

Voters' Meeting

Voters' Meeting Agenda
Our Savior Lutheran Church of Mankato
Sunday, January 18th, 2026
11:45 am

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of November 23, 2025 Voters' Meeting Minutes (pg. 4-5)
5. Pastors' Reports (pg. 6-8)
6. Treasurer's Report (pg. 9-21)
7. Board Reports and 2026 Goals (pg. 22-33)
8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Sanctuary Art Project Committee Update
 - b.
9. New Business
 - a. Discuss Synod June 6, 2026 Election – We have the opportunity to make nominations for Synod positions of:
 - i. President, First Vice-President, and Regional Vice-President
 - ii. Nomination of Pastor Benjamin T. Ball for Synod President was made at the November Voter's meeting
 1. Are there any additional nominations?
 - iii. Nominations need to be approved by the Voter's and submitted by February 18th, 2026
 - b.
 - c.
10. Information sharing
 - a. Reminder of Concordia Academy \$20,000 pledge for 7-1-25 through 6-30-26 School year
 - b. Update on Boiler Fundraising goal of \$190,000
11. Closing Prayer
12. Adjournment

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President's Letter

Dear fellow members in Christ,

When I initially sat down to pull my thoughts together for this letter, I thought it might be difficult because 2025 was such a quiet year. However, it didn't take me very long to remember that wasn't correct - We just got done celebrating our 75th anniversary, we are in the process of putting together another church directory, we have a major boiler expense on the horizon, and we've completed a year of enjoying having a second pastor to teach our flock at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

While I just listed off a few of the larger events/happenings that have occurred this last year, I would be remiss if I didn't also acknowledge the pastors and staff, all of the various committees, groups, and various volunteers that make up Our Savior Lutheran Church. Through their efforts, we not only teach and proclaim God's word on Sunday's, but also offer opportunities during the week to be in the Word, and to be involved in helping run the Church.

In November, we held our Voter's meeting in which elections were held. I want to express a sincere thank you to those who have agreed to serve in various positions and on committees. As I mentioned earlier, everyone that helps with the activities that are provided also deserve a large thank you.

At that same meeting, the 2026 budget was presented and approved. While no major changes were proposed in the budget, 2026 will have some challenges. We continue to have some ongoing repairs to both equipment and buildings with fundraising for the boiler repair/replacement being a major goal.

It is with great joy and confidence that we look forward to 2026 and remembering our focus of sharing that *At Our Savior Lutheran Church, we live to make Christ known.*

In His Service,

Dan Gahler

Diamond Jubilee verse – Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Psalm 90:1 ESV

November 23, 2025 Voters' Meeting Minutes

Voters' Meeting
Our Savior Lutheran Church of Mankato
Sunday, November 23rd, 2025
12:45 pm
Attendance 41

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dan Gahler at 12:46 pm.
2. The opening Prayer lead by Pastor John Koopman.
3. Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented, Motion carried.
4. Motion made to approve the minutes of both the June 1, 2025 Special Voters Meeting and the minutes of September 28, 2025 Special Voters Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.
5. Pastor Matheny reported on the closed communion policy Bible class, any questions please talk with the pastors or elders. Music Conservatory information, new look to the bulletin coming next week. Pastor Koopman echoed the information.
6. Gary Fladland presented the Treasure's Report, Motion made and seconded to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.
7. There was no Unfinished Business.
8. New Business:
 - a. In Discussing the Synod June 6, 2026 Election, Motion was made to submit the Name of Pastor Benjamin T. Ball for Synod President. We will have to formalize at the January Voters meeting to be submitted by February 18th, 2026.
 - b. LCMS Presidential/VP's election – June 6, 2026
Motion made to appoint Pastor Matheny and Dan Gahler as Congregational pastoral voter (1), and a lay voter (1) to cast electronic votes. Motion carried.
 - c. After reviewing and adding to the official ballot for Officer and Board Member Elections, Motion made and seconded to approve by unanimous voice vote the following were elected: Dan Gahler, President; Judd Schultz, Vice president; Eileen Heintz, Secretary; Gideon Baldwin and Mark Wellner Council Member at large; Bev Annis, Darcy Chapman and Kristen Flathers, Board of Education; Gaylen Lenz, Andrew Brittner, Joel Maunula, Mike Blomquist and Jordan Treanor, Board of Elders; Terrin Baldwin, Angelica Maunula, Deb Simpson and Sarah Farris, Board of Deacons; Chris Anderson and Steve Dumke, Board of Trustees; Garvin Eichorst, Judy Mensing, David Kroells and Doug Haeder, Board of Endowment.
 - d. 2026 Annual Budget was presented, no discussion, Motion made and seconded to approve the presented budget Motion Carried.

1. A Reminder of Concordia Academy \$20,000 pledge for 7-1-25 through 6-30-26 School year This pledge is not part of our budget, please as you see fit donate through the church for this cause.
 - e. Discuss new Art project - Pastor Matheny presented a background on the painting in the sanctuary and some requested update, including more artwork, lighting and relocation. If interested in being on the committee, see Pastor Matheny. More will follow at the January 2026 Meeting. Motion made and seconded to move forward on these issues. Motion Carried
9. Information sharing
1. Music Conservatory Information was shared by Suzie Gangi about the program and the fact that it will be up and running in a few days. Officially starting in January 2026.
 2. Boiler Fundraising status – Note new graphic in the Narthex. Fund raising has begun, we will need approximately \$190,000, Account has been set up for donations.
10. Closing Prayer was led by Pastor Matheny.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Mel Hendrickson
Fill in acting Secretary OSLC Council

Pastor's Report – Pastor Matheny

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

-Philippians 4:4–9

May the grace of God be multiplied to you in our Lord Jesus Christ!

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, 2025 was another year full of activity and blessings for the people of Our Savior. Perhaps most prominently this year marked 75 years since the founding of our congregation. We thanked God for His provision in various ways over the course of the year from special music to guest preachers, from a special tree promoting “random” acts of kindness to scheduled days where we dressed up for service to show our reverence for the Word of God. We made celebratory coffee mugs and special t-shirts to show our appreciation for the congregation that feeds us with God’s gifts and supports us in our walk with Christ. The Sunday that we set aside in particular for the commemoration of anniversary stands out to me as the biggest celebration that we have had in my time at Our Savior featuring games, prizes, live music of various sorts, congregational pictures, and much more. All of this was an expression of the congregation’s gratitude for the gifts that God has given us for the past 75 years.

In 2025 we also dedicated and hung our new sanctuary art work. These paintings depict Moses leading the people of Israel across the Red Sea and Jesus in the boat with His disciples delivering them from the wrath of the Sea of Galilee. These paintings not only adorn our sanctuary but also remind the people of God gathered there that God saves His people mightily from the forces of the world that would seek to destroy them.

In 2025 we also celebrated one year of Pastor Koopman serving as our associate Pastor. He has been a blessing to our congregation in his preaching and teaching, in his visitations and in his example of faithful Christian life. He has also been a blessing to me as a faithful brother in the ministry who offers wisdom and counsel as we navigate service to Our Savior together. I thank God for him.

Often times we mark the passage of time (in our marriages, lives, or congregations) by major milestones. That is of course fitting. But the most important aspects of life at Our Savior seem comparatively small and ordinary. This place is so important because here we share God’s Word and gifts in countless Divine Services (some quite memorable and others not so much). It is here that we eat the Body and Blood of Jesus together every week, where we have our sins forgiven, where we gather to share a donut, a meal, a story, and a prayer. In this place we sing together the songs of Christ and His church. Here we gather for meetings

and decisions, for celebrations of various sorts, and in mourning for the saints who have died. It is in these things that we see and know Christ's presence. Here we receive God's gifts as His beloved church.

