

Program for the Week of February 23 – March 2, 2025

Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

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

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Bible Study

Wednesday:

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:

9:00 Divine Service – Artwork
Dedication
10:00 Reception
6:00 Open Gym/Game Night

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Joan Timm in loving memory of Richard & Jeffrey.

Book Club meets tonight, Sunday, February 23rd, at 4:30pm in the Fireplace room. We will continue our discussion of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Volume III. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

February Youth Event TONIGHT February 23rd from 6-8pm. We will make soups for shut-ins and have an Armor of God Nerf battle. Please bring safety glasses, if you have them. Nerf guns and darts will be provided.

Quilting meets tomorrow, Monday, February 24th at 9am in the Quilting Room (#124/126, in the library hallway). Join us to sew tops, middles, and backs together and then tie. No experience necessary.

Next Sunday, March 2nd, we will have one 9am Divine Service which will include the dedication of the Sanctuary Artwork. Join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service for a reception.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study gathers March 6, 2025, Thursday at 10:10 for fellowship and Bible Study at 10:25 (note time). Lesson is on pages 20-21 – God's Story for You! Hymn LSB 825 Rise, Shine you People. Note: February Lesson (p. 18 & 19) will be reviewed.

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!

To our church family here at Our Savior's - Jim and I would like to thank you for all the cards, the well wishes, for the beautiful prayer shawl, and to Pastor Matheny and Pastor Koopman for the phone calls and the visit here at home. But most of all, for all the prayers. God has been truly present in Jim's recovery for which we are so thankful. Blessings to all of you. Jim and Bev Clark

Mission Service met on February 19th and put together 37 Healthcare Kits. Twenty will be delivered to the Crisis Center and 17 to Union Street in Saint Peter. Thank you to everyone who came to help and for all the donations we received!

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.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in March, please contact Cindy Hoffrogge, phone 507-340-1942.

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: Luke 6:30-31 - "Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus – and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

Your Voice will be in your mailbox with your March information.

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Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Richest Man in the World" features a gardener who reminds a town what's most important in life. 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 Resurrection Body" based on 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

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. This week's topics include: Critical Theory; The Foundation, Focus & Shape of the Christian Life; Communion with Christ; The Gift of Marriage 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.

For you in Mission Center and the Narthex: News from Synod, District, Local churches, and Newsletters from LCMS.

E-News for the ladies, go to: <https://mnslwml.org/newsletters>,

Thrivent Members: now is the time to direct your Choice Dollars. 2024 Choice Dollars expire on March 31st, 2025.

Today, February 23rd, LWML Board Meeting at 2 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (rural Gibbon), who will be hosting the Spring Rally.

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

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.

LWML Omaha Convention, Growing In Gods Grace, June 26-29, 2025. The regular registration begins March 1 thru April 30. Pick up a Winter Quarterly containing the information for this convention.

Participate from home for 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.

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.

Camp Omega Man Up Men's Retreat. March 14-15, 2025. Register on the camp's website. Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

Philippians Conference: March 22, 2025 at St. John Lutheran Church, 241 Line St. South, Wykoff, MN.

District Events and calendar open to people in the MN South District:

Mental Health Presentations, February 23, 2025, Lakeville

Lutheran Confessions, February 27, 2025, Plato

Man Up Men's Retreat, March 14-15, 2025, Waterville

Spring Women's Retreat, March 14-15, 2025, Mankato

LFL Essays Due, March 15 2025

Thrivent Choice Dollars expires Monday, March 31st. So please direct your Choice Dollars now.

LLL Convention, April 5, 2025, St. Paul

2025 MN State Bible Bowl, April 5, 2025, St. Paul

SAGES Gathering, May 5-6, 2025, Mankato

2025 MN South District Convention, June 12-14, 2025, Gangelhoff Center, Concordia University, St. Paul

LCMS Youth Gathering, July 19-23, 2025, New Orleans, LA

Go First! Ministry Conference, September 26-27, 2025, Bloomington

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: In Holy Communion Christ deals with you personally. He comes to you with the very body and blood with which He purchased your forgiveness. As this gift is personally received, those communing together also give public witness that they are one in 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.

About the Cover: Tombstones bear testimony to the sting that death still inflicts on this world. However, it could not hold Christ in the tomb. His tomb remains empty to this day. He has conquered sin, death, and the devil. At the day of His return and judgment, all shall be bodily raised to stand before the Lord. But we, the church, will be rejoicing over death's defeat and loss of its sting because Christ's forgiveness, life, and salvation is already ours today by faith.

Serving today:

Liturgist	Rev. John H. Koopman
Preacher	Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Organist	Edith Williams
Special Music.....	Vocal Choir
Elder of the Day	[8:00] Matt Rottermond; [10:30] Andrew Bittner
Acolytes	[8:00] Caleb Rottermond; Laina Gangi
.....	[10:30] Jimmy Bittner; Peter Bittner
Assistant Usher.....	[8:00] Gary Rabenhorst
A/V Tech	Zak Tess