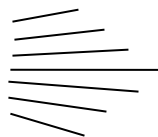




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The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church  
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001

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**MAY 2025**

## National Youth Gathering Fundraiser

We would like to send out a huge thank you to everyone that came to Pizza Ranch and supported us on that cold day in February. We made \$305.04 from the sales percentage and \$361.37 in donations.

### Next Fundraiser

When: May 12th 4:30pm – 8:00pm

Where: Pizza Ranch – 1551

Tullamore St. Mankato



Join Our Savior's Youth for some pizza and fun! We are raising funds for the National Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans. 10% of all sales and any donations will go directly to our youth. If you have any questions contact Rhonda Prince 507-521-0690.

Thanks for your support!

## **Contact Info:**

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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

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!”  
- Psalm 100:4

As God’s people, this verse invites us into the presence of God with hearts overflowing with gratitude, not because of our own merits, but because of His boundless grace in Christ Jesus. We know that we are sinful and cannot approach God’s holy presence by our own righteousness. Yet, Psalm 100:4 calls us to enter His gates boldly. How? Through the gate of Christ, our Savior, who has opened the way to the Father by His atoning sacrifice. The “gates” and “courts” symbolize God’s divine presence, where we, justified by faith, are welcomed to worship. This is no mere suggestion but a command rooted in the Gospel—God desires our praise, not as a work to earn favor, but as a response to His unmerited love.

Thanksgiving and praise, as Luther taught, flow from faith in the Word. When we confess our sins and receive absolution, when we hear the Gospel preached, or when we partake of the Lord’s Supper, we stand in God’s courts. These are not our works but His gifts, stirring us to bless His name. True worship is faith receiving God’s promises. Thus, our thanksgiving is not self-generated but the Spirit’s work in us, responding to Christ’s redemption. In a world of fleeting joys, Psalm 100:4 reorients us to the eternal. We give thanks because God’s mercy endures forever (Psalm 100:5). Let us, then, enter worship—whether in church or daily life—with hearts confessing Christ, praising His name, and trusting His grace alone.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for welcoming us into Your presence through Jesus. Grant us grateful hearts to praise Your holy name. Amen.

**Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

*“Alleluia! Now we cry to our King immortal, who, triumphant,  
burst the bars of the tomb’s dark portal.”*

The 8th century hymn, *Come, You Faithful*, by John of Damascus, has been sung during the Easter season for well over a thousand years, and for good reason! In the first stanza of this hymn the image of God rescuing His people from bondage in Egypt through the Red Sea is set before our eyes, and then the remaining stanzas connect the Red Sea deliverance to Christ’s Resurrection and our deliverance from sin and death. Given our recently commissioned artwork placed on the walls, it seems appropriate to meditate on how the deliverance at the Red Sea connects to Easter.

The Israelites were in bondage and slavery to the Egyptians, and were freed from their bondage during the Passover, when God killed the firstborn sons of the Egyptians and passed over the Israelite households who had slaughtered a spotless male lamb. Christ is our Passover Lamb, the spotless Lamb of God, the first-born beloved Son of the Father, whose blood was shed so that eternal death may pass over us.

The Israelites were led into the wilderness, and the Lord divided the waters of the Red Sea so that the Israelites could pass through the waters, while the Egyptians were drowned behind them. We Christians are rescued from sin and death when we pass through the waters of baptism, and our old sinful nature is drowned behind us. We are like the Israelites, crossing through the Red Sea, the enemy is chasing us, the Lord is conquering our foes, and freedom is on the other side of the water.

The Lord leads us throughout our wanderings in this desert on earth from death to life. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is therefore a deliverance as bright as the sunrise, and gladdens our wearied hearts. He gives peace to the troubled heart when we see that the tomb could not hold Him in! The prisonhouse of death has been rent asunder by our immortal King, so that just as death cannot hold Him, neither can it hold us! God has brought His Israel into Joy from sadness!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Pastor Koopman

**Council Meeting**  
**Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato**  
**April 8, 2025**

Members Present: Dan Gahler, Zak Tess, Valerie Elliott, Gary Fladland, Rob Hobbs, Chris Anderson, Denise Painter, Judd Schultz, Judy Hendley, Nancy Benson, and Pastors Adam Matheny and John Koopman.