As I think back over the year gone by I am once again reminded of my failures. The people of Our Savior have a fallen and sinful man as their pastor. I need God's grace and forgiveness, and I want yours too. For all my shortcomings, failures, disappointments, and sins I am sorry and I beg your forgiveness.

In light of all of this I look forward to another year of life in Christ for 2026. No matter what comes our way my prayer is that the people of God gathered here would continue to hold fast to God and His Word in the year to come rejoicing always in the gifts that He always bestows on them.

The Lord bless you always!

Pastor Adam Matheny

Pastor's Report – Pastor Koopman

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations... So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. - Psalm 90:1,12

This past year we celebrated the 75th anniversary of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Mankato, Minnesota in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty five. We celebrated in a myriad of ways, but most joyously we gathered on August 17th with our big anniversary celebratory Divine Service and meal with games and activities. Guests were invited from near and far and the name of the Lord was praised who has preserved His name among us unto this day.

While the anniversary celebration largely defined this year, this is not to overlook many of the other works that God was performing among us. New artwork that proclaims God's work now hangs upon the walls of the sanctuary, with more to come. New members were welcomed into our congregation and other members joined the choir immortal. Our commitment to Christ's word has been strengthened through ongoing faithful study of the Lord's Supper. We have worked to continue supporting Christian education locally through financial support of Concordia Classical Academy, and both pastors teaching at Mankato Christian Academy. Approximately 200 saints gathered each Sunday to receive God's gifts and sing His praises. Our life together has been joyously enriched, musically and socially, among both young and old, with plenty of food for all. We have embarked upon a new adventure with a music conservatory, hoping to further enrich our praises to the Lord.

Looking ahead to 2026 we do not know what the Lord has in store for us, but we rest assured that He is our dwelling place, and founded upon Him we shall endure from one generation to the next. We know that the world is very evil and always at work to lead us astray from the straight and narrow, and down the broad and easy road that leads to destruction. Therefore, we must continue to vigorously hold to the Word of God and remain faithful to our Lutheran Confessions, despite the pressures to cave to worldliness. This doesn't happen without hard work and a lot of effort, so we have our labors cut out for us.

But of course none of this shall be done by our own efforts apart from the work of God. By God's grace He shall preserve us, and we trust in His divine providence over our parish. If it were only up to us we would quickly dissolve into madness and lose the faith and we would destroy everything; may the Lord protect us from such self-aggrandizing temptations! We commit ourselves to God's compassionate hands and we rest our salvation solely on the blood of Jesus Christ shed on Calvary's cross for our salvation. May God's will be done in our midst so that all may fear His wrath, turn from their sinful ways, and hope in the Lord Jesus.

To God alone be the Glory!

Your brother in Christ,
Rev. John Henry Koopman

Treasurer's Report

OSLC Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending December 31, 2025

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$73,966.16	\$637,193.16
Operating Expenses	(\$65,648.92)	(\$652,354.20)
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	(\$807.58)	(\$9,471.97)
Net for Period†	\$7,509.66	(\$24,633.01)

†Positive net value indicates we received more than our operating expenses, a negative number indicates that we have spent more than we have received for that period (deficit).

Cash Summary

	Amount	Notes
Checking Account	\$9,419.24	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$198,646.21	Interest savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$23,021.30	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	
Total Cash Assets	\$251,193.87	
Dedicated Accounts	(\$180,847.87)	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific items
Other Liabilities	\$62.93	Accruals for HSA payments, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$70,408.93	

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$190,899.18
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	6.50% (Aug. 2025 – Jul 2026)
Pay-off Date	7/2036 (\$44,721.09)

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Fladland, Treasurer

1/2/2026
02:56 pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
Finance year 2025 as of 12/31/2025

Book 01 - General Fund

	Balance as of 1/1/2025	Balance as of 12/31/2025	Change	Percent change
Assets				
01 - Current Assets				
10 - Cash				
011-01-10-15 Cash - LCEF - Joyful Resp	33,274.01	23,021.30	-10,252.71	-30.8%
011-01-10-20 Pioneer Platinum Plus Sav	152,838.69	198,646.21	45,807.52	30.0%
011-01-10-50 Cash - LCEF - Library Fd	20,107.12	20,107.12	0.00	- %
011-01-10-70 Pioneer Business Checking	78,201.89	9,419.24	-68,782.65	-88.0%
10 - Cash:	284,421.71	251,193.87	-33,227.84	-11.7%
20 - Accounts Receivable				
011-01-20-00 Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	- %
20 - Accounts Receivable:	0.00	0.00	0.00	- %
01 - Current Assets:	284,421.71	251,193.87	-33,227.84	-11.7%
Total assets:	284,421.71	251,193.87	-33,227.84	-11.7%

Liabilities

10 - Current Liabilities

00 - (no Minor group)				
012-10-00-10 Accounts Payable - Trade	0.00	0.00	0.00	- %
012-10-00-30 Accrued Health Savings Ac	-1,124.99	-833.34	291.65	-25.9%
012-10-00-40 Accrued 2025 Youth Conf.	4,127.40	406.32	-3,721.08	-90.2%
00 - (no Minor group):	3,002.41	-427.02	-3,429.43	-114.2%
10 - Payroll Taxes & Benefits				
012-10-10-10 Federal Income Tax W/h	0.00	0.00	0.00	- %
012-10-10-20 FICA Tax W/h	-0.07	-0.08	-0.01	14.3%
012-10-10-30 Medicare Tax W/h	-0.21	-0.22	-0.01	4.8%
012-10-10-40 FICA Tax - Employer	0.00	0.00	0.00	- %
012-10-10-50 Medicare Tax - Employer	0.00	0.00	0.00	- %
012-10-10-60 MN State Income Tax W/h	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	- %
012-10-10-61 MN. Paid Leave W/H	0.00	0.00	0.00	- %
012-10-10-70 Accrued Payroll	0.00	0.00	0.00	- %
012-10-10-81 AD&D Clearing	3.80	3.80	0.00	- %
012-10-10-82 CHP Clearing	-23.24	-23.24	0.00	- %
012-10-10-83 CDSP Clearing	23.24	23.24	0.00	- %
012-10-10-84 RETMT Clearing	324.22	324.22	0.00	- %
012-10-10-85 CRSP Clearing - Metlife	-229.80	-229.80	0.00	- %
012-10-10-86 H.S.A. Clearing - Select	0.02	0.02	0.00	- %
012-10-10-87 Sup Life Clearing	292.56	292.68	0.12	- %
10 - Payroll Taxes & Benefits:	390.51	390.61	0.10	- %
20 - Mission Contributions				
012-10-20-20 Miss. Pble - Dist & Synod	-26.52	-26.52	0.00	- %
012-10-20-99 Missions Payable - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	- %
20 - Mission Contributions:	-26.52	-26.52	0.00	- %
10 - Current Liabilities:	3,366.40	-62.93	-3,429.33	-101.9%
20 - Long Term Liabilities				
00 - (no Minor group)				
012-20-00-10 Notes Payable - LCEF	203,294.48	190,899.18	-12,395.30	-6.1%

