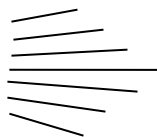




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The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church  
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001

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**MAY 2024**

## **Voters' Meeting** **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** **11:45am in the Sanctuary**

All Confirmed members, age 18 and older, are invited and encouraged to attend our Regular Voters' Meeting. Among the agenda items include an update from the Call Committee and on the Art Project. Please join us as we discuss and plan the business of the church.

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*The Ascension of our Lord*

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 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

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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

“<sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

-Ephesians 1:22-23

Our memory verse for this month comes from the Epistle lesson appointed for Ascension day (May 9<sup>th</sup> this year). Ascension day is one of those church holidays (or holy days) that often gets overlooked. The day itself always falls on a Thursday which feels like an odd day to go to church. So maybe a congregation celebrates it on the Sunday preceding the actual day or maybe the one following. Or maybe they just skip it altogether?

But I suspect that perhaps our ambivalence about celebrating Ascension day stems from something more significant than simple scheduling issues. I think that we have a hard time knowing what Ascension day is and means, so its easier not to celebrate.

That is why this verse from Ephesians chapter one is so helpful. It encapsulates in two short verses why it is so important that our Lord Jesus ascended into heaven. Here are the beginning of Ephesians the apostle Paul tells us that in the Ascension God the Father (He) exalted our Lord Jesus (His) over everything and everyone. That is, having fulfilled His earthly ministry Jesus is elevated above all else by His Father. But then we learn that in His Ascension something else happens to Jesus. Here we learn that Jesus is not only elevated, but He is also given to the Church. That means that Jesus is our Lord not only because He reigns and rules over us (because we are included in “all things”) but He is also our Lord because He is **ours**. He is ours to call upon in fear and trembling and in joy and sadness. He is ours to inquire of and to adore. He is ours to seek and to ask and to worship.

Ascension day might often get overlooked, but it is a wonderful day nonetheless. We set aside that day to glorify our Lord for His exaltation over all things and for our reception of His glory in the Church.

## **Planning Council**

### **Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato March 12, 2024**

**Members Present:** Dan Gahler, Zak Tess, Valerie Elliott, Doug Haeder, Denise Painter, Jeff Elliott, Judd Schultz, Mel Hendrickson, and Pastor Adam Matheny.

**Members Absent:** Steve Annis, Joel Maunula, Missy Schultz, Bev Clark and Judy Hendley.

1. President Dan Gahler called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Matheny.
3. Public/congregational presentation: None
4. Bible Study: Luke 3 led by Zak Tess. Next month will be Luke 4.
5. Additions/Approval of Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended, motion carried.
6. Council Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the February 13, 2024, Planning Council minutes as presented, motion carried.
7. Pastor's Report: Pastor noted Lent is on-going and private confession before services is being well received.
8. Treasurer's Report: Doug Haeder provided summary of reports, followed by discussion. Motion made and seconded to approve the report as presented, motion carried.
9. Unfinished Business
  1. Video and audio streaming update: Zak Tess noted the update of the video and audio streaming is going well and hopefully will be able to broadcast the Easter services. Also, it is noted final costs for the update was covered by donation.
10. New Business
  1. Pick date for May Voters' Meeting: Date will be May 19<sup>th</sup> after the second service.

2. Donation to Feeding Our Communities Partners: Recommendation from the Board of Deacons for donation of \$2500 to Feeding Our Communities Partners, which houses the backpack food program for the area, from the benevolence fund. Motion made and seconded to approve the donation of \$2500 from the benevolence fund to Feeding Our Communities Partners, motion carried.
  3. Sanctuary Art Project: Denise Painter presented an update, which noted proposal received for art work with increase in price due to change in size, on site art studio will be set up in the chapel, work will begin in June and finish about December, and price difference original and final proposal covered by donation.
  4. Update on Pastor's call: Recommendation from the Board of Elders to update Pastor Matheny's call to Senior Pastor. Judd Schultz explained the Board of Elders determine this should be in place before calling another pastor to eliminate confusion. Motion made and seconded to approve a special voters' meeting to update Pastor Matheny's call to Senior Pastor on April 14, 2024 after the second service, motion carried.
11. Board Sharing:
1. **Education:** Continue planning VBS and working on Palm Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade breakfast between services.
  2. **Deacons:** Kitchen clean-up was well attended and went smoothly; Women's retreat on March 16<sup>th</sup>; will have table at Palm Sunday Rally; Blood drive on April 22<sup>nd</sup>; and confirmation brunch between services on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
  3. **Elders:** Board engaging in spiritual discipline plan during Lent; update on call process; and planning reconciliation training.
  4. **Endowment:** Will have a table at Palm Sunday Rally.

12. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm. Next meeting is April 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie Elliott, Secretary  
OSLC Planning Council

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## **Planning Council**

### **Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato April 9, 2024**

Members Present: Zak Tress, Valerie Elliott, Doug Haeder, Rob Hobbs, Kathy Krumwiede, Chris Anderson, Denise Painter, Judd Schultz, Missy Schultz, and Joel Maunula.

Members Absent: Dan Gahler, Bev Clark, Judy Hendley and Pastor Adam Matheny.

1. Vice President Zak Tess called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Opening Prayer was lead by Vice President Zak Tess.
3. There was no public/congregational Presentation.
4. Bible Study: Luke 4 led by Zak Tess. Next month will be Luke 5.
5. Additions/Approval of the Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried. Motion made and seconded to amend the agenda to add under New Business item B: Senior Pastor Salary, motion carried.
6. Council Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the March 12, 2024, Planning Council minutes as presented, motion carried.
7. Pastor's Report: Vice President Zak Tess read pastor's report, holy week went well.
8. Treasurers Report, Doug Haeder presented corrections to February 2024 report with regard to additional

payment on long term debt. Doug noted receipt of \$6,000 undesignated donation. Tabled approval of March 2024 Treasurer's report until next meeting.

9. Unfinished Business

- A. Update on Video and Audio Streaming system: Vice President Zak Tess reported streaming is up and running, AV techs are trained and it is working well.

10. New Business

A. May 19th Voters' Meeting:

- 1. Items for agenda: Updates from Call Committee and Sanctuary Art Project Committee.

- B. Senior Pastor Salary: Judd Schultz provided explanation of the compensation calculation based on District guidelines. Motion made and seconded to approve the compensation of Pastor Adam Matheny to \$82,165 upon receiving and accepting call to Senior Pastor, motion carried.

11. Board Sharing: Education: Last week of July for VBS, developing new format and meeting with new confirmands for input on youth activities. Deacons: Need volunteers for Sunday morning donuts; blood drive on 4/22, confirmation brunch on 4.28 and block party planning for 8/25. Elders: looking at summer service schedule; review of call process; and sanctuary improvements. Trustees: borrowing drone with camera to survey top of main chimney and safety with long use of candles during service. Endowment: Next meeting at end of April and investments are doing well.

12. Closing Prayer: Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

13. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm. Next meeting is May 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie Elliott, Secretary  
OSLC Planning Council

## Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending March 31, 2024

### Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$63,908.72	\$159,790.10
Operating Expenses	-\$57,603.46	-\$162,222.37
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	-\$1,028.60	-\$9,074.29
<b>Net for Period<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>\$5,276.66</b>	<b>-\$11,506.56</b>

<sup>†</sup>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	\$37,628.80	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$203,489.20	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$14,532.34	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	-\$6,000.00	
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<b>\$269,757.46</b>	
Dedicated Accounts	-\$164,640.01	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	-\$2,177.41	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
<b>Available Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$102,940.04</b>	\$96,799.18 last month

### Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$211,940.96
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	4.500%
Pay-off Date (Pay-off Amount)	7/2036 (\$6,260.86)

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Haeder  
Treasurer



Voters' Meeting  
Our Savior Lutheran Church of Mankato  
1103 North Broad St, Mankato, MN 56001  
January 21, 2024      Attendance: 68

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:02 P.M. by President Dan Gahler.
2. Opening Prayer: Lead by Pastor Adam Matheny.
3. Motion made, seconded to approve the Agenda as presented, motion carried.
4. Approval of November 19 Voters' Meeting Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the November 19, 2023 Voter's Meeting minute as presented, motion carried.
5. Pastor's Report: Pastor Adam Matheny expressed need for forgiveness from the congregation, noting acknowledging sin, repentance and forgiveness is the center of why we are here. There were no questions from the congregation.
6. Treasurer's report: Treasurer Doug Haeder reviewed the end of the year report, noting the change in mortgage interest rate. There was one question from the congregation regarding the interest rate.
7. Board Reports and 2024 Goals: President Dan Gahler invited any board to speak to the congregation. There were no questions from the congregation.
8. Unfinished Business
  - A. Roof Project and Fundraising Review: Steve Annis reported the roof repair is completed, except for replacing light. It was noted conduits with AC equipment need to be redone. President Dan Gahler reported \$11,500 away from meeting fundraising goal.
  - B. Sanctuary Art Discussion Update: Karee Bless provided update of the committee's work. Karee Bless and Pastor presented two themes for the art work, parting of the Red Sea and Jesus calming the

