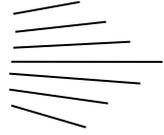




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# VOICE



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

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## **Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:45pm in the Sanctuary for  
our Annual Voters' Meeting.**

Agenda items include election of officers and board  
members and the 2026 budget.

Please join us as we discuss the business of the church  
operation. All confirmed members, age 18 and older, are  
invited and encouraged to attend.

## **Annual Dinner**

The youth will serve their annual Youth Dinner on Sunday,  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>, between the second service and the Annual  
Voters' Meeting (around noon).

This year's menu includes:

Roast Pork Tenderloin  
potatoes, carrots, salad, rolls, and a variety of desserts.

Please join us for this free will offering event. Proceeds  
benefit youth activities.



Ladies!!  
See page 11 for  
your Advent  
Event  
Invitation!

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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

“<sup>13</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”” -Revelation 14:13

So far as I’m concerned All Saints day is the most beautiful day of the church year. That is (perhaps obviously) because it helps us to remember All Saints.

First and foremost, as our verse from Revelation reminds us, we remember all those that have died in the Lord and how they are blessed. Though of course death is not good (it’s our enemy after all) it is something of a necessity in this world plagued by sin. All of us will one day face our death assuming the Lord tarries long enough. But even though death is bad to die “in the Lord” is a blessing nonetheless. To face death knowing that I deserve it for my own sinfulness yet also knowing that the Lord has forgiven me in my baptism, in the absolution, and in the sacrament of the altar is a blessing. Facing death surrounded by my loved ones and making a clear confession at the end of my life that I need the Lord’s forgiveness and that I know that I have received it in His ordained means is a serious blessing. Facing death honestly and without reservation because I know that because I am in Christ I have eternal life is an incomparable blessing.

In light of that All Saints day also reminds those of us that are still living that we too are saints, the holy ones of God. We can remember and give thanks for the countless examples of faithfulness that the Lord has blessed us with in our lives and see them for what they are the great cloud of witnesses that surround us to encourage us to walk in the way that is our Lord Jesus Christ. All Saints day reminds us that one day I will close my eyes for the last time and so encourage us to live in such a way that when I do I will receive the promised blessing that is death in the Lord.

## The Clouds of Judgment Gather

*Oh, happy, holy portion, relief for all distress, true vision of true beauty, refreshment for the blest! Strive now to win that glory, toil now to gain that light; send hope ahead to grasp it till hope be lost in sight. - LSB 513:4*

What season is it? Well, it's November, so it's autumn. Even if you don't have a calendar you know it's autumn because "Fall is in the air." It's cooler, the leaves change color and fall, the days are shorter, and it's often cloudier. Thus, Bernard of Cluny, a 12th century monk, uses the imagery of clouds gathering as a reminder that the clouds of judgement will one day descend with the Son of Man and His company of angels to judge the living and the dead. Just as you know with the changing of seasons it's time to prepare for winter, so do you know that we are in the autumn of this world and the time is growing late, therefore we must "be sober and be watchful," for our Judge is at the gate.

The end of the church year is a reminder that Christ is coming, and He is coming soon. As the new church year begins "advent" literally focuses on the "coming" of Christ, and while many may see December as a time of feasting today, historically Christians treated advent as a time of fasting and preparation for the coming of Jesus, much the same as Lent. This is an important reminder because when Christ returns there is no more time to repent and return to the Lord. We do not know precisely when Christ is coming, but He said it will be soon, and so we need to live in a constant state of readiness. Don't put off quitting that sin, forgiving that grudge, or inviting that friend to church; we're in the home stretch, don't wait.

Although the clouds of judgement gather, and those dark clouds look a bit gloomy from afar, the day of judgment is truly a day of profound joy for the Christian. "Relief for all distressed... Refreshment for the blest!" After this life of many pains and tragedies, amidst its joys, there comes a blessed repose. No more violence, murder, war, arguing, grudges, sinning, death, cancer,

funerals, abuse. Soon, a happy, holy portion awaits for you dear Christian. So as the days grow shorter, and the nights grow longer, as the gloom of Satan's little hour imposes itself on you, don't be discouraged! The more troubles you see in life, be reminded that the clouds of judgment are gathering and behind the clouds shines Jesus' blessed light. So, "strive now to win that glory, toil now to gain that light, send hope ahead to grasp it till hope be lost in sight."