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Finance year 2025 as of 12/31/2025

Book 01 - General Fund

	Balance as of 1/1/2025	Balance as of 12/31/2025	Change	Percent change
00 - (no Minor group):	203,294.48	190,899.18	-12,395.30	-6.1%
20 - Long Term Liabilities:	203,294.48	190,899.18	-12,395.30	-6.1%
Liabilities:	206,660.88	190,836.25	-15,824.63	-7.7%

Dedicated

10 - Bible Class

00 - (no Minor group)				
017-10-00-10 Bible Class	456.28	366.32	-89.96	-19.7%
017-10-00-20 Young Investors	320.00	320.00	0.00	-
017-10-00-30 Library	5,294.37	4,799.87	-494.50	-9.3%
017-10-00-31 Library - LCEF Investment	20,116.99	20,116.99	0.00	-
017-10-00-60 Sunday School	341.06	566.06	225.00	66.0%
017-10-00-70 Vacation Bible School	498.77	0.00	-498.77	-100.0%
00 - (no Minor group):	27,027.47	26,169.24	-858.23	-3.2%
10 - Bible Class:	27,027.47	26,169.24	-858.23	-3.2%

20 - Elders

00 - (no Minor group)				
017-20-00-05 Cash Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
017-20-00-10 Memorials - Undesignated	17,758.40	20,070.40	2,312.00	13.0%
017-20-00-20 Missions	579.74	579.74	0.00	-
017-20-00-26 Servant Trips	1,594.93	1,594.93	0.00	-
017-20-00-28 Concordia Classical Academy	1,000.00	4,646.92	3,646.92	364.7%
017-20-00-31 Staff Misc	3,512.32	3,361.43	-150.89	-4.3%
017-20-00-40 Women's Ministry	11,030.26	11,273.48	243.22	2.2%
017-20-00-50 Sacred Artwork	9,500.00	12,000.00	2,500.00	26.3%
00 - (no Minor group):	44,975.65	53,526.90	8,551.25	19.0%
20 - Elders:	44,975.65	53,526.90	8,551.25	19.0%

30 - Endowment

00 - (no Minor group)				
017-30-00-10 Endowment Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
017-30-00-20 Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
00 - (no Minor group):	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
30 - Endowment:	0.00	0.00	0.00	-

40 - Fellowship

00 - (no Minor group)				
017-40-00-10 Kitchen Fund	3,303.43	4,321.70	1,018.27	30.8%
017-40-00-30 Thrivent	7,590.28	6,806.78	-783.50	-10.3%
00 - (no Minor group):	10,893.71	11,128.48	234.77	2.2%
40 - Fellowship:	10,893.71	11,128.48	234.77	2.2%

50 - Human Care

00 - (no Minor group)				
017-50-00-10 Benevolent Fund	30,478.14	30,478.14	0.00	-
017-50-00-20 Miscellaneous Human Care	415.74	415.74	0.00	-
00 - (no Minor group):	30,893.88	30,893.88	0.00	-
50 - Human Care:	30,893.88	30,893.88	0.00	-

60 - Outreach

00 - (no Minor group)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
Finance year 2025 as of 12/31/2025

Book 01 - General Fund

	Balance as of 1/1/2025	Balance as of 12/31/2025	Change	Percent change
017-60-00-30 Taxi Fund	8,126.68	7,921.95	-204.73	-2.5%
00 - (no Minor group):	8,126.68	7,921.95	-204.73	-2.5%
60 - Outreach:	8,126.68	7,921.95	-204.73	-2.5%
90 - Trustees				
00 - (no Minor group)				
017-90-00-30 Building Fund	2,834.89	4,559.89	1,725.00	60.8%
017-90-00-35 Boiler Replacement	0.00	4,540.00	4,540.00	-%
017-90-00-41 Audio-visual System	-235.15	-55.15	180.00	-76.5%
017-90-00-63 Capital Improvements	34,947.91	20,451.71	-14,496.20	-41.5%
017-90-00-70 Garden Fund	502.22	544.60	42.38	8.4%
00 - (no Minor group):	38,049.87	30,041.05	-8,008.82	-21.0%
90 - Trustees:	38,049.87	30,041.05	-8,008.82	-21.0%
93 - Worship				
00 - (no Minor group)				
017-93-00-10 Altar Guild	1,311.23	1,311.23	0.00	-%
017-93-00-20 Music Fund	1,828.90	2,114.55	285.65	15.6%
017-93-00-30 Organ Fund	9,146.86	9,146.86	0.00	-%
017-93-00-50 Sunday Matins	2,362.33	2,917.33	555.00	23.5%
017-93-00-60 Wedding Fund	958.76	1,088.76	130.00	13.6%
00 - (no Minor group):	15,608.08	16,578.73	970.65	6.2%
93 - Worship:	15,608.08	16,578.73	970.65	6.2%
95 - Bd of Youth				
00 - (no Minor group)				
017-95-00-10 Youth	7,514.70	4,587.64	-2,927.06	-39.0%
00 - (no Minor group):	7,514.70	4,587.64	-2,927.06	-39.0%
95 - Bd of Youth:	7,514.70	4,587.64	-2,927.06	-39.0%
Dedicated:	183,090.04	180,847.87	-2,242.17	-1.2%
Book equity:	-105,329.21	-120,490.25	-15,161.04	14.4%
Total liabilities, dedicated and equity:	284,421.71	251,193.87	-33,227.84	-11.7%

1/2/2026
02:56 pm

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Balance Sheet
Finance year 2025 as of 12/31/2025

Summary across all Books

	Balance as of 1/1/2025	Balance as of 12/31/2025	Change	Percent change
Assets:	284,421.71	251,193.87	-33,227.84	-11.7%
Total assets:	284,421.71	251,193.87	-33,227.84	-11.7%
Liabilities:	206,660.88	190,836.25	-15,824.63	-7.7%
Dedicated:	183,090.04	180,847.87	-2,242.17	-1.2%
Equity:	0.00	0.00	0.00	- %
Book equity:	-105,329.21	-120,490.25	-15,161.04	14.4%
Total liabilities, dedicated and equity:	284,421.71	251,193.87	-33,227.84	-11.7%

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Income Statement for 2025 as of 12/31/2025

