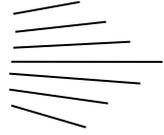




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The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church  
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001 **AUGUST 2025**

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Join us for a

## DIAMOND JUBILEE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



OUR SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**AUGUST 17, 2025**

**DIVINE SERVICE 9:00 A.M.**

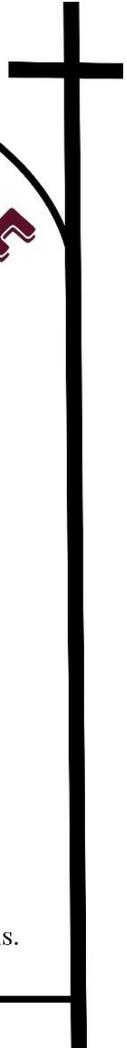
with guest preacher Pastor Steven Wilson

**FOOD, FUN, & FESTIVITIES**

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Psalm 90:1



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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

“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,  
but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”

-Proverbs 13:20

The company we keep shapes who we become. Proverbs 13:20 offers timeless wisdom, reminding us that our relationships profoundly influence our character, decisions, and destiny. Walking with the wise—those who fear God, seek His truth, and live with integrity—leads to growth in understanding and righteousness. Their influence sharpens us, like iron sharpening iron (Proverbs 27:17), guiding us toward choices that honor God and foster wisdom. Conversely, associating with fools—those who reject God’s Word and ways, prioritize self, or chase fleeting pleasures—leads to harm.

Foolishness is contagious; it subtly erodes discernment, tempting us to compromise our values or stray from God’s path. The consequences may not be immediate, but the impact is inevitable, pulling us away from the abundant life God intends. This verse invites us to reflect on our inner circle. Are our closest companions encouraging us toward godliness, or are they drawing us into folly? Choosing wise companions doesn’t mean isolating ourselves from the world but intentionally surrounding ourselves with those who inspire faith in, accountability to, and growth in God’s Word. It’s about seeking relationships that align with God’s truth and purpose. Practically, this means evaluating our friendships and influences. Are we spending time with people who challenge us to grow spiritually? Are we also being wise companions for others, reflecting Christ’s love and truth? As we walk with the wise, we cultivate habits of prayer, humility, and obedience, becoming beacons of God’s light.

*Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of community and especially the companionship we find in Your church. Guide me to walk with those who draw me closer to You. Grant me discernment to choose relationships that honor You and wisdom to be a godly influence on my friends and family. May my life reflect Your truth as I seek to grow in wisdom. Amen.*

## The Son of God Goes Forth to War

*“The Son of God goes forth to war, a kingly crown to gain. His blood-red banner streams afar, who follows in His train?”*

- LSB 661:1

The hymn, *The Son of God Goes Forth to War*, honors Christian martyrs who died for their faith, and urges us to boldly follow their examples of faithfulness. The hymn begins with Jesus, the Son of God, going forth to war against the powers of sin, death, and hell. He leads us, His troops, with a blood-red banner, the banner of His blood shed for us on Calvary and the banner of His robe of righteousness washed white in His blood. As our King, He leads the charge against the enemy, and emboldens us for the fight.

The next two stanzas place various Christian martyrs before our eyes, beginning with St. Stephen, the first martyr in Acts. Stephen had confessed the truth of the law and gospel before crowds, and he was hated for it, such that he was stoned to death. Regardless, he made the words of Christ his own, and he forgave those who were killing him and prayed for their forgiveness. Stephen was courageous to speak up and confess the faith, and though he was killed for speaking and didn't raise arms against anyone, he was still boldly fighting for the faith.

All of the apostles, save Judas, suffered for confessing Jesus before men. And all except for John were killed for their confession. Later saints likewise “met the tyrant's brandished steel, the lion's gory man; they bowed their necks their death to feel.” It doesn't seem as though these people were valiant fighters of the faith since they were all killed for what they believed. Normally we think of the victors as those who were alive at the end of the war, yet, in this case the victors are those who conquered with Christ who defeated hell through His death and resurrection.

The hymn concludes by inviting all Christians to count themselves among these valiant martyrs. “A noble army, men and boys, the matron and the maid, around the Savior's throne rejoice, in robes of light arrayed. They climbed the steep ascent of heaven

through peril, toil, and pain. O God, to us may grace be given to follow in their train.” This is us, dear brothers and sisters! Let us follow in the train of faithful, confessing, Christians who have gone before. May God give us grace to fight the good fight of faith, and so finally receive Christ’s kingly crown and righteous robes, as we kneel before the Savior’s throne with words of rejoicing on our lips.

