



Sioux Falls Lutheran School

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CAMP OKOBOJI ^{NEW}

Registration for the Summer 2025 season is now OPEN! Registration can be completed at campokoboji.org. Have any questions? Contact Liv Simmons, Discipleship Director, at (712) 337-3325 or discipleship.campokoboji@gmail.com.

CAMP OKOBOJI SUMMER 2025

Discipleship Programs

May 30-June 1...Kids' Kamp
June 5-8...JOY Camp #1
June 22-26...Cub Week #1
June 29-July 4...July 4 Family Retreat
July 6-12...Junior High Week
July 10-13...JOY Camp #2
July 13-19...Cub Week #2
July 20-26...Youth Week (High School)
July 27-August 1...Family Retreat #1
August 3-8...Family Retreat #2

Other Events

January 24-26...Family Ice Fishing Retreat
May 2-4...Spring Volunteer Work Weekend
June 8-10...Iowa District West Convention
June 14...Camp Okoboji Auxiliary Quilt Auction
June 15-21...Minneboji Lutheran Camp
May 25-August 31...Sunday Worship
1st Sundays of the Month (May-October)...Brunch
October 10-11...Fall Volunteer Work Weekend

For more information and to register, visit campokoboji.org

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NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK ^{NEW}

SFLS will be taking part in a whole school wide service project to help celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week. We will be collecting personal care items (**please see poster below**) for the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. Each wing will have donation boxes available for you to drop off your items. We appreciate your efforts in helping support our local community! A schedule of fun dress-up day events will come out early next week!

School Wide Community Service Project:



Our Mission:

To fulfill the Gospel call to love our neighbors as ourselves by recognizing the God-given dignity of each person and providing essential life services to those in need.

To support, please bring in these items:

- Shampoo, Conditioner, & Body Wash
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Foot Powder
- Toilet Paper
- Men & Women's Underwear (all sizes)
- Bras (can be used, but in good condition)
- Shoes - in good condition
- Towels & Washcloths



***Donations will be collected through Thursday,
January 30th (by the end of the day)**

Drop boxes located in each wing

REPORT CARDS



Grades K-12...Your student's report card is now available in FACTS. Please log into your Family Portal>left menu, under "Student" heading, click the dropdown arrow>click "Report Card". To switch between students>click the dropdown on the top of the report card. To print>click the "Print" icon in the upper right.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us on Saturday, March 8th to test your knowledge and support the 7th graders' epic journey to the Black Hills this September!

Form your dream team of 8, bring your A-game, and help raise funds for food, supplies, and site admissions for their Leadership & Earth Science Trip.

Stay tuned for more details—it's going to be a night to remember!

Any questions, contact Miss Ockander at mockander@sflutherschool.com.

A promotional poster for Trivia Night. The top section has a blue background with white text: "9TH ANNUAL SFLS 7TH GRADE CLASS FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT". Below this, a white horizontal band contains the text "Saturday March 8th" and "SFLS Commons 6:00pm". The bottom section features the words "Trivia Night" in a large, colorful, stylized font, with several hands of different colors reaching up towards the text. At the bottom left, there is a small logo for SFLS (Sioux Falls Lutheran School) with the text "SIOUX FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL" below it.

2024 TAX INFORMATION

Families enrolled at SFLS who used the TADS billing system in 2024 will click [HERE](#) for instructions on accessing your tax information. For steps through the FACTS Management system, click [HERE](#). *Keep in mind, if you have been billed through TADS and FACTS in 2024, you will need to access both systems.* Please consult your tax advisor for questions regarding tax credits and deductions.

2025-26 RE-ENROLLMENT UPDATE

As families with children enrolled at SFLS, you receive the highest enrollment priority for the 2025-26 school year. Because several of our classes are at or near capacity and we have large wait pools for many early childhood programs, reserving spots in a timely fashion for your student(s) and any siblings you wish to enroll during the 2025-26 school year is extremely important. **Re-enrollment instructions were sent via email on January 6. Please check your inbox (and junk mail box if you don't see an email in your inbox) for instructions.**

If you have a child who is not currently enrolled or is in our wait pool for enrollment, you'll need to complete an [admissions application](#) for the 2025-26 school year. In order to ensure that all currently enrolled students have the opportunity to reserve their seats for the 2025-26 school year when we return from break in January, **we will not begin processing applications for new students until the week of January 27.**

To help your budget planning for the year ahead, [preschool](#) and [K-12](#) tuition rates for the 2025-26 school year are now available on our website. In order to maintain and enhance the high-quality experience your children deserve, we require an application fee and enrollment/re-enrollment fee each year. We understand that this may prompt questions, so we'd like to share four reasons why this is an important part of our school's annual process.