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## *Council Meeting*

MINUTES – Our Savior Lutheran Church  
1103 North Broad St- Mankato, MN  
October 14, 2025

Members Present: Dan Gahler, Zak Tess, Sharon Anderson, Chris Anderson, Terrin Baldwin, Rob Hobbs, Judd Schultz, Gary Fladland, Joel Maunula, Nancy Benson, Pastor Koopman, Pastor Matheny

1. Meeting was called to order by President Dan Gahler at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pastor Matheny opened with prayer.
3. Public/Congregation Presentation: None
4. Bible Study of Luke 21; led by Zak. Next month Luke 22.
5. Addition/Approval of Agenda:

MOTION made and SECONDED to approve the Council agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Approval of September 9, 2025 Council Minutes:

MOTION made and SECONDED to approve the September 9, 2025 Council Minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Pastors' Reports

Pastors Matheny/Koopman: Information as to what's going on will be discussed further in the agenda.

8. Treasurer's Report – Gary Fladland reported.

MOTION made and SECONDED to approve the September 30, 2025 OSLC Treasurer's report. MOTION CARRIED.

## 9. Unfinished Business

- a. Congregational Notification Ideas: The work is continuing.
- b. Status regarding OSLC Constitution/Bylaws: J Schultz reported forming a group.
- c. Record Retention Policy: Tabled.
- d. Church Credit Card: D. Gahler reported operating rules with Pioneer Bank. Discussion held.

MOTION was made and SECONDED to process a credit card for use by OSLC church office manager, Sue Hendrickson, for church business as necessary. She and Gary Fladland, OSLC Treasurer, to set up checks and balances. MOTION CARRIED.

- e. Music Conservatory Updates: J. Schultz reported. Met with leader. An Ad Hoc Committee and the Board of Elders are overseeing this at this time. Information to look at is admissions, staffing, etc. For now looking at policies, instructors, payments. Will review and bring to the Council in November. The WHY of it all is this: Teaching the Word of the Lord and the Love of Christ through music for the next generations.

## 10. New Business:

- a. Reminders of board budgets due October 23 to OSLC Treasurer and 2026 Board nominations to Dan/Sue by November 3.

## 11. Board Sharing

Deacons: Terrin Baldwin reported that they are transitioning as Denise Painter leaves her position. New member dinner is set for October 22. Will need to fill more Board positions.

Elders: Judd Schultz reported that assignments have been made, Elders' and Ushers' schedules are set. Budget Committee (Judd, Gene & Tom) met and completed their work. The Board approved the budget. Lengthy discussion about security for OSLC. Law enforcement has been invited to their next meeting. There will be no Thanksgiving Day service held.

Trustees: Chris Anderson reported that they are looking at possibly replacing the kitchen refrigerator. Three trustee positions up for another term.

Endowment: Rob Hobbs reported. Quarterly meeting is coming up. A small donation was received this month. Four position terms expiring with 3 people running again; will be looking for 1 nomination to fill a term.

12. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.
13. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.
14. The next Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Benson, Acting Secretary  
OSLC Council



Join us Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for Thanksgiving Worship.

*\*Note\* There will not be a Thanksgiving Day service.*

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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.



Articles for the December 2025 VOICE are due by Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm. You may drop-off submissions in the

office, or e-mail to: [contact@oslcmankato.org](mailto:contact@oslcmankato.org).

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

### Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$46,356.61	\$482,709.39
Operating Expenses	(\$45,692.58)	(\$488,267.78)
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	(\$794.60)	(\$7,062.27)
<b>Net for Period<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>(\$130.57)</b>	<b>(\$12,620.66)</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	\$22,269.48	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$197,151.66	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$20,708.39	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>\$260,236.65</b>	
Dedicated Accounts	(\$182,921.01)	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	(\$5,105.65)	Accruals for HAS pmts, youth, etc.
<b>Available Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$72,209.99</b>	

### Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$193,308.89
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	6.50% (Aug. 2025-Jul 2026)
Pay-off Date (Pay-off Amount)	7/2036 (\$44,721.09)

