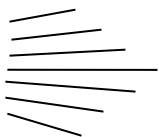




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VOICE



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

JULY 2025



There is a cookout at the Matheny's house
and you're invited!

On Wednesday, July 9th (if it rains that day we will push it
back to the 16th) Our Savior will have a cookout at
27 Westminster Road in Mankato.

The Matheny's will provide the meat and everyone else can
bring a side, salad, or desert to share.

Feel free to arrive beginning at 5:30 and we will pray and
begin the meal at 6:00. We look forward to an evening of
fellowship with you!

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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

You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth;
you have made summer and winter.

-Psalm 74:17

This verse reminds us of God's sovereign hand over creation. We are reminded of God's omnipotence and providential care, even amidst a world marred by sin. The Psalmist appeals to God's authority as Creator to plead for restoration. This verse points us to the One who orders all things, offering comfort and hope.

We believe that God created the heavens and the earth by His Word alone. Psalm 74:17 affirms this, declaring that God has "set all the boundaries of the earth." Every mountain, valley, and ocean exists by His design, fixed in its place by His command. He established the rhythms of summer and winter, the cycles of seasons that sustain life. This is no impersonal force but the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who upholds all things.

Yet, in a fallen world, we see chaos—natural disasters, societal decay, or personal trials. The Psalmist's cry reflects our own when we face brokenness. But this verse reorients us: God's control remains. The same God who set the earth's boundaries holds our lives in His hands. His Law convicts us of our sin, but His Gospel assures us that Christ, who stilled the storm, has overcome the chaos of sin and death through His cross and resurrection.

Luther reminds us in the Large Catechism that God's creative power sustains us daily. As we trust His providence, we find peace, knowing He governs both summer's warmth and winter's chill. Let us pray: Almighty God, You order all creation. Grant us faith to trust Your care, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

“To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold speak tongues of fire and make us bold to shine Your Word of saving grace into each dark and loveless place.” LSB 585:3

Both Pastor Matheny and myself were ordained during the month of July in the year of our Lord two-thousand-sixteen. Each year I like to reflect and take stock of myself and the ministry into which Christ has placed me. Looking back on the past nine years it's easy to see how dramatically things have changed, not just in my own life, but in the church at large. I can look back and see where I made mistakes or didn't understand something properly at the time, I can see where things have gone well and may have improved. Upon reflection I can try to make adjustments going forward.

In the church on earth, however, it's rare that I see the fruits of my labors. When I grow plants in my garden, I get to enjoy the fruits of my labor just weeks later when I eat broccoli or cherry tomatoes. But that's not the case in the church. In fact, I'm usually seeing the opposite. I've buried far more people than I've baptized. The church on earth looks smaller than it did nine years ago. For that reason, it's tempting for my hope to grow dim and my heart to turn cold and my tongue to be timid. I suspect this is true for many of us.

Yet this fantastic hymn written by the Lutheran reformer Nicolaus Selnecker in the 16th century is a prayer for faithfulness and boldness in an age when it's easy to give up. The first stanza is a quotation from the disciples on the Emmaus Road on Easter Sunday, when before they knew the Lord had risen from the dead, they desired the Lord to abide with them at the close of the day. When all things seemed to be lost and they didn't know how they were going to make it through the coming days and years, they sought to abide with Jesus.

Dear Christians: I know the world is dark and the future unknown. I know you are growing tired, your hope is waning, and perhaps your hearts are bitter. Maybe you think we should quit the whole unpopular Bible thing and just join the world. Let it not be so! The Holy Spirit has been poured out into your hearts! The Lord Jesus Christ has conquered sin, death, and the devil! The Word of God is your light on the eve of this world. May the Lord make us steadfast, bold, and strong in the word of the Lord. For the Lord Jesus Christ will abide with us and by His grace we shall endure.

Council Meeting
Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato
May 13, 2025

Members Present: Judd Schultz, Valerie Elliott, Gary Fladland, Rob Hobbs, Chris Anderson, Joel Maunula, Carrie Anderson, and Pastor John Koopman.

