



Sioux Falls Lutheran School

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Apr 25, 2025

ACTIVITIES AWARDS NIGHT ^{NEW}

Will be held Tuesday, April 29 at 6:00 PM in the chapel. All students in grades 5-12 that are invited, as they have earned various participation/letter awards, should receive an email invitation from the directors/coaches that worked with them.

Click on [THIS LINK](#) for more information.

LCMS SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT JOB OPENING ^{NEW}

Applications are being sought for the position of Administrative Assistant. This position includes these duties: receptionist; maintenance of office filing system, including the roster of church workers in the District; submission of Synod reports; and assistance with planning conferences and workshops. Flexibility required to learn and work with a variety of software programs. The position is 20 hours per week, with flexible hours. The pay is \$20+ per hour, depending on skill and experience. Position begins May 19 at the SD District Office, 3501 S. Gateway Blvd., Sioux Falls, SD 57106. Request a job application by calling Mr. Chad Zinnel, Business Manager, 605-361-1514, or by emailing him: chadz@midco.net.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK ^{NEW}



Monday May 5th - Friday May 9th

Looking for a simple way to bless our classrooms? Our teachers have put together Amazon Wishlists with a few helpful items that enhance learning and brighten their spaces. If you feel led to give, check out the links below—every little bit makes a big difference!

<https://bit.ly/SFLSTeacherWishlists>

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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Join the Team Behind the Annual Used Book Sale!

We're looking for enthusiastic helpers to join the team behind the **Annual Used Book Sale at Memorial Lutheran Church** — and eventually take the reins! If you've ever wanted to be part of a meaningful, community-focused project that directly supports **tuition assistance**, this is your chance.

What We're Looking For:

We're recruiting individuals who are interested in learning the ropes over the next few years. Think of it as a "pass the baton" opportunity — you'll shadow the current organizers to gain insight into how the sale works, so you're ready to help lead in the future.

Your Role Might Include:

- Assisting with **advertising and communications** (flyers, social media, etc.)
- Helping coordinate **donation drop-offs** (including the music trailer during Kingswood Rummage Sales)
- Sending **letters to businesses** (250–300) to request donations
- Organizing posts or blurbs in community outlets like **Eagle News**
- Promoting the sale in **Facebook groups**, especially classroom and school pages
- Using **Square payment software** (new this year!)
- Working with **high school volunteers** for setup and heavy lifting
- Helping sort books, board games, and puzzles in **alphabetical and organized order**

Important Dates:

- **Book collection begins June 1st**
- **Sale runs the second week of August**
- **Location:** Memorial Lutheran Church
- **Final day includes a \$5 Bag Sale**, with remaining items donated to agencies or Augustana's book sale

Why It Matters:

Last year, the sale raised **\$10,000** — all of which went directly to **tuition assistance**. Your involvement helps continue that legacy and grow the impact even further.

Interested or Know Someone Who Might Be?

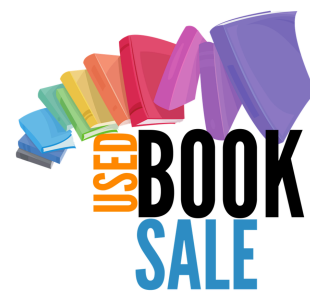
Reach out to **Peggy Baney** at bandpbaney@sio.midco.net for more info or to get involved.

Let's keep the tradition strong and make this year's sale the best yet.

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.



LIBRARY

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.

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 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 \$200,000 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** and must achieve a rating of GOOD to qualify. A GOOD rating simply means that all required documentation has been successfully submitted—to include a finalized 2024 income tax return. Prior year tax returns are not acceptable.

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 or wishes to be considered for funding through the [South Dakota Partners in Education \(SDPE\) tax-credit scholarship program](#), you must reapply/apply **by May 15th** using the same TADS application and by selecting funding through both SFLS and SDPE.

Again, please note that submitting an application by the May 15, 2025 deadline does not guarantee a tuition assistance award. To be eligible for funding through SFLS and SDPE, your application must achieve a GOOD rating from TADS. They are very good about sending email updates, so once you've applied, watch your email for updates and requests.

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).

SFLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

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!



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
 - Be available to work 2-3 days a week

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 times for Wednesday, April 30th, led by Pastor Rensner from Faith Lutheran Church:

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

This year's theme is ONE - The Gospel Story is Our Story. This week's topic: *Armor of God; Shield of Faith*

Preschool chapel will be held on Wednesday, April 30th, 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: *Ascension*

Chapel Offerings for 2nd semester will go to support Lutheran Family Service (LFS). So far we have collected **\$1032.55**. **LFS offers the following services:**



Pregnancy Help



Adoption Services



Marriage Counseling



Mental Health Counseling



Outreach

COUNSELING SERVICES

Help is 3 Numbers Away



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

Call for Information and Community Resources

211

- Transportation
- Legal Services
- Support Groups
- Disaster Aftercare
- Everything Else

Call for Suicide Intervention and Crisis Support

988

Whole Person Care

Warm Handoff

Call for Emergencies

911

911 provides first responder dispatch for:

- Medical Emergency
- Fire
- Reporting a Crime
- Disaster Response
- Life-Threatening Situation

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.