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### **Council Meeting**

Minutes of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Mankato  
July 8, 2025, 6:30pm

Members Present: Dan Gahler, Judd Schultz, Robb Hobbs, Gary Fladland, Joel Maunula, Chris Anderson, Denise Painter, Bev Annis (representing Board of Ed chair Samantha Tess), Zak Tess, Pastor Koopman, Pastor Matheny

Members Absent: Judy Hendley, Nancy Benson, Sharon Anderson

1. President Dan Gahler called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
2. Opening prayer led by Pastor Koopman.
3. Public/congregational Presentation: None.
4. Bible Study: Luke 18 led by Zak Tess. Next will be Chapter 19
5. Additions/Approvals of the Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve as submitted. Motion carried.
6. Approval of previous Council Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the June 10, 2025 Council Minutes as submitted. Motion carried.
7. Pastors’ Reports: Pastor Koopman reported that the District Convention last month went well and that efforts are underway for the Wisdom’s Workshop vacation bible school. Pastor Matheny reported on a donor coming forward with interest towards more painting pieces on the Church property. He also reported on his continued interest in visiting other churches in the area having recently visited Hosanna, our sister congregation in Mankato.
8. Treasurer’s Report: Gary Fladland reviewed and noted that June was a very good month in terms of both the blessings of additional offerings in addition to reduced expenses putting the church at a positive balance of \$32,470.56 YTD. Gary is

anticipating that our mortgage loan rate will also be adjusted in August, likely going up with current market trends.

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Update on the 75th anniversary church activities: In the short term we have the Mankato Fun Days Parade on July 12th and Pastor Woodford is scheduled to be with us preaching on August 17th (**Update since meeting, this no longer works for Pastor Woodford's schedule and will need to be rescheduled**).
- b. Update on congregational notification ideas: Still testing with the Board of Elders
- c. Status on update to our Constitution and/or By-Laws: Judd is reviewing information Pastor Koopman provided him which was received during the District Convention.
- d. Record Retention Policy: Dan Gahler provided a guidance document from the synod and will be reviewing a few items with Joe Gangi. After review, Dan will bring it back to the Church Council for final approval.

10. New Business

- a. Additional proposed plans and revised budget for 75th Anniversary: Dan Gahler went through an itemized list of a revised budget request for the 75th Anniversary celebration. Dan requested an additional \$4,500 for various activities throughout the year. (The original request which was approved was for \$7,500. This revised request was for a total of \$12,000). Motion made and seconded to approve a total budget of \$12,000 for activities promoting the 75th Anniversary of the Church. Motion carried.
- b. Valerie Elliott's resignation as Council Secretary and the need for a replacement: Dan Gahler acknowledged Valerie's resignation and requested potential alternates for this position for the remainder of the 1.5 year term. Dan will reach out to various individuals and will also consider putting in a bulletin announcement.

11. Board Sharing:

- a. Board of Elders - Judd:
  - i. The Church will implement minor changes to ensure communion is in alignment with the Synod's recommendations. A message prior to communion has been incorporated by the Pastors during the Divine

- Service. The bulletin will see a revised message about communion in it. The pew cards will also see revisions.
- ii. Lon Whitehead has resigned.
- b. Board of Deacons - Denise:
- i. The Deacons are considering a variety of ideas for dollars provided in the benevolent fund and welcome ideas from any member of the congregation.
  - ii. Wisdom's Workshop will be held August 4-6 with a meal being served at 5:15pm.
  - iii. August meeting will be held August 5th in the kitchen after the meal is served for Wisdom's Workshop
  - iv. Various ideas are still being discussed for the August 17, 75th Anniversary Celebration; however numerous board members will be out of town and additional help will be needed for volunteers during this event.
- c. Board of Trustees - Chris:
- i. Bids have been received for air conditioning in the Narthex; however, additional bids are being pursued. The Trustees are expecting this work to cost around \$14,000 and will need congregational approval. A special voter's meeting is expected to be held for this.
  - ii. The courtyard doors adjacent to the sanctuary are in disrepair. The trustees are considering options from door replacement (\$4,000-\$5,000 per door) ensuring the stained glass remains or a more permanent housing for the stained glass without doors.
  - iii. The Boilers will likely need to be replaced in the summer of 2026. The Initial estimate for this work is \$190,000. More information will be coming on this topic at future meetings.
- d. Board of Education - Bev:
- i. The National Youth Gathering will be July 19-23. We have 8 youth and 3 chaperones attending this year with an additional off-site mission activity prior to the youth gathering.
  - ii. Wisdom's Workshop will be held August 4-6 with a focus on electricity this year (last year's focus was woodworking).
  - iii. Summer Sunday Bible Study with all ages together (youth and adults) is going well.