Members Absent: Dan Gahler, Zak Tess, Judy Hendley, Nancy Benson, and Pastor Adam Matheny.

1. Chairman of the Board of Elders Judd Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
2. Opening Prayer was lead by Pastor Koopman.
3. Public/congregational Presentation: None.
4. Bible Study: Luke 16 led by Pastor Koopman. Next month will be Luke 17.
5. Additions/Approval of the Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended to add item 9e Concordia Classical Academy 24-25 School Year Commitment, motion carried.
6. Council Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the April 8, 2025, Council minutes as presented, motion carried.
7. Pastor's Report: Pastor Koopman noted Lent and Easter went well, service changes to one service at 9:00 am on June 1st until September 7th, and there have been many funerals as of late.
8. Treasurers Report: Gary Fladland reviewed the April report, noting increase in giving for April. Motion made and seconded to approve the April Treasurer Report as presented, motion carried.
9. Unfinished Business
 - A. Update on upcoming 75th Anniversary of church ideas: Pastor Koopman reported committee has ordered mugs, we will participate in the North Mankato parade and September 7th there will be a celebration after service.

- B. Update on Congregational Notification ideas from the group: No update.
 - C. Open board positions: Judd Schultz 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 working on formation of committee and is organizing previous information to be present to the committee.
 - E. Concordia Classical Academy 24-25 School Year
Commitment: Approximately, \$9,000 has been given toward the \$20,000 commitment for the 24-25 School Year. A motion made and seconded to recommend to the congregation the remaining balance for the Concordia Classical Academy 24-25 School Year \$20,000 commitment at the end of June be paid one-third from the general fund, one-third from undesignated memorials and one-third from the Endowment fund, motion carried.
10. New Business: There was no new business.
11. Board Sharing: Trustees: Narthex air conditioner needs repairs, getting quotes and broilers should last through the next winter. Endowment: No change in investment strategy and scholarship application information will be in the bulletin and newsletter. Deacons: Finished with Wednesday night meals, volunteers need for Sunday morning donuts and coffee; blood drive on 5/19; and church picnic hosted by Elder on 6/15. Elders: Discussions about different aspects of service.
12. Closing Prayer: Closed with the Lord's Prayer.
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm. Next meeting is June 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Elliott, Secretary
OSLC Council

Council Meeting
Minutes of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mankato
June 10, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Dan Gahler, Judd Schultz, Robb Hobbs, Gary Fladland, Joel Maunula, Chris Anderson, Denise Painter, Pastor Koopman and Pastor Matheny.

Members Absent: Zak Tess, Valerie Elliott, Judy Hendley, Nancy Benson, Samantha Tess.

1. President Dan Gahler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Opening prayer lead by Pastor Matheny.
3. Public/congregational Presentation: None.
4. Bible Study: Luke 17 led by Pastor Koopman. Next will be Chapter 18.
5. Additions/ Approval of the Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted. Motion carried.
6. Council Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the May 13, 2025, council Minutes as submitted. Motion carried.
7. Pastor's Reports: Pastor Matheny reported great attendance at the summer Sunday morning worship schedule at 9:00. Pastor Koopman reminded us of the LCMS MN South District Convention, June 12-14, 2025. Both Pastors are attending with Pastor Matheny serving as the voting Delegate for OSLC and Mel Hendricksen as our Lay delegate. The convention is being held at Concordia, St. Paul.
8. Treasurers Report: Gary Fladland reviewed and noted there were a lot of expenses in May but our YTD is (\$3,716.55) which is good. Motion made and seconded to approve the May Treasurer Report as presented, motion carried.
9.
 - a. Update on the 75th Anniversary church activities: Dan Gahler reported OSLC will be represented in the North Mankato Fun Days Parade, July 12, 2025.

We are still waiting to secure a date for the special celebration to see if and when Dr. Rev. Lucas Woodford, LCMS District President,

is available. Dolly Bloomquist and the Library Guild are doing a great job of submitting 75th anniversary articles to the Voice each month and also the Board in the Narthex with facts from the 50's when our congregation began.

b. Update on congregational notification ideas:

Pastor Matheny reported that Michael Anderson, from the Board of Elders, has agreed to help set up and start testing the program to a small group. They will be starting with the Board of Elders.

c. Still have open board positions. (See 10.a)

d. Status on update to our Constitution and/or By-Laws:

Judd reported he has reviewed previous suggestions documented and will ask a small group of individuals to help.

