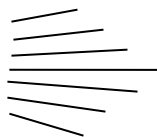




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VOICE



The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001

MAY 2023

The Ascension of Our Lord

occurred 40 days after our Savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. On this day, the risen Christ ascended bodily into heaven in the sight of His apostles



Join us to celebrate the day Christ ascended into glory
with a joint worship service at
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
2101 Lor Ray Drive, North Mankato
On Thursday, May 18th at 6:30pm

Voters' Meeting

Sunday, May 21st
11:45am in the Sanctuary

All communicant members, age 18 and older,
are invited and encouraged to attend

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Office hours are Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Unless there is an activity or event taking place, please use the Broad Street entrance by the mailbox.

In case of emergency or urgent need, our pastor is available at all hours and all days by calling his cell phone. Please use the office phone for other business. Please also remember that Sunday morning and other worship times are not for bringing church business to other members or staff but for focusing upon the Word and gifts of God. "The seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work." - Exodus 20:10

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

-Romans 6:14

Thankfully none of us have ever been enslaved. Since our country outlawed the legal owning of slaves more than 150 years ago (well before any of us were born) the concept of slavery has for us been only that: a concept. We have never been under any real threat of being enslaved, of interacting with enslaved people, or of owning slaves ourselves. Thank God for that.

But we have all certainly felt the sensation of being bound by things, of having something other than ourselves exercise dominion over us, of being under the control of a power not our own. We have been under the authority of bosses we didn't particularly like or agree with. We have felt constrained by our financial situations, we have been caged by our past decisions or promises. We have been compelled by our relationships and commitments. Worst of all we have felt the power of our own sinful inclinations and desires drive us to live in ways that are not pleasing to our Savior, and that lead to pain and suffering for us and for those around us.

But in this month's memory verse we hear the apostle Paul proclaim to us that we are not under law, but under grace. Sin he says will have no dominion over us. He says this (as you can more clearly see in the preceding verses of Romans 6) because we have inherited the death and resurrection of Jesus as our own. We no longer live as those compelled to obey God's will as an obligation but as those who, having been cleansed and freed by God Himself, are free to follow His will joyfully. Thanks be to God that He has redeemed us by the blood of Jesus so that we may live always under His grace.

Planning Council
Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato
February 14, 2023
(*Corrected*)

Members Present: Matt Brand, Dan Gahler, Valerie Elliott, Doug Haeder, Nancy Benson, Mel Hendrickson, Christine Billiar, Steve Annis, Denise Painter, Judy Hendley, Pastor Adam Matheny.

Members Absent: Judd Schultz, Bev Clark, Missy Schultz

1. President Matt Brand called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.
2. Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Adam Matheny.
3. There was no public/congregational Presentation.
4. Built on The Rock: Chapter 14 covers Caring for the Body of Christ. Discussion followed on how are we providing the avenues on a personal and church wide basis for connections and community. President Matt Brand requested the members continue to pray and think about what can be done to improve in this area and read 1 Peter 4:7-11. During the March 14, 2023 meeting discussion will be on Chapter 15.
5. Additions/Approval of the Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried.
6. Motion made and seconded to approve the January 10, 2023, Planning Council minutes, motion carried.
7. Pastor Adam Matheny reported southern Minnesota Pastors' Conference will be held in Lakeville instead of Mankato. Pastor noted he will be teaching on the Sacrament of the Altar (Lord's Supper) for Lent services.
8. Treasurers Report, Doug Haeder reported an unusual month due to change in billing cycle for employee benefits and one time giving gift. Motion made and seconded to approve the report as presented, motion carried.
9. Unfinished Business
 - A. Sanctuary Art Project: Pastor Matheny is in the process of arranging trip to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterville, MN for congregation to view their art work and inquire about the process.
10. New Business

- A. Mt. Olive School Request: A request was received to rent three (3) classroom spaces and gym space for 6th-8th grade for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. Discussion included reaching out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, any possible tax consequences with rental income, and establishment of a committee. The committee will be a member of the Board of Trustees, Pastor Matheny, Matt Brand, Valerie Elliott, and Doug Haeder.
 - B. Custodian Position: Zac Painter is leaving in mid-March for another position, council members expressed their thankfulness for his work. We will plan to have meal after the second service on March 19th to honor Zac and express our thankfulness for his work. The position will be advertised, it is a full time position with benefits. The Board of Trustee is reviewing contracting out aspects of the custodian position, but initially it appears to be too expensive.
11. Board Sharing: **Deacons:** Chili cook off and Bible trivia went very well, need volunteers to make prayer shawls, continuing to work on greeter program, and kitchen cleaning is Saturday, February 18th. **Endowment:** Explained what is an endowment fund and reviewed activities of the Board. **Education:** Quarterly meetings for Sunday school teachers has resumed, need for volunteers to staff the nursery during Sunday Bible study, reviewing insurance information on background checks and sexual assault policy for the church and developing survey about alternative format(s) for bible studies. **Trustees:** Reviewing custodian position.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M. Next meeting is March 14, 2023 at 6:30 P.M