Members Absent: Joel Maunula

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 15 led by Zak Tess. Next month will be Luke 16.
5. Additions/Approval of the Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended to item 10c Purchase of Carpet Cleaner, motion carried.
6. Council Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the March 11, 2025, Council minutes as presented, motion carried.
7. Pastors' Report: Pastors Matheny and Koopman noted they are ready for Holy Week.
8. Treasurers Report: Gary Fladland reviewed the March report. Motion made and seconded to approve the March 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 other week and is continuing to work on activities to celebrate the 75th Anniversary.
  - B. Update on Congregational Notification ideas from the group: No update.
  - C. 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.

- D. Update to Church Constitution and/or By-laws: Judd Schultz reported he is reviewing information from previous update to Constitutions and/or By-Laws and will provide an update at the next meeting.
10. New Business
- A. Date for May Voters' Meeting: Motion made and seconded to approve June 1, 2025 as the date of the May Voters' Meeting due to scheduling conflicts.
  - B. Discuss the Church record retention policy: President Dan Gahler and Treasurer Gary Fladland will review the Synod Treasurer's Guide.
  - C. Purchase of Carpet Cleaner: Chris Anderson informed the Council of their plan to purchase a carpet cleaner to replace the current one. The Council had no concerns with the purchase.
11. Board Sharing: Trustees: Transition complete from Bob to Doug. Centerpoint Energy installed a new gas meter and replaced the gas line under the parking lot on the north side. Endowment: Regular quarterly meeting at the end of the month and will discuss possible contribution to Concordia Classical Academy, this will require Council and Congregation approval. Deacons: On Palm Sunday 4th-6th graders will be serving breakfast and on Easter youth will be serving breakfast during coffee time, 4/27 will be confirmation reception and 5/19 is the blood drive. Elders: One service for summer, 6/1-9/7 with Matins before service.
12. Closing Prayer: Closed with the Lord's Prayer.
13. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm. Next meeting is May 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie Elliott, Secretary  
OSLC Council

## Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending March 31, 2025

### Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$55,678.10	\$152,001.35
Operating Expenses	(\$48,382.66)	(\$171,688.12)
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	(\$910.88)	(\$2714.28)
<b>Net for Period<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>\$6,384.56</b>	<b>(\$22,401.05)</b>

<sup>†</sup>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	\$41,934.43	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$174,264.61	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$17,513.33	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<b>\$253,819.49</b>	
Dedicated Accounts	(\$181,208.25)	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	(\$952.98)	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
<b>Available Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$71,658.26</b>	

### Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

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Current Balance	198,580.20
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	5.625% (Aug. 2024-Jul 2025)
Pay-off Date (Pay-off Amount)	7/2036 (\$26,754.08)

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Fladland, Treasurer



# In Memoriam

**Jason Allan Westerlund**

June 3, 1971 ~ April 11, 2025

**Vera Leona Brack**

May 6, 1924 ~ April 15, 2025

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## Accessions & Losses

There are no accessions or losses to report this month.

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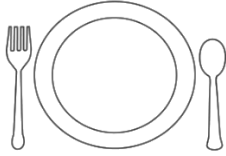
Articles for the June 2025 VOICE are due by Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. You may drop-off submissions in the office, or e-mail to: [contact@oslcmandato.org](mailto:contact@oslcmandato.org).

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## Watch Our Savior's Sunday Worship

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





## Wednesday Night Meals

Another success year of meals and fellowship has wrapped up. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Wednesday Night Meals. Thank you, especially, to the Board of Deacons who coordinated all the meals, everyone who cooked, baked, served, set up and cleaned up, and came to enjoy the meal and fellowship. All the meals were delicious and provided a wonderful time of fellowship and devotions. Thank you to Pastor Matheny and Pastor Koopman for leading us in devotion each week.

Thank you to all who served our coffee and rolls throughout the year. This is a much appreciation Sunday morning tradition. We will continue serving coffee and rolls over the summer. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board in the Fireplace room where you can help. The Board of Deacons appreciates all who serve.

Look for the Wednesday Night Meals to resume in the fall!



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### **Open Gym / Game Night Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

We will have an open gym and game night the first Sunday of

each month from 6 – 8pm. This is for all ages.