Book 01 - General Fund

	December	Year-to-date as of 12/31/2025
Income		
10 - Contributions		
00 - (no Minor group)		
015-10-00-10 Unified Treasury	62,152.11	530,023.86
015-10-00-20 Deficit Fund Drive	1,140.00	2,305.00
015-10-00-30 Plate Receipts	1,360.00	10,056.61
015-10-00-99 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
00 - (no Minor group):	64,652.11	542,385.47
10 - Contributions:	64,652.11	542,385.47
20 - Rebates		
00 - (no Minor group)		
015-20-00-20 Thrivent	0.00	0.00
015-20-00-30 Refunds	0.00	0.00
00 - (no Minor group):	0.00	0.00
20 - Rebates:	0.00	0.00
30 - Other Receipts		
00 - (no Minor group)		
015-30-00-10 Interest	739.05	6,790.69
015-30-00-20 Transfers	0.00	0.00
015-30-00-30 Endowment Fund Interest	0.00	0.00
015-30-00-99 Adjustments	0.00	100.00
00 - (no Minor group):	739.05	6,890.69
30 - Other Receipts:	739.05	6,890.69
40 - Joyful Response		
00 - (no Minor group)		
015-40-00-10 Joyful Response Offerings	8,105.00	87,447.00
00 - (no Minor group):	8,105.00	87,447.00
40 - Joyful Response:	8,105.00	87,447.00
50 - Music Conservatory		
00 - (no Minor group)		
015-50-00-10 Teacher Fee	0.00	0.00
015-50-00-20 Music Conservatory	470.00	470.00
00 - (no Minor group):	470.00	470.00
50 - Music Conservatory:	470.00	470.00
Income:	\$ 73,966.16	\$ 637,193.16
Expense		
00 - (no Major group)		
00 - (no Minor group)		
016-00-00-10 Undistributed Payroll	0.00	0.00
00 - (no Minor group):	0.00	0.00
00 - (no Major group):	0.00	0.00
01 - Administration		
00 - (no Minor group)		
016-01-00-10 Debt Retirement	2,305.00	305.00
016-01-00-20 Missions - Dist & Synod	8,244.69	62,631.72
016-01-00-30 Interest Expense	1,038.41	11,756.58
016-01-00-35 Bank Fees	1.95	71.32
016-01-00-50 Employer FICA Taxes	0.00	0.00
016-01-00-55 Employer Medicare Taxes	0.00	0.00
00 - (no Minor group):	11,590.05	74,764.62
01 - Administration:	11,590.05	74,764.62

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Book 01 - General Fund

	December	Year-to-date as of 12/31/2025
05 - Deacons		
00 - (no Minor group)		
016-05-00-10 Bd of Deacons Expenses	0.00	0.00
016-05-00-20 Stephen Ministry	0.00	0.00
00 - (no Minor group):	0.00	0.00
05 - Deacons:	0.00	0.00
10 - Education		
00 - (no Minor group)		
016-10-00-05 Background Checks	0.00	58.85
016-10-00-10 Bible Study Groups	-26.00	316.97
016-10-00-15 Christmas	87.89	225.43
016-10-00-20 Class Materials	0.00	1,322.31
016-10-00-25 Class Supplies	0.00	378.70
016-10-00-30 Confirmation Materials	0.00	221.50
016-10-00-35 K.I.D.S. Account Startup	0.00	0.00
016-10-00-40 Cradle Roll	0.00	0.00
016-10-00-45 Nursery Supplies	0.00	0.00
016-10-00-55 Sunday School Awards	0.00	134.38
016-10-00-60 Teacher Appreciation	0.00	0.00
016-10-00-65 Teacher's Interaction	0.00	0.00
016-10-00-70 VBS Materials	0.00	247.51
016-10-00-80 Family Ministry	0.00	0.00
016-10-00-94 Conference/Conv/Workshop	0.00	0.00
016-10-00-95 Women's Ministry	0.00	0.00
016-10-00-97 Postage & Mailings	0.00	0.00
016-10-00-98 Men's Ministry	0.00	0.00
016-10-00-99 Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	59.42
00 - (no Minor group):	61.89	2,965.07
10 - Education:	61.89	2,965.07
20 - Elders		
00 - (no Minor group)		
016-20-00-05 Altar Guild	75.00	218.81
016-20-00-15 Guest Speakers/Pastors	0.00	200.00
016-20-00-20 Lutheran Witness	41.60	457.60
016-20-00-21 Communications	0.00	0.00
016-20-00-24 Luth. Service Builder Sup	0.00	645.00
016-20-00-26 Shepherd's Staff Support	0.00	600.00
016-20-00-30 Website	0.00	0.00
016-20-00-35 Portals of Prayer	0.00	2,095.60
016-20-00-45 Music Licenses	0.00	0.00
016-20-00-46 Choir Music	283.80	565.36
016-20-00-50 Communion Supplies	145.91	574.22
016-20-00-53 Worship Bulletins	171.10	1,409.79
016-20-00-55 Worship Supplies	0.00	476.13
016-20-00-60 Pew Cards	0.00	380.59
016-20-00-75 Staff Well Being Consult	0.00	0.00
016-20-00-93 Convention	0.00	975.00
016-20-00-94 Conference/Conv/Workshop	0.00	130.20
016-20-00-95 Office Supplies	37.94	1,236.29
016-20-00-96 Paper	225.40	2,435.11
016-20-00-97 Postage & Mailings	460.00	2,710.73
00 - (no Minor group):	1,440.75	15,110.43
20 - Elders:	1,440.75	15,110.43

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Book 01 - General Fund

	December	Year-to-date as of 12/31/2025
30 - Endowment		
00 - (no Minor group)		
016-30-00-10 Seminars & Supplies	0.00	0.00
00 - (no Minor group):	0.00	0.00
30 - Endowment:	0.00	0.00
40 - Fellowship		
00 - (no Minor group)		
016-40-00-99 Fellowship	806.41	11,713.16
00 - (no Minor group):	806.41	11,713.16
40 - Fellowship:	806.41	11,713.16
50 - Human Care		
00 - (no Minor group)		
016-50-00-98 Human Care Expenses	0.00	0.00
00 - (no Minor group):	0.00	0.00
50 - Human Care:	0.00	0.00
60 - Outreach		
00 - (no Minor group)		
016-60-00-10 Podcast	0.00	1,295.00
016-60-00-21 Communications	0.00	0.00
016-60-00-30 Website	0.00	0.00
016-60-00-40 New Member Recognition	0.00	0.00
016-60-00-50 Print and Mail	0.00	0.00
016-60-00-95 Office Supplies	0.00	0.00
016-60-00-99 Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00
00 - (no Minor group):	0.00	1,295.00
60 - Outreach:	0.00	1,295.00
70 - Personnel		
05 - Administration		
016-70-05-10 Prior Period Correction	0.00	0.00
05 - Administration:	0.00	0.00
10 - Associate Pastor		
016-70-10-10 Associate Pastor Base Pay	6,696.36	80,356.32
016-70-10-20 Associate Pastor Health Ins	2,702.55	32,430.55
016-70-10-30 Associate Pastor Retirement	649.54	7,794.48
016-70-10-40 Associate Pastor Disability	150.67	1,808.04
016-70-10-45 Associate Pastor Conf/Workshop	0.00	125.00
016-70-10-47 Associate Pastor Continuing Ed	0.00	0.00
016-70-10-50 Associate Pastor Business Exp.	175.19	1,264.14
10 - Associate Pastor:	10,374.31	123,778.53
15 - Senior Pastor		
016-70-15-10 Senior Pastor Base Pay	7,168.34	86,020.08
016-70-15-20 Senior Pastor Health Ins	2,702.55	32,430.56
016-70-15-30 Senior Pastor Retirement	695.33	8,343.96
016-70-15-40 Senior Pastor Disability	161.29	1,935.48
016-70-15-45 Senior Pastor Conf/Work	0.00	565.00
016-70-15-47 Senior Pastor Cont. Ed	0.00	0.00
016-70-15-50 Senior Pastor Bus. Exp.	0.00	2,907.43
15 - Senior Pastor:	10,727.51	132,202.51
22 - PT Music Ministry		
016-70-22-10 PT Music Mnsty Base Pay	645.84	7,750.08
016-70-22-60 PT Music Mnsty SS Tax	49.41	592.87
016-70-22-61 PT Music Paid Leave	0.00	0.00