- iv. This next school year, Laura Matheny and Samantha Tess will be retiring from their school teaching roles, and we will need to find replacement teachers.
- e. Board of Endowment - Robb:
  - i. July 15th is the deadline for scholarship requests.
  - ii. With the commitment to Concordia Classical Academy for the year of \$20,000, we are roughly \$6,000 short of that commitment for the fiscal year (July 1 to July 1). About \$3,000 will come from the endowment fund with the remaining \$3,000 to come out of undesignated memorials.

12. Closing Prayer: Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:09pm.

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## Watch Our Savior's Sunday Worship

Our Savior's Sunday 8am and 10:30am worship is livestreamed. Go to: [www.oslcmankato.org](http://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.

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## Accessions & Losses

### Accessions:

Jeffrey Treanor, Affirmation of Faith, July 14, 2025, St.

John's Lutheran Church, Mapleton, MN, ELCA

Raymond & LuAnn Garcia, Transfer, July 14, 2025, Trinity

Lutheran Church, Janesville, MN, LCMS

Alyssa Krieger, Transfer, July 18, 2025, Trinity Evangelical

Lutheran Church, Waterville, MN; LCMS

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## In Memoriam

**James Allen Kietzer**

March 11, 1952 ~ July 11, 2025

## Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending June 30, 2025

### Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$64,625.36	\$356,497.20
Operating Expenses	(\$28,437.26)	(\$319,477.37)
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	(\$919.44)	(\$4,549.27)
<b>Net for Period<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>\$35,268.66</b>	<b>\$32,470.56</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).

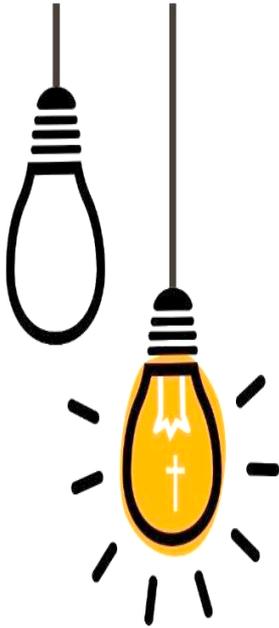
### Cash Summary

	Amount	Notes
Checking Account	\$55,849.88	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$195,668.36	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$33,715.71	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	<u>\$0.00</u>	
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<b>\$305,341.07</b>	
Dedicated Accounts	(\$188,548.33)	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	(\$14,086.15)	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
<b>Available Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$102,706.59</b>	

### Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$195,821.88
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



# 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](http://www.oslcmankato.org/vbs)

Call 507) 385-2180 with questions.

Articles for the September 2025  
VOICE are due by Friday,  
August 15<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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## GAME NIGHT

With the popularity of the outdoor game night in July, we will again be outside on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. At 6pm we will meet at Highland Park, 950 Warren Street, Mankato.

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

See you there for a fun night with your church family!

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## Bible Study Circles

~ Summer ~  
Pentecost - Trinity

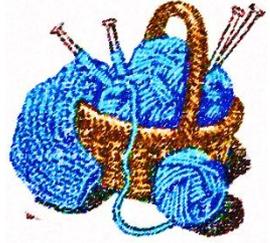
Practice Praising and Thanking God throughout the day during these warm summer days filled with family and vacations. The Summer Quarterly has the lessons.

**Ruth/Lydia Bible Study** welcomes you Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:10am. Just come to the church Fireplace (cooled) room. The resources are provided. We begin with fellowship “social time” and at 10:25 the Bible Study topic is “That Human Touch” on pages 16 and 17 of the Summer *Quarterly*. Interesting study of Jesus, God-Man, the divine and earthly. Hymn 722 “Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me.”

**Mary Circle Bible Study** meets Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Fireplace Room at church. Our study will be the second lesson from the Summer *Quarterly*, “That Human Touch”. Hostess: Theresa McLaughlin, phone 507-779-9294. Guests and visitors welcome!

