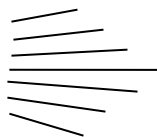




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VOICE



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

APRIL 2025

Lent and Holy Week Services

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays April 2nd and April 9th

1:30pm and 6:30pm

Private Confession in the sanctuary

30 minutes prior to each service

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13th

8:00am & 10:30am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Divine Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, April 17th

1:30pm and 6:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 18th

1:30pm and 6:30pm

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 19th

8:00pm

EASTER CELEBRATION

Divine Service, Sunday, April 20th

8:00am & 10:30am



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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 pastors are available at all hours and all days by calling their 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

“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile
and you are still in your sins.”

- 1 Corinthians 15:17

The resurrection of Jesus Christ stands as the cornerstone of our faith. In 1 Corinthians 15:17, Paul delivers a sobering truth: without the resurrection, our faith crumbles, and we remain trapped in the chains of sin. This verse isn't just a theological statement—it's a lifeline, a reminder of the power and hope we have in Christ's victory over death.

Imagine a world where Jesus stayed in the tomb. If He didn't rise, His death would be just another tragic end, a noble sacrifice with no lasting power. Our sins would still cling to us, unforgiven, unatoned. The cross would be a symbol of defeat, not triumph. Paul's words force us to confront this bleak alternative, only to magnify the glory of what *did* happen: Christ rose. Because He lives, our faith has substance, and our sins are washed away.

This truth calls us to live differently. If Jesus conquered death, then no circumstance, no struggle, no guilt is beyond His reach. The resurrection assures us that we're not just forgiven for the past but empowered for the present and promised a future. It's not a distant doctrine but a daily reality. When doubts creep in or life feels heavy, 1 Corinthians 15:17 pulls us back to the empty tomb—proof that God's love and power are stronger than the grave.

So today, let's cling to this hope. Christ's resurrection isn't a mere historical event; it's the heartbeat of our faith. Because He was raised, we can stand forgiven, fearless, and free. Take a moment to thank Him for that victory—and let it fuel your trust in Him, no matter what you face.

The Royal Banners Forward Go

With this hymn, the chief Good Friday service concludes triumphantly, declaring victory over death. Sometimes we treat Lent, and particularly Good Friday, as if it's a funeral for Jesus. While it is appropriate to behave especially reverently during the Holy Week services, with more silence and time for meditation on the gravity of what God has done for us in Jesus' death, nevertheless we are not burying Jesus, for we live even on Good Friday in the hope of Easter and the Resurrection.

In this 6th century hymn by Fortunatus, we reflect upon the victory Christ won against sin and death from the cross. In the first stanza we sing: *"The royal banners forward go; the cross shows forth redemption's flow, where He, by whom our flesh was made, our ransom in His flesh has paid."* The image is of a procession after a war, with royal banners leading the way, followed by the cross upon which hung the body of Jesus. He who created our flesh, now by His own flesh *"washes us in the precious flood"* of His blood.

Upon that cross, His *"hard arms, so widely flung, the weight of this world's ransom hung, the price of humankind to pay and spoil the spoiler of his prey."* Jesus is the Strongman who breaks into the spoiler's (devil's) treasure room, and with His blood releases us from our bondage to sin and death. Because the cross is the place where Jesus won our freedom, we look upon the cross as a thing of beauty. Instead of an instrument of torture, it is now a *"tree of beauty, tree most fair, ordained those holy limbs to bear."* Gone is the shame of the cross, for each bough proclaims the King of glory now.

For the Christian, the cross and the body of Jesus hanging on the cross, is a sign of victory and the most precious and beautiful image we could ever behold. Of course Jesus is not hanging on the cross anymore, nevertheless, we are with St. Paul and we know and proclaim nothing but Christ and Him crucified. There on the cross is victory! We hold it before our eyes in remembrance of Him who by the cross has triumphed over every force of evil.

By the wood of Jesus' cross joy has come into all the world.
Pastor Koopman

Council Meeting
Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato
February 11, 2025

Members Present: Dan Gahler, Zak Tess, Valerie Elliott, Gary Fladland, Mel Hendrickson, Chris Anderson, Denise Painter, Rhonda Prince, and Pastors Adam Matheny and John Koopman.