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Book 01 - General Fund

	December	Year-to-date as of 12/31/2025
22 - PT Music Ministry:	695.25	8,342.95
30 - Secretary		
016-70-30-10 Secretary Base Pay	3,539.00	41,793.89
016-70-30-20 Secretary Health Ins.	2,035.18	24,422.25
016-70-30-30 Secretary Retirement	343.28	4,119.36
016-70-30-40 Secretary Disability	79.63	955.56
016-70-30-60 Secretary Soc. Sec Tax	368.98	3,295.49
016-70-30-61 Secretary Paid Leave	0.00	0.00
30 - Secretary:	6,366.07	74,586.55
45 - Deaconess		
016-70-45-10 Deaconess Base Pay	0.00	0.00
016-70-45-20 Deaconess Health Ins.	0.00	0.00
016-70-45-30 Deaconess Retirement	0.00	0.00
016-70-45-40 Deaconess Disability	0.00	0.00
016-70-45-45 Deaconess Conf/Workshop	0.00	0.00
016-70-45-47 Deaconess Continuing Ed	0.00	0.00
016-70-45-50 Deaconess Business Exp.	0.00	0.00
45 - Deaconess:	0.00	0.00
50 - Custodian (Trustees)		
016-70-50-10 Custodian Base Pay	3,380.00	42,319.96
016-70-50-20 Custodian Health Ins.	1,182.15	14,822.96
016-70-50-30 Custodian Retirement	311.05	2,537.35
016-70-50-40 Custodian Disability	38.48	522.50
016-70-50-50 Custodian Mileage	0.00	203.14
016-70-50-60 Custodian Soc Sec Tax	268.10	3,261.65
016-70-50-61 Custodian Paid Leave	0.00	0.00
50 - Custodian (Trustees):	5,179.78	63,667.56
60 - Part-Time Custodian		
016-70-60-10 PT Custodian Base Pay	0.00	0.00
016-70-60-60 PT Custodian Soc Sec Tax	0.00	0.00
60 - Part-Time Custodian:	0.00	0.00
70 - Part-Time Pastor		
016-70-70-10 Vis. Pastor Base Pay	490.00	4,690.00
016-70-70-50 Vis. Pastor Business Exp.	0.00	0.00
016-70-70-60 Vis. Pastor Soc Sec Tax	0.00	0.00
70 - Part-Time Pastor:	490.00	4,690.00
75 - Assistant Treasurer		
016-70-75-10 Payroll Processing	97.75	2,397.90
75 - Assistant Treasurer:	97.75	2,397.90
80 - Nursery Staff		
016-70-80-10 Nursery Staff Base Pay	0.00	0.00
016-70-80-60 Nursery Staff Soc Sec Tax	0.00	0.00
80 - Nursery Staff:	0.00	0.00
90 - Organists & Choir Accomp.		
016-70-90-10 Organist & Choir Base Pay	450.00	1,575.00
90 - Organists & Choir Accomp.:	450.00	1,575.00
70 - Personnel:	34,380.67	411,241.00
80 - Stewardship		
00 - (no Minor group)		
016-80-00-10 Contribution Envelopes	0.00	1,569.25
016-80-00-94 Stewardship Conf/Conv/Wks	0.00	0.00
016-80-00-98 Supplies & Materials	0.00	0.00

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Book 01 - General Fund

	December	Year-to-date as of 12/31/2025
00 - (no Minor group):	0.00	1,569.25
80 - Stewardship:	0.00	1,569.25
90 - Trustees		
00 - (no Minor group)		
016-90-00-10 Building Improvements	0.00	7,378.91
016-90-00-15 City Assessments	0.00	244.04
016-90-00-20 Office Equip & Computers	56.80	1,898.13
016-90-00-21 Website Support	0.00	743.64
016-90-00-22 Web Calendar	0.00	49.00
016-90-00-23 Virus Protection	0.00	0.00
016-90-00-26 DSL	144.00	1,728.00
016-90-00-30 Insurance	7,814.00	37,040.00
016-90-00-40 Office Equip. Maintenance	527.56	3,697.38
016-90-00-50 Organ Tuning	150.00	650.00
016-90-00-60 Repairs & Maintenance	4,059.31	18,799.67
016-90-00-70 Church Flower Planting	0.00	130.40
016-90-00-81 Utilities - Natural Gas	1,869.25	23,870.17
016-90-00-82 Utilities - Electricity	1,134.50	18,775.61
016-90-00-83 Utilities - Sewer & Water	332.28	3,694.84
016-90-00-84 Utilities - Communication	220.00	2,639.88
016-90-00-85 Utilities - Waste Removal	83.94	997.52
016-90-00-86 Utilities - Snow Removal	311.73	2,301.83
016-90-00-87 Utilities - Security	181.35	2,639.40
016-90-00-88 Utilities - Cell Phones	0.00	0.00
016-90-00-98 Supplies & Materials	289.44	4,877.26
00 - (no Minor group):	17,174.16	132,155.68
90 - Trustees:	17,174.16	132,155.68
95 - Youth		
00 - (no Minor group)		
016-95-00-10 2025 Natl Youth Gathering	125.00	1,500.00
016-95-00-20 Activities	0.00	-30.00
016-95-00-70 Young Adults	0.00	0.00
016-95-00-98 Supplies & Materials	0.00	0.00
00 - (no Minor group):	125.00	1,470.00
95 - Youth:	125.00	1,470.00
97 - Music Conservatory		
00 - (no Minor group)		
016-97-00-10 Teacher Pay	0.00	0.00
016-97-00-20 Purchases	69.99	69.99
016-97-00-30 Instrument Maintenance	0.00	0.00
00 - (no Minor group):	69.99	69.99
97 - Music Conservatory:	69.99	69.99
Expense:	\$ 65,648.92	\$ 652,354.20

Summary for Book 01 - General Fund

	December	Year-to-date as of 12/31/2025
Income:	73,966.16	637,193.16
- Expense:	65,648.92	652,354.20
Net Income:	\$ 8,317.24	-\$ 15,161.04

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Income Statement for 2025 as of 12/31/2025

Summary across all Books

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year-to-date as of 12/31/2025</u>
Income:	73,966.16	637,193.16
- Expense:	65,648.92	652,354.20
Net Income:	\$ 8,317.24	-\$ 15,161.04

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Bank Balance Less Dedicated
Finance year 2025 as of December

	Activity through December	Beginning balance	New balance	
<u>Bank Assets</u>				
011-01-10-15	Cash - LCEF - Joyful Resp	-10,252.71	33,274.01	23,021.30
011-01-10-20	Pioneer Platinum Plus Sav	45,807.52	152,838.69	198,646.21
011-01-10-50	Cash - LCEF - Library Fd	0.00	20,107.12	20,107.12
011-01-10-70	Pioneer Business Checking	-68,782.65	78,201.89	9,419.24
	Total Bank Assets:	-\$33,227.84	\$284,421.71	\$251,193.87

