

Program for the Week of March 2 – March 9, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Tuesday:

9:00 Circuit Pastors
1:00 Bible Study
5:30 Board of Trustees
6:00 Board of Elders

Wednesday:

1:00 Private Confession
1:30 Ash Wednesday Worship
4:45 Introductory Choir
5:05 Introductory Bell Choir
5:25 Handbell Choir
5:30 Meal

6:05 Brass

6:00 Private Confession
6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship
7:20 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
10:10 Ruth/Lydia Bible Study

Friday:

Saturday:

Next 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

Game Night tonight. Sunday, March 2nd from 6 – 8pm. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to play games. Bring your favorite board games. We have some new gym gear to try out, shuffleboard and pickleball. All ages are invited. Note, 6th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Our Savior's has been showing love for 75 years and we continue to do this. On March 9th there will be a tree in the narthex with random acts of kindness ideas attached. We invite you to take one and show love by doing that act of kindness. This will continue throughout the year so we can show love all year long!

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!

March Youth Event: Curling at the Mankato Curling Club, March 23rd from 12 noon – 3pm. We'll have lunch and a curling lesson and then get to curl. Waivers are required for each participant and are available on the youth bulletin board in the church hallway. Youth in grades 5th – 8th are invited.

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.

Keep your March VOICE handy to reference all of the Church Activities for the month of March.

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. 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 the Narthex: News from Synod, District, Local churches, and Newsletters from LCMS.

Thank you to Pastor Matheny and Pastor Koopman for the prayers and visits. And thanks to everyone for the cards and prayers. We are very grateful for all the love and support. God bless you all – Gary and Elaine Rabenhorst

Thrivent Members: now is the time to direct your Choice Dollars. 2024 Choice Dollars expire on March 31st, 2025. Contact your Thrivent Representative to see how you can direct your available Choice Dollars, or visit: www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice to get started.

From the Stewardship Committee: Luke 9:36 – “And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.” Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives comes into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, “Seek first the kingdom of God ... and all these things will be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

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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, "A Friend in Deed"- The Christian's duty to forgive. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Shawn Etheridge from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fulda, who will present a message titled "One Greater than Moses" based on Hebrews 3:1-6. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Sacred Music For The Season Of Lent... "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "My Song Is Love Unknown," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." Beginning Ash Wednesday, you can listen to sacred music for the season of Lent 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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

LWML Omaha Convention, Growing in God's 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. If going, register early for better choices. Welcome to you. Several are planning to go. You will enjoy every "Mission" moment.

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 has SAGES Gathering information and registration. Topic: Overcoming Life's Sorrows. Date: Monday, May 5 – Tuesday, May 6th. Workshops: "The Journey of an Assistance Dog", "Grief Groups", "Food and Nutrition", "Famous Vets", "Trends in Fraud & Identity Theft", and "Prepare to Care – Creating a Plan". Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing

St. John Lutheran Church of Good Thunder is having their Annual All You Can Eat Pancake Supper on Sunday, March 9. Serving from 4 – 7pm. Menu includes pancakes, sausage patties, applesauce, and beverages. It is a free-will donation, with proceeds going to St. John Benevolence Fund to benefit congregation and community members. (Please use the Sherman Street entrance.)

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

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.

The Region IV Lutheran Elementary Schools Fine Arts and Science Festival will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop on Saturday, March 8th. Students from seven schools are participating. Individual performances begin about 8am. Large group music performances will be held following judging completion. Guests are welcome to join in celebrating the God-given talents of our students in Art, Music, Science, Creative Writing, and Speech. Concessions will be available. The event is free and open to the public.

A Spectacular Science Show will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Tuesday, March 11. Several scientists from South Dakota State University and MLHS Science Teacher Nate Watt will conduct amazing experiments for everyone to enjoy. Presentations are 9 – 10:30am for grades 1-6 and 12 noon – 2pm for grades 7-12. The public is welcome. The event is free. Join us at 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop.

Get your tickets for “Boots & Bling OH! What a Knight! Dinner Auction” at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Saturday, April 5. Doors open at 4:30pm for auction preview and appetizers. A catered dinner of Grilled Boneless Pork Chop w/smoked bacon glaze, Sunrise Cashew Salad, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Almondine, Breadstick and Assorted Cheesecakes will be served at 6pm. The Live Auction will follow. Be ready for a spectacular night of fun with lots of games and win prizes. Tickets are \$40, and should be purchased by March 20th. Go to www.martinlutherhs.com.

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

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Psalms 51:1

Holy Communion: The Transfiguration of our Lord reminds us that there is so much more to life than meets our eyes. The glory of the Lord on the Holy mountain gives testimony to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven. The Lord’s Supper is also a reality which goes far beyond our human reason and physical sight. Herein our glorious King comes to us with the very body and blood with which he purchased our redemption. 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: Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah about His departures; that is, His “exodus” from this world. The original exodus occurred when God freed ancient Israel from bondage in Egypt. It was a foreshadowing of the salvation Christ would bring by rescuing us from captivity to sin, death, and the devil. As the Lord’s transfiguration is the high point of the Epiphany season, our reading today prepares our hearts for the season of Lent, leading us to Christ’s cross and resurrection, where He has set us free forever in Him.

Serving today:

- LiturgistRev. John H. Koopman
- PreacherRev. Adam M. Matheny
- Organist Edith Williams
- Special Music..... Sunday School Children
.....Brittany Koopman, vocal solo
- Elder of the Day Mike Anderson
- AcolytesEndre Anderson, Lars Anderson
- Assistant Usher..... Kurt Anderson
- A/V TechGene Mensing