# 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, August 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<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*

**Summer Special Music:** Volunteers are needed during the summer months to provide special music for our worship services. If you have any interest in providing special music, please contact Suzie Gangi.

**Handbells:** Calling anyone interested in ringing handbells! Our Handbell Group needs more members starting this fall! If you can tell the difference between a half note and a quarter note, and can count to 3 and maybe even 4, we'd love for you to join us. No prior handbell experience is needed - you'll learn all the techniques as you go. For more information, reach out to Joe Gangi [jagangi@gmail.com](mailto:jagangi@gmail.com) or talk to Suzie.

Blessings,

Suzie Gangi, 507-341-4173, [suzie@oslcmandato.org](mailto:suzie@oslcmandato.org)



It's that time of the year again- back to school and back to WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS!

Meals will start September 10<sup>th</sup> and we are looking for volunteers to help with meals- we need leaders, prep help, servers, dessert makers, dishwashers, YOU! The sign-up sheet will be posted in the fireplace room in August.

Please sign up as you are able. If you are interested in helping but are unsure of what to do or unfamiliar with the Our Saviors' kitchen, please reach out to Michelle Rottermond at 507-317-8338. We have many leaders who are more than willing to have helpers or show people the ropes. We can even provide meal plans complete with grocery lists and step by step timing. We appreciate your help!

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75  
YEARS  
1950-2025

Your 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee has been hard at work planning a blowout anniversary celebration for Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. On that Sunday we will have:

- Matins service at 8:00
- Special hymn sing at 8:45
- Divine Service at 9:00 with special guest preacher Steve Wilson, guest organist Ruth Mackie, plus other special music.
- Whole congregation picture following the service

Following our service we will have a celebration featuring lunch, live music from the Riverblenders and Generation Gap, bounce house, games, prizes, ice cream, and more.

Please plan to dress up (Suit and tie for the guys, and dresses for the ladies) for this very special service. Also please be on the lookout for opportunities to help the committee put on this event as various volunteers will be needed.

# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Happenings

Our 75<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> – North Mankato Fundays hosted their annual Parade with Our Savior Lutheran Church having a parade unit this year. Thanks to all that walked it and that come out to enjoy this parade, cheering on our unit and its participants.

August 17<sup>th</sup> (NOTE DATE CHANGE) – Dress up day one more time - It was so much fun, let's do it again on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>! Continuing with our 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

August 17<sup>th</sup> – Please join us this day for a grand celebration of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will have Rev. Steve Wilson as our special guest pastor to lead us in Divine Worship. This will be followed by a meal, music and fun festivities, so plan to attend and catch up with one another.

September 7<sup>th</sup> – 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Future items to look for – 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! We are hoping to have them available for our August 17<sup>th</sup> celebration. 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.....

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## **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.



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## Vacation Bible School

The first Vacation Bible School was held June 4-15, 1951 for half days. By the year 1960 there were approximately 200 children in attendance. It was held after the closing of the school year.

During the next 25 years, two sessions were held for one week each. The first being held in May for preschool children and the second in June for school age children.

Vacation Bible School changed to one week, in August, for summer Sunday School in the years of 1975 to 2000. The week eventually was held in the evening because of the availability of volunteers after the workday. It provided a summer Bible time for Our Saviors preschool and school age children. Another goal was outreach to neighborhood children who didn't regularly attend Our Savior's Sunday School or were unchurched.

Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Psalm 34:11 (ESV)

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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.



## Fun Days Parade!

Thank you to all who donated to, walked in, and in any way contributed to this fun event! We had great weather, a great turnout, and a great time passing out candy, post its, and VBS flyers in this year's Fun Days Parade!

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## Mission Service

Mission Service volunteers will meet at 4pm on Wednesday, August 20 in the Fellowship Hall. Welcome to every helping hand!



Synod needs people for mission trips. MOST Ministries has opening on Mission Trip.

Needed: Prayers, financial support for mailings, thinner leather strip that will to through pony beads.

Do you have a mission project that we at Our Savior should know about? Please let us know.



# Mites Mission Grants

Give God the Glory

*From Lutheran Women in Mission eNews: 33 new Mission Grants! And many other big numbers. . . .*

*Following another successful convention, we are pleased to announce that \$2,622,270 has been approved to fund 33 Mission Grants for the upcoming biennium. Thank you all for your ongoing giving that continues to spread His love and His Word across the world.*

*Other fun statistics include: 272 singers in the choir; 806 attendees at the Wake Up In the Word Bible Study, 2,439 attendees using Whova, approximately 73680 hugs given, and 10/10s for everyone brave enough to sing karaoke.*

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. Mission goal for 2024-2026 is \$270,000 (25% is sent to LWML National Mite Goal.)