1. Securing Your Child's Spot:

Each school year, we work diligently to ensure that our classrooms are properly staffed, our programs are well-resourced, and our facilities are ready to serve. Re-enrollment fees help us project accurate enrollment numbers so we can make informed decisions about class sizes, teacher assignments, and materials, ensuring every student gets the attention they need.

2. Supporting School Operations:

These fees cover essential administrative costs related to the enrollment process, including recordkeeping, processing applications, and maintaining up-to-date technology and software to serve our families efficiently. These steps help us to be proactive in providing a seamless educational experience.

3. Commitment to Growth:

Enrollment fees are an important part of our financial planning. They allow us to invest in new programs, hire and retain excellent faculty, and improve facilities, all while keeping tuition as affordable as possible. The early commitment through this fee strengthens our ability to plan strategically for the upcoming year.

4. Building a Sustainable Future:

Your support through the enrollment process helps ensure that Sioux Falls Lutheran School remains a vibrant place for your children, and future generations, to grow in faith and knowledge. It's an investment not only in your child's education but also in the continued success of our school community.

Application fees are \$25. Enrollment fees for new students (including new students who belong to current families) is \$400 per student; \$200 of that \$400 fee serves as a tuition deposit for the 2025-26 school year. Returning student re-enrollment fees are \$225 per student. We truly value your partnership in this mission and appreciate your understanding of the purpose behind these fees. Our goal is to provide your family with the best educational experience possible, while being good stewards of our resources.

Our deepest thanks for entrusting us with the care and education of your children. It is a joy and honor to serve your family at SFLS, and we encourage you to contact our admissions office with any questions. If you need any assistance logging into your family portal, please feel free to contact FACTS support at 866-441-4637.

Blessings,

Megan Baedke, Director of Community Engagement | Preschool & Kindergarten Admissions

Vania Asmus, Admissions & Marketing Coordinator | 1st-12th Grade Admissions

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 to purchase.



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!

Elementary:

- Full-time 4th grade teacher (2025-2026 school year)

Eagle Care:

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

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.siouxfallslutheran.com/careers.

CHAPEL

Chapel for Wednesday, January 22nd:

- 6-12: 8:10 AM led by Pastor Asmus from Memorial Lutheran Church in the CPAC
- K-5: 8:50 AM led by Pastor Billy from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in the gym

This year's theme is ONE - The Gospel Story is Our Story. This week's topic: *Many Roles, One Ministry; Other Vocations.*

Preschool chapel will be held on Thursday, January 23rd, 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: *Jesus Feeds 5000.*

Campus Chaplain the week of January 20th is Pastor Billy from Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

Chapel Offerings for 2nd semester, will go to support Lutheran Family Service (LFS). So far we have collected \$122.93. LFS offers the following services:



Pregnancy Help



Adoption Services



Marriage Counseling



Mental Health Counseling



Outreach

COUNSELING SERVICES

Help is 3 Numbers Away



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.

PARENT-TEACHER-FELLOWSHIP

The PTF will be handing out Spirit Wear to help you show your school pride at the boys & girls basketball games on Feb. 4th! Whether you're a player, a fan or just there to enjoy the fun, don't miss out on this chance to score some awesome swag. See you there!

Date: February 4th

Event: SFLS Basketball Games

Giveaway: Spirit Wear

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
Tuesday, January 21	Friday, January 24
Monday, January 27	Thursday, January 30
Monday, February 3	Thursday, February 6

ELEMENTARY

Winter MAP testing for our 1st-8th grade students will be completed during the weeks of January 27 and February 3. We look forward to this opportunity to see how our students have grown and learned so far this year. We also use MAP test scores to help us plan for the future in terms of curriculum, programs, and staffing.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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HIGH SCHOOL

AP Testing

Students who are currently enrolled in Government and Psychology classes are able to take the AP test in May. If you are interested in doing so, please reach out to Mrs. Slavens and bring a check for \$99 by Friday, January 24th.

