



Sioux Falls Lutheran School

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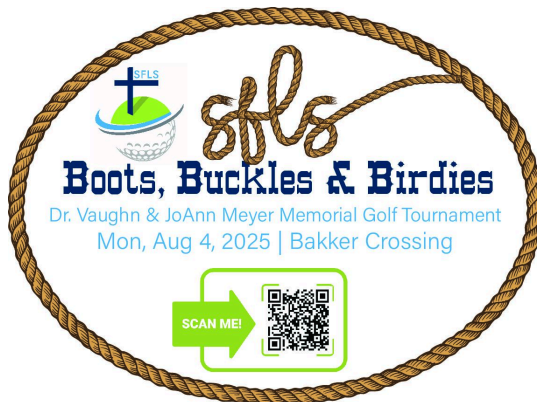
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Apr 11, 2025

LIBRARY ^{NEW}

With the end of the school year quickly approaching please be sure library books are being returned weekly. The last day to turn in library books is Thursday, May 15th. Any library books that are not returned will be charged to your account so we can replace the book.

SFLS GOLF TOURNAMENT ^{NEW}



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!

SFLS SPIRIT WEAR ^{NEW}



🔥🦅 Eagles Fans—It's Time to Gear Up! 🦅🔥

Don't miss out! The SFLS Spirit Wear Store is OPEN, but only until midnight on Sunday, April 20th! ⌚🕒

📌 Show your school pride with fresh spirit wear!

🏌️ Support your teams with **golf & track gear!**

🛒 Order now & rep your **Eagle spirit** in style!

📍 Pickup at: American Ink – 47057 98th St. You will receive an email when your order is done.

🛒 Shop here: <https://bit.ly/3E20Nhb>

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STRENGTHENING OUR SFLS FAMILY: SHARE THE GIFT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS & RECEIVE TUITION CREDIT!

Dear Sioux Falls Lutheran School Family,

Last week, I shared an update on enrollment and asked for your help in spreading the word about our school. Since then, we've continued to see interest and movement, and as I mentioned, the vast majority of our new enrollments come from you—our SFLS families—who share your positive experiences with family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Your enthusiasm and advocacy make an incredible impact, and we are deeply grateful. ***Keep reading, because we have a special way to encourage new families to enroll; and to thank you for your ongoing support!***

Navigating Uncertain Times

We recognize that economic uncertainty is leading some families to delay school decisions, particularly in our 4- and 5-year-old preschool programs. Yet, we also know that in times of uncertainty, families long for stability—a place where their children can grow, learn, and be nurtured in faith. At the same time, as families navigate financial challenges, they are seeking both affordability and excellence in education.



At Sioux Falls Lutheran School, we are committed to providing both. Through needs-based tuition assistance, RaiseRight, and SD Partners in Education, we strive to make tuition accessible while maintaining the highest standards of Christ-centered education. We want to ensure that every family seeking a strong, faith-filled educational environment can find a place within our community.

Why Does Enrollment Matter?

SFLS is more than just a school—it's a beacon of faith and learning where children are deeply known, loved, and nurtured. A strong preschool program and steady enrollment across all grade levels strengthen our entire school community, allowing us to continue offering robust academic programs, multi-age learning experiences, and an affordable Christian education for all families. Most importantly, it enables us to carry out our mission: preparing students to be **World Ready, Faith Secure**.

How You Can Help

If you know a family seeking a strong educational start for their 4-year-old or 5-year-old—or if you know of students in other grades* looking for a Christ-centered school home—please share your SFLS story with them. Time and again, we hear that personal recommendations make all the difference. Your voice and firsthand experiences are the most powerful tools in helping others discover the SFLS difference.



We know these are challenging times, but we trust in God's provision. As Philippians 4:19 reminds us, ***"And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."*** With faith in His plan and the strength of our SFLS community, we are confident that He will continue to bless our school and the families we serve.