10. New Business:

a. Need Council approval- Sharon Anderson has volunteered to fill the vacant Council at Large Position. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

11. Board Sharing:

Judd- Board of Elders: The Elders are serving the Annual congregational picnic this Sunday, June 15 at 11:30 after Bible Study/Sunday School. Planning to serve in the Franklin Elementary parking lot (weather permitting). Mike Blomquist has volunteered along with Randy Burmeister from the Board of Elders to set up ushering crews for Sunday and special services. Board duties are being divided up.

Denise- Board of Deacons: She thanked the Elders for serving the Annual picnic this year. No meeting this month. Too many members not able to attend. We will research ideas for community service project or projects to benefit from the Special Benevolent Fund.

Chris- Board of Trustees: Doug has brought a new skill set to the Custodians position with his construction background. He's a hard worker which we are thankful for. The Board is working on their ongoing list.

Robb- Endowment Board: As discussed at the voters meeting, the Board will cover ½ of the shortfall for our congregation's commitment to CCA. Amount to be determined at the end of June. Scholarship applications are being accepted until July 15, 2025 and are available in the church office. The Board has again adopted a Seminary Student and will stay in contact with him.

There will be a July 8 Council meeting.

12. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Voters' Meeting
Our Savior Lutheran Church of Mankato
1103 North Broad St, Mankato, MN 56001
June 1, 2025 Attendance: 28

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:34 A.M. by President Dan Gahler.
2. Opening Prayer: Lead by Pastor Adam Matheny.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion made, seconded to approve the Agenda as presented, motion carried.
4. Approval of January 19, 2025 Voters' Meeting Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the January 19, 2025 Voter's Meeting minute as presented, motion carried.
5. Pastors' Report: Pastor Adam Matheny noted today was the start of the summer service schedule. There were no questions from the congregation.
6. Treasurer's report: Treasurer Gary Fladland reviewed the treasurer's report, noting the significant giving in April. There were no questions from the congregation. Motion made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, motion carried.
7. Unfinished Business - There was no unfinished business
8. New Business
 - A. Discuss Council recommended resolution for Concordia Classical Academy pledge: After discussion, motion made

and seconded that the remaining balance for the Concordia Classical Academy 24-25 Fiscal Year \$20,000 commitment at the end of June be paid 50% from the endowment fund and 50% from undesignated memorials, motion carried.

B. Discuss Fundraising Opportunities

1. Future Boiler replacement: Trustee Chris Anderson provided information regarding the proposed project, including initial estimated cost of over \$100,00, discussion followed. Motion made and seconded to approve fundraising for the boiler replacement project, motion carried.
2. Debt reduction drive: President Dan Gahler reviewed mortgage debt and advantages of prepaying principle followed by discussion.

C. Synodical nomination for the Synod Convention to be held July 18-23, 2026: President Dan Gahler provided a reminder for church member to make Synodical nominations preferably by August 1, 2025, but are due no later than October 18, 2025.

9. Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer.

10. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:21 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Elliott, Secretary
OSLC Council

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. 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.

Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending May 31, 2025

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$32,206.93	\$291,871.83
Operating Expenses	(\$58,262.94)	(\$291,040.11)
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	(\$919.44)	(\$4,549.27)
Net for Period[†]	(\$26,975.45)	(\$3,717.55)

[†]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	\$33,202.99	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$195,187.08	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$27,849.81	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	
Total Cash Assets	\$276,347.00	
Dedicated Accounts	(\$183,090.04)	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	\$1,531.82)	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$91,725.14	

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$196,745.61
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)

Submitted by,
Gary Fladland, Treasurer

Accessions & Losses

Accessions:

Leighton Enz, Affirmation of Faith; May 21, 2025.

Articles for the August 2025
VOICE are due by Friday, July
18th at 4pm. You may drop-off
submissions in the office, or e-mail to:

contact@oslcmandato.org.



