

Program for the Week of August 18 – August 25, 2024

Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Matins
8:30 Coffee/Fellowship
9:00 Divine Service
1000 Bible Class
10:00 Summer Sunday School

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday:

6:30 Potluck Picnic @ Matheny's

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession

9:00 Garden Group
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
5:00 Wedding Rehearsal/Dinner

Friday:

12:00 Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday:

4:00 Bjornstad/Quiram Wedding

Next Sunday:

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Chancel flowers are provided by Mark Wellner in honor of Alexa Wellner on her birthday.

Additional flowers are provided by Gene & Judy Mensing.

Today is MITE Sunday. Thanks to each and everyone for your mites today and everyday.

Grant #17 will enable Worship Anew to develop and expand the distribution of resources to all of us throughout the United States. Learn more at: www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-17. **Grant #14:** Enhancement of Deaf Ministry and Outreach, \$47,000. Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society (ELMS) Shares the Gospel with the deaf and hard of hearing.

Attention youth, TSNT is taking a hiatus. Instead, specific monthly fellowship events will be planned. Information will be coming out soon.

Early Bird Study will meet every Monday at 6:30 am in the Fireplace Room. Please enter by the east door.

Party at the Matheny House! On Wednesday, August 21st gather at the Matheny house (27 Westminster Road in Mankato) for a fellowship meal together. Doors open at 5:30 for fellowship and set up. Prayer at 6:00 before we eat. The Matheny's will provide the meat, bring a side dish to share. We will have some chairs, but feel free to bring your own if you have a favorite. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor or Laura. Hope to see you there!

Mission Service will **NOT** meet in August. We will meet again in September. Thank you for all the donations we have received. Hope to see you in September.

Next Sunday, August 25th, the Mankato Area Riverblenders will begin our 9am worship with a medley of hymns. Men of all ages who enjoy singing are invited to join them at their Tuesday rehearsals, 7pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church. The Riverblenders provide musical entertainment at over 25 sing-outs a year. For more information, visit their website, <https://mail.singmankato.com/> or contact Ron at 507-381-9978.

National Youth Gathering, Endure, is July 19 – July 23, 2025 in New Orleans. Planning is beginning. We will have an informational meeting on September 15th at 11:30am (following the 2nd service) in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who is interested. Youth who will be 14 by the gathering date through age 20 are eligible to attend. Lunch is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Prince at 507-521-0690 or e-mail j_r_prince_3@hotmail.com.

Stephen Ministers: Beginning September 19th at 6:30pm, all are invited to attend as we study "The Gift of Empathy". We will meet in the Library.

Are you contributing to Our Savior Lutheran Church through your Thrivent Choice Dollars? Please join us in the fellowship hall October 7th at 6:30 pm for a meeting to discuss and decide how your contributions will be used at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Our Savior's is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Friday, August 23 from noon to 5pm. You may schedule your donation appointment now on the Blood Donor App or on-line at www.redcrossblood.org, or call the church office, 507-385-2180. Save a life! Donate blood.

Attention members of Our Savior Lutheran Church; It's that time again to start thinking about potential special projects that are not included in the Church's budget. Please submit any projects, and/or ideas to the office before Friday October 4th to be considered by the Thrivent members at the October 7th meeting. Feel free to contact Brian Johnson at 779-4264 with any questions.

Our Savior Endowment Fund provides Scholarships: The Endowment Board approved \$10,600 in scholarship funds for seven student members of Our Savior's who are attending Concordia Classical Academy (CCA) in North Mankato. The board also approved \$7,500 in scholarship funds for three post-secondary members attending LCMS institutions in preparation for careers in full time church work. Please consider making an offering/donation to the Endowment Fund, as you are able, to support our students, missionaries, etc. in the years to come.

To our OSL Brothers & Sisters in Christ: We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all of the prayers, calls, cards, and other acts of kindness shown to both Steve and to me. Special thanks to Pastor Matheny for his visit; to the Prayer Shawl group for the lovely shawl and encouraging words; and to Bob Baker for his visit. We are so very grateful to have such a kindhearted, caring church family. God's blessings and our love to each of you. Steve & Bev Annis

Tuesday Bible Study: Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month will continue as scheduled. Please join us at 1pm on September 9th as we begin a new study. Come join us as we grow in faith and fellowship.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in August, please contact Theresa McLaughlin, 507-779-9294, or Cindy Hobbs, 507-995-9894.

