

News and Updates

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MEMORIAL THIS SEASON

Addiction and Mental Health Ministry

ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TEAM UPDATE

Growing a Ministry of Hope and Healing

The Addiction & Mental Health Team has been prayerfully preparing opportunities to help our congregation become an even more welcoming place for those living with addiction and mental health challenges, including grief, trauma, and the everyday struggles we all carry.

We will begin the program year with Recovery Sunday, September 27. The following week, everyone is invited to on Saturday, October 3, a book forum/discussion, *The Lie That Kills Us*, followed by Thursday evening gatherings beginning October 8, and every other week through December 3. Together we'll explore how honesty, grace, and community help us face the "elephants" we all carry.

Our team recently surveyed the congregation about future Sunday forums. The top three topics include: healthy relationships, daily habits strengthening emotional and physical health and understanding dementia & brain injury.

We're also grateful to share that the Memorial Foundation has awarded a generous grant to the Center of Addiction & Faith. Through a partnership with Memorial, part of this grant will help place Faith Communities and Addiction into the hands of every ELCA bishop and every mainline seminary across North America. What began as a ministry here at Memorial will encourage churches and future pastors beyond our own walls.

Upcoming Event:

November 15 we'll gather for a special Service of Healing, offering God's promise of hope for all who seek strength and wholeness.