storm on the Sea of Galilee or Ezekiel valley of dry bones and Peter sermon on Pentecost. Discussion and questions from the congregation. Paper ballot for adoption of theme: Red Sea- 52, Bones -10 and No - 5. Motion made and seconded for Resolution 24-1 To Commission and Install Paintings of Our Savior Lutheran Church's Sanctuary. Amendment made and seconded to approve adding north wall, motion carried. Second amendment made and seconded to approve adding based on parting of Red Sea and Jesus calming the storm. Motion as amended approved by paper ballot, Yes - 49 and No - 12. See attached Resolution 24-1.

- C. SMART Goals Update: President Dan Gahler provided an update on the SMART goals, most have been met and will be revising the goals.
- D. Call Committee Update: Judd Schultz provided updated on the call process, in process of gathering information for District President. Questions and discussion from the congregation regarding the how the process works when calling from the field.

9. New Business

- A. There was no new business.

10. Closing Pray: Lord's Prayer.

11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie Elliott, Secretary  
OSLC Planning Council

Resolution 24-1. To Commission and Install Paintings of Our Savior Lutheran Church's Sanctuary

WHEREAS, the Christian Church has in many times and in many places used the visual arts to depict the Lord's work amount His people; and

WHEREAS, those works of art have served to instruct God's people in His ways, inspire their imaginations for His service,

and elevate their praise and thanksgiving in the Divine Services; and

WHEREAS, donors of Our Savior Lutheran Church have given money for the purpose of glorifying God and enriching the life of the church; and

WHEREAS, a committee was formed to plan and investigate the use of these funds to the glory of God; and

WHEREAS, that committee has sought the council of the congregation and professional liturgical artists and presented the people of OSLC with their findings; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the people of OSLC enjoin the art committee to pursue an agreement with a professional liturgical artist for two paintings based on the parting of the Red Sea and Jesus calming the storm to be displayed on the north wall in the sanctuary; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the people of OSLC give thanks to God for His saints who give of their gifts and blessings for the edification of His Church; and be it finally

*Resolved*, that in thanksgiving to God for all His manifold gifts but especially His gift of beauty in all its forms the people here gathered stand to sing Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LSB 790 v.5.

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## **IN MEMORIAM**



**Beverly La Von Bartsch**

May 10, 1935 ~ April 4, 2024

**Leonard Eugene Sembach**

June 2, 1940 ~ April 17, 2024

Special Voters' Meeting  
Our Savior Lutheran Church of Mankato  
1103 North Broad St, Mankato, MN 56001  
April 14, 2024      Attendance: 57

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:02 P.M. by President Dan Gahler.
2. Opening Prayer: Lead by Pastor Adam Matheny.
3. New Business
  - A. Change of Pastor Adam Matheny call to Senior Pastor: Judd Schultz provided explanation for change of call, noting the change of call includes increase in compensation. There was discussion and questions from the congregation. Motion made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote to call Pastor Adam Matheny as the Senior Pastor. Pastor Matheny stated he was happy to accept call to service as Senior Pastor. Public signing of call documents followed acceptance of call.
4. Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer.
5. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie Elliott, Secretary  
OSLC Planning Council

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## Accessions & Losses

No Accessions or Losses to report this month

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Articles for the June 2024 VOICE are due by Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. You may drop-off submissions in the office, or e-mail to: [contact@oslcmandato.org](mailto:contact@oslcmandato.org).

# Bible Study Circles

- WELCOME ALL -

Ascension – You are my witnesses. With the joy of Jesus as your guide, go with the Quarterly theme of serving others.

*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10*

**Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle** meets on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> with refreshments at 9:30am. Bible Study at 9:45am. Come. The lesson will be “Take My Life” based on the hymns LSB #783 and LSB #784 (with different melodies) and can be found in the Spring Quarterly on page 17. Learn about His Gifts to us to use to serve Him and His people.