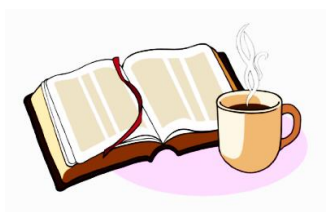
Please bring games (board games/card games) to play. Use the back parking lot/door. Please note: this is not a drop off event, children 6th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

# YOUTH news

## May Youth Event – Artifact – May 18<sup>th</sup> – 4 – 6pm.

Join us for pottery painting at Artifact. Artifact has over 200 items to choose from, including animals, pet bowls, household items, and dinnerware. You paint it and they fire it. Please let Michelle know ASAP if you can make it. Call or text her at 507-317-8338.

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## Bible Study Circles

~ Easter Season ~

Welcoming all to join our theme Bible Studies at our two Circles. The Ruth/Lydia Circle and Mary Circle.

Study Guide is the LWML *Quarterly*, which is furnished for you. Pick up your copy in the narthex.

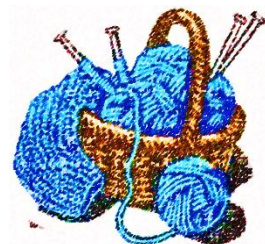
**Ruth/Lydia Bible Study** gathers Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:10am for Fellowship. Bible Study begins promptly at 10:25 – 11:35. Our study is “Confessing what we believe” on pages 14 and 15 of the Spring *Quarterly*.

**Watch the bulletin** for Mary Circle date and time.

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## PRAYER SHAWLS

No prayer shawls were given out this month. Thank you to those making beautiful shawls. They are so appreciated by those who receive them. To help, questions, or a need, contact Marcella, 507-317-4127.





## QUILTING

**Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Quilting wraps up its season on May 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

We will take a break over the summer and resume our work days September 8<sup>th</sup>, working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays.

We will still be accepting cotton material and sheets. If you would like to donate, please drop them off in the Mission Center.

If you have any questions please contact Karen Fischer at 507-257-3990.

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## Church Meeting



## Voters' Meeting

We will have a regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30am in the Sanctuary.

All Confirmed members, age 18 and older, are encouraged to come and participate as we take care of the business of the congregation.



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## BOOK CLUB

**Sundays, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

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.



***“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High” Psalm 92:1***

**Special Music Schedule for May:**

May 11: Handbells

May 25: Intro Bells

**Thank You!** A big thanks to everyone who participated in music this year! We had some wonderful additions to our worship services. Looking forward to more in the fall!

**Summer Special Music-** As our groups take a break for the summer, we're looking for volunteers to sing or play during the summer. If you have any interest in providing special music, please contact Suzie Gangi.

Blessings,

Suzie Gangi

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**SING**  
**UNTO THE LORD!**



Our Savior's is hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from noon – 5pm. Schedule your donation now on the Blood Donor app or at

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter OSLCMankato, or contact the church office, 507-385-2180.

All donations from May 19<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup> will receive a Red Cross Solar Lantern, plus be automatically entered to win an American Adventure trip of your choice for you and a guest.

Give blood and save a life! Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

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Our Savior's is updating our photo directory. It won't be complete without you!

Photo sessions will be Tuesday – Friday, July 8 – 11 from 2pm – 8:30pm, and Saturday, July 12 from 10am – 4pm.

Sign up now to reserve your spot. Go to: [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Church code: mn552, password: photos. Or call the church office, 507-385-2180.

Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

For any questions, please contact Denise Painter, 507-380-0507, or email [denise\\_painter@hotmail.com](mailto:denise_painter@hotmail.com).



**80th Convention  
Minnesota South District, LCMS**  
June 12-14, 2025

The 80<sup>th</sup> Minnesota South District Convention will be held June 12-14 at Gangelhoff Center at Concordia University.

All members of the Minnesota South District are invited to attend the opening worship service on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

The convention mission offering will go towards the Educator Faithful Formation Fund. Proceeds from this fund will be used to assist non-rostered educators in our Lutheran Schools in receiving appropriate Lutheran-centered training that will put them in a position to pursue colloquy and enter the commissioned minister roster of the LCMS.

**In support of this fund, we will receive a door offering on May 11<sup>th</sup>.** The offering will be taken to the District Convention by our delegates, Rev. Adam Matheny and Mel Hendrickson.