Dedicated

017-10-00-10	Bible Class	-89.96	456.28	366.32
017-10-00-20	Young Investors	0.00	320.00	320.00
017-10-00-30	Library	-494.50	5,294.37	4,799.87
017-10-00-31	Library - LCEF Investment	0.00	20,116.99	20,116.99
017-10-00-60	Sunday School	225.00	341.06	566.06
017-10-00-70	Vacation Bible School	-498.77	498.77	0.00
017-20-00-05	Cash Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-20-00-10	Memorials - Undesignated	2,312.00	17,758.40	20,070.40
017-20-00-20	Missions	0.00	579.74	579.74
017-20-00-26	Servant Trips	0.00	1,594.93	1,594.93
017-20-00-28	Concordia Classical Academy	3,646.92	1,000.00	4,646.92
017-20-00-31	Staff Misc	-150.89	3,512.32	3,361.43
017-20-00-40	Women's Ministry	243.22	11,030.26	11,273.48
017-20-00-50	Sacred Artwork	2,500.00	9,500.00	12,000.00
017-30-00-10	Endowment Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-30-00-20	Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-40-00-10	Kitchen Fund	1,018.27	3,303.43	4,321.70
017-40-00-30	Thrivent	-783.50	7,590.28	6,806.78
017-50-00-10	Benevolent Fund	0.00	30,478.14	30,478.14
017-50-00-20	Miscellaneous Human Care	0.00	415.74	415.74
017-60-00-30	Taxi Fund	-204.73	8,126.68	7,921.95
017-90-00-30	Building Fund	1,725.00	2,834.89	4,559.89
017-90-00-35	Boiler Replacement	4,540.00	0.00	4,540.00
017-90-00-41	Audio-visual System	180.00	-235.15	-55.15
017-90-00-63	Capital Improvements	-14,496.20	34,947.91	20,451.71
017-90-00-70	Garden Fund	42.38	502.22	544.60
017-93-00-10	Altar Guild	0.00	1,311.23	1,311.23
017-93-00-20	Music Fund	285.65	1,828.90	2,114.55
017-93-00-30	Organ Fund	0.00	9,146.86	9,146.86
017-93-00-50	Sunday Matins	555.00	2,362.33	2,917.33

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Bank Balance Less Dedicated
Finance year 2025 as of December

017-93-00-60 Wedding Fund	130.00	958.76	1,088.76
017-95-00-10 Youth	-2,927.06	7,514.70	4,587.64
Total Dedicated:	-\$2,242.17	\$183,090.04	\$180,847.87

	Through December	Beginning balance	New balance
Bank account assets:	\$-33,227.84	\$284,421.71	\$251,193.87
- Dedicated:	-2,242.17	183,090.04	180,847.87
Undedicated bank account assets:	\$-30,985.67	\$101,331.67	\$70,346.00

Board Reports

Board of Elders Annual Report – 2025

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

This past September during a vocal choir rehearsal it suddenly dawned on me that Pastor Koopman and his family have been at Our Savior for one year! I believe my comment to Pastor and Brittany was that it seems like they had been here forever. That was meant in a good way, in that the working relationship between our two wonderful Pastors has provided great direction and shown great love for our congregation. Feeling like Pastor Koopman and his family have been around a long time makes that very evident.

The Board of Elders have been working on a number of items over the past year. Reformatting and refining our Communion statement was a long thoughtful process. While making changes will not be appreciated by everyone, our Communion statement was long overdue for a review and revitalization. Following Synod guidelines and looking at statements from churches in our circuit and around the area, we feel the revised Communion statement is welcoming and clearly defines our beliefs. As always, if you have any questions, the Elders or Pastors would be happy to talk with you.

Church security was another topic of discussion. The City of Mankato Public Safety Department has established a church security working group and Our Savior is a member of the group. The first meeting was held recently and we will continue to be a member of the group to help ensure the safety of the congregation during these somewhat turbulent times.

Discussion also started regarding a First Communion option for our younger congregation members. By no means does this idea replace Confirmation but recognizes the faithful lives of some of our younger congregation members. The Elders have discussed and studied this idea and will continue to do so.

Great things are happening at Our Savior! Let's see what 2026 will bring.

In His Service

Board of Elders

Official Acts, Accessions, and Losses

Baptisms (4 infant)

Date	Name
10/5/2025	Schultz, Elizabeth Rebecca, born 10/2/2025
10/10/2025	Mendele, Lainey-Faye Marie, born 7/26/2024
10/19/2025	Mendele, Willow Nann, born 7/16/2025
11/23/2025	Friedrichs, Ivan Scott, born 10/1/2025

Confirmations (1 Junior, 1 Adult)

Date	Name	Jr. / Adult
4/27/2025	Doering, Charlotte Donna	Jr.
8/3/2025	Chatleain, Dana Marie	Adult

Weddings (4)

Date	Names
7/11/2025	Abigail Amanda Reed & Hans Peter Bloedel
8/2/2025	Terrin Leigh Boozikee & Gideon Dorward Baldwin
8/31/2025	Iuliia Vetrova & Michael Arthur Blomquist
10/11/2025	Julie Ann Weber & Jeffrey Lloyd Treanor

Deaths (26)

Date of Death	Name	Funeral Date
1/9/2025	Holle, Esther Louise	
2/8/2025	Steck, Joan Lil	
2/20/2025	Olsen, Phyllis D.	
3/1/2025	Nelson, Mark David	
3/9/2025	Mueller, Ted	3/28/2025
3/18/2025	Rabenhorst, Elaine	3/24/2025
4/11/2025	Westerlund, Jason Allan	5/2/2025
4/15/2025	Brack, Vera Leona	4/24/2025
4/24/2025	Burgi, Yvonne Mae	4/29/2025
4/26/2025	Fitzloff, Beverly Ann	5/6/2025
5/1/2025	Peterman, Joan Caroline	5/9/2025
5/2/2025	Koehler, Mona Mavis	5/10/2025

5/9/2025	Kitzmann, Merle Philip	6/21/2025
7/11/2025	Kietzer, James Allen	
8/14/2025	Prins, Norman Lloyd	8/22/2025
8/19/2025	Ruschmeyer, Marian C.	8/23/2025
9/1/2025	King, Belle I.	9/6/2025
10/12/2025	Johnson, Russell George	10/16/2025
11/5/2025	Dalluge, Larry Dean	12/6/2025
11/8/2025	Evenson, Marlys Ellen	11/14/2025
11/16/2025	Henry, Mary Evalyn	11/21/2025
11/19/2025	Slipy, Karen Emma	11/29/2025
11/19/2025	Olson, Lorraine Mae	11/25/2025
11/27/2025	Painter, Denise Carol	12/5/2025
12/17/2025	Garcia, LuAnn Marie	12/23/2025
12/30/2025	Farris, Edwin Charles	1/10/2026

Non Member Funerals (1)

12/11/2024	Anderson, Richard Karl	1/11/2025
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Transfers In (18)

Date	Name	Transferred from:
7/14/2025	Garcia, Raymond & LuAnn	Trinity Lutheran Church, Janesville, MN; LCMS
7/18/2025	Krieger, Alyssa	Trinity Lutheran Church, Waterville, MN; LCMS
8/28/2025	Krieger, Riley	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Spring Lake Park, MN; LCMS
11/14/2025	Pingel, Amanda; Ruxon Wall [age 7]	St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aurelia, IA; LCMS
12/17/2025	Baldwin, Gideon	Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio, TX; LCMS

Affirmations of Faith (5)

Date	Name	Previous Home Church
5/20/2025	Enz, Leighton	Church of St. Peter, St. Peter, MN
7/14/2025	Treanor, Jeffrey	St. John's Lutheran Church, Mapleton, MN; ELCA
8/2/2025	Westerlund, Janet	Peace Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN; ELS
8/20/2025	Williams, Kyndra N.	St. Peter Lutheran Church, St. Peter, MN; WELS
12/8/2025	Stavenau, David H.	St. John Lutheran Church, Rapidan, LCMS

Transfers to other LCMS (14)

