

Program for the Week of March 16 – March 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:

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday:

1:30 Midweek Lenten Worship
4:00 Mission Service
4:45 Introductory Choir
5:05 Introductory Bell Choir
5:25 Handbell Choir
5:30 Meal

6:05 Brass

6:30 Midweek Lenten Worship
7:20 Jr. Confirmation
7:20 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study
4:00 The Voice Deadline

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

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Our Savior's has been showing love for 75 years and we continue to do this. Check out the 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!

Today is Mite Sunday. The featured grant for March is #30, Showering Love on the Least of These, Mercy Holistic Ministry - \$100,000. Mercy Holistic Ministry (MHM) in Sacramento will increase the frequency of mobile hot shower services and haircuts from 2 to 3 days per week and serve 2,000 more people annually. A mobile clothing trailer will be purchased and operated to give away clean clothing and hygiene kits. God's work will be shared by distributing 10-15 Bibles and prayer books every week.

Mission Service will meet this Wednesday, March 19th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday Night Meal serving opportunities. Volunteers are needed to provide meals for the next weeks. Wednesday dates available: March 19, 26 and April 2, 23, 30. The sign-up sheet is posted on the board in the Fireplace Room. Please consider helping. If you have questions please call Denise Painter at 507-380-0507. Thank you to all who have provided delicious meals throughout the 2024-2025 season so far. OSLC is blessed with so many willing to serve.

OSLC Stephen Ministries: A faith-based study of the book entitled “The Gift of Empathy” will begin on Thursday, March 20 at 6:30pm in the church library. You are invited to attend; this particular study is open to all who may be interested. Please contact Nancy Benson (507.345.1015) with any questions.

Mary Circle Bible Study will meet on Friday, March 21st at 1:30pm in the Fireplace room. Study is from the *Winter Quarterly*, pages 18-19, “God Sees Our Story Therefore Rejoice”. Hostess: Sharon Anderson, phone 507-995-1727.

The Deadline for the April 2025 issue of *The Voice* is Friday, March 21st at 4pm. Please drop of any submissions in the church office or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org. Thank you.

March Youth Event: The Mankato Curling Club is reserved for our March Youth Event March 23rd from 12-3pm. We will have lunch and a curling lesson and then have some time to play. Meet at 600 Hope St, Mankato, MN 56001 at noon. Please bring a clean pair of athletic shoes (carried into the club to keep dirt and salt off the ice), wear warm, loose fitting clothing (the rink temperature is about 40F- we suggest dressing in layers- stretchy or loose fitting pants that allow for freedom of movement and modesty, jeans are not recommended) and gloves, and bring a water bottle if desired. This event is open to youth grades 5- 12 (sorry for previous typo)! Waivers are required for each participant and are available on the youth board in the church hallway.

Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 11:45 we are having a lunch reception for Bob Baker, who is retiring from his custodial position at Our Savior's. Please join us in the Fireplace Room to show our appreciation to Bob for his dedication and hard work for the last 2 years. He has been a blessing to OSLC as he served our congregation's needs!

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

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in March, please contact Cindy Hoffrogge, phone 507-340-1942 or Kathy Whitehead, phone 507-388-4891.

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 house. We are looking for volunteers who would like to host our 7th – 12th grade youth for part of the meal the evening

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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.

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

From the Stewardship Committee: Philippians 3:19 – “Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.” St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously: not to spoil our fun, but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

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), covering chapters 26-30. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), we are beginning a deep dive into the book of Hebrews! Join us as we study chapters 3-6. Tune in for a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service this Wednesday (March 19th at 11am), live from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis!

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, “Adrift” features a child's Christian witness. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Paul Sajban from The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Windom, who will present a message titled “A Prophet-able Life” based on Luke 13:31-35. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Equipping The Priesthood Of All Believers... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Rehabilitating Happiness, Satan's Lies, First-Cousin Marriage, God's Promises in the Torah and more. You can listen on-demand 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.

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.

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

Lutheran Witness: MN South Supplement: The March 2025 Edition of the Lutheran Witness contains the MN South District News insert, including President Woodford's talking point, "Be Who You Are". Pick up a copy in the narthex, or view district website, <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/publications>.