PTF (PARENT-TEACHER-FELLOWSHIP)

We were thrilled to support the inaugural year of the Eagles' Robotics Team! The purpose of PTF is to enrich the school experience for our students. One way that is accomplished is by raising and providing funds to support academic and extracurricular experiences. This school year PTF donated \$10,000.00 to start the Sioux Falls Lutheran Robotics Club. It was sure fun to see those robots on the move and hear how much our students learned! Way to go to these brave students for getting this program off the ground.



CONNECT WITH THE PTF ON FACEBOOK



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



**EAGLES
ROBOTICS**

RAISERIGHT (AKA SCRIP)

Order Dates by 10 AM	Pick-Up Dates after 11 AM
Monday, April 28	Thursday, May 1
Monday, May 5	Thursday, May 8
Monday, May 12	Thursday, May 15

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.

ELEMENTARY

Upcoming events for **all** of K-5: (Please read classroom newsletters closely for additional events for each grade.)

- **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

- **Activities Recognition Night:** Will be held Tuesday, April 29 at 6:00 PM in the chapel. All students in grades 5-12 that are invited, as they have earned various participation/letter awards, should receive an email invitation from the directors/coaches that worked with them.
- **MAP Testing** - Our final round of MAP testing this year is underway and will run until 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.**)
- **6-8 Spring Concert** - Monday, May 12 starting at 7:15 PM
- **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.

HIGH SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES RECOGNITION NIGHT

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Next week is our last week of sales! We will be open our regular times next week:

Tuesday (4/29): 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm

Wednesday (4/30): 7:15 am - 7:50 am

Thursday (5/1): 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm

Friday (5/2): 7:15 am - 7:50 am *Last day while supplies last!!!*



Our cup hath truly run over in this space and we hope to return next school year!

~Our Cup Runneth Over Crew



ART

We are thrilled to recognize our SFLS students who submitted artwork to the SDHSAA State Visual Arts Contest. The competition was held in Aberdeen, April 10-12.

Painting: Dori Sproles

Functional Ceramics: Dori Sproles

Three-Dimensional Art: Dori Sproles

Crafts: Avery Alderman

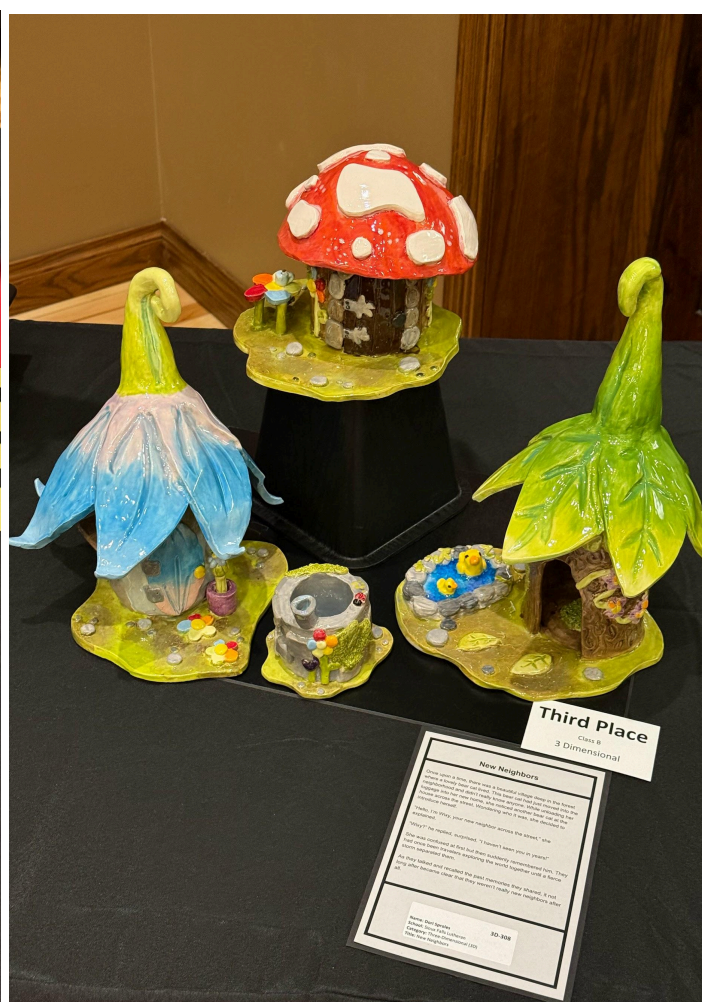
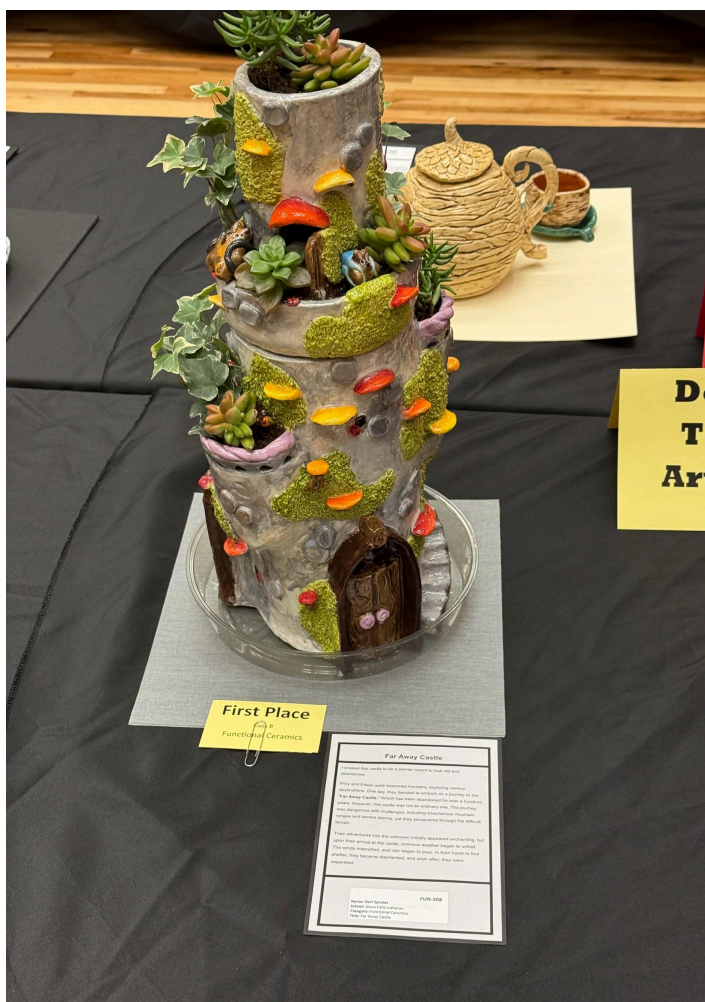
Mixed Media: Kennedy Parrish