Date	Name	Transfer to:
1/17/2025	Hock, Russell & Pamela	River of LIFE Lutheran Church, St. Peter; LCMS
1/20/2025	Brand, Naomi	Emmaus Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN; LCMS
2/3/2025	Strobel, Bridgett	Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN; LCMS
7/25/2025	Guse, John & LuAnn	Zion Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, MN; LCMS
10/3/2025	Wellner: Sara, Alexa, Addisyn, Brantley Freiderich-Padgett	Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN; LCMS
10/17/2025	Hendley: David, Sarah, Linnea, Madelyn	Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN; LCMS
11/7/2025	Birr: Dale, Karen, Bobby Murilla	Trinity Lutheran Church, Lake Crystal, MN; LCMS

Released by Personal Request (8)

Date Released	Name	Reason
2/7/2025	Kraemer, Brandon, Jackson [age 12]	Released by request, moved out of the area
2/7/2025	Bartelt, Michael & Pamela	Christ the King Lutheran Church, ELCA
8/27/2025	Preston: Peter, Joan, Alicia	Released by request, moved out of the area
10/1/2025	McLaughlin, Theresa	Released by request, no transfer
10/30/2025	Amundson, DaMaris	Released by request, no transfer

Administrative Changes (2)

Additions:		
Date	Name	Reason
3/24/2025	Bracht, Debbie	Membership Reinstated. Was removed from membership in 2011.
3/24/2025	Bracht, Alesha	Membership Reinstated. Was removed from membership in 2011.

Membership as of December 31, 2025:

Baptized Members: 985

Communicant Members: 791

Households: 485

Year Ending	Baptized	Confirmed	Avg. Weekly Worship
2025	952	758	194
2024	985	791	191
2023	1000	798	200
2022	1010	807	196
2021	1026	825	182
2020	1047	837	Not kept due to Covid
2019	1051	841	274
2018	1061	849	290
2017	1067	858	307
2016	1059	861	312

Official Acts:

Year Ending	Baptisms	Weddings	Deaths
2025	4	4	26
2024	2	3	11
2023	5	1	16
2022	8	1	12
2021	4	2	18
2020	10	3	15
2019	11	6	8
2018	17	3	11
2017	15	6	10
2016	7	5	16

Music Committee

2025 brought us lots of wonderful Special Music to many of our worship services. We were blessed to have some new members of each group this year.

Each Wednesday we have rehearsals of an intro choir and intro bells group, which are open to anyone, young or old, who wants to learn. Our more advanced choir and handbells group also meet and are for those with a little more musical ability. Brass also meets on most Wednesdays for rehearsal.

In fall 2025, we began looking into the idea of creating a school of music in which we will teach music lessons to those who are interested. The Our Savior Conservatory of Music will begin in January 2026 with the mission to teach the next generation of church musicians by providing music lessons with a focus on Liturgy and Hymns of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We aim to share the message of Christ through music while teaching the fundamentals of music and further engage students in our Divine Service. We have several members of the congregation that are willing and able to teach students on a variety of instruments. We are excited to begin this new part of our music program.

Board of Trustees Annual Report – 2025

The board would like to thank Bruce Anderson for His service. He will be going off the board this year after very much appreciated service in the past years. The board would also like to welcome Mark Senne to the board. The current members are Kurt Anderson, Bob Baker, Kirk Yungerberg, Mark Senne, Chris Anderson, and Steve Dumke. The board had an unusually busy year in 2025, the following is a list of some of the completed projects

1. BLK Electric replaced 3 obsolete electrical sub panels. The new panels are located in the Narthex, The hallway behind the Sanctuary. And the card room next to the Fellowship Hall. The replacement was a requirement from our insurance carrier.
2. Before retiring, Bob Baker completed painting the walls in the Office and The Fireside room.
3. Kirk Yungerberg completed a fall protection plane for the facility.
4. The board hired Doug Clausen to replace Bob Baker as our custodian.
5. Hung the newly completed artwork in the Sanctuary.
6. Purchased a cordless vacuum cleaner.
7. Repaired the damper on the upstairs furnace.
8. Replaced the air conditioner/heating unit in the Narthex.
9. Ordered replacements for the doors between the Sanctuary and the Courtyard.
10. Ordered a replacement refrigerator for the kitchen.

In addition to these completed projects, we have the following tasks on our future projects list.

- Repair the loose panels above the pulpit.
- Courtyard Drainage.
- Chimney tuckpointing.

- Perform a more aggressive test of the new sump that pumps into the existing drain line.
- Check insurance rates.
- Planter repair to the south side of the steeple.
- Tower roof is leaking.
- Boiler replacement. Center Point Energy will be installing a new natural gas line under the parking lot on the north side of the building. This work is delayed until spring 2025. The board will need to coordinate the new meter location with the boiler replacement project.

Board of Deacons Annual Report – 2025

Board Members

Denise Painter– Chair

Carrie Anderson – Secretary

Vicky Senne, Kathy Taylor, Lindsey Marso, Terrin Baldwin

Denise Painter served faithfully through October 2025. Terrin Baldwin assumed the chair position in November. Debra Simpson will fill the one-year vacancy. Carrie Anderson and Kathy Taylor’s terms ended. Angelica Maunula and Sarah Farris joined the board in December. Vicky Senne volunteered to serve as Secretary.

Board Description

The Board of Deacons is responsible for the temporal needs of the congregation. The Board oversees the implementation of the Stephen Ministries program; coordinates Sunday coffee time and Wednesday meals; and facilitates fellowship events throughout the year. The Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The Board chairman, or a representative of the board, attends the church Council meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Board Responsibilities

Duties fall primarily under two categories: care and fellowship. Care can include Grief Group/Widows, Sick and Injured, Stephen Ministries, Prayer shawls, Card Ministry, and blood drives. Fellowship includes Sunday morning coffee/donuts, Wednesday nights meals, and monthly fellowship events.

Prayer Shawls - Coordinated by Marcella Eilders

Card Ministry - Board members take turns sending birthday and Christmas cards to widowed congregation members.

Blood Drives - Assist Sue Hendrickson with gathering volunteers.

Sunday morning coffee/rolls - The chair coordinates weekly sign up, pick up, and servers.

Wednesday night meals - Michelle Rottermond volunteered to primarily oversee meals for the 2025-2026 education year.

Monthly Fellowship - The board will plan, decorate, prepare, cook, and serve. These events include the Chili Cook Off, Kitchen Cleaning, Blood Drives, Rally Sunday, Confirmation brunch, New Member Dinner, Christmas brunch, and other receptions and celebrations.

2025 Events

January

Sunday the 19th– Annual Chili Cook Off held after the January Voters’ Meeting. The Board planned, set up, and served. Winners each received a gift card. Zak Tess hosted Bible Trivia with members forming teams at their tables. The board provided toppings for the chili, grilled cheese sandwiches, ice cream, and beverages. About 50 guests.

February

Saturday the 15th – 9:30 Kitchen Cleaning. Board members and church member volunteers deep cleaned the church kitchen and sorted through cabinets and drawers. Thank you to all who worked hard to make this a wonderful fellowship event. The Board made a list for items needed.

March

Sunday the 2nd, Art Dedication - The newly installed liturgical art was celebrated with a combined worship service. The Sunday School children sang, “On My Heart, Imprint Your Image.” Congregation members were encouraged to dress up for this special service. A reception and presentation followed the Divine service.

Friday the 14th and Saturday the 15th, Women’s Retreat, “In the Beauty of Holiness.” The guest speaker was Dr. Kristin Einertson. Thank you to Laura Matheny and Samantha Tess for hosting a wonderful, restful retreat!

