

Program for the Week of February 16 – February 23, 2025

Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

4:00 Mission Service
4:45 Introductory Choir
5:15 Introductory Bell Choir
5:25 Brass
5:45 Handbell Choir
6:00 Meal
6:45 Devotion

7:00 Jr. Confirmation

7:00 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Study
10:30 Divine Service
4:30 Book Club
6:00 Youth Group

Today is Mite Sunday. Two Mite Grants to focus on in February. Grant #27 Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry, Hope Lutheran, South Sioux City, NE - \$50,000, Spanish Lutheran Books given freely to reach the unsaved. Grant #24 God's Word for Central and South American Missions, Lutheran Heritage Foundation - \$100,000. The 31 Grant #27 has been paid in full! Grants will be closing in two months. You are so important in this mission by collecting the pennies, nickels, and dimes, and putting them together for a larger sum. Hint . . . Even larger amounts have been donated. **MN District Mites** – See the February Voice for the complete list. Thanks be to God.

National Youth Gathering Fundraiser: Tomorrow, Monday, February 17th from 4:30pm – 8pm, join Our Savior's Youth at Pizza Ranch, 1551 Tullamore Street in Mankato. Ten percent of all sales and 100% of any donations go directly to our youth, which will help fund the trip to New Orleans for the LCMS National Youth Gathering. Thank you for your support!

Mission Service will meet this Wednesday, February 19th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Healthcare Kits and trimming stamps. All are welcome.

February Youth Event will be at church February 23rd from 6-8pm. We will make soups for shut ins and have an Armor of God Nerf battle. The youth will be collecting large (sturdy) cardboard and duct tape to create our Armor for our February youth event. Please bring any donations to the youth room. Thanks!

The women of Our Savior are getting together for a retreat! Friday, March 14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., we will gather in the Fireplace Room for an evening of socializing and taste testing! Saturday, March 15, from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. we will hear from Dr. Kristen Einertson about how to bring the traditions of the historic church into our homes. Join us for a time of worship, fellowship, discussion, and, as always, good food. Registration forms are located in the narthex. Sign up today!

Concordia Classical Academy uses God's Word in a Christ-centered education to assist families in training students for Christian lives on earth and for eternity. We here at Our Savior see the fruitful work that they are doing and want to help them succeed. In pursuit of that our church Council has pledged \$20,000 each year for the next three school years to help them form strong Christian children. Please consider contributing towards our goal. The gifts are strictly from individual donations and not a budget item. A designated fund has been established and is ready to accept donations.

Our Savior's gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following memorials:

- \$400 – Sunday School; \$740 – Youth, in memory of Jane Hermanson
- \$692 – Music in memory of Lyle Kettner
- \$235 – Building Fund in memory of Richard K. Anderson

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in February, please contact Marcella Eilders, phone 507-317-4127.

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

For You in Mission Center and Narthex: Orphan Grain Train latest news, One Voice Public Policy: Christian Citizenship, greetings and thanks from Missionary Gloria Sauck, e-News for the ladies, District e-News. February "Pray for Us" Calendar, February 2025 Bible Translator news, Women on a Mission (WOM), and Large Print Winter *Quarterly*.

The LWML Zone Board Meeting will be on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 2pm, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (rural Gibbon), who will be hosting the Spring Rally.

Ladies: 2025 February eNews for You. Go to <https://mnslwml.org/newsletters>.

Lutheran Laymen's League District Convention: Saturday, April 5, 2025.

From the Stewardship Committee: Luke 6:20-21 – “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.” The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness: if you’re poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there’s an emptiness in your heart that used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us not only peace, but also courage to follow the Lord faithfully.

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 we continue our study of 1 Samuel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), and Job on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am). Don’t forget to tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (February 22nd at 10am) as we begin looking at the Smalcald Articles in the Book of Concord. This week, we’ll start with Luther’s preface.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “The True Abundance” is a tale of misunderstanding and forgiveness. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Donald Petrich from St. James Lutheran Church in Holland, MN, who will present a message titled “The Misery and Blessing of a Resurrection” based on 1 Corinthians 15:12-20. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Karaoke For Christian Hymns... You can sing hymns like “Now Thank We All Our God,” “O Lord, Look Down from Heaven Behold,” “Now Rest Beneath Night’s Shadow,” “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done,” “O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe,” and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 50 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke.

Enrollment for students in grades 7 – 12 for 2025-2026 at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop, is open. Early bird discounts apply until March 1st. Principal David Stuckwisch is available for a Meet & Greet by appointment. Call 507-436-5249. www.martinlutherhs.com.

Growing in God’s Grace Convention. The Gifts from the Heart are getting a makeover. What will we do now? Utilize the Amazon Wish List. The List Wish can start being used in February. Select items from an Amazon Wish List of each recipient’s top needs. Use the online link provide. Who are the Recipients? Camp Luther of Nebraska, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska and The Chapel: The University of Nebraska at Lincoln Campus Ministry.

The 2025 Lutheran Witness, MN South Supplement. The February 2025 edition of the Lutheran Witness contains the MN South District news insert. It is also available on the district website.

S.A.G.E.S. quarterly newsletter, Sagacity, for January – March 2025 is available on the district website or in the Narthex. February special edition will have SAGES Gathering information and registration.

The 80th Minnesota South District Convention will be held June 12-14 at Concordia University, St. Paul. ALL members of the Minnesota South District are invited to the Opening Worship Service on Thursday evening, June 12. We will gather around Word and Sacrament and remember those who were Called to Glory in the last triennium.

Go First! Ministry Conference September 26-27, 2025. Redemption Lutheran Church, 927 East Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN.

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MOST Ministries – prayer requests: Mission teams serving in February. Being the 2025 MI District, LCMS Hearts for recipient. Belize Eyeglass (#2504) February, Honduras Eyeglass (#2514), Honduras VBS (#2518) and Mexico Water (#2517)

Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Waffle Feed is postponed to Sunday, February 23rd from 10am to 1pm. A free will donation will be accepted. Proceeds will help fund the Class of 2026 Class Trip. Join us at 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop.
www.martinlutherhs.com.

District: www.mnsdistrict.org **Church:** www.oslcmankato.org,
www.facebook.com/oslcmankato,
www.youtube.com/@oursaviorslutheranchurchma2174; **LWML:** www.lwml.org,
www.mnslwml.org, www.mnslwml.org/newsletters.

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:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

Holy Communion: “It is not our work or speaking but the command and ordinance of Christ that from the beginning of the first communion until the end of the world, make the bread and body and the wine the blood that are daily distributed through our ministry and office” (Luther). As we receive what He has commanded, we also give ear to His ordinance to teach His church to observe all things that He commanded (Matthew 28:20). 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: Paul boldly states that without Christ’s resurrection, “your faith is futile and you are still in your sins” (1 Corinthians 15:17). There would be no point to a life lived in faith. “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead” (1 Corinthians 15:20). This changes everything! Christ’s bodily resurrection means that His cross atoned for our sins and that we, too, will be raised. It means that our lives lived in faith in Christ are never in vain because our Redeemer lives.

Serving today:

- LiturgistRev. Adam M. Matheny
- PreacherRev. John H. Koopman
- OrganistSusan Klute
- Special Music..... Introductory Choir with the Trio –
..... Denise Painter, Lisa Gahler, Barb Anderson
- Elder of the Day [8:00] Gene Mensing; [10:30] Judd Schultz
- Acolytes [8:00] Madelyn Hendley; Charlotte Amborn
..... [10:30] Levi Kitzmann; Charlotte Doering
- Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Kevin Hermanson
- A/V TechJoel Maunula