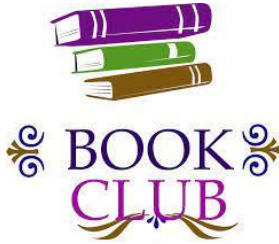
**Mary Circle Bible Study** meets Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Fireplace Room. Our study will be “Take My Life” on page 17 of the Spring *Quarterly*. Hostess: Vel Brunner, phone 507-387-7341. Guests and visitors are welcome!

Yes, Jesus has equipped you to serve, wherever and whenever He has need of you.

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## New Young Adult Bible Study Meeting Time

The Young Adult Bible Study is switching up their meeting times! So if you (or someone you know) is a junior in high school to early workforce age, be sure to note that **we will now be meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7PM in the fireplace room.** We recently finished our last study, and will be kicking off with a new study on "Praying with Psalms" on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We'd love to have you join us! For questions, or to join our text chain for meeting reminders, contact Karee Bless at 507-381-3826.



May 12 (Read pages 131 - 172)

May 26 (Read pages 173 - end)

The Our Savior book club meets from 4:30-6p.m. 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 Lutheran perspective. You can join us anytime — even mid-book!

In May we will continue reading *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy, which is a post-apocalyptic story of a father and son who travel on foot seeking warmer weather to live out their days. This novel explores themes of death, family, survival, perseverance, faith, doubt, dreams and memory. If you have questions or interest in any of this please speak with Pastor Matheny.

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## Sundaes on Sunday

We're finishing of the Sunday School year, May 19, with a little celebration!

Families are invited to join their children in the Fireplace Room at 10:05am 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.



TSNT meets Sunday  
May 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Special Meeting!** Youth from 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents are invited to attend a meeting after the Wednesday Night Meal (7pm) on **Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**. We want to know how to help you be active in the church, what are you looking for in youth activities (Bible Study, service opportunities, fellowship, etc.), and begin planning for the National Youth Gathering in 2025. Even if you aren't old enough to be in the youth group now, we still want your input on how we can best serve you in the future.



**ATTENTION MEN!** The men of Our Savior gather in the fireplace room on the second Thursday from 7:30-8:30 of each month for study

together. This month, May 9<sup>th</sup>, we will not meet. Join us at Good Shepherd for a service to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. If you are interested in this please speak with Pastor Matheny.

# *Music Notes*

***“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 5: Vocal Choir

May 12: 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](mailto:suzie@oslcmanakato.org)  
507-341-4173



If you are in need of the comfort of a prayer shawl, please contact Marcella, 507-317-4127.

If you would like to knit or crochet a shawl, there is yarn available, call Marcella. Thank you to all involved in this ministry.



# Ladies of Our Savior

*Spring – New Beginnings*

Ascension –

“You are my witnesses” given with direction.

2024 LWML MNS District Convention “Walk in Love” in Mankato at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, June 20-22. Bev Annis and Vicky Senne are Our Savior Delegates. Gifts from the Heart for Orphan Grain Train can be brought to church anytime up to the convention. An invitation is extended to you to attend this spiritually uplifting convention. Missionary speakers, Mission Goal, Mission Grants, and humorous interrupter, and so much more. You can give your choice of eight Mite Grants for 2024-2026 to the delegates. Each Zone will bring a basket for the silent auction. Watch the bulletin for more information.



“Walk in Love” as you serve the Lord in gladness.



Piano Recital by Micah Holten “A Night with the Classics and Romantics.” Mother’s Day – May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Gaylord. Free-will offering to benefit Heather Zellman for Deaconess Internship tuition.

## Funeral Lunch Committee

Our Savior's needs your help with the funeral luncheons. Without enough volunteers, we may not be able to continue to provide this service for our Church families and friends. Below you will find a list of tasks that are needed. If you are willing, please mark how you could help serve our Church families and friends. Snowbirds can volunteer too. Just let us know when you are available. Place the finished form in the offering baskets in the Narthex.

\_\_\_\_\_ Help setup, serve, and/or clean up.

\_\_\_\_\_ Provide a cake or pan of bars.

\_\_\_\_\_ Become a Funeral Coordinator. At the present time, we have three Funeral Coordinators. We each take a month on a rotating schedule. We help each other out and cover for each other when needed. The task is not difficult. You can shadow with a Coordinator to help you feel comfortable with this job. A Coordinator will help you when it is your turn to coordinate. Most of a Coordinator's responsibility is to organize the volunteers to work the funeral. Our current volunteers are excellent and knowledgeable workers.