Submitted by,  
Gary Fladland, Treasurer



## Accessions & Losses

### Losses:

Theresa McLaughlin; Released, no transfer, October 1, 2025

Sara Wellner, Alexa Wellner, Addisyn Wellner, Brantley  
Freiderich-Padgett; Hosanna Lutheran Church,  
Mankato; LCMS; October 2, 2025

David & Sarah Hendley, Linnea, Madelyn; Hosanna  
Lutheran Church, Mankato; LCMS; October 17, 2025

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## In Memoriam

### Russell George Johnson

December 7, 1938 ~ October 12, 2025

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## Holy Baptisms

### Elizabeth Rebecca Schultz

Born: October 2, 2025

Baptized: October 5, 2025

Parents: Jeremiah & Sarah Schultz

### Lainey-Faye Marie Mendele

Born: July 26, 2024

Baptized: October 19, 2025

Parents: MarCaysha Stoltzman & Patrick Mendele Jr.

### Willow Nann Mendele

Born: July 16, 2025

Baptized: October 19, 2025

Parents: MarCaysha Stoltzman & Patrick Mendele Jr.

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## Wedding

### Julie Ann Weber & Jeffrey Lloyd Treanor

October 11, 2025

# GAME NIGHT

Join us Sunday evening, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6 – 8pm. Bring your family, friends, and favorite board games. Use the back parking lot entrance. All ages welcome. (Note: This is not a drop off event, Kids 6<sup>th</sup> grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.)

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## Bible Study Circles

Welcome all ladies!

Fall Theme: Stir Up One Another in Love and Good Works.

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works. – Hebrews 10:24*

**The November Ruth/Lydia Bible Study** gathers together on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:10am for fellowship and a treat. Bible study begins at 10:25am. Our study will be from the Fall *Quarterly* “Sharing our Gifts as we Work for the Lord.” Watch for a change of date for our December Christmas study and party.

**Mary Circle Bible Study:** On Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> we’ll meet at Pizza Ranch at 11:30am for lunch. At 1:00 we’ll head to the church for our Bible Study, page 19 of the Fall *Quarterly*, “Le Us Be Your Hands and Feet”. Call Sharon Anderson, 507-995-1727, with any questions.

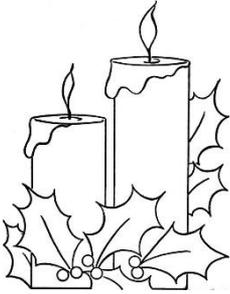
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## BOOK CLUB

Sundays, November 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</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. In November we continue the epic 1851 novel, *Moby Dick*, by Herman Melville. If interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.



## CHRIST – THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

### You are invited to Our Savior Advent Event!

**WHO:** Women of Our Savior Lutheran  
Church

**WHAT:** Advent Event – Spiritual, Fellowship, Social

**WHERE:** Our Savior Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 4, 2025; 4:30-7 p.m.

This OSLC Advent Event is planned especially for the fellowship and spiritual enrichment of coming together with Sisters in Christ. High school age and older are invited. This will include a time to honor our Lord, along with singing and prayer.

Registration sheets will be found in the narthex. Or, you may call/text Nancy Benson at 507/322-8565 to register. **WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU PLEASE REGISTER NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, SO THAT WE MAY PLAN ACCORDINGLY.**

***Please plan to bring one finger food item to share.*** Example: cookies, bars, fresh fruits/vegetables/meats. Keep it **SIMPLE**. In addition, we are looking for volunteers, each willing to decorate one round table for this event. Keeping in mind the reverence of the Season of Advent, we are suggesting to include a candle(s) at your table.

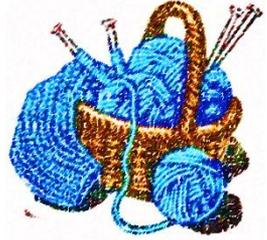
Joyfully we continue in the growth of our Women's Ministry, praising and serving the Lord in this congregation.

Blessings!

Nancy Benson, Trudy Wiechmann  
Coordinators

# PRAYER SHAWLS

One Prayer Shawl was given out this month. If you'd like a prayer shawl or want to knit or crochet one, call Marcella, 507-317-4127.