GAME NIGHT

Game Night is going on the road! On Sunday, July 6th at 6pm, we will meet at Fallenstein Park, 1875 Howard Drive, North Mankato (just west of Caswell Park). Fallenstein Park features an inclusive playground that delivers fun for kids of all ages and abilities, a splash pad, space for the adults to bring their outdoor games, public restrooms, and several shelters to offer shade.

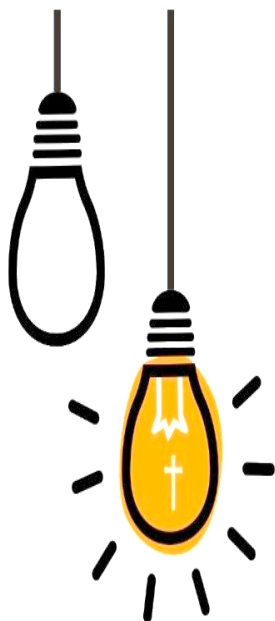
In case of rain, we will meet at church like usual.

Come, enjoy a fun night of playing with your church family!

Fun Days Parade

In honor of our 75th Anniversary, Our Savior is walking in the North Mankato Fun Days Parade on July 12th. All church members are invited to walk among the community that we have been serving for the past 75 years! Stay tuned for more details!

Thank you to all who donated to our candy drive



Wisdom's Workshop

True Wisdom is Found in Christ
Light & Electricity

Join us as we grow in the wisdom and understanding found in God's word! We will also learn about light and basic wiring skills as we tinker and craft.

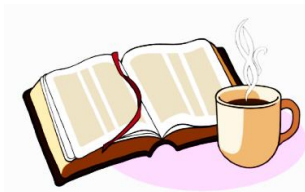
Kids 4 years of age to the beginning of 6th grade
Aug 4-6, 6-8 PM, a free dinner will be provided starting at 5:15 PM
No cost for participating



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Please register no later than July 28th at
www.oslcmankato.org/vbs

Call 507) 385-2180 with questions.



Bible Study Circles

~ Summer ~
Pentecost - Trinity

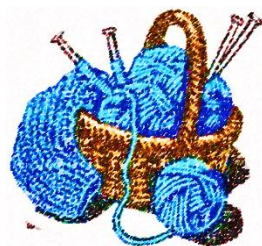
Practice Praising and Thanking God throughout the day during these warm summer days. The Summer Quarterly has the lessons.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study invites you to our July study on July 3rd at 10:10am in the Fireplace Room. Our study will be "What are you putting on?" from the Summer *Quarterly* on pages 14-15. The hymn is LSB #853, "How Clear is Our Vocation Lord". Isaiah 6:10a.

Mary Circle Bible Study meets Thursday, July 17th for a picnic lunch at 11am at Country Club Estates Park, 109 Pebble Creek Drive (off of St. Andrew's Drive). Bring your own sack lunch to enjoy. Our study will be the first lesson from the Summer *Quarterly*, "What Are You Putting On?" In case of rain, meet at church. Hostess: Gwen Cattrysse, phone 507-340-4991.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Three Prayer Shawls were given out this past month. If anyone would like to knit or crochet a shawl that would be wonderful. We don't have many left. Contact Marcella 507-317-4127 if you need yarn or directions.



BOOK CLUB

Sundays, July 13th & 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.



STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Our Savior Endowment Fund has scholarship money available for students in our congregation who will be attending CCA this fall. Scholarship money is also available for post-secondary student members of our congregation who plan to pursue a career in full time church work.

Application forms need to be completed and submitted to the church office by July 15, for the upcoming academic school year. Forms are available in the church office. Please contact Rob Hobbs, chairperson of the Endowment Board, at 507-340-6313, if you have questions or need more information.

*Thank
You* ♥

We extend our warmest and heartfelt thanks to our church family for all the love and support at the sudden loss of our mother, Joan Peterman.