Members Absent: Joel Maunula, Judd Schultz, Judy Hendley, and Nancy Benson.

1. President Dan Gahler called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Opening Prayer was lead by Pastor Matheny.
3. Public/congregational Presentation: None.
4. Bible Study: Luke 13 led by Zak Tess. Next month will be Luke 14.
5. Additions/Approval of the Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried.
6. Council Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the January 14, 2025, Council minutes as presented, motion carried.
7. Pastors' Report: Pastor Matheny and Pastor Koopman working together on finalizing preparations for Lent.
8. Treasurers Report: Gary Fladland reviewed the January report. Motion made and seconded to approve the January Treasurer Report as presented, motion carried.
9. Unfinished Business
 - A. Update on upcoming 75th Anniversary of church ideas: President Dan Gahler reported committee met and is working on activities for throughout the year to celebrate the 75th Anniversary and information will be forthcoming in the Voice.
 - B. Update on Congregational Notification ideas from the group: Pastor Matheny reviewed software being used

by another church and how it could be used by Our Savior.

- C. Update on artwork status: Denise Painter and Pastor Matheny reported dedication will be March 2nd with one service at 9:00 am.
- D. Open board positions: President Dan Gahler noted there are open board positions and to continue to think and pray about individuals who would be willing to serve.

10. New Business

- A. Women's Retreat Exemption to Building Use Policy: The women's retreat received an exemption to the building use policy that was approved the Board of Elders and Board of Trustee. Item on the agenda for informational purposes.
- B. Discuss update to our Church Constitution and/or By-Laws: Discussion was tabled until next Council meeting.

11. Board Sharing: Trustees: Interviewing candidate for custodian and boiler pumps motors rebuilt and installed. Endowment: Voice will have information about new adopt -a-seminary student and investments are doing well. Deacons: Brunch will be held after March 2nd service and need volunteers for Sunday morning donuts and coffee and Wednesday night meals. Education: National Youth Gathering fundraiser on February 17th at Pizza Ranch.

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

13. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. Next meeting is March 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Elliott, Secretary
OSLC Council

Council Meeting
Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato
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7. Pastors' Report: Pastor Koopman noted new weekly Bible study on Tuesday afternoons is going well. Pastor Matheny noted art dedication went well and is focused on Lent.
8. Treasurers Report: Gary Fladland reviewed the February report. Motion made and seconded to approve the February Treasurer Report as presented, motion carried.
9. Unfinished Business
 - A. Update on upcoming 75th Anniversary of church ideas: President Dan Gahler reported committee meets every week and is continuing to work on activities to celebrate the 75th Anniversary. He noted the committee is still looking for input and ideas.
 - B. Update on Congregational Notification ideas from the group: No update.

- C. Open board positions: Motion made and seconded to approve Bob Baker as member of the Board of Trustees effective upon his retirement from the church, motion carried.
10. New Business
- A. Discuss budget for 75th Anniversary activities: President Dan Gahler reviewed the proposed budget. Motion made and second to approve funding celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the church up to \$7,500, motion carried.
 - B. Discuss update to our Church Constitution and/or By-Laws: Discussion occur about establishment of committee, will continue discussion at next meeting. Judd Schultz will review information from previous update of church constitution and by-laws.
11. Board Sharing: Trustees: Hired custodian to replace Bob, starts 3/17. Endowment: Waiting on letters from students who received scholarships for Concordia Classical Academy and next meeting is 4/30. Deacons: Replacing kitchen supplies and need volunteers for Wednesday night meals. Elders: No meeting due to weather.
12. Closing Prayer: Closed with the Lord's Prayer.
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. Next meeting is April 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Elliott, Secretary
OSLC Council



Articles for the May 2025 VOICE are due by **Wednesday, April 16th** at 4pm. You may drop-off submissions in the office, or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org.

Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending February 28, 2025

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$34,357.99	\$96,323.25
Operating Expenses	-\$65,062.00	-\$123,305.46
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	-\$910.36	-\$1,803.40
Net for Period[†]	-\$31,614.37	-\$28,785.61

[†]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	\$12,585.43	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$203,794.67	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$11,438.30	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	
Total Cash Assets	\$247,925.52	
Dedicated Accounts	-\$179,546.89	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	-\$1,239.01	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$69,617.64	\$99,272.05 last month

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$199,491.08
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	5.625% (Aug. 2024-Jul 2025)
Pay-off Date (Pay-off Amount)	7/2036 (\$30,556.92)

Additional Comments:

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Fladland, Treasurer



In Memoriam

Phyllis D. Olsen

August 24, 1927 ~ February 20, 2025

Mark D. Nelson

December 14, 1961 ~ March 1, 2025

Ted Mueller

January 21, 1930 ~ March 9, 2025

Elaine Rabenhorst

January 20, 1947 ~ March 18, 2025

Accessions & Losses

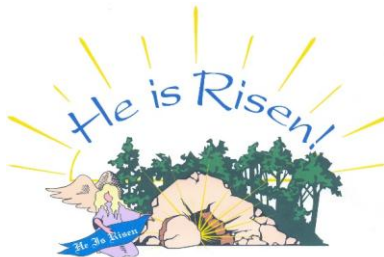
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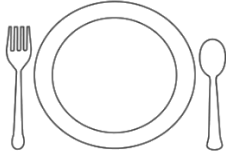
Deborah K. Bracht, Administrative Addition, March 20, 2025

Alesha A. Bracht, Administrative Addition, March 20, 2025

Watch Our Savior's Sunday Worship

Our Savior's Sunday 8am and 10:30am worship is livestreamed. Go to: www.oslcmankato.org and click on the "Livestreaming & Videos" menu item. From there you can go directly to YouTube to watch the service. You can also view the Order of Service, and keep up with church activities in the Bulletin Announcements from our website.





Wednesday Night Meals

During Lent the Wednesday Night Meal will be served at 5:30pm. Come enjoy a good meal and good fellowship before attending the mid-week Lenten Worship. A free-will donation will be accepted.

****Note**** There will be no meal during Holy Week, April 16th. The regular schedule will resume April 23rd, meal at 6pm with a Devotion at 6:45pm. The final meal for the season will be April 30th.

Check the sign-up sheet in the Fireplace room to see how you can help with the Wednesday meals – cooking, serving, cleaning up, providing a dessert, etc, or the Sunday morning coffee time.



Open Gym / Game Night Sunday, April 6th

We will have an open gym and game night the first Sunday of each month from 6 – 8pm. This is for all ages.

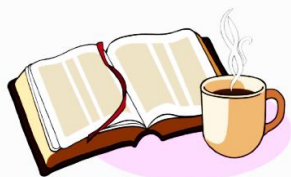
Please bring games (board games/card games) to play. We have some new equipment to try out, pickleball and shuffleboard. Use the back parking lot/door. Please note: this is not a drop off event, children 6th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

YOUTH news

Progressive Dinner April 13th

April Youth Event (Grades 7-12)- We will have a Progressive Dinner Sunday, April 13th- a multi-course dinner with each course served at a different church member's house. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so that our volunteer hosts/chefs can know how many to plan for! We will meet at the church at 6pm and will need a few parent volunteers to drive.

Volunteers wanted for our April Youth Event! Our April Youth Event will be a Progressive Dinner- a multi-course dinner with each course served at a different house. We are looking for volunteers who would like to host our 7th-12th grade youth for a part of a meal the evening of April 13th. If interested or want more details, please contact Michelle Rottermond- 507-317-8338.



Bible Study Circles

~ Lenten Season ~

Come – Learn

**ALL AGES – ALL LADIES and
FRIENDS**

Our Bible Studies are themed studies from the LWML *Quarterly*. A *Quarterly* is furnished for your study. Your copy is in the narthex.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study gathers Thursday, April 3rd at 10:10am for Fellowship with Bible Study at 10:25.

Mary Circle meets Friday, April 25th at 1:30pm in the Fireplace Room. The study, "God's Story for You" is on page 20 of the Winter *Quarterly*. Hostess: Priscilla Fladland, phone 507-207-0225.

The Spring Quarterly is here. Pick up your copy in the Narthex.