**Join the Festival Choir!** Choral singers are invited to sing in the special Festival Choir for the opening services. Choral singers should attend at least two rehearsals. For more details, go to: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/2025-convention#festival-choir>



## Ladies of Our Savior *Lutheran Women in Mission*

~ Ready to Serve ~

Stay connected with LWML Quarterly and WOM E-News from both National and District. [www.mnslwml.org](http://www.mnslwml.org), and [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).



**LWML 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention** in Omaha, Nebraska, June 26-29. Keep the Winter *Quarterly* for all the information on the Convention “Growing in God’s Grace.” Next month we will set up viewing for the entire convention. All will be live streamed. Wonderful news for all of us to be able to attend, even from our own home. God blesses every day.

**District:** [www.mnsdistrict.org](http://www.mnsdistrict.org) **Church:** [www.oslcmankato.org](http://www.oslcmankato.org), [www.facebook.com/oslcmankato](https://www.facebook.com/oslcmankato), [www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) **LWML:** [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org), [www.mnslwml.org](http://www.mnslwml.org)

Be sure to see the bulletin for weekly activities.

# 75

YEARS  
1950-2025



First Confirmation Class - Our Saviors 1950-1951

L. to R. Dale Tate, Jon Wilaby, Pastor Fehner,  
David Hantelman, Robert O'Brien

L. to R. Lois Anderson, Carole Schmidt,  
Carol Stankey, Marion Thom

Palm Sunday, March 18, 1951, eight; young; future communicant members were confirmed in the faith at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota.

Marion (Thom) Brunz, who is still presently a member of Our Savior's, has shared that their



instruction was held in a room just inside the main entrance of the streetcar barn turned sanctuary. She also shared that the day of their confirmation, Mankato was experiencing a blizzard. Because of the blizzard only some of her relatives were able to share in the plans for the day.

Another '51 member of the class is Carole (Schmidt) Esterberg, sister of Diane Schmidt who is a member of Our Savior's. Carole, who lives in Maple Grove, MN, is a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Plymouth MN. She has also shared the blizzard saga. Living on the farm her father had to make sure all the animals were taken care of and secure from the storm. With that and then finding their way into town, she was late for her confirmation service. Then to top it off they were unable to make it back home. They spent the rest of the day and night at her grandmother's, whose house was halfway between church and home.

*Another tidbit:* While Carole was the first class confirmed in the streetcar sanctuary, her sister, Diane, was the first class confirmed in our current sanctuary, April 7, 1963.

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!”

Psalm 107:1 (ESV)

# 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)

**Sagacity News** April-May-June issue is available in the narthex and online. The January-March issue included the Gathering information, which is happening now on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Is it I, Lord?** The Older Adult Ministry S.A.G.E.S. of Minnesota South District is in need of volunteers from each congregation in Minnesota South District (note: most fun for a couple is our experience.) Volunteers for Circuit vacancies. Volunteer by contacting President James Vehling

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

**Do you have any cheer, comfort cards** you are not using? Trudy could still use more for S.A.G.E.S. If you would like to donate any, please drop of in the Mission Center.

[www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) ● [www.mnsdistrict.org/sages](http://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages)



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## Electronic Giving

Our Savior's is pleased to offer the following E-giving options to have your church offering automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. All options offer easy, convenient one-time or recurring gifts.

- **Joyful Response® Electronic Offering Program**  
Complete the form available on our web-site and attach a voided check or savings deposit slip and turn in to the church office.
- **Give+ Online** Go to the church web-site, [www.oslcmankato.org](http://www.oslcmankato.org), on the home page click on the "Contribute Online" button. Scan the QR code to go directly to our giving page.
- **Give+ Mobile** Download "GivePlus Church" at the App Store or Google Play Store on your smart phone or tablet to get started.



# Mission Service

Mission Service will meet Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



Mission Service met April 16<sup>th</sup> and trimmed stamps for Wycliffe Ministries.

## 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](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](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



M I S S I O N O P P O R T U N I T I E S S H O R T E R M  
M O S T M I N I S T R I E S

See the Amazon wish list for Most Ministries in the Mission Center. These items will help someone in Guatemala, Belize, South Africa, or somewhere else! Website: [www.mostministries.org](http://www.mostministries.org).



## Mites Mission Grants

The 2023-2025 MISSION GOAL is REACHED!

