

Program for the Week of April 13 – April 20, 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
6:00 Youth Progressive Meal

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday:

4:00 The Voice Deadline
4:00 Mission Service

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
1:30 Maundy Thursday Worship
6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday:

1:30 Good Friday Worship
6:30 Good Friday Worship

Saturday:

9:00 Easter Breakfast/Garden Setup
8:00 Easter Vigil

Next Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Easter Breakfast
10:30 Divine Service

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

Hot Breakfast this morning served by the 4th – 6th graders. Please come and enjoy!

Youth Progressive Dinner tonight! Meet at church at 6pm and we will travel to different church member's houses for each course of our meal.

Quilting meets Monday, April 14th from 9am to noon in the Quilting room (#124/126). Join us to sew tops, middles, and backs together and then tie. No experience is necessary.

The Deadline for the May 2025 issue of *The Voice* is **Wednesday**, April 16th at 4pm. Please drop of any submissions in the church office or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org. Thank you.

Wednesday Night Meals: There is no meal this week, Wednesday, April 16th. Next week, April 23rd, we resume our regular schedule. Meal at 6pm, devotion at 6:45pm. The final meal for the academic year is April 30th.

Mission Service will meet this Wednesday, April 16th, at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

OSLC Stephen Ministries will be meeting on Wednesday, April 16 in the church library beginning at 6:30pm. You are welcome to join us for our study of The Gift of Empathy. Our reading for discussion will be chapters 3 and 4. Books are available. Please contact Nancy Benson at 507.345.1015.

Easter Breakfast: Join the youth between services next Sunday for Easter Breakfast. Egg bakes, assorted muffins/pastries, fruit, and beverages will be served. A free-will donation will be collected, which will help fund youth activities, including the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer.

Birthday Card Shower!!! Jean Beetsch is turning **95** on Monday, April 14th. Help her celebrate her BIG DAY by sending her some birthday wishes to: 507 West 8th Street, Mankato, MN 56001. – Thank you from Jean's family

Help us celebrate Vern Koehler's 100th birthday on April 15th and Mona Koehler's 95th birthday on April 22nd with a Card Shower. Please send greetings to Vern and Mona at 115 Rogers Street, Apt. 6202, Mankato, MN 56001. Thank You from Vern's family.

Thank you to Our Savior family for remembering me on my birthday.~ Trudy Wiechmann

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in April, please contact Bev Clark, phone 507-380-9492, or Bev Annis, phone 507-278-3093.

April Mission Grant focus is #29 - \$50,000: St. Paul's Lutheran School in Cullman, Alabama. The school building is 60 years old and needs repair. This grant will help cover the cost of replacing windows, updating the heating and cooling technology, and replace emergency doors to keep the school safe. Read more about it at: <https://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-29>.

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. A blessed Holy Week to you! On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am) we continue in 2 Samuel, studying chapters 12-16. Tune into Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) as we begin a new study of the book of Genesis! Join us this Friday (April 18 at 10am) for a Good Friday service in German. The service will be broadcast live from Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Wartburg in Waterloo, Illinois.

Prayer Shawl: If you, or someone you know, may find comfort in a Prayer Shawl, please call Marcella B. Elders, 507-317-4127.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "A Child's Easter Sermon" features a child who shares the joy of Easter with an old shoemaker. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jacob Eichers from Faith Lutheran Church in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, who will present a message titled "Emptying Himself" based on Philippians 2:5-11. 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: Did Jesus Commune Judas? Secular Violence in Modern History, The Importance of Church Architecture, Anti-Semitism, The Hymn "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle," 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.

S.A.G.E.S. is collecting cards: Cheer, Thinking of You, Comfort, and Notecards. A box will be in Mission center for cards that are in your card stack that you haven't used or will not be used. Please bring them in by April 30th. Thank you.

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.

Your copies of the Spring (April – May – June) Quarterly and (District News) WOM are in the Narthex for you to take today.

Lutheran Witness: MN South Supplement: The April 2025 Edition of the Lutheran Witness contains the MN South District News insert. Pick up a copy in the narthex, or view district website, <https://www.mndistrict.org/publications>.

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

SAGACITY – S.A.G.E.S. Quarterly newsletter for April – June is available in the narthex or on the district website. Pick up your copy now.

E-News for the ladies, go to: <https://mnslwml.org/newsletters> (this is the Minnesota South site), or <https://lwml.org> (this is the national site.)

One Voice for Public Policy – "The Continuing Assault on the Constitution and Parental Rights in Education". View online at: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy> or pick up a copy in the narthex.

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.

ALL Our Savior Members may VOTE: The new ballots for Mission Grants have now been completed with **42** choices. These are posted in Mission Center by the door 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 and votes will be given to the delegates. Any ladies interested in attending please call contacts this week.

FLASH!! FLASH!! Don't miss this – relax – learn from Jeremiah. **SAGES=** Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving. **SAGES Gathering XXXV – Overcoming Life's Sorrow**, May 5-6, 2025 at Country Inn & Suites, 1900 Premier Drive, Mankato. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing. Banquet entertainment: Gracenotes Family. Registration sheets are in the narthex. Register now, the deadline is April 14. Check this out! Men – women – single – married, all older adults you know (50 and up)!! Workshops and their titles and information are in the Sagacity. COME. Are you a SAGE? Learned and ready to share God's word of comfort. **This is the last week to register.** Forms are in the Narthex or online. Pick your workshops...great entertainment.

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

Peace Lutheran's annual Women's Luncheon. Saturday, May 17, 2025. Will be held at 514 Freedom Dr., Arlington. Cost is 25\$ per person. www.peacearlington.org

Kinship Radio 2025 Women's Conference at Hosanna Lutheran Church will be on May 3rd. Tickets go on sale Monday, April 7th www.kinshipradio.org.

The Center for Apologetics and Worldviews. New Apologetics & Worldview Conference, June 18-19, 2025. Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN. The conference is free, but register at: www.Apologeticscenter.org

Basic LERT Training: LCMS Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training equips you to serve with confidence and care so you're ready when disaster strikes. Training will be Saturday, May 10th from 9am – 2pm at Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina. Cost is \$20 per person (age 14 and up). For more information or to register, go to: www.bit.ly/EdinaLERT . Questions? Contact Rev. Kristian Bjornstad, 507-369-8705.

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:

And if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
1 Corinthians 15:17

Holy Communion: On the Sunday before His death (Palm Sunday), Jesus is hailed as King and Lord; and palm branches carpet the path of His humble entrance into Jerusalem. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus still enters our lives with humble means; and He is still Lord and King. It is not too great a thing for Him to be present with His flesh and blood for our forgiveness! 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: While the crowds, with palm branches in their hands, praised Jesus, the chief priests planned to deliver Jesus into the hands of sinful men. Christ would soon have nails in His hands upon the cross. However, in all of this, the hand of the Lord was at work to bring redemption to His people. Christ, with His nail-pierced hands, has brought us salvation through the forgiveness of our sins.

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] Gaylen Lenz; [10:30] Judd Schultz
Acolytes [8:00] Elijah Matheny; Henry Matheny
..... [10:30] Jimmy Bittner; Peter Bittner
Assistant Usher [8:00] Kurt Anderson
A/V Tech Dale Bergemann