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

## **November Special Music Schedule:**

November 2: Intro Choir and Intro Bells

November 16: Vocal Choir

November 27: Vocal Choir

**Coming Soon- Kids Recital-** Calling All Students! We'll have our annual kids' recital before the Christmas program on Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>! Kids who are learning an instrument or would like to sing a song can participate. It's time to look through your music and start practicing. Please talk to Suzie Gangi if you're interested.

Blessings,

Suzie Gangi

[suzie@oslcmandato.org](mailto:suzie@oslcmandato.org)

507-341-4173

## **Christmas Decorating**



Join us Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10:30 service to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. All ages are invited to help. Bring the kids, they love to help. Lunch will be served when the decorating is completed.

Mark your calendars for January 4<sup>th</sup>, when the decorations will be taken down and put away.

Join us for WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS each Wednesday at 6pm. We enjoy good fellowship and a good meal, and then spend a little time in God's Word with a short devotion at 6:45pm. **\*\*Note\*\*** There will not be a meal Thanksgiving Eve, November 26<sup>th</sup>.



Everyone is invited to come. It is not just for people involved in the music groups or Confirmation.

If you would like to help by preparing a meal, serving, bring a dessert, clean up, or do dishes, please sign up on the sheet in the Fireplace Room.



Youth, grades 7 – 12, join us on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8pm in the Fireplace Room. We will start with a servant event and then enjoy some time in the gym/youth room (possibly a pickleball lesson?).

Save the Date!!! December's Youth Event (open to grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) will be our Annual Pizza Party and Christmas Lights Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8pm! We will need extra adults for this event, each vehicle will need a driver and a second adult. Please talk to Michelle Rottermond if you are able to help.

# November 11th - Veteran's Day



## Honoring Our Savior's Veterans

Norbert Anderson\*, Roger Asleson, Ward Balbach\*, Don Bequette\*, Art Blomquist\*, LaVerle Brack\*, Stan Braun\*, Dale Brunz\*, Robert Burgi\*, Steven Burnett, Nathan Chapman, Jim Clark, Jack Conelly\*, Mary Eckhardt\*, Perry Eimers, Ron Emich\*, Charles Fitzloff\*, Gary Fladland, Larry Hansen, Mel Hendrickson, Roger Hermanson\*, Brian Johnson, Russell Johnson\*, Gordy Kent\*, Merle Kitzmann\*, Richard Kitzmann\*, Glenn Klaus, Vernon Koehler, Linver Kopischke\*, Randy Kruckeberg, Raymond Krueger\*, Tom McLaughlin, William Mason, Ron Meyer, Donald Morrill\*, Alan Nuenfeldt, Leonard Pehling\*, Richard Peterman\*, Bill Peters\*, Kenneth Polzin\*, Neil Prescher\*, Norm Prins\*, Loren Ringheim\*, Harlan Schmidt\*, Harold Schuchardt\*, Warren Scott\*, LeRoy Siebenbruner\*, Siebert Steck\*, Doris Steinberg, William Steinberg\*, Robert Timm, George Wangen\*, Shannon Weber, Gordon Westermann, Larry Willet\*, Dave Wilson\*, Dennis Zellmer  
\*Rest in Peace

## Presently Serving Our Country

Kevin Gaare	U.S. Army
Dennis Heyen	U.S. Army
Brandon Klossner	U.S. Air Force
Jerry McCabe	U.S. Navy

*“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13 (ESV)*

**Please Note:** This list needs updating. Please share your information that can be added to the 75th history book. Thank you  
- Dolly Blomquist, 507 388-4594

# Mission Service

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come help with the projects.



Thanks for sharing your personal mission projects with all the other zone personal projects at the Rally. As the year comes to December and we total all of the projects. God is Good. Thanks be to His Bountiful Blessings. Take a moment to look at the Orphan Grain Trin projects and shipments in the Mission Center. If you have OGT donations, call Trudy to arrange for delivery (507) 327-7082.

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## Mites - Mission Grants

Give God the Glory

November 16<sup>th</sup> is Mite Sunday here at Our Savior Lutheran Church. You may contribute your gift in the Large Mite Box in the Narthex. Do you need a Mite Box at home? They are available in Mission Center and Narthex. Bring your little Mite Box change to the Big Mite Box in the Narthex on the third Sunday of each month.