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Elliott
Secretary
OSLC Planning Council

Planning Council
Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato
March 14, 2023

Members Present: Dan Gahler, Valerie Elliott, Nancy Benson, Mel Hendrickson, Christine Billiar, Matt Williams, Denise Painter, Judy Hendley, Judd Schultz, Bev Clark, Missy Schultz.

Members Absent: Pastor Adam Matheny, Matt Brand, Doug Haeder.

1. Acting President Dan Gahler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer was led by Dan Gahler.
3. There was no public/congregational presentation.
4. Built on the Rock: Chapter 15 covers Cultivating Lifestyles of Reconciliation. Discussion followed on reconciliation ministry on a personal and congregational level. During the April 11, 2023 meeting, discussion will be on Conclusion: Built on the Rock.
5. Additions/Approval of Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried.
6. Motion made and seconded to approve the February 14, 2023, Planning Council minutes as corrected, motion carried.
7. Acting President Dan Gahler read Pastor's report which noted enjoying Lent services, good turnout for visit to Waterville for the Sanctuary Art Project and going well with call committee visit in St. Louis.
8. Treasurer's Report: Acting President Dan Gahler provided summary of reports. Motion made and seconded to approve the report as presented, motion carried.
9. Unfinished Business
 1. Mt. Olive School Request – Dan Gahler and Matt Williams walked through the building with the Mt. Olive group. Mt. Olive will discuss and reach back out to us. Mt. Olive is looking at 2024-25 school year but trying for the 2023-24 school year. The space would be used for 6th – 8th grades with approximately 20 students per grade. Dan Gahler reported there is a possibility of income tax if usage is 15% or more of the space.
 2. Custodian Position – Matt Williams reported the trustees have interviewed a candidate and are recommending hiring that person. There was a question about retirement benefit,

Dan Gahler will contact Concordia for clarification. Motion made and seconded to approving hiring per the trustees' recommendation, motion carried.

3. Capital Improvement Fundraising – Table to next meeting.
4. Call Committee – Judd Schultz reported committee presented with four candidates from St Louis and two from Ft Wayne to interview, but one candidate from Ft Wayne declined to be interviewed. The committee decided to interview all candidates. Interviews will be a mix of committee members in person and via zoom. The committee will meet after the interviews to provide recommendation(s) to the seminary.
10. New Business: No new business.
11. Board Sharing: **Elders:** Ezekiel will be participating in the church and church services during summer break from seminary and will be using unleavened bread baked by youth for communion on Maundy Thursday; and will have the ushers or a couple from the congregation bring the offering forward during the offertory. **Education:** Lisa and Christine will review church's insurance company request for updated sexual assault policy and bring to board for review; Sunday school teachers will be leading music; Rally Sunday will be Palm Sunday; providing play area for children of attendees of Sunday adult Bible study, but unable to find volunteers to childcare; and confirmation will be April 30th. **Trustees:** No other report, besides previously discussed custodian position. **Endowment:** will have display at Rally Sunday. **Deacons:** Marcella Eilders has volunteered to lead the Prayer shawl ministry; Greeters program still looking for volunteers; Wednesday night meals through April, except Holy Week; Women's Retreat will be March 18th; reception for Zac Painter will be March 19th after 10:30 a.m. service; blood drive will be April 24th; and organizing a group for Faith Night at Moondogs game on June 4th.
12. Acting President Dan Gahler read Ecces 4:9-12. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. Next meeting is April 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Elliott
Secretary
OSLC Planning Council

Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending March 31, 2023

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$46,654.88	\$146,329.61
Operating Expenses	-\$49,800.85	-\$137,853.02
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	-\$1,145.74	-\$3,426.88
Net for Period[†]	-\$4,291.71	\$5,049.71

[†]Positive net value indicates we received more than our expenses, a negative number indicates that we have spent more than we have received for that period (deficit).