Dress up for Church Sunday, April 13th

It was so much fun, let's do it again on Palm Sunday, April 13th!

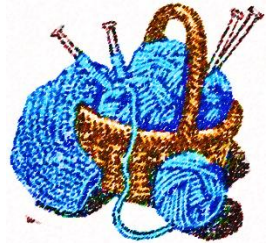


Continuing with our 75th Anniversary theme for 2025, we thought we should plan another dress up day. We had such a good time with it last time – all the men in suits and ties, and the ladies in dresses, hats, and gloves. It made all of those in attendance look great.

Again, Our Savior Lutheran Church was started in 1950 and we are encouraging everyone to dress up like the 1950's. Looking forward to seeing everyone again!

PRAYER SHAWLS

Three prayer shawls were given out this past month. We are getting low on prayer shawls, so if anyone would like to knit or crochet one, it would be appreciated. Contact Marcella, 507-317-4127 with questions, or need of a prayer shawl.



The office is closed on Friday, April 11th and Easter Monday, April 21st.

If you purchased Easter Garden flowers, please pick up after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday, or Tuesday through Friday, April 22 – 25 during regular business hours, 8am – noon and 1pm – 5pm.



QUILTING

Mondays, April 14th and 28th

Quilting meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month, September through May. Join us in the Quilting Room #124/126 from 9am to noon to sew tops, middles, and backs together and then tie. No experience is necessary. Come enjoy good fellowship while we work.

If you would like to donate cotton material or sheets, please bring them to the Mission Center.



BOOK CLUB

Sundays, April 13th and 27th

The Our Savior's book club meets from 4:30-6 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. If interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.



Confirmation Sunday

April 27

10:30am service

We give glory to God for our sister
Charlotte Doering

who has publicly proclaimed her faith in her Baptism, her reliance on God's Word and the Small Catechism, and her intention to hear God's Word and receive His gifts faithfully.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a reception between services to celebrate this milestone with Charlotte and encourage her as she joins us on this holy journey.



*Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol
him with music and song. Psalm 95:2*

April Worship Music Schedule:

April 4: Intro Choir

April 9: Intro Bells

April 13: Vocal Choir

April 18: Vocal Choir

April 20: Vocal Choir and Handbell Group

**April 23 We Are Back to our Regular Schedule for
Wednesday Rehearsals!**

Intro Choir- 4:45-5:15

Intro Bells- 5:15-5:45

Brass- 5:25-5:45

Handbells- 5:45-6:15

Choir- 7:00-7:30

Blessings,

Suzie Gangi

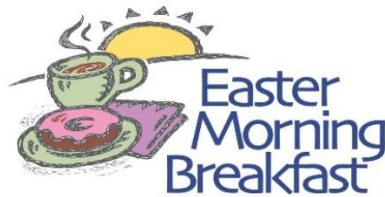
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*O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood did atone,
Redeemed and forgiven we now are His own.*

LSB 480 He's Risen, He's Risen, v.4



Sunday, April 20th, 9 – 10:15am

Join the Youth for breakfast Easter Sunday between services in the Fellowship Hall. They will be serving egg bakes, sausage, fruit, muffins/pastries. A free-will donation will be collected. All proceeds will be used for youth activities, including the National Youth Gathering.



We are planning the 2025 Our Savior Lutheran Church Directory! It's time to update our congregation's photo directory, which we do about every five years, the last one in 2020.

Photo sessions will be Tuesday – Friday, July 8 – 11 from 2pm – 8:30pm, and Saturday, July 12 from 10am – 4pm. We will announce when scheduling is open.

We are asking for volunteers to help plan, document, organize, help with family sign-up for photography sessions, a photographer to take pictures of the Boards, Council, music groups, and other groups who serve in the church, and maybe more opportunities to be determined.

Since we are celebrating our 75th Anniversary this year, photos of our special events may also be included.

Please contact Denise Painter, 507-380-0507, or email denise_painter@hotmail.com. PLEASE consider helping.



Ladies of Our Savior *Lutheran Women in Mission*

~ Ready to Serve ~

Stay connected with LWML Winter Quarterly and WOM E-News from both National and District. www.mnslwml.org and www.lwml.org.