Pastor Matheny, Organist Sue Klute, Theresa McLaughlin & kitchen crew, Musicians Brittney Koopman & Matheny children, Tech support Dale Bergman, Office support Sue Hendrickson, and Custodian Doug Clausen worked together for Mom's funeral and luncheon on May 9th. So many of you came in person to the church or sent cards that truly helped comfort us. Jesus tells us to Love one another and that is exactly what we felt, your Love. Our deepest gratitude goes out to all of you.

*The Joan Peterman Family:
Jeanne & Bruce Anderson
Jan Karels
Kari & Bryan Wray
Kent & Lisa Peterman*



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

Summer Special Music - Volunteers are needed! During the summer months, our music groups take a break. We need volunteers to play or sing during the summer months. If you have any interest in providing special music, please contact Suzie Gangi.

Thinking Ahead- It's time to start thinking ahead for fall. Are you interested in ringing handbells or singing in a choir? We need more people to join us. If you have any questions, reach out to Suzie Gangi.

Blessings,
Suzie Gangi
507-341-4173
suzie@oslcmankato.org



Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls, visits, meals, and flowers following my knee replacement surgery. I am humbled by and so appreciative of all of the support. Each and every contact brightened my day and gave me strength to endure the therapy. My recovery is going quite well and I hope to be back to work soon.

May God bless you all,
Sue Hendrickson



The National Youth Gathering is just around the corner! We are truly grateful for the support and encouragement we have received from the congregation. We feel blessed to have so many of you join us at Pizza Ranch. Through our two fundraisers, we raised over \$1,000, which is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Thrivent Choice Dollars for their generous donation of \$250 for each participant. This funding will be used for food and activities in New Orleans.

As we prepare for our trip to New Orleans, we invite you to join us at the commissioning ceremony on July 13th during the regular church service. We will be traveling from July 18 to July 24. You can also follow along by visiting www.lcmessaging.com, where they will be live-streaming mass events at 8:30 p.m.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers during that week! Three chaperones: Rhonda Prince, Darcy Chapman, and Dana Chatleain, and eight youth: Aailyah Prince, Madison Chapman, Olivia Winkler, Garrett Chatleain, Dani Chatleain, Daniel Mead, Tobin Gangi, and Jasper Leiferman are attending.

When we return, we plan to share our experiences with you. The date and time for that presentation are yet to be determined. We will keep you posted.

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Memories

Memories - We want to read about events and stories from the past for the 75th history booklet. Those of you who have been members since the early years, please share some of the forgotten memories! We don't want to lose them. Don't feel like you are a writer? Just list some details in a few sentences. Your recollections may be put in the library mail slot in the church office. Thank you, Dolly Blomquist - 507 388-4594.

History Booklet - We would like some details for a 75th booklet. If you were or are involved with projects at Our Savior's since 2000, please share. We want to put it down in print for future generations. Let's amaze them 100 years from now. Some examples - ie Stained Glass Windows, Prayer Shawls, Courtyard, River of Life Church, Mission Service, Stephen Ministry, Bible Studies, Book Club, Youth Group, Organ Updated, Construction Updates, Outreach, etc. etc. etc. Don't like to write? Not a problem. Just list the project and the time it was started, completed or still in progress. Please let us know, we don't want to forget anything! Your accounts may be put in the library mail slot in the church office. Thank you, Dolly Blomquist - 507 388-4594.

75th Anniversary Happenings

Our 75th Anniversary Bible Verse theme is Psalm 90:1
*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all
generations*

Currently – Please note the Random Acts of Kindness tree in the Narthex. If you haven't taken one yet, please consider looking at them and claiming one. If you have already done so, thank you and consider doing another one.

Also, please take note of the 1950's time board in the narthex, and the various historical tidbits that have been in the monthly Voice's. It is interesting to see the changes in the world, and then contrast that to the unchanging constant Love of our God.

July 12th – North Mankato Fundays will be hosting their annual Parade with Our Savior Lutheran Church having a parade unit this year. Please come out and enjoy this parade, cheering on our unit and its participants.

August 3rd – Dress up day one more time. Continuing with our 75th Anniversary theme for 2025, we will have another dress up day. We have been having such a good time with it. All the men in suits and ties, and the women in dresses, hats and gloves – It makes 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.