Cash Summary

	Amount	Notes
Checking Account	\$109,757.79	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$130,321.99	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	\$39.00	
Total Cash Assets	\$260,180.90	
Dedicated Accounts	-\$152,058.97	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	-\$1,377.41	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$106,744.52	\$111,075.24 last month

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$230,662.10
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	3.625%
Pay-off Date	5/2036

Additional Comments:

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Haeder, Treasurer

Accessions & Losses

There are no accessions or losses to report.



Beatrice Rose Davidson

October 12, 1935 ~ December 31, 2022



Articles for the June 2023 VOICE are due by Friday, May 19th at 4pm. You may drop-off submissions in the office, or e-mail to: contact@oslcmanakato.org.

Call Committee Update

Thank you for all the support and prayers as we journeyed together through the process of potentially receiving a seminary graduate placement for Our Savior Lutheran Church. Unfortunately, despite the wonderful advocacy of our District President Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, a seminary graduate was not placed at Our Savior.

We rejoice and praise God for the churches that now have a Pastor, especially those sole parishes that needed a Pastor. We will continue to pray for our seminary graduates, the Placement Directors, District Presidents and congregations in need of a placement until the Call Services take place the last week of April.

The Board of Elders and Call Committee members will continue the journey that was started and work on next steps and recommendations for the congregation. Praise God for his many blessings on our congregation!



We give glory to God for our brothers and sisters that have publicly proclaimed their faith in their Baptism, their reliance on God's Word and the Small Catechism, and their intention to hear God's Word and receive His gifts faithfully. Please encourage them as they join us on this holy journey.

*Isabel Buesing
Hunter Farris
Nathan Full
Ella Holub
Greta Johnson
Carson Kettner
Lucas Kitzmann*



Mark Your Calendar
for the
Church Picnic
June 11



"It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High" Psalm 92:1

Special Music Schedule for May:

May 7: Handbells

May 14: Sunday School Kids

May 18: Vocal Choir at Good Shepherd for Ascension Day

May 21: Intro Bells

Thank you! A big thanks to everyone who participated in music this year! We had some wonderful additions to our worship services. Looking forward to more in the fall!

Summer Special Music- as our groups take a break for the summer, we're looking for volunteers to sing or play during the summer. If you have any interest in providing special music, please contact Suzie Gangi.

Blessings,

Suzie Gangi

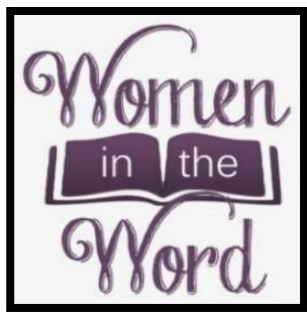
suzie@oslcmanakato.org

507-341-4173

Thrivent Choice Dollars

It's that time again to start thinking about our children or grandchildren attending Camp Omega or other religious based camps. Thrivent Choice Dollars here at Our Savior Lutheran Church can offer scholarships up to \$250 per child to help defray the costs of these camps. Feel free to contact Brian Johnson at 779-4264 with any questions.





Bible Study Circles

- Welcoming You -

Easter - Salvation - Promises Kept.
A good time to know our Suffering Savior. God's Chosen People, yesterday and today.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle is Thursday, May 4th in the Fireplace

room. Meet at 1:30pm for fellowship and refreshments. We welcome all guests. Our study will be "Alive in God's Word" on pages 18 & 19 of the Spring Quarterly. Discuss the words of the hymn, "God's Word is our Great Heritage." (LSB 582)

Mary Circle Bible Study meets Friday, May 19th at 1:30pm in the Fireplace room. Our study is on pages 18-19 of the Winter Quarterly, "Covered by God's Grace". Guests and visitors are welcome. Hostess is Julie Schlichting, phone 507-388-7533.

Encouragement: Read the stories and see the pictures in the Quarterly under the theme of God's Chosen People.

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday Night Meals are done for the academic year. Thank you to all who helped in any way to make this year's meals such a success. If you planned a meal, cooked, served, cleaned up, did dishes, or brought desserts, we appreciate all you did! Thanks, also, to everyone who came to eat. We enjoyed great fellowship and a good meal together. And thank you, Pastor Matheny, for leading us in devotion at the end of each meal.

Look for meals to resume in the fall, with more opportunities to help and enjoy a good meal with your church family.

