

Program for the Week of March 9 – March 16, 2025

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

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
6:30 Council Meeting

Wednesday:

1:30 Midweek Lenten Worship
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
6:30 Board of Deacons

Friday:

6:30 Women's Retreat Social

Saturday:

9:00 Women's Retreat

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Sunday Matins is sponsored by Doris Emich in loving memory of Ron.

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!

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!

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.

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.

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, March 19th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

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

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

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.

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.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Orphan Grain Train collection. Together with members of Our Savior's and others from the community, we sent 29 boxes of clothing, shoes, and sheets, and six large bags of blankets and quilts. Items will be used both in the United States and overseas. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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.

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From the Stewardship Committee: Luke 4:8 – “And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written ...’” Isn’t it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

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 in the book of 1 Samuel on Sharper Iron, covering chapters 21-25 (weekdays at 8am). Tune into Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) as we conclude our study of Job and begin a new study on the book of Hebrews!

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “God of Love” illustrates that we, as Christians, all have responsibilities. It is a cross we bear. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Dennis Brech from Trinity Lutheran Church in Currie, who will present a message titled “Temptations” based on Luke 4:1-13. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Truth, Beauty, Goodness... 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 teachings include: The Book of James & Faith Alone; Biblical Leadership; The Filioque & Eastern Orthodoxy; Do Lutherans Believe in Once Baptized Always Saved? 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.

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, <http://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.

18th Annual CCA Dinner Auction, “For His Purpose”. Get your tickets for Concordia Classical Academy Dinner Fundraiser by March 14th. The Dinner and auction is Saturday, April 4th from 5 – 9pm at May Clinic Health Event Center. Register at www.auctria.events/CCADinnerAuction.

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

LWML Arlington 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. Gifts of Love: undies (men, women or children) to be given to the Orphan Grain Train.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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: “During its administration, the body of Christ is given to you in particular with the bread, and the blood with the wine; while you in particular are told that His body was given for you and His blood was shed for you. This is done so that you do not doubt, but appreciate this sacrifice as your very own, because it is placed into your mouth and made your own, to eat and drink for yourself only” (Luther). At the same time that we individually receive His gift, we testify together that we are united 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: As we begin the season of Lent, there is great joy in knowing that God has not withdrawn His Word from us. It is near – in our mouths and hearts. Even if everything around us gets stripped away, the Word will remain. It remains because it has come from God Himself through the preaching of the Word. The Word of God says Jesus, our Savior, has overcome all trials and temptations, going all the way to the cross, dying, and rising to redeem us to everlasting life.

Serving today:

- Liturgist Rev. Adam M. Matheny
- Preacher Rev. John H. Koopman
- Organist Susan Klute
- Elder of the Day [8:00] Mike Holub; [10:30] Lon Whitehead
- Acolytes [8:00] Madelyn Hendley; Charlotte Amborn
..... [10:30] Levi Kitzmann; Charlotte Doering
- Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Kevin Hermanson
- A/V Tech..... Dale Bergemann