7th grader, for her outstanding performance at the 2024 South Dakota Cross Country State Championship! Competing against a strong field of 112 runners, Clara finished an impressive 29th place with a 5K time of 22:02.

### **VOLLEYBALL:**

- Tuesday, November 5: vs. Ethan at Chester after the 6 PM game: Chester vs. winner of Monday's match between Canistota vs. Howard
- Thursday, November 7: winner of Tuesday's game vs. winner of Chester/Canistota/Howard at 6 PM

### **BASKETBALL:**

MS Girls and Boys Basketball first game Tuesday, Nov. 14 at Canistota beginning at 4



## ART

I am looking for Old Christmas Cards with the Nativity and Holy Family and also looking for more crocheted doilies. They can be dropped off in the office or given to Mrs. Hoekman. Thank you! Mrs. Hoekman

### Spotlight on Student Art: Dori Sproles' Enchanting Sculpture!

We're thrilled to showcase the incredible talent of Dori Sproles, a high school art student at Sioux Falls Lutheran, who has been designing and painting sculptures for our campus. Her first piece, a beautifully crafted fairy tale composition featuring the tower from *Tangled*, is a must-see! Dori's work brings a touch of magic to our school and highlights the creativity and skill our students are developing. Stop by and check it out—it's truly out of this world!



## BOOSTER CLUB

 **SIoux FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
6715 S. BOE LANE  
SIoux FALLS, SD 57108

*You're invited!*

# Wine & Design

11.09.24 | 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Sioux Falls Lutheran School Commons  
6715 S. Boe Lane  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108



Use QR code to register for Wine & Design



Make it your own!  
Different Easter verses to consider!

Create your own spring cross creation!  
Appetizers, wine, and all supplies provided.  
Proceeds go to the SFLS Booster Club.  
~ \$50/person (Unlimited participants!) ~

RSVP by November 4, 2024 using QR code or contact Lisa Asmus  
lasmus@sflutherschool.com or call (605) 335-1923

## MUSIC

### NOVEMBER Middle School Ensemble Calendar

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



12 of our 4th-6th graders were chosen through a recorded audition last spring to represent SFLS in the 27th Annual SD Elementary Honor Choir. The event will be held this Saturday, November 2nd, here in Sioux Falls. They will rehearse all day with other students from across the state, and perform a concert in the afternoon at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. The students are: Jackson, Sophia, Laney, Lucas, Emmarie, Kaeleigh, Elsie, Jordan, Weston, Makayla, Olivia and Olivia. Have fun!

**Congratulations** to the 2024 Sioux Falls Lutheran All-state Choir quartet, consisting of Soprano Kelsie Miller, Tenor Kaitlyn Wald, Alto Addison Vis, and Bass Jude Elkins. These students will spend Friday, Nov 1st and Saturday, Nov 2nd days at the Premier Center in Sioux Falls rehearsing with 1000 other high school students from around the state. Join us for the 2024 All-state Chorus and Orchestra concert on Saturday, Nov 2nd at 7:00 at the Denny Sanford Premier Center for what is sure to be an amazing concert, with pieces including The Battle Hymn of the Republic and the Hallelujah Chorus. Kelsie, Kaitlyn, Jude, and Addison, we know you will represent SFLS well!

THEATRE

ASSOCIATION CHURCHES **\*\*CLICK [HERE](#) FOR WORSHIP TIMES\*\***

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

**Lord of Life** - Rev. Billy Newell

Mark Your Calendars: Lord of Life is hosting a Soup and Pie Dinner on Friday, November 8th from 4:30-7 PM. Free-Will offering will be taken and proceeds helping our youth attend the National Youth Gathering next July. Please join us!!

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

You are invited to attend:

- Nov. 17 Chili Cook-off Fundraiser
- the 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve service, Nov. 27, at SFLS, hosted by Memorial Lutheran Church, in partnership with Faith, Resurrection, & Lord of Life Lutheran Churches.

**Our Redeemer** - Rev. Howard Shane (primary vacancy pastor), Rev. David Morfitt (vacancy pastor)

**Resurrection** - Rev. Chris Ascher

Our annual Soup and Pie meal will be on Sunday evening, November 3rd from 4:30 to 6:30!  
Plenty of food and easy access - FREE - parking!

#### 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@sflutherschool.com](mailto:schooloffice@sflutherschool.com) with any questions or concerns.



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