Drawing (Colored): Jada Sinkgraven

Thank you for all of your hard work and for honoring God and our school with your artistic talents.

Big congratulations to SFLS senior Dori Sproles for her incredible success. She earned 1st Place in Functional Ceramics for her stunning piece "Far Away Castle" and 3rd Place in 3D for her whimsical work "New Neighbors."

Dori we are so proud of your creativity, craftsmanship, and the way you represented SFLS with excellence!



ATHLETICS

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GOLF

Monday, April 28: JV Golf @ Garretson

Friday, May 2: V Golf @ Garretson

Monday, May 5: JV Golf @ Alcester

TRACK & FIELD

Saturday, April 26: HS Track @ Chester

Monday, April 28: MS Track @ Chester

Friday, May 2: HS Track @ Bridgewater

Tuesday, May 6: HS Track @ Freeman

Registrations are still open however there is no guarantee you will receive a t-shirt: [Volleyball](#); [Drama](#); [Football](#); [Strength & Agility](#); [Basketball](#); [Cheer](#); [Dance](#). Marching Band registration will come directly from Mrs. Birnstiehl when competition schedules are set.




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

DRAMA

****Pre-ordering has been closed. Limited tickets available at the door. First come first served!****




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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



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

Friday, April 25 at 7:00pm
Saturday, April 26 at 7:00pm
Sunday, April 27 at 3:00pm

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

APRIL Middle School Ensemble Calendar

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



ACTIVITIES RECOGNITION NIGHT: Tuesday, April 29

****Fine Arts Awards begin at 6:00 PM with Athletics Awards starting at 6:45 PM.**

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:

- 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 of eight men, the members of the Dallas Brass, standing in a line and holding their instruments (tubas, euphoniums, and trombones). Above them is the text "DALLAS BRASS" in large, stylized, gold-colored letters. To the left of the group is the SFLS logo, which includes a shield with a cross and the text "SFLS SIOUX FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL World Ready. Faith Secure." Below the logo, the text "In Concert at SFLS" is written in bold black letters, followed by "Monday, May 5" and "7:00pm" in a larger, bold black font. At the bottom of the poster, the text "Save the date for an unforgettable performance by Dallas Brass and SFLS students." is written in bold black letters.

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



Our Redeemer - Rev. Brett Simek

Resurrection - Rev. Chris Ascher

****Click [HERE](#) for all church's worship times****

HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORTING MEMBER

ZION - Rev. Greg Lehr

FREE WOMEN'S HEALTH SEMINAR: You're invited to a FREE Women's Health Seminar with Mary Wuebben from Accelerate Wellness! With years of experience in functional medicine, Mary will share her expertise on hormones, gut health, inflammation, and much more. Have something specific on your mind? There will be plenty of time for questions and open discussion. You'll leave with valuable insights to help you take charge of your health and confidently advocate for your well-being.

The seminar will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, May 6 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to Laura 407-474-9134, iamlaurahall@gmail.com or Jody 605-941-1297, wjhuebert@yahoo.com by Friday, May 2nd.

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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