Men's Bible Study



ATTENTION MEN! The men of Our Savior gather in the fireplace room on the second Thursday (May 11th) from 7:30-8:30 of each month for study together. In May we will continue our study of Song of Solomon together. If you are interested in this please speak with Pastor Matheny.



Book Club



The Our Savior's book club meets from 4:30-6 in the fireplace room on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

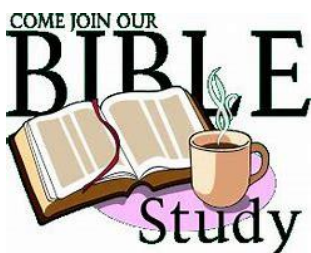
We read good books and then discuss them together from our shared Christian perspective. If you enjoy books, or if you would like to learn to enjoy them more then this is the group for you as our discussion will help you to better understand what you have read and offer new and fresh perspectives that you likely won't have considered on your own.

In May we will begin Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* which is often featured on best loved books lists and is considered one of the best novels in the English language. For our May 14th meeting we will discuss volume 1 chapters 1-14 and for our May 28th meeting we will discuss volume 1 chapters 15-23. If you have any questions please speak with Pastor Matheny.



TSNT meets Sunday May 14th at 6:30pm in the Fireplace room. We will begin with time in God's Word, and then play games together. All youth in grades 7 - 12 are invited! We will not meet Memorial Day weekend.

Thank you to all who participated in our recent fundraisers. On Easter Sunday the church looked beautiful with all the flowers. The Easter breakfast was a huge success. Thanks to all who purchased flowers, donated food items, and came to eat breakfast. Your love, support, and generosity is an inspiration for our youth. We are so very grateful for all of you.



Young Adult Bible Study

Mondays, May 8th and 22nd

Young Adults (late high school college, early-ish workforce) are invited to join us in the Fireplace Room at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Contact Karee Bless with questions, 507-381-3826,
kbless@blc.edu.

May 21 is Sundaes on Sunday

We're finishing off the Sunday School year with a little celebration. Families are invited to join their children in the Fireplace Room at 10:00am for a little treat and time to chat. There is no opening music this day, so kids can go straight to their classrooms at 9:20am.

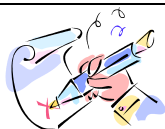


There's just something about sitting around a fire that bonds people together.

It's a chance to slow down, tell stories, and share a few laughs. Join us in the back parking lot on Friday, May 12. We'll start with supper at 6:00pm. If you are interested, or have questions, contact



Deaconess Lisa at 507-385-2185, lisa@oslcmandato.org.



Notary Public Commission

Have a document that needs to be notarized? Bring it to the church office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sue Hendrickson is appointed as a Notary Public. This service is provided free of charge to congregation members.

Potluck Dinner

& Bible Study

Do you like bread? How about the Bread of Life? At our potluck Bible study you can have both! Join us from 5:30-7:30 in the Fireplace room on Thursday, May 25th for food, fellowship, and time in God's Word. We'll share a potluck meal from 5:30-6:30 and then from 6:30-7:30 we'll study the Scriptures together. This month we will study some Psalms together. Ask Pastor Matheny if you have any questions. See you there!



Prayer Shawl

Simply put, a prayer shawl is a shawl that may give you comfort knowing you are in the prayers and thoughts of others.

If you or someone you know may find comfort in a Prayer Shawl, please call Marcella B. Elders at 507-317-4127.

With Grateful Thanks

Thank you very kindly to all my church family who sent "Birthday Wishes" to make my day so special. It meant a great deal to me to be remembered.

*Your sister in Christ,
Jean Fiskey*

Mission Service

Volunteers welcome!

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, May 17th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Continue to pray without ceasing.

Prayers: For our Missionaries, for the organizations, for all people helping those in need, for the Missions, for Early Response Teams, for MOST Ministry teams, projects, and much more.

We are still collecting cancelled stamps.

Gospel Bracelets tell the story of Salvation and are used for Vacation Bible Schools throughout the world. We work on these during Mission Services, but they can also be done as a home project. If interested, please contact Trudy at 507-327-7082.

Your time, talent, and treasure.
make a difference in the lives of all
people and make Christ known.
Thanks be to God.



Watch Our Savior's Sunday Worship

Our Savior's Sunday 8am and 10:30am worship is livestreamed. Go to: www.oslcmankato.org and click on the "Livestreaming & Videos" menu item. From there you can go directly to YouTube to watch the service, view the Order of Service, and keep up with church activities in the Bulletin Announcements.