A Special Thank You—\$500 Tuition Credit for Referrals

To express our gratitude, we are offering a **\$500 tuition credit** for both the referring and newly enrolled families. When a new full-time preschool or K-12 student enrolls for the 2025-26 school year through your direct referral, meets all admissions requirements, and remains enrolled for the entire school year, both families will receive a **\$500 tuition credit on April 15, 2026.**

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and unwavering support. We couldn't do this without you. Together, we will continue building a thriving school where children experience the love of Christ and the joy of learning every day.

With Gratefulness,

Mrs. Tia Esser, Executive Director

Romans 12:2

***We currently have space in all classrooms except the following: Infants, 1's, 2's, 3's, Kindergarten & 2nd Grade**

BASKET BINGO TONIGHT!

- Doors open at 6, games begin at 6:30
- \$20 per card
- Bingo Dabbers \$2
- Concessions benefitting the Drama Department
- Prizes: classroom baskets

BOOK SALE

Sioux Falls Lutheran School Annual Used Book Sale August 13-16

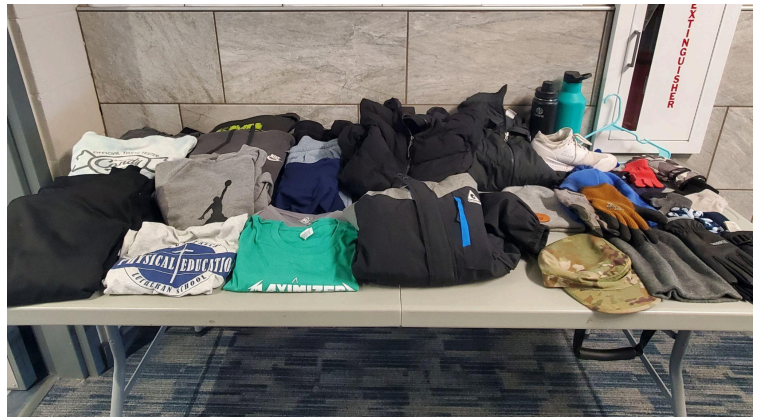
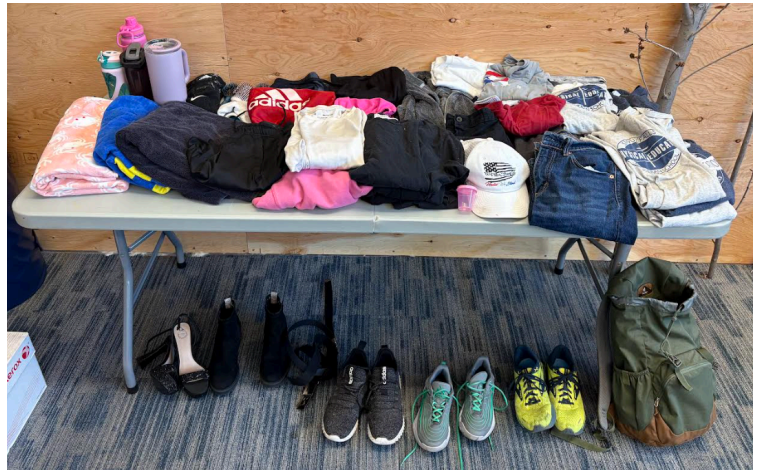
****Money raised goes to Tuition Assistance Fund****

- 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.



LOST & FOUND TABLES

Stop by the table outside the school office and the one in the high school wing (these things are from the locker room cleanout) to claim your items! The jewelry, electronics, etc...are kept in the office. What is left will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul (northeast corner of 41st St. & Tea-Ellis road) after school on Wednesday, April 16th.



NEEDS-BASED VARIABLE TUITION APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The **K-12 needs-based variable tuition** application window for the 2025-26 school year is 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 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.