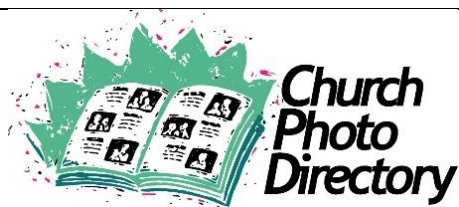
September 7th – We are having a Polka band (The Jolly Ramblers) play after the 9:00 service. The plan is to have a fun get together and lunch while enjoying polka music (music starting at 10:45). The location is at the Tourtellotte shelter (corner of East Mabel St. and North 4th St.) on the southeast side of the pool. If able, please bring a lawn chair to sit in. We would like to save the limited number of picnic tables for those that need to use them.

Later this fall - Date to be determined – We are planning one big final celebration with a special guest pastor and meal. This will be announced when finalized.

Future items to look for –

1. We are preparing a nice laminated bookmarker to hand out to church members and visitors.
2. We are also preparing very nice customized coffee mugs – They are multi use with a custom designed logo for Our Savior's from Deneen Pottery, St. Paul, MN. I am not a coffee drinker myself, but I have been told that these will be very pretty and nice! They should be available around the end of August. Suggested retail price is \$28.00 per mug, but we will only be asking \$10.00 per mug to help offset costs.

More to come.....



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. 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!

Outreach Committee

Free cab rides to services are made possible for our members through Our Savior's Taxi Fund. To procure a ride, call WS Transportation at 507-420-4503 or 507-388-0708. Please call a half hour before you would like to leave. To call for a return ride, you may use the phone in the office or kitchen. Let WS Transportation know where you will be waiting—the front door on Broad Street or the back parking lot door. Thank you.



Mission Service

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



Thank you for all the stamps. We will be mailing stamps in August.



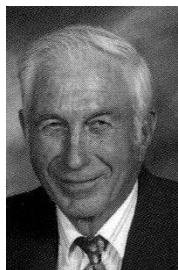
See the Amazon wish list for Most Ministries in the Mission Center. These items will help someone in Guatemala, Belize, South Africa, or somewhere else! Website: www.mostministries.org for information. Needed – Prayer support for Mission Trip Participants.

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Doris Steinberg, current member at Our Savior's, turns 103 on July 2, 2025. Doris was born July 2, 1922 in Judson Township. She had three sisters. In 1940 Doris graded from Lake Crystal Public School. From 1944-1946 she served as a Navy Wave and was Stationed in Oakland, CA. During that time, she worked in a supply office. Returning to Mankato she attended the Mankato Commercial

College and then worked for two local tool companies as a secretary. Doris met William while in the Army and they were married December 31, 1948. Together they raised 3 children, 1 girl and 2 boys. Doris was very active at Our Saviors. On Sunday mornings she worked in the Sunday School office while their children were in class. She helped with the church bulletin and was a member of Evening Guild. In the community she worked for 25 years with the MRCI thrift shop. She sold hot dogs at Lewis Eastgate, worked at the Green Stamp Store and was a member of the Sew and So Club. Doris has been blessed with 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Her husband, William, passed away September 20, 2006.



Vern Koehler, also a current member of Our Savior's, turned 100 this spring. He was born April 15, 1925. Vern also was a veteran and served in the Army after being drafted during WWI in the 1920s. He then remained in the reserves and was called again to serve in the 1940s. He met his wife, Mona, and they were married May 29, 1949. They lived on a farm south of Nicollet where they milked dairy cattle and farmed for 30 years. Together they

raised 5 children. They were blessed with 9 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Vern and Mona were married for 76 years until Mona's recent death on May 2, 2025. Vern and Mona gifted the paintings, that were dedicated early this spring, to Our Savior's and displayed in the Sanctuary.

With Strength and Dignity

Proverbs 31:25 (ESV)

Our Savior's is blessed with many senior citizens and we wish to honor them during our 75th year. Be sure to greet them and introduce yourself if meeting for the first time. Surely it will be appreciated.

Some spiritual Wisdom to Ponder ..