Thank you in advance for caring for our Church families and friends in Christ.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_home/cell

A big thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped with our congregation's funerals in the past and present.

# Potluck Dinner

## & Bible Study

Are you looking for an opportunity to get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ at Our Savior better? Would you like to share a good meal and enjoy interesting conversation? Would you like to study God's Word in a relaxed environment where you are free to ask tough questions and get the feedback of a knowledgeable and experienced group? Then the Potluck Bible study is for you! We gather on the fourth Thursday of each month (May 23<sup>rd</sup>) at 5:30 in the fireplace room to share a potluck meal together. Then at 6:30 we read God's Word together. In May we will look at the story of Esther in the scriptures.

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## Family Camping

June 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

Jay Cooke State  
Park



Join us for family camping! We have a group campsite reserved at Jay Cooke State Park June 27<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>.

“Family Camping” just means all ages are welcome – singles are welcome too!

Enjoy hiking and biking trails, both Mountain biking and paved trails), white water rafting, or visiting the Duluth area!

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Contact Michelle Rottermond with questions, 507-317-8338.

## *Bible Reading Plan - May*

What do you want? A new car, extra money in the bank, family time, or maybe just some peace and quiet. Some of what we want may be good, but other times it is not. As we try to fill our wants, we are often left unsatisfied. Only God can truly satisfy us.

We'll look at some Biblical examples of wanting beginning with Adam and Eve, and those grumbling Israelites. Do we grumble? Do we take what isn't good for us? Following our wants can definitely lead us in the wrong direction. Jesus resisted what we could not. In Revelation we'll see the end of wanting.

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# Mission Service



Mission Service delivered 32 baby layettes kits, two boxes of rolled bandages, medical supplies, crutches, and blankets to Global Health Ministries in Minneapolis. The Our Savior's Quilting Group also sent along three beautiful quilts. Thank you for all the donations and for all the workers who put this together.

Mission Service is continuing to collect used clean towels (any size), washcloths, clothing (men's, women's, or children's), shoes and socks. Also blankets and quilts. There are tubs for your donations in the Narthex. Thank you!

Mission Service met on April 17<sup>th</sup> and worked on the following: Gospel bracelets for MOST Ministries, trimming stamps for Wycliffe and ripping and rolling to make cloth bandages for Global Health. A BIG thank you to everyone who came to help.

We will meet again on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

LCMS Disaster Response has new needs each month. Are you interested? [www.lcms.org/disaster](http://www.lcms.org/disaster); [www.facebook.com/LCMSDisasterResponse/](https://www.facebook.com/LCMSDisasterResponse/)  
Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT): [www.lcms-lert.org](http://www.lcms-lert.org)

Abel Light, 600 Hoffman Drive, Watertown, WI 53094, 800-369-4636, [www.ablelight.org](http://www.ablelight.org). Your generosity to Able Light provides enriched living services with compassionate caregivers who expertly assist people with disabilities. Able Light has helped people with developmental disabilities reach their full potential for over a century. [Bethesda]

A monthly calendar from the Lutheran Bible Translators is on the shelf in the Mission Center for you to read and pray.

## Watch Our Savior's Sunday Worship



Our Savior's Sunday 8am and 10:30am worship is livestreamed. Go to: [www.oslcmankato.org](http://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).

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## *Wisdom's Workshop*

Mark your calendars for something new!

Join us July 29 – 31<sup>st</sup> for Wisdom's Workshop. Three evenings to study God's Word together and use our hands and minds to create something spectacular.

Dinner will be served at 5:15pm and the workshop will run from 6 – 8pm. More information to follow.

(This activity is in place of traditional VBS.)

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## THANK YOU!

Dear Family in Christ,

A special "thank you" to all my church family for remembering me on my 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was wonderful receiving very special greetings on such a special day.

Your sister in Christ,

Jean Fiskey



## LWML Mites

### Mites for Missions

Mite Sunday is May 19<sup>th</sup>

The May featured Mission Grants are:

#10 – Set Apart to Serve, LCMS Office of Pastoral Education, \$100,000. [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-15](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-15)

#11 – Lutheran Women in Mission Finish the Job, Ministry in Mission, Haiti, \$85,000. [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-11](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-11).