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## Other Information for You!

**Ablelight.** Bethesda at [www.ablelight.org](http://www.ablelight.org)

**Lutherans Engage the World:** Quarterly publication

**Lutherans for Life:** newsletter here for you

**POBLO Connections:** People of the Book Lutheran Outreach Ministries, [www.POBLO.org](http://www.POBLO.org)

**Deafoutreach.org,** [RevReinke@gmail.com](mailto:RevReinke@gmail.com), 608-436-9600

**Wycliffe** involved monthly news



## Dress up day for our Diamond Jubilee Celebration August 17<sup>th</sup>

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## 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 11<sup>th</sup>
- 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-enevs>



## **Ladies of Our Savior**

*Lutheran Women in Mission*

**~ Ready to Serve ~**

Growing in God's Grace streamed from Convention in June from Omaha, Nebraska. Did you miss the convention, or was there a session you really wanted to attend? No worries! All streamed events during the convention are still available to watch through the following link: [www.lwml.org/live](http://www.lwml.org/live).

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!

Save the Date for the LWML 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial MN South District Convention, June 18-20, 2026, in Mankato. The Crow River Conference will be hosting the convention that means you and your LWML sisters from the Litchfield and McLeod Zones. So, if you receive a message from Nona Anderson or Jeanie Von Berge asking for your participation, please be ready to serve the Lord with gladness. I look forward to seeing you there.

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).

## 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. Board Zoom** meeting is Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am – noon. **The October 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting** will be the annual in person meeting at Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington. I invite you to attend with me. Every church in the district is invited to have a representative for the older adult ministries. Someone to communicate between the district and congregation. The S.A.G.E.S. Board is asking for volunteers for this circuits representatives on the Board.

**Christian Publications for LCMS Members:** Pray for us Calendar (Lutheran Bible Translator News), 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.

**The Lutheran Hour and Lutheran Layman's League** continue to provide Our Savior with Christian activities such as being a petal pusher and working on the Tournament of Roses float, all different types of travel, website, Gospel Adventures, and much more.

Go First: October 17-18, 2025, Moving from Death to Life, Rochester

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

New July-September Sagacity is here.

LCMS Brochure sharing opportunities for you to serve within the LCMS.

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“We stand together, one in mind and heart, and with one voice, in defense of the lives of our unborn children – God’s precious little ones. Yet, what we stand for is not only the lives of these precious unborn children but also the moms, the dads, the grandmas and grandpas, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick and dying. What we stand for is the very value – the very gift – of life itself.”

- Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan

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

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**Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists concludes its annual Summer Noontime Organ Recitals in August**

The recitals are free and open to the public on Tuesdays at 12:10pm. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Mankato, with performances by:

Elisabeth Urtel on August 5<sup>th</sup>  
Christine Schulz on August 12<sup>th</sup>

Visit [www.agosiouxtrails.org](http://www.agosiouxtrails.org) for more information



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Wedding Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 2:00 Boozikee/Baldwin Wedding
<b>3</b> 8:00 Matins 8:30 Coffee Time 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Bible Class 6:00 Game Night @ Highland Park	<b>4</b> 5:15 Meal 6:00 VBS – Wisdoms Workshop	<b>5</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 5:15 Meal 6:00 VBS – Wisdoms Workshop	<b>6</b> 5:15 Meal 6:00 VBS – Wisdoms Workshop	<b>7</b> 9:00 Private Confession 9:00 Courtyard Committee 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 10:10 Ruth/Lydia Circle	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:00 Matins 8:30 Coffee Time 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Bible Class 4:30 Book Club	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 Planning Council	<b>13</b> 1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study	<b>14</b> 9:00 Private Confession 9:00 Courtyard Committee 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	<b>15</b> 4:00 The Voice Deadline	<b>16</b>
Mite Sunday <b>17</b> 8:00 Matins 8:30 Coffee Time 8:45 Hymn Sing 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Bible Class 11:30 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study	<b>20</b> 4:00 Mission Service	<b>21</b> 9:00 Private Confession 9:00 Courtyard Committee 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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