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

Watch our services on YouTube, livestreamed, or view later at your convenience. Access from our website www.oslcmankato.org or from YouTube (www.youtube.com), search for our channel, oslcmankato.

From the Stewardship Committee: Ephesians 5:6–7 – “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them.” The wrath of a God is a real thing, and we would do well to reflect on this. We want to stay away from anything that would take us away from the Lord. As Mary replied to the angel Gabriel, “I am the handmaiden of the Lord, may it be to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). We are the Lord’s servants; therefore we cling to His Word.

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 study Ephesians 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), finish studying 1 Thessalonians and begin 2 Thessalonians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and Order in the Church in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (August 17 at 11am).

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Look to the Mountain” – A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down and out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. David Petrich from St. James Lutheran Church in Holland, MN, who will present a message titled “Wise in the Fear of the Lord” based on Proverbs 9:1-10. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Lutheran Hour Ministries is releasing a brand new resource for veterans entitled “*Called to Serve – Utilizing our Gifts as Veterans*”. This is a 5 session small group Bible Study, to help veterans discover and share their God-given gifts with their families, churches, workplace, and communities. Go to www.lhm.org for more information.

Expert Guests, Expansive Topics, Extolling Christ... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Regular features include: Christianity & Culture, Media Coverage of Religion, Movie Reviews, This Week in Pop Christianity, Kids Have Questions, Looking Forward to Sunday Morning and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

The August Pray for Us Calendars are here for the use of all members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. They are in the Narthex and in the Mission Center.

Arlington Zone LWML - The Board will meet on August 28, 2024 at **Immanuel, Gaylord, MN** at 7 pm.

Visit the District Website: www.mnsdistrict.org for all the district information.

The July, August, September Sagacity Newsletter of S.A.G.E.S. is now online and copies are in the Narthex.

August District News is on the website (<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/publications>) or in the Lutheran Witness insert. It includes President Woodfords, Talking Points, "Caught between two eras", Minnesota Convention News, Pastors' Wives Retreat, The Outstanding Educators, Standing Up for Life, School TAG Grants and the LLL Convention Report. One copy in the narthex for you to check out the information.

Orphan Grain Train Dedication & Convention, Friday, September 13th at New Servant Center, 606 W. Phillip Ave, and Saturday, September 14th at Midtown Event Center, 1102 Riverside Blvd, Norfolk, NE. Includes meetings. What about an overnight trip to Norfolk? Coordinator needed. Call Trudy at 507-327-7082. For more information to to: www.oqt.org.

Camp Oz – Grief Camp for Kids: October 5 at Kiwanis Camp Patterson on Lake Washington. Free daylong grief camp for children in grades 1 – 12 who have experienced the death of someone in their life. Mayo Clinic Health System offers Camp Oz for free. Camp participants can make new friends who have also experienced loss. Go to: <https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/classes-and-events/camp-oz> for more information or call 507-594-2989 with questions. Register by September 27th.

Kinship Radio presents the 1st annual Conference for Men, September 28th at Hosanna Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$25, which include teaching sessions, breakfast and worship. Speaker Michael Franzese. Registration opens on August 25th at: kinshipradio.org

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 despises the word brings destruction on himself,
but he who reveres the commandment will be rewarded.
Proverbs 13:13

Holy Communion: In Matthew 28:18-20, the Risen Christ gave His church the great commission. Included in that commission were these words, “teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you . . . “. The church’s historic practice of close communion had its basis in the desire to honor these words of the Savior. In love, it is also our desire not to omit this portion of the great commission. 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.

About the Cover: Wisdom calls us to be fed with life. Jesus, the wisdom of God incarnate, is inviting all who are in Him to eat of the bread and the wine that He has to feed us. Jesus, Himself, is the Bread of Life that grants eternal life and makes us wise unto salvation with His Word (2 Timothy 3:15). Moreover, Jesus feeds us the true food and true drink of His body and blood, given and shed for us, in the Lord’s Supper (John 6:55).

Serving today:

Liturgist & Preacher Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Organist [8:00] Joel Maunula; [9:00] Edith Williams
Elder of the Day Gaylen Lenz
Assistant Usher.....Gary Rabenhorst
A/V TechGene Mensing