

Program for the Week of July 16 – July 23, 2023

Sunday:

9:00 Worship
10:00 Coffee Time
10:20 Bible Class
10:20 Sunday School
6:30 TSNT

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV
4:00 Mission Service

Thursday:

8:30 Gardening Committee
9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
6:30 Daring to Hope Class

Friday:

1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study
4:00 The Voice Deadline

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00 Worship
10:00 Coffee Time
10:20 Bible Class
10:20 Sunday School
4:30 Book Club

In our Sunday School story this week, Jesus and Peter are back in a familiar setting – the Sea of Galilee. Again there was a miraculous catch of fish, but this time it was after His resurrection. Despite Peter’s denial, Jesus still had plans to use him. Again He says “Follow me”.

About the Cover: The sower sows the seed extravagantly upon the path, rocky soil, and thorns. Though the seed does not reach maturity and bear fruit, the seed that falls upon the good ground bears fruit abundantly. Jesus graciously spreads His Word to all people. Wherever it takes root in hearts ready to receive it, it produces fruit abundantly in faith. It is His work all the way through as He joins people to His cross and resurrection.

Today, July 16th, is Mite Sunday. Place your mites from home in the Large Mite Box in the Narthex. The National focus grant for July is #24 – Reaching the Homebound with God’s Word - \$100,000.. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-24. The focus grant for the Minnesota South District is #12: International Outreach – Hope Lutheran High School – Winona - \$20,000.

TSNT meets tonight, July 16th, at 6:30pm in the Fireplace Room. We will begin with time in God’s Word, then play games together. All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited.

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, July 19th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and help with projects. We continue to collect for **Orphan Grain Train. Gospel Bracelets** are needed for Mission Vacation Bible Schools. If you are interested in making these at home, please call Trudy. **Supplies needed:** Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, travel size shampoo, body wash, and lotion, gently used hand towels and washcloths. Please bring to the Mission Center. Thank you.

Mary Circle Bible Study meets Friday, July 21st at 1:30pm in the Fireplace room. Our study will be from the Summer *Quarterly*, "Proclaiming Christ" on page 17, and "Be Assured" on pages 18-19. Hostess: Bernice Wilson, phone 507-386-7530. Guests and visitors are welcome.

The deadline for the August 2023 issue of The Voice is Friday, July 21st at 4pm. Please drop off any submissions at the church office or e-mail to contact@oslcmandato.org.

We are bringing back a favorite! The Vacation Bible School students will be filling birthday bags for the Echo Food Shelf. If you would like to contribute the items needed are: medium size birthday gift bags, cake mix, canned frosting, birthday candles, party plates, plastic forks, and party favors. Items can be placed by the display in the narthex through August 8. Thank you.

Our Men's Group Boundary Waters trip is coming up in just over two months - September 20-24! We would love to have you join us for canoeing, fishing, hunting, camaraderie, and a variety of ways to challenge you both physically and mentally as well as reflect on God's wonderful creation. To reserve a spot, or if you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Matheny or Matt Brand.

From the Stewardship Committee: Romans 8:12 – "So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh." We owe the flesh, the world and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom — servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

Listen to KFUE.ORG, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. All programs are archived at www.KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week begin studying the book of Acts on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), study the Psalms in July on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), and dig into Augsburg Confession Articles 6 & 7 on The Church on Concord Matters (July 22 at 10am).

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

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Flight Plan" features a man who must deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it? The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Terry Grzybowski from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River, who will present a message titled "A Sower Went Out to Sow" based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

News Release of Lutheran Women's Missionary League 2023 Convention. The convention welcomed over 3,500 people to their 40th biennial convention in Milwaukee June 22-25, under the theme "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations". The Lutheran Women in Mission voting body adopted a \$2,350,000 mission goal for the 2023-2025 biennium, which will fund 31 mission grants. A list of the mission grants are in the Mission Center. The other totals for the mission walk, golf, 4 offerings, etc. are still coming in and we will report them as soon as we get the totals.

The 2024 LWML Minnesota South District Convention needs nominations for the ballot. Needed are: VP of Christian Life, VP of Human Care, VP of Servant Resources, Treasurer, Nomination Committee Members – one from each conference and two Pastoral Counselors. Additional information and nominating forms are found in the Summer WOM Women on a Mission 2023.

Ladies Register now for the Fall Retreat: "Promised Rest". Registration is now open for the Fall Women's Retreat! Join us Saturday, September 16 at the new Omega Lodge at Camp Omega in Waterville. Get all the registration and hotel details at www.mnslwml.org/2023_district_retreat. Space is limited, so sign up today. Forms are available in the narthex.

Stay informed with Christian Literature – pick up your copies. Lutheran Witness, Public Policy, Summer Quarterly, the large print Quarterly, the WM, the Lutheran Layman Magazine, July Sagacity, Public Policy, coloring pages, and other new materials are available in the Narthex and the Mission Center.

Mental Health Webinar: Lay leaders have an important role in caring for their church workers. In this webinar held on **Thursday, July 20 at 10 am**, you will learn about available mental health resources for your church workers when they need help. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/231633792591058>. Form is also on bulletin board.

Summer Noontime Organ Recitals presented by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Tuesdays at 12:10pm. Recitals are free and open to the public. A free-will donation will be accepted. The series continues on July 18th with performance by Wayne Wagner at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South 2nd Street, Mankato. Visit www.agosiouxtrails.org for more information.

DeafOutreach.org. Bringing people to see Jesus. **Jesus Signs Workshop:** Week long immersion, July 17-21. See bulletin board by Fellowship Hall for more information.

Lutheran Schools Book Club: We are going to embark on a quarterly book club in which we will read a book each quarter (12 weeks) of the calendar year. Each book will be hosted by a Lutheran School. The first book will be “Gods and Kings” by Lynn Austin and hosted by Martin Luther High School. The first book will be “assigned” from September – November. Future books will be announced. We will host discussions at the mid-way point in mid October and a final discussion in late November: specific dates to be determined. Please RSVP your interest in participation and/or any questions you may have to: paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com.

Adult Bible Study at Martin Luther High School: MLHS is offering an adult Bible study for the Gospel of Luke. We will read and discuss Luke through the eyes of “Wikipedia.” Principal Paul Steinhaus will lead this “class.” The class will meet every Thursday (when school is in session) from 10:15-11am starting Sept 7th. Please RSVP your interest in participating to: paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com.

Welcome to Our Savior's Lutheran Church! We are Christians gathered around the unchanging Word and Gifts of Jesus Christ which give forgiveness and salvation now and forever. Our Savior has more than enough blessings for everyone and promises that He will turn no one away. Please let us know who you are and how we can serve you by completing a registration card found in the seat backs and placing it in the offering plate at the entrances to the sanctuary.

At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.

Monthly Memory Verse:

Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 18:4

Weekly Discussion Question:

In what ways do you look to God as a child may look to a father figure?

Holy Communion: Sometimes it is said, "I wish I could get closer to God". A wondrous Scriptural truth, however, is that God cannot come closer to us than He does in the Lord's Supper. God the Son here promises us His true body and His true blood with the gift of forgiveness. With the closeness of this gift, the Bible also bears witness to a closeness in confession and doctrine. Those who understand the meaning of communion and wish to receive it today are asked to review the statement on the back of the registration card.

Serving today:

Liturgist & Preacher Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Organist Barb Anderson
Elders of the Day Gene Mensing; Mike Holub
A/V Tech Matt Brand