Arlington LWML Zone Spring Rally will be Saturday, April 12, 8:30 am to noon. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 63924 240th Street, Gibbon, MN. Registration opens at 8:30 am (\$5). RSVP for lunch to Trudy Wiechmann 507-327-7082 or Bev Annis 507-340-0273 by April 2, or sign up in the Narthex. Gifts of Love: undies (men, women or children) to be given to the Orphan Grain Train. Guest speakers Darlene Fretham and Doyle Benson. See poster in Mission Center.

LWML 41st Biennial Convention "Growing in God's Grace" in Omaha, Nebraska, June 26-29. There is a 15 page insert in the Winter Quarterly. Registration on-line through April 30th. Late registration May 1st to June 1st. Hotel registrations are separate. The LWML has blocked almost 1500 rooms within one mile of the CHI Health Center and more about 5 miles away. Ways to participate from home: Convention sessions live, Gifts from the Heart, Ingathering online with shipping (page 1 insert) for three recipients.

SAVE or pickup your own copy of the Winter Quarterly for home use while watching the streamed version at home in June or in a group at Our Savior ladies.

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

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 (50+)

LHM Lutheran Hour Ministries

LLL Lutheran Layman's League



S.A.G.E.S.



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

MN South LLL District Convention, Saturday, April 5th, 2025, at Concordia University, 1282 Concordia Ave., St. Paul. Registration opens at 9 am, Convention begins at 9:30 am. The Lutheran Hour Rally begins at 6:30 pm. Register at www.lhm.org/mnso-III The Lutheran Hour Rally Features Rev. Dr. Zeigler, speaker of The Lutheran Hour.

SAGES Gathering XXXV – Overcoming Life's Sorrows, May 5-6, 2025 at Country Inn & Suites, 1900 Premier Drive, Mankato. Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing. Banquet entertainment: Gracenotes Family. Registration sheets are in the narthex. Register now, the deadline is April 15. Check this out! Special registration edition on counter. Registrations are due April 15th.

SAGACITY: S.A.G.E.S. quarterly newsletter, Sagacity is available at the district website: www.mnsdistrict.org. January -March issue includes The Gathering information.

Still a Great Need! Volunteer from each congregation to be a contact for S.A.G.E.S. Is it I Lord? Also needed – a representative for several Circuit vacancies. Volunteer by contacting President James Vehling.

One Voice for Public Policy: Get your copy at www.mnsdistrict.org Public Policy Advocates: Rev. Fred Hinz (fred.hinz@mnsdistrict.org) and Rev. Scot Missling (pastorstpaulcms@gmail.com)

Reminder for LHM Mobile App. Access Lutheran Hour Ministries' Daily Devotions and sermons from The Lutheran Hour, season-themed devotions during Advent and Lent. Inspirational Scripture-based messages at your fingertips every day. Available everywhere you download the app!

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Mission Service

Mission Service will meet Wednesday, April 16th at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects. We are continuing Gospel Bracelets, which can also be a home project. Check with Trudy for mission projects that can be done by groups at other times.



Nearby Basic LERT Training opportunities:

- MN South Basic LERT training on May 10, 2025 in Edina. Sign up: https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=1066238
- LERT Chainsaw Training on May 2, 2025 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Sign up: https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=1047945
- Disaster Relief to the St. Paul Homeless encampments: If interested, please contact Pastor Bjornstad at 507-369-8705



Mites Mission Grants

April Mission Grant focus is #29: St. Paul's Lutheran School in Cullman, Alabama, has been operating for 135 years, and the current school building is 60 years old and needs repair. An LWML Mission Grant of \$50,000 will help cover the cost of replacing windows, updating the heating and cooling technology to regulate temperatures in the classrooms, and replacing emergency doors that no longer lock properly, to keep the school safe. Join us in supporting them. To learn more, visit: www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-29

April 2025 brings us to the Convention when watching and waiting to see if goals are being met for the 2023-2025 biennium. Sounds impossible that the 2023-2025 Mission Goal was \$2,350,000.00. As of December 31, 2024 balance applied to Mission Goal was \$2,344,990.50 with balance applied to Mission Grants was \$2,520,887.09. Blessings flow.