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 through the [South Dakota Partners in Education \(SDPE\) tax-credit scholarship program](#) for the past three years, you must reapply for those funds this year as well by sending your application to both SFLS and SDPE.

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).

VOLLEYBALL FUNDRAISER



Community Care Event

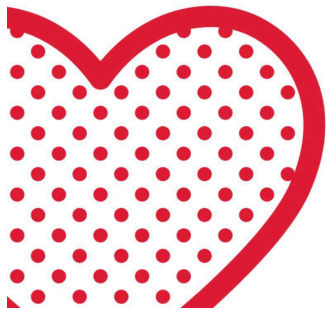


Join us for a community care event to support

Sioux Falls Lutheran Volleyball

April 22nd | 4PM - 8PM
Chick-fil-A Empire Place

Mobile Order Code: SFLVB25



25%

of all mobile orders with code, and
marked catering orders in-person
dine-in, carry-out, or drive-thru
orders will go to the organization!

Must mention
Community Care Night
when placing order.

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.

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:

- **English Language Arts & Homeroom 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? Sioux Falls Lutheran School is looking for a passionate Middle School ELA Teacher & Homeroom Leader to join our team commencing with the 2025-26 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

Office:

- **Full-Time Administrative Assistant:** The ideal candidate will be a loving, Christian role model who, under the direction of the Preschool & Elementary Principals, or their designees, performs a variety of clerical and support work involving both specific routines and broadly defined policies and procedures. The individual will greet and interact with the public with friendly, outgoing service; work cooperatively with staff, students, and parents; and perform other related duties as assigned.

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.sioxfallslutheran.com/careers.

CHAPEL

Chapel time for Wednesday, April 16th, led by Pastor Billy from Lord of Life Lutheran Church:

- K-12 chapel: 8:50 AM

This year's theme is ONE - The Gospel Story is Our Story. This week's topic: *Holy Week*

Preschool chapel will also be held on Wednesday, April 16th, 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: *Easter*

Chapel Offerings for 2nd semester will go to support Lutheran Family Service (LFS). So far we have collected **\$925.40**.

LFS offers the following services:



Pregnancy Help



Adoption Services



Marriage
Counseling



Mental Health
Counseling




Outreach

COUNSELING SERVICES



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

safe2say.sd.gov

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

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A TIP](#)



Check out the excitement at the High School entrance!! There is a new wall of pictures and pledges. High school parents and a few school staff shared baby pictures for our “Born to be Drug Free” wall. High school parents can still send a baby picture to Mrs. Lisa Asmus in the front office if you would like your high school students’ baby picture on the wall.

The middle school students made pledges to choose healthy living. As part of the national Red Ribbon Week campaign in October, middle schoolers during MS Advisory had a lesson to explore how to care for the bodies God has gifted them with and in turn made pledges to remain substance free. Both of these sets of pictures decorate the high school opening. Students and staff are enjoying checking out the baby pictures and pledges.



**CONNECT WITH THE
PTF ON FACEBOOK**



Next PTF Meeting:

Monday, 4/14 at 5:30 PM

RAISERIGHT (AKA SCRIP)

Order Dates by 10 AM	Pick-Up Dates after 11 AM
No RaiseRight Orders Week of April 14	No RaiseRight Orders Week of April 14
Tuesday, April 22	Friday, April 25
Monday, April 28	Thursday, May 1

EAGLE CARE

Please plan ahead. Our last day of school is Tuesday, May 20, 2025, preschool will be dismissed at 11 and K-11 at 11:30 AM. We will only have morning Eagle Care that day. Summer Eagle Care will begin on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

ELEMENTARY

The end of the school year is a busy, busy time! We look forward to field trips, assemblies, music concerts, field day, and more! Please be sure to read your child's classroom newsletter closely for all of the events pertinent to your child.