PreACT

Freshmen and Sophomores will take the PreACT and PreACT 8/9 a second time on Thursday, March 13th.

ACT TEST PREP

Juniors will be taking the ACT on March 13th. It is not too early to begin preparing for the test. Did you know there are free [practice tests and resources](#)? Please let Mrs. Slavens know if you have any questions.

FAFSA

Seniors and parents - the [FAFSA is now open](#)! Complete the form to apply for financial aid for college, career school or graduate school.

ATHLETICS

NON-WINTER SPORTS STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING PROGRAM: All students Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30 - 4:15.

VOLUNTEERS at our home games are key to our ability to host these games. You may find opportunities to volunteer by clicking on [THIS LINK](#).

BASKETBALL:

- January 17: SFLS JV Girls vs. SFLS JV Boys @ 4; JV BBB vs. Chester 6:15, VTF vs. Chester
- January 21: JV GBB/JV/V BBB @ Mitchell Christian beginning at 5
- January 23: JV/V BBB HOME vs. Centerville beginning at 6:15
- January 24: JV/V BBB @ Great Plains Lutheran beginning at 6:15
- January 25: Varsity BBB DVC Invite @ Elkton vs. ORR beginning at 10:30

DRAMA



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Oh, What a Tangled Web

by John R. Carroll

Soup Supper Fundraiser & One-Act Performance

Saturday, January 18th
5:00pm Soup Supper
6:30pm Performance



Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheesy Potato Soup, Desserts, & Drinks!



Free Will Offering to support the Spring Musical Production!

Produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC., of Woodstock Illinois.

MUSIC

[JANUARY Middle School Ensemble Calendar](#)

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



Upcoming Recital Dates (for students taking lessons):

February 10 - 2nd Recital - 2:00 PM

February 11 - 3rd Recital - 2:00 PM

February 12 - 4th Recital - 2:00 PM

February 26 - 5th Recital - 2:00 PM

February 27 - 6th Recital - 2:00 PM

March 4 - 7th Recital - 2:00 PM

March 5 - 8th Recital - 2:00 PM

March 6 - 5th-8th Solo Contest - 4:00-7:00 PM (please note date change from what was originally published)

Elementary and Middle School Concerts:

May 1 - Kindergarten and 3rd Spring Programs

Kindergarten - 12:30 PM

3rd Grade - 2:00 PM

May 12 - 4th-8th Spring Concerts

4th/5th - 6:00 PM

6th-8th - 7:15 PM

High School Music upcoming events:

-Sunday, January 26: Choir will sing at the worship service at Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

More details to come.

-Monday, March 10: Spring Fling. 4:00-8:30 (All HS music students)

-Tuesday, April 8: HS Spring Concert 6:30 (All HS music students)

-Monday, May 5: Dallas Brass will be here at SFLS to give a concert in the evening and to work with our music students - more details coming soon

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

ASSOCIATION CHURCHES

Faith - Rev. Corey Aker and Rev. Jason Rensner

Lord of Life - Rev. Billy Newell

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

Middle School Cabin Fever Burnoff:

- Sunday, January 26, 6:30-8pm
- Congregations can RSVP with Hailey Jo: students@memoriallutheran.net
- Groups coming outside of Memorial Lutheran require a chaperone.
- Contact Memorial, 605.335.1923, for more information.



CURE YOUR CABIN FEVER!

Cabin Fever Burn Off Sunday, Jan. 26th 1-6 PM

Families with littles, come play together! Inflatables, games, snacks, crafts, service project...pure fun!

Children **MUST** have an adult with them!!!

Free-will offering.

Memorial Lutheran Children's Ministry
5000 S Western Ave
Sioux Falls



Date Night

Friday, February 14

5:30pm Meal begins (optional) 6:30-9:30 pm Program

Tickets \$25/couple

Dinner and entertainment provided.
Tickets available online or at the church.

To buy tickets



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



Lutheran Women in Mission
PRAYER SERVICE 2025

Blessed are they...

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes of Christ

Saturday, February 8
(March 1 - Backup Date)

Registration, Food, Fellowship - 9:00-10:00 am

Service - 10:00 am

A Mite Offering will be collected

EVERYONE WELCOME

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
2200 S Western Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD

Hosted by the Women in Mission of
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

A Sioux Falls Zone Board Meeting, including group presidents, will follow the Service.

Resurrection - Rev. Chris Ascher

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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