Now NEW – 42 Grants requested for 2025-2027 biennium. Listed on door of Mission Center. Paper on the counter to use numbers to vote and place on clip board. Choose. They will be given to Delegates to use at the Convention. Give God the Glory.

We continue with the District focuses for 2024-2026. New mite boxes are available.

Interestingly Mite offerings are from previous carryover, District, Joyful Response, Round up from Mites, Thrivent Choice, Paypal giving fund, Goodshop, Giving Tuesday 2023, Giving Tuesday 2024, Christmas Appeal, Mite Offering restricted, Mite Offering Unrestricted and Endowment Distributions.



Call for Nominations: National Synod officer, board, and commission positions

The Committee for Convention Nominations of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) requests nominations of qualified members of Synod member congregations for positions to be filled by the Synod convention, which will meet July 18-23, 2026. Officers, agencies, ordained and commissioned ministers, and member congregations of the Synod and their lay members are all invited to submit nominations to be received by August 18, 2025.

Nominees are sought for:

- Secretary of the Synod
- LCMS Board of Directors (at-large and regional)
- LCMS Boards for National and International Mission (regional)
- Commission on Theology and Church Relations
- Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors
- Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors
- Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board of Directors
- LCMS Foundation Board of Trustees
- Concordia University System Board of Directors
- Synod University and Seminary Boards of Regents

Important information, including an explanatory memorandum, a detailed description of the offices to be filled (with present terms and incumbents), and instructions for use of the new online nomination system is available at www.lcms.org/nominate. Any member of a member congregation with a valid email address will be able to establish an account and submit a nomination.



“Perhaps as our culture seems to be increasingly more challenging, it may help to think of hope as the complete opposite of despair. Hope is not optional for the believer. Our hope is secure because, as we all say again, ‘Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!’”

John Stonestreet

A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life ~ www.lutheransforlife.org

Call Day 2025

Call Day 2025 is approaching! Students will receive their first pastoral or diaconal ministry placements and second-year students will receive their vicarage or internship assignments.

St. Louis –

Pastoral & Diaconal Placements: April 30th at 7pm

Vicarage & Internship Assignments: April 30th at 3pm

Livestream www.csl.edu/live, Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ConcordiaSeminary

For more information, visit www.csl.edu/call-day.

Fort Wayne –

Pastoral Placements: April 29th at 6pm

Vicar Placements: April 28th at 6pm

Livestream at www.ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel or

www.facebook.com/ctsfw



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.

Electronic Giving

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 Circuit Pastors 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 5:15 Board of Education 5:30 Board of Trustees 6:00 Board of Elders 6:30 Board of Deacons	2 1:00 Private Confession 1:30 Midweek Lenten Svc 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 Midweek Lenten Svc 7:30 Jr. Conf / Vocal Choir	3 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 10:10 Ruth/Lydia Circle	4	5
6 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 6:00 Open Gym/Game Night	7	8 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 Planning Council	9 1:00 Private Confession 1:30 Midweek Lenten Svc 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 Midweek Lenten Svc 7:30 Jr. Conf / Vocal Choir	10 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12
Palm Sunday 13 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 4:30 Book Club	14 9:00 Quilting	15 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study	16 4:00 Mission Service 4:00 The Voice Deadline NO Confirmation	Maundy Thursday 17 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 1:30 Maundy Thursday Svc 6:30 Maundy Thursday Svc	Good Friday 18 1:30 Good Friday Service 6:30 Good Friday Service	19 9:00 Easter Breakfast/ Garden Set-up 8:00 Easter Vigil
Easter 20 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Easter Breakfast 10:30 Divine Service	21 <i>Office Closed</i>	22 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study	23 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. Conf / Vocal Choir	24 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	25 1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study	26
27 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Confirmation Reception 9:25 Sunday School 10:30 Divine Service – Confirmation 4:30 Book Club	28 9:00 Quilting	29 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study	30 1:30 Endowment Board 4:45 Introductory Choir 5:15 Introductory Bell Choir 5:25 Brass 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Vocal Choir			

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