Watch Tuesday at 7pm or Wednesday at 2pm on the Public Access Channel KTV (Consolidated Communications channel 7, Spectrum Cable channel 181).



Bible Reading Plan - May

Redeem is not a common word these days. Paying a ransom might sound more familiar. It includes being released because of a payment. The main event in the Old Testament is being set free from slavery in Egypt. Jesus comes as a redeemer in the New Testament to set us from sin and death.

In the Old Testament redeem also entails a reclaiming as one's own. God often refers to the Israelites as "my people". He is taking responsibility for their protection and provision. He is also saying they are welcomed into His kingdom. We are claimed as God's own being adopted into His family.

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S.A.G.E.S.



(S.A.G.E.S. = Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving)

S.A.G.E.S. Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6th from 10am – noon at the District Office.

Mini VBS

Covered in Jesus Grace – that's what we'll be talking about at our kick start to summer. God



sent the Holy Spirit that we may believe in Jesus our Savior and to share that wonderful news with others. Join us to hear the story Monday night, June 5, beginning with supper at 5:30pm. We'll have activities for 3 year olds on up. We're encouraging kids to bring a special adult to share the evening.

Full VBS – August 7-11

We could use your help in planning the different activities, getting the word out, and praying for the event. Let Deaconess Lisa know how you can be a part.

Lutheran Hour Ministries / Lutheran Layman's League

Lutheran Layman news. www.lhm.org.

The www.gospeladventures.org: "Celebrate India" – register for teaching guides, posters, etc.

Sagacity news: www.mnsdistrict.org under "Get Involved" tab, S.A.G.E.S.

Voices of Public Policy: For information go to:

www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy. Please use this

often. Bills are needing our attention before they are passed.





LWML Mites

Mites for Missions

Mite Sunday is May 21st, third Sunday. Praise God! 2021-2023

Mission Goal of \$2,150,000 has been met and surpassed. On page 15 in the Spring *Quarterly* is a list of 45 proposed Mission Grants 2023-2025 to be voted on at the convention.

The National focus grant for May is #22 – Lutheran Bible Translators Mission Vehicle Fund - \$70,000. Lutheran Bible Translators have been working with the Department of Mission and Theology of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus and The Institute of Sierra Leonean Languages to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people in their own languages. The LWML grant will help purchase two vehicles to enable the workers to reach people located in remote areas of their countries. Find out more at www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-22.

The Minnesota South District focus grant is #10: Twin Cities Blind Fellowship Outreach - \$5,000. This outreach serves those with visual disabilities to a once-a-month fellowship gathering with a meal, Bible study, program activity or entertainment, and a special gift.

Thank the Lord by singing the Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thanks to each and everyone for every penny used to make Christ known throughout the world.

Young at Heart / S.A.G.E.S.

Young at Heart is Our Savior older adult ministry and
Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving
(S.A.G.E.S.) is the District older adult ministry

“They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green.” Psalm 92:14

Thanks be to God for the many blessings we have received. A call to serve as a representative is calling you. Do we hear the answer? Here am I!! “JOY”

Yes, don't miss your opportunity to gather with other Christians on May 1st at 12 noon, through May 2nd until 2:30, at S.A.G.E.S Gathering XXXIII. The theme, **Joyfully Aging**, will bring laughter and fun. The workshop titles are: “History in Songs”, Talking about Jesus without Talking about Sin”, “Effective Communication Strategies”, “Trends in Fraud & Identity Theft”, “Over the Counter Hearing Aids”, and “Elder Law – What Seniors Need to Know”. Full agenda, workshop descriptions, presenters, meal information, cost, and registrations forms can be found on the S.A.G.E.S. webpage www.mnsdistrict.org under “Get Involved tab, S.A.G.E.S.

Mission Center has updates on activities. April Sagacity is in the narthex.

Sunrise, sunset. Seasons in, Seasons Out!

*Sunrise, sunset,
Another tilting around the sun –
We rejoice in Your wondrous birthday gifts to us
throughout all our years, and especially for the sweet,
sweet riches of Your Word. Praise to You, dear Lord
God! Amen.*

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy. Psalm 16:11

Widowed to Widowed

Living HOPE

We celebrate Ascension on May 18th and Pentecost on May 28th. Let us prayerfully study the words of Hymn LSB 576 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and
righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

“Praise be to the
God and Father of
our Lord Jesus
Christ! In his great
mercy he has
given us new birth
into a living hope
through the
resurrection of
Jesus Christ from
the dead.”