May Mission Grant focus is #31: Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit – Camp Restore Detroit, MI - \$58,988. Detroit, MI is home to 632,500 people. Sixty percent of the children in Detroit live in poverty, which means parents are often out of the house trying to make ends meet, school time is spent focused on basic needs. Educational, emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical well-being of the children suffers. The goal of this grant is to work in partnership with the families and community leaders to break the cycle of poverty by providing a Christ-centered atmosphere full of God's love and grace where families can learn and grow. Through education and God's love the cycle of generational poverty can be broken. For more information go to: <https://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-31>

**Forty-two** Grants requested for 2025-2027 biennium are listed on the door of the Mission Center. Paper available on the counter to use numbers to vote and place on clip board. Choose. They will be given to the Delegates to use at the Convention.

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

Give God the Glory! Thanks and Praise!



**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.

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## Chancel Flowers

Do you have a special occasion that you want to remember by placing flowers in the chancel? Sign up today to assure that you get the date you want. The yearly sign-up calendar is located on the wall in the narthex to the north of the entry.



As Christians, we know that God's commitment to upholding life started long ago – before photos – before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother's womb, God's work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal Life.

Michelle Bauman, Y4Life

*A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life ~ [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

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## **Camp Omega Work Day Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am**

Join others in Christian fellowship while preparing Camp Omega for the arrival of over 1,600 children and adults for Camp Omega's summer ministry programming.

Entire families are welcome to join in a fulfilling day of service, fun, and recreation. Arrive any time after 7:30am and depart anytime before 9pm. Breakfast, lunch, supper and evening campfire devotions are provided.

Camp Omega summer counselors will lead the youth and children in age-appropriate service projects and recreational activities. Join us for any part of the day as your schedule allows. This is a free event. Pre-registration is requested.

For more information or to register, go to:

<https://campomega.org/event/annual-work-day/>

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*May 2025*



# Our Savior Lutheran Church

## Mankato, Minnesota

# May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 10:10 Ruth/Lydia Circle	<b>2</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  11:00 Westerlund Visitation 1:00 Westerlund Funeral	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 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	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 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	<b>7</b> 4:45 Introductory Bell Choir 5:45 Handbell Choir	<b>8</b> 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 4:30 Book Club	<b>12</b> 9:00 Quilting 4:30 – 8:00 NYG Pizza Ranch Fundraiser	<b>13</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 Planning Council	<b>14</b> 4:45 Introductory Bell Choir	<b>15</b> 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Stephen Ministers	<b>16</b> 4:00 The Voice Deadline	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Mite Sunday 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 4:00 Youth Activity - Artifact	<b>19</b> 12:00 Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>20</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study	<b>21</b> 4:00 Mission Service 4:45 Introductory Bell Choir	<b>22</b> 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 4:30 Book Club	<b>26</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>27</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## Staff

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## Congregational Officers and Elected Board Members

<b>President</b> Dan Gahler 507-995-3634	<b>Vice President</b> Zak Tess 920-265-8436	<b>Secretary</b> Valerie Elliott 785-202-0166	<b>Treasurer</b> Gary Fladland 507-469-2086	<b>Financial Secretary</b> Vacant				
<b>Council Members at Large</b>		<b>Board of Elders</b>	<b>Board of Trustees</b>	<b>Board of Education</b>				
Judy Hendley	507-317-7060	Judd Schultz-Chair	507-317-9932	Kurt Anderson	507-381-9537	Samantha Tess - Chair	507-217-0354	
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Nancy Benson	507-345-1015	Lon Whitehead	507-388-4891	Steve Dumke	507-388-1297	Rhonda Prince	507-521-0690	
Vacant		Randy Burmeister	507-720-6985	Chris Anderson	507-382-9450	Bev Annis	507-278-3093	
<b>Board of Endowment Fund</b>		Tom Benson	507-345-1015	Kirk Yungerberg	507-327-5537	Mary Bittner	507-469-8052	
Gretchen Zellmer	507-387-6939	Mike Anderson	507-401-1282	Bob Baker	507-327-2922	Darcy Chapman	507-382-5577	
Garvin Eichhorst - Treasurer	507-388-9227	Gaylen Lenz	507-317-4269	<b>Board of Deacons</b>				
Rob Hobbs-Chair	507-243-3232	Gene Mensing	507-387-4908	Carrie Anderson-Secretary				507-469-8619
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