The October featured Mite Grant was #1: Regional Disaster Response LERT Shower Trailers – LCMS Office of National Mission, Disaster Response Ministry, U.S. - \$81,500. Mission Grant #3: Portable Laundry Trailer – Forged by Fire Services, U.S. - \$100,700.

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# Deadline



## Early Bulletin Deadline

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the bulletin deadline for the November 30<sup>th</sup> bulletin is **Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. Please

drop off any submissions in the church office or e-mail to: [contact@oslcankato.org](mailto:contact@oslcankato.org).

## 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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### Our Savior Young at Heart / District S.A.G.E.S. / LHM / LLL

Lutheran Hour Ministries  
Lutheran Layman League

**Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving:** Our District older adult ministry needs you.

- 1) We welcome a contact person or persons to communicate information between the congregation and SAGES
- 2) Volunteers needed for several circuit representatives to the District Board.

Sagacity for October-December is available online and in the Narthex.

The following publications are available in the Narthex **for all ages** that cover Christian education, activities, places, mission trips, games, special events, etc:

Lutheran Witness with MNSO District News, Lutheran Layman, Portals of Prayer, Sagacity, and many other publications.



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

Thank  
you 

I want to thank each and everyone for thinking of me on my knee surgery. By sending a card, friendly phone call, and even a nice hug. I was so thankful to be in your prayers, it meant a lot. It is a joy to belong to a family oriented Christian congregation.

Gwen Cattrysse

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The family of Belle King would like to thank Pastor Koopman for coming to the hospital to visit Belle and share some prayers and hymns of praise. Thank you also for sharing the Gospel with us at her funeral service. Also, thank you to all who sent cards, attended her visitation and funeral, and serving the funeral luncheon.

God bless,

Judy Burnett, Karen Borchardt, Kathy Nelson,  
Jeff Edwards, Tim Edwards

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Daylight Saving time ends  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Remember to  
set your clocks back one hour  
Saturday night.



*“God Creates, redeems, and calls all human beings as His own precious treasures from fertilization to forever, regardless of ages,*

*appearances, abilities, or impairments. The Gospel of Jesus Christ invites us to an honest humility and an enthusiastic hope that receive each one as a gift and privilege.*

*~ Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

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

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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:

- Society of St. Polycap Annual Retreat, November 9 – 11, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Oakes, ND
- 2026 Bible Bowl, April 18, Concordia St. Paul
- 2026 Camp Omega Summer Guide Application
- LFL Essay Contest, Students in grades 6-8 & 9-12.
- Awaken Workshop, November 14 - 15

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### **From the Stewardship Committee:**

What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

St. Paul wrote to Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, he gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God's sight. Abraham was. By faith, he prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel's God and they His people.

What more shall we say? For time would fail us to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything – yes, even His life – enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty, we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ, give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart for the joy set before us. It's the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

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*November 2025*

**Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota**

**November 2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><b>2</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>4:45 Introductory Choir 5:15 Introductory Bell Choir 5:25 Brass 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Conf / Vocal Choir</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 10:10 Ruth/Lydia Circle Bible Study</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 4:30 Book Club</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:00 Quilting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 Planning Council</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>4:45 Introductory Choir 5:15 Introductory Bell Choir 5:25 Brass 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Conf / Vocal Choir</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>11:30 Mary Circle @ Pizza Ranch 1:00 Mary Circle Bible Study @ church</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><i>Mite Sunday</i> <b>16</b></p> <p>8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 6:00 Youth Servant Event @ Church</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>4:00 Mission Service 4:45 Introductory Choir 5:15 Introductory Bell Choir 5:25 Brass 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Conf / Vocal Choir</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>4:00 The Voice Deadline</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 11:30 Annual Dinner 12:30 Voters' Meeting 4:30 Book Club</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:00 Quilting</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10:00 Early Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service No Jr. Confirmation <i>Advent Event Registration deadline</i></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 10:30 Fireplace Room Rental</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 11:30 Decorate for Christmas &amp; Lunch</p>						

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