Here are some upcoming events for all of K-5:

- **Palm Sunday/Holy Week Chapel** - We will have a special K-12 chapel on April 16 to help us remember the events of Holy Week: from Jesus entering Jerusalem to shout of Hosanna, to the Last Supper on Thursday and the cross on Friday. What an amazing God we have who came to earth to rescue us!
- **Scout** - Scout the therapy dog will greet us all at the door on April 22 when we come back from Easter break. Thank you to Mr. Thornton and Scout for sharing their time with us.
- **MAP Testing** - Our final round of MAP testing this year will take place April 22 - May 2 for students in Grades 1-8.

- **Author Visit** - Matthew Landis will be at school May 6. He will have an assembly and a scavenger hunt with students in Grades 3-8. He will also go into K-2nd grade classrooms to read a book. (An email was sent last week with a book order. **Book orders are due April 29.**)
- **Field Day** - Students in Grades K-8 will celebrate the *penultimate* day of school with Field Day, May 19. More info to come on that as we get closer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **6-8 Spring Concert** - Monday, starting at 7:15 PM
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HIGH SCHOOL



OUR CUP RUNNETH OVER CAFE HOURS:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 4:00 PM
- Wednesdays and Fridays before school from 7:00 - 7:50
- Check out [our instagram](#) for new items!



ATHLETICS

GOLF

Thursday, April 17: Varsity Golf @ Yankton

Tuesday, April 22: Varsity Golf @ Chester

Monday, April 28: JV Golf @ Garretson

TRACK & FIELD

Monday, April 14: MS Track @ Centerville

Tuesday, April 15: HS Track @ Centerville

Thursday, April 24: HS Track @ Freeman

Monday, April 28: MS Track @ Chester

ACTIVITIES RECOGNITION NIGHT: Tuesday, April 29



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	SFLS Fitness Room	\$175 (includes t-shirt)
		7-12	8:40 - 10:00		
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)

Sign up for these summer camps by April 23: [Volleyball](#); [Drama](#); [Football](#); [Strength & Agility](#); [Basketball](#); [Cheer](#); [Dance](#). After April 23, there is no guarantee you will receive a t-shirt.

Marching Band registration will come directly from Mrs. Birnstiehl when competition schedules are set.



**SIoux FALLS
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RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S Cinderella

Music by RICHARD RODGERS
Book and Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Adapted for the stage by Tom Briggs
From the Teleplay by Robert L. Freedman

Friday, April 25 at 7:00pm

Saturday, April 26 at 7:00pm

Sunday, April 27 at 3:00pm

Admission: \$8

Follow the QR
code and get your
tickets today!




Dr. Vaughn and JoAnn Meyer
Chapel & Performing Arts Center
Sioux Falls Lutheran School

Questions? Contact
schooloffice@sflutherschool.com
 or 605-335-1923

Attend our Sunday matinee pre-show "Princess Party!"
 Snacks, craft, Fairy Godmother story read-aloud, and photo opportunities with
 the cast all begin at 2:00pm! Come for the fun before the show! *A free-will
 donation towards the SFLS Drama Department will be held to fund the event.*

Register for the event here: 



CINDERELLA is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals
 on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization.
www.concordtheatricals.com

Tickets can be reserved and paid for ahead of time at this [link](#).

APRIL Middle School Ensemble Calendar

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

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 - **for ALL 4th and 5th graders**

6th-8th - 7:15 PM - **for ALL Middle School students**



High School Music Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, April 8: HS Spring Concert 6:30 PM (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
- Friday, May 16: SFLS Graduation Ceremony - HS music students will perform

DALLAS BRASS AT SFLS

On Monday, May 5th, our band, choir, and orchestra students will get the once-in-a-lifetime chance to perform with this world-renowned ensemble — right here in the SFLS Gymnasium!

Thanks to generous donors, tickets are discounted and on sale now!

Don't miss this incredible night of music that celebrates our students using their God-given gifts.

Seating is tiered with floor and bleacher options (stadium chairs welcome!).