SAGACITY – S.A.G.E.S. quarterly newsletter for January – March 2025 is available in the narthex or on the district website.

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.

Lutheran Hour Ministries MN South LLL, – District Convention: Saturday, April 5, 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.

Arlington LWML Zone Spring Rally will be Saturday, April 12, 2025, 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.

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.

Growing in God's Grace: Register now by using the Winter Quarterly or LWML website for the LWML National Convention. www.lwml.org/convention. Contact Trudy Wiechmann 507-327-7082 or Bev Annis 507-340-0273 to make plans for going to the Convention and staying at the Convention. **Delegates to the National Convention** "Growing in God's Grace", in Omaha, Nebraska, on June 26-29, 2025 will be Miriam Elbert and Rachel Hinz from Immanuel, Gaylord. **VOTE:** The new ballots for Mission Grants have now been completed with 41 choices. These will be posted in Mission Center so you (ladies of Our Savior) can choose the ones you would like our delegates to vote for. The clip board is on the counter for you to vote.

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One Voice for Public Policy – "Reaching Out to Our Communities". New blog available. View on-line at: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy>, or pick up a copy in the narthex.

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

Lutheran Church Extension Fund: Joe Willmann, Interim MN South Lutheran Church Extension Fund Representative. 630-359-8058 or Joe.Willmann@lcef.org

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.

CSP Center for Biblical Studies: Everyone is invited to attend a seminar titled "Isaiah: The Fifth Gospel" on Saturday, March 22 from 9am – 3pm. The seminar will be led by Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, leading expert and author of two commentaries on Isaiah. Offered both in person and online, the cost is \$15. All who register receive a 100-page commentary, corresponding PowerPoint slides, and a recording of the seminar. Register at: www.one.csp.edu/centerforbiblicalstudies.

A Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop, on Sunday, March 16 from 10:30am to 1pm. Cost is free will donation and proceeds will provide Student Tuition Aid to MLHS families.

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

Minnesota State Bible Bowl, Saturday, April 5th. Topic is The Life of David, 1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2 (ESV). Team Competition and Individual Competition at Concordia University, 1282 Concordia Ave, St. Paul. Students in grade 7-12 who attend an LCMS church or school in the MN South or MN North districts are eligible to compete. For more information, contact Rudy Maurer, 507-381-5394, RudyMaurer@aol.com, or www.mnbiblebowl.org. Registration deadline is March 17th!

2025 Minnesota Bach Festival: Join us to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Anna Magdalena Notebooks. These are a set of notebooks given years ago by the great Lutheran composer Johann Sebastian Bach gave his wife. She used them for herself, but also to teach their many children. Children all over the world still play from these notebooks. Saint James Lutheran Church is hosting a series of events in March to celebrate this anniversary. They include a masterclass on Bach's keyboard music (3/22 at 2:00 pm), a Community Birthday Community Concert (3/22 at 3:00 pm), and Bach & Friends Concerts (3/29 at 2:45 pm), and a lecture/demonstration recital on the Anna Magdalena Notebooks (3/29 at 3:30 pm). Children and adults alike will enjoy these events. Bring the whole family. The events will be at Saint James Lutheran Church, 460 Annapolis St. W., West St. Paul, MN 55118. For details, visit the Celebrate the Birthday page at www.bachsocietymn.org or the Music Events page at www.saintjameslutheran.com.

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: Those who take part in the Lord’s Supper actually consume bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:17, 11:27ff). But more than that, they also receive a miracle in bread and wine; for therein Christ placed His true body and true blood (1 Corinthians 10:16). 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: When it feels as though everything around us is crumbling, Jesus offers us the foundation we can stand firm on: Him! He has accomplished what we could not. His cross stands as a testament to His determination and love for us. By dying on the cross and rising again, Christ won for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Therefore, in all trials and temptations, we can stand firm in Christ alone.

Serving today:

Liturgist	Rev. John H. Koopman
Preacher	Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Organist	Barb Anderson
Elder of the Day	[8:00] Tom Benson; [10:30] Judd Schultz
Acolytes	[8:00] Caleb Rottermond; Laina Gangi
.....	[10:30] Endre Anderson; Lars Anderson
Assistant Usher	[8:00] Gary Rabenhorst
A/V Tech	Joel Maunula