"But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages, for our glory." 1 Corinthians 2:7 (ESV)

Our respect for the elderly reflects our reverence for God.

Consider the advice of your elders:

Not because they are always right, but because of the wisdom they have learned from being wrong.

When our elders are gone, a library is lost and volumes of wisdom and knowledge have disappeared.



Mites Mission Grants

We begin anew with Mite Mission Grants approved in June. There were 41 out of many more voted for approval. By the time you read this we will know the grants approved and their funding. This is a very exciting time as we look to the 2025-2027 Biennium.

Give God the Glory!

Imagine over \$2 million to Make Christ Known at home and abroad in the last biennium. The LWML District Mite Grants continue in Biennium 2024-2026.



Dress up day one more time August 3rd

It was so much fun, let's do it again on Sunday, August 3rd! Continuing with our 75th Anniversary theme for 2025, we will have another dress up day. We have been having such a good time with it.

All the men in suits and ties, and the women in dresses, hats and gloves – It makes 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.

Minnesota South District News

To keep up with the news and happenings around the Minnesota South District, subscribe to the e-News.

Read about and get registration information on:

- Go First! Ministry Conference, September 26 – 27
- Minnesota South District Youth Day (Grades 6-12) October 11th
- KINDLE (Karpenko Institute for Nurturing and Developing Leadership Excellence) October 13 – 16
- Main Street Living upcoming episode information
- Access to **God's Mission Here** newsletter put out by LCMS National Mission
- Moving from Death to Life, October 17 – 18
- And much more

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<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/publications#weekly-enews>



Ladies of Our Savior

Lutheran Women in Mission

~ Ready to Serve ~

Arlington Zone LWML Board meeting will be 7pm on Wednesday, August 27th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Green Isle. They will be hosting the Fall Crow River Conference Rally, which includes the McLeod, Litchfield, and Arlington Zones.

Page 5 of the WOM includes the form for nominee suggestions for the LWML Minnesota South District Officers.

Retreat is September 12-13: You're invited to step away from the busyness of everyday life and join your sisters in Christ for a refreshing and faith-filled Women's Retreat at the Camp Omega Lodge Friday evening through Saturday, September 12 – 13. We are pleased to welcome Rebekah Curtis, co-author of *Ladylike: Living Biblically*, as our featured speaker. Her heartfelt message and relatable wisdom of what it means to love as a woman of faith with inspire woman of all ages. The retreat is appropriate for all LCMS woman and young girls (junior high and older). This is a weekend you won't want to miss. Mark your calendar and make plans to be refreshed, encouraged and inspired!

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

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. = Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving)

Christian Publications for LCMS Members: June Pray for us Calendar (June Lutheran Bible Translator News), June/July Lutheran Witness (Includes the District news), the Summer LWML Quarterly, the Summer WOM, One Voice for Public Policy, District e-News, Sagacity, Lutheran Layman, Portals of Prayer, etc. Find them in the Narthex and Mission Center.

May 4 & 5, 2026 – SAGES Gathering – Save the date!

LCEF District Vice President Grochow. MN North & South Districts, vince.grochow@lcef.org, 952-223-2163.

New Welcome! Please join us in welcoming our new District Treasurer/Business Manager, Jolene Peterman!

www.lhm.org ● www.mnsdistrict.org/sages





“Take heart and have hope, God’s people! Even though it appears we have been abandoned, that our existence here seems innocuous, not making a difference to our communities, we are not those things. God is not done with us yet. He only asks that we remain faithful because He is ALWAYS faithful”

Deaconess Janet Nicol, Word of Hope

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



**Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild
of Organists presents its annual Summer
Noontime Organ Recitals each Tuesday,
12:10pm through
August 12th.**

The recitals are free and open to the public at
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau
Street, Mankato through July 22nd with performances by:

David Mertesdorf on July 1st

Nicholas Liese on July 8th

Mark DeGarmeaux on July 15th

John Baumann on July 22nd

On July 29th, the series moves to Bethlehem Lutheran
Church, 720 South 2nd Street with performance by:

Kraig Windschitl

Visit www.agosiouxtrails.org for more information.

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