👉 Grab your tickets today! [Tickets for Dallas Brass at SFLS](#)

A promotional poster for a concert by the Dallas Brass ensemble at Sioux Falls Lutheran School (SFLS). The poster features a group photo of seven men, some holding brass instruments like tubas and euphoniums. The SFLS logo is in the top left corner. The text "In Concert at SFLS" is prominently displayed in the center, followed by the date and time "Monday, May 5 7:00pm". At the bottom, it says "Save the date for an unforgettable performance by Dallas Brass and SFLS students." The background is white with a blue border.

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DALLAS BRASS

**In Concert
at SFLS**

**Monday, May 5
7:00pm**

**Save the date for an unforgettable performance
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ALL CITY HONORS ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to 8th graders:

Nolen Hanson - Violin

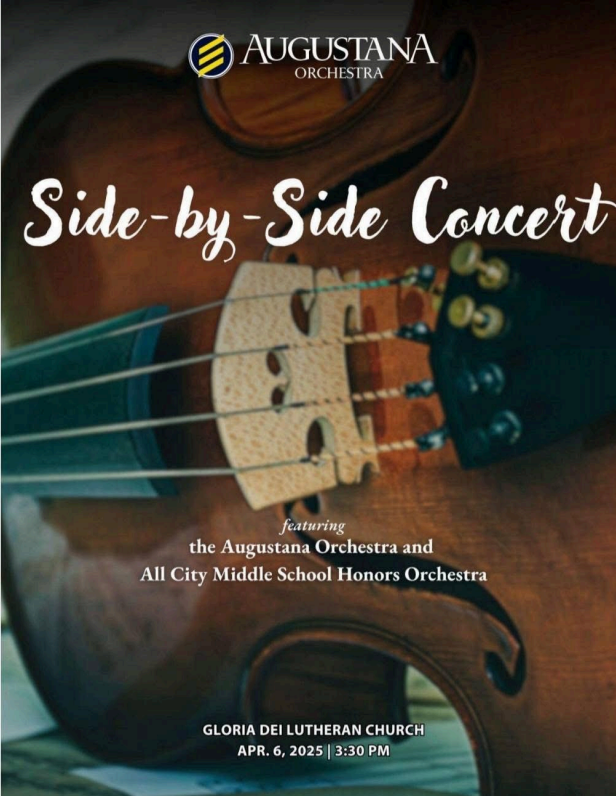
Eden Hitchcock - Viola

Lydia Melius - Violin

On being nominated and selected as members of the All City Honors Orchestra!

50 students from around the metro area met and rehearsed for six weeks, with a finale concert performed alongside the Augustana University Orchestra on Sunday April 6 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Thank you for using your God given gifts and for representing SFLS with integrity and character! We are proud of you!

A poster for a "Side-by-Side Concert" featuring the Augustana University Orchestra and the All City Middle School Honors Orchestra. The background is a close-up, artistic shot of a violin. The text "Side-by-Side Concert" is written in a large, elegant script font. Above it, the Augustana University Orchestra logo is visible. Below the main title, it says "featuring the Augustana Orchestra and All City Middle School Honors Orchestra". At the bottom, the venue and date are listed: "GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH APR. 6, 2025 | 3:30 PM".

AUGUSTANA
ORCHESTRA

Side-by-Side Concert

featuring
the Augustana Orchestra and
All City Middle School Honors Orchestra

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
APR. 6, 2025 | 3:30 PM



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



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND

Aaron Asmus

APRIL 27, 2025. 1PM SERVICE
2-4PM OPEN HOUSE TO FOLLOW

LIGHT SNACK PROVIDED

MAY SEND CARDS TO
MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
5000 SOUTH WESTERN AVENUE
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57108

PLEASE RSVP
HERE!



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

[Resurrection](#) - Rev. Chris Ascher

Click [HERE](#) for all church's worship times & [HERE](#) for Holy Week schedules

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@sflutheranschool.com with any questions or concerns.



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