1 Peter 1:3



It's time to sign up for
Faith Night at the Moon
Dogs

June 4 at 5:05pm

Tickets are \$6. You can add \$4 more to get a hot dog, chips and pop. You can sign up at church or contact Lindsey at lindseymarso@yahoo.com or 507-382-6168 .

Ladies of Our Savior May 2023

LWML Mission Statement: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Please know all ladies of Our Savior Lutheran Church are welcome to attend any events held by the LWML – rallies, retreats, prayer services, or conventions.

The National LWML Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22-25, 2023. This is a wonderful opportunity to be in fellowship with women of faith, hear mission speakers, participate in Bible studies, sing, and laugh.”

Plan on the September Retreat at Camp Omega.

Ladies, the Quarterly has encouragement, real life stories by Christians. Your personal time with the Lord is priority. Then it is much easier to make Him known to others. Every week there is e-News from the District.

We now belong to the LWML Arlington Zone, Crow River Conference, MN South District.



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**

Acts 2.4



Spring Cleaning? Downsizing?

Your USED treasures are needed and appreciated for missions that our church supports:

- Baby: T-shirts, onesies, cloth diapers, receiving blankets, baby caps
- Kids: Bottom of the toy box pieces: plastic animals, figurines, small balls, cars, trucks, jump ropes, yoyos, bracelets, small stuffed animals, beanie babies, and ½ used sticker books
- Bath: Travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap
- Linens: Twin sheets (any fabric), cotton or flannel sheets (full size or larger), pillow cases, hand towels, wash cloths, bath size towels, blankets, and 9 x 9 or larger pieces of fleece or fleece blankets
- Paper: Cancelled stamps, memo pads, shoeboxes, address labels (we cut off your address and use the “pictures” in our sticker bags)
- Crafts: Beads (any quantity, size, shape, or color), bead cords or leathers, broken bracelets or necklaces that contains beads
- School: Pencil cases, sling bags, backpacks
- Medical: Glasses, sunglasses and cases, braces, slings, crutches, canes, and new: dressings, gauze, Ace bandages, face masks

Thank you for bringing in your “extra” items to the Mission Center – they will all be used and distributed.



Work Weekend

Camp Omega



Join other in Christ's fellowship while preparing Camp Omega for the arrival of over 1600 children and adults for our summer camp programming. Entire families are welcome to join in the service, fun, and recreation of a fulfilling service weekend.

Camp Omega staff will lead the youth and children in age-appropriate service projects and recreational activities. The weekend kicks off Friday evening with check-in starting at 7pm and ending Sunday late morning after closing devotions, but join us for any part of the weekend as your schedule allows. Register for this free event at: <https://campomega.org/event/annual-work-weekend-2/>

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Follow Him in Generosity

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you" (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job's already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus' generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: "The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity" (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from

the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life

“This, dear friends, is why Christ’s ascension is a good goodbye. Jesus leaves you with everything! He has done it all. The grave is empty. Death is defeated. Life is yours. So, people of God, ‘Why do you stand here looking into the sky?’ You have an ascension victory to celebrate and an ascended Savior to proclaim!”

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls
www.lutheransforlife.org

Christ Academy Family Institute *June 15 – 17, 2023*

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, is excited to be hosting its first Christ Academy Family Institute. The institute will precede this year’s Christ Academy High School program.

The Institute is aimed at parents, families, and church workers who treasure passing their faith to the next generation. In a challenging world, Christ Academy Family Institute provides assistance in accomplishing that goal.

Registration is required. It’s free for the first 50 families as an inaugural gift. Once the first 50 have registered, the cost is \$110 for each attendee over the age of 13, and \$50 for ages 12 and younger.

To learn more about the event, visit www.ctsfw.edu/cafi. If you have questions, please contact ChristAcademy@ctsfw.edu.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	6:30 Early Bird Bible Study S.A.G.E.S. Gathering →	8:30 Circuit Pastors 5:15 Board of Educaiton 6:00 Board of Elders 6:30 Board of Deacons 7:00 Board of Trustees →	5:15 Find Your People Class 5:15 Introductory Bells 7:00 Vocal Choir 7:30 Handbell Choir Pastor Matheny on Vacation →	10:00 Bulletin Deadline 1:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle →		
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<i>Mite Sunday</i> 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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<i>Day of Pentecost</i> 28	<u>Memorial Day</u> 29	30	31	1	2	3
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