#15 – Feeding Haitian Children through Gospel and Meals, Trinity Hope, \$58,082. [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-15](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-15)

District Mites: New Grants for 2024-2026 will be voted on by the LWML Convention in June. Give Delegate Bev Annis your first 8 choices now.

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Thank you to my church family for the many prayers, cards, texts, calls, and visits. It certainly helps in healing to have all the caring and encouragement. I am doing well after my knee replacement. God bless your day – He certainly blesses mine!

Marcella Eilders

## 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  
LHM Lutheran Hour Ministries  
LLL Lutheran Layman's League



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

S.A.G.E.S. – The April-June Sagacity is available. Sagacity is a quarterly publication to encourage and connect older adults with God and each other. Email: [minnesotasouthsages@gmail.com](mailto:minnesotasouthsages@gmail.com) to be added to the newsletter distribution list.

### Gathering XXXIV (2024)

Finishing Strong, Psalm 71 for Seniors

May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at Country Inn & Suites, Mankato. It begins at noon on Monday and ends in the afternoon on Tuesday.

A special time for encouragement, fellowship, and information for older adults. A time to relax, enjoy the banquet and entertainment. For more information go to: [www.mnsdistrict.org/sages](http://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages).

Thanks to all the volunteers!

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# 2024 Theological Convocations

Pastors, lay people, and the general public are cordially invited to attend all convocations in all regions. There is no charge, but we kindly ask you to register to have a count for materials and unch preparation.

Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, the Minnesota South District President, will facilitate each convocation. Two speakers from the MNS wil present perspectives and responses on the selected topics at each convocation. The goal is to provide opportunity for robust and fraternal theological conversation across the district.

Each Convocation is from 9am – noon, followed by lunch:

- Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>: Ecclesiology and the Future of the LCMS (Hosted at Emmanuel, Inver Grove Heights)
- Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>: Worship Theology and Practice (Hosted at Glory of Christ, Plymouth)
- Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>: Office of the Ministry & Routes to Ordination (Hosted at Trinity, Rochester)
- Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>: Theology of the Practice of the Lord's Supper (Hosted at St. Paul's, Fulda)

Register at:

<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/theological-convocations-2024>

Or use the QR code:





“May God send an army of angels to protect the babies in the womb from the laws being enacted in some states that are taking away protections for God’s smallest, most vulnerable humans. May hearts be changed with the truths found in Scripture. And may the influence the devil has on our society, with his culture of death, be deposed.”

Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations  
Lutherans for Life

A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life ~  
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## **LCMS Stewardship Ministry: *More Than a Negative***

Even if you’ve never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, “Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?” Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without *technically* lying. You tell *just enough* of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing *how close* we can get to sinning without *technically* going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He’s not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just

barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

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# May 2024

## Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
<b>Sunday Matins</b> is aired at 9:00am each Sunday on KTOE 1420AM <b>Our Savior's Worship</b> service is aired Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday at 2pm on KTV (Public Access).			4:45 Introductory Bells 5:15 Enough for Now Class 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Vocal Choir 7:00 Youth Meeting	9:00 Private Confession 9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 7:00 Young Adult Bible Study		
5	6	7	8	<i>Ascension Day</i> 9	10	11
8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:20 Bible Class 10:30 Worship	6:30 Early Bird Bible Study	8:30 Circiut Pastors 5:15 Board of Education 5:30 Board of Trustees 6:00 Board of Elders 6:30 Board of Deacons	4:45 Introductory Bells 5:15 Enough for Now Class	9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Ascension Service @ Good Shepherd		
<i>Mother's Day</i> 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:20 Sunday School 9:20 Bible Class 10:30 Worship 4:30 Book Club 6:30 TSNT	6:30 Early Bird Bible Study 9:00 Quilting	1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 Planning Council	4:00 Mission Service 5:15 Enough for Now Class	9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Stephen Ministers 7:00 Young Adult Bible Study	1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study 4:00 The Voice Deadline	
<i>Mite Sunday</i> 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:20 Sunday School 9:20 Bible Class 10:00 Sundaes on Sunday 10:30 Worship 11:45 Voters' Meeting	6:30 Early Bird Bible Study	10:00 Staff Meeting	5:15 Enough for Now Class	9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 5:30 Potluck/Bible Study		
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:20 Bible Class 10:30 Worship 4:30 Book Club 6:30 TSNT	Memorial Day  <i>Office Closed</i>	10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study	5:15 Enough for Now Class	9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline for June 2 <u>AND</u> June 9		

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