Sunday the 30th, The Board of Deacons were honored to host the reception for Bob Baker’s retirement. Thank you for helping the Board set up chairs and tables for countless events as you served dutifully in your position.

April

Sunday the 27th, Confirmation Reception, 9am between services. The Board served cheesy scrambled eggs, sausages, mixed fruit, rolls, juice, milk, and coffee.

Wednesday the 30th, The Board served up a smorgasbord for the last Wednesday meal until September.

May

Monday the 19th - Blood Drive, OSLC provided two people for registration and two for snacks.

Sunday the 25th - To celebrate the 75th anniversary, we had Guest Pastor, Steve Kosburg with us this day. Denise Painter and Lindsey Marso served coffee, donuts, cheese, crackers, fruit, juice, and milk.

June

Sunday the 1st, Start summer schedule – 8:00am Matins, 8:30am Fellowship, 9:00am Worship, and 10:00 Bible Study. Thank you to all who served double duty!

August

Monday the 4th - Wednesday the 6th, Wisdom’s Workshop. The Board served one night and coordinated volunteers to serve the other two evening meals, approximately 45 – 50 people each evening. Thank you to our volunteers. We appreciate you!

Sunday the 17th, 75th Anniversary Celebration Vicky and Denise served in the kitchen that morning. There was Matins, a hymn sing, guest pastor and organist, congregation picture, lunch, music, bounce house, games, prizes, and ice cream! Thanks be to God!

September

Sunday the 14th, Return to 8:00 and 10:30 worship service times with 9:00 coffee, rolls, etc. served before Sunday School and Bible Study.

Wednesday the 10th, Wednesday night meals, music, devotion, and confirmation starts for the year.

Sunday the 14th, Rally Sunday

The Board served cinnamon rolls, fruit, meat, cheese, crackers, juice, and coffee Boards and organizations within our church body set up table displays to share with others in the congregation.

October

Wednesday the 21st, New Member Dinner

New Members were sent invitations via mail. New members were recognized and dinner was served in celebration. Lasagna, garlic bread, salad and desserts were served.

December

Sunday the 21st, Christmas Service Brunch after the 9:00 service. The Board served French toast casserole, sausages, fruit, breakfast punch, coffee, and milk. We set up and decorated the tables. We served 140! The Board of Education provided activities and gifts for the children.

Acknowledgments

A special thank you to everyone who has served on a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening. Fellowship and food go hand-in-hand. Your service is truly appreciated!

Thank you to Doug Clausen for setting up and taking down tables for all events.

And all of the members of Our Savior Lutheran Church who “Live to Make Christ Known”!

OSLC Board of Deacons
Submitted by Terrin Baldwin

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# Board of Education Annual Report – 2025

OSLC Board of Education year-end review:

January 2025: Reviewed Christmas Service with children, it went very well.

February: Rhonda has been working hard to get the NYG ready, books were chosen to give kids at different ages

Provide 1 Set per household with child at age 3

- Follow and Do Set of 6*
- Provide 1 *Luther's Small Catechism for Kids* with child at 1st Grade
- Provide 2nd Graders with *Faith Alive Bible*
- Provide 3rd Graders with *Luther's Small Catechism*

March: Laura Matheny and Samantha Tess planned a Women's Retreat on March 14/15, about 60 participants, went very well.

April: Started planning Wisdom's Workshop, gifts given to confirmands

May: Family style Bible study planned for the summer. Sundaes on Sundays

June: Electricity Themes "Wisdom's Workshop" planned

July: Church participated in the Mankato Fun Days parade on July 12th. Handed out fliers for Wisdom's Workshop. NYG July 19-23 went very well thanks for Rhonda's planning.

August: August 4-6, was Wisdom's Workshop led by Tim Matheny, planning for combined 3rd-6th grade Sunday School and having rotating teachers. Continue with Memory Work ChallengeH

September: Sunday School started. Michelle Rottermond is still planning Youth Group activities.

October: Looking for someone to lead the Christmas Program.

November: Kristen Flathers will plan the kids Christmas Service. Youth Annual Dinner held.

December: Children's Christmas service, reception with crafts and activities.

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# Board of Endowment Annual Report – 2025

Board Members: Rob Hobbs - Chair; Mel Hendrickson - Vice Chair; Judy Mensing - Secretary; Garvin Eichhorst - Treasurer; Thad Simpson; David Kroells; and Gretchen Zellmer.

We thank Gretchen Zellmer for her service on our board for eight years. The newly elected member who will join our board is Doug Haeder.

The Endowment Board's objectives are to promote and receive contributions and manage the monetary gifts and bequests. These funds are invested with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Foundation for long term growth and income. Currently the funds are invested as follows: approximately 65% equities and 35% bonds. Please consider making an offering to our Endowment Fund. You may also name Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your will.

As our Endowment Fund continues to grow and generate investment income, it will significantly help the mission and ministry of Our Savior Lutheran Church now and in the years to come. Both the principal and income can be used for projects, programs, scholarships and mission activities. Endowment funds are not intended to be used for the congregation's operating budget.

This year the Board continued to provide \$3500.00 for the "Adopt-A-Student" program at Concordia Seminary in St Louis, MO. The student currently receiving these funds is Benjamin Wagner. He is from southern California and is in his second year at the seminary.

We provided \$10,600 in scholarships to pay a portion of the tuition costs for 7 students from our congregation who are attending Concordia Classical Academy in North Mankato. We also provided one post-secondary scholarship of \$3000 to Catherine Bittner. She is a member of our congregation and is in her second year at Concordia University in St Paul, studying to become a Lutheran classroom teacher.

Concordia Classical Academy has requested \$20,000.00 support from our congregation per year for 3 years. Our Board supports using some Endowment Funds to meet this request. This year the portion provided by the Endowment fund was \$3593.

The Board holds quarterly meetings at the church in January, April, July and October. The September 30, 2025, treasurer's report is the most recent report available. The December 31, 2025, treasurer's report will be available the end of January.

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Endowment Fund Treasurer's Report  
September 30, 2025**

|                                      | <u>Total</u>          | <u>Non-Scholar<br/>Fund</u> | <u>Scholar Fund</u>   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Beginning Principal                  | \$10,893.79           | \$100.00                    | \$10,793.79           |
| 1995-2024 Gifts Received             | \$613,319.10          | \$438,227.68                | \$175,091.42          |
| 1995-2024 Int. + Dividend Income     | \$386,060.45          | \$262,696.92                | \$123,363.53          |
| 1995-2024 Change in Market Value     | \$47,157.78           | \$13,382.47                 | \$33,775.31           |
| 1995-2024 Disbursements              | <u>(\$496,951.76)</u> | <u>(\$327,157.69)</u>       | <u>(\$169,794.07)</u> |
| <b>Fund Balances: 29 Year Totals</b> | <b>\$560,479.36</b>   | <b>\$387,249.38</b>         | <b>\$173,229.98</b>   |
| 2025 OSLC Member Gifts               | \$5,659.75            | \$2,829.87                  | \$2,829.88            |
| 2025 Interest + Dividend Income      | \$11,999.54           | \$5,999.77                  | \$5,999.77            |
| 2025 Change in Market Value          | \$43,799.74           | \$21,899.87                 | \$21,899.87           |
| 2025 Long Term Capital Gains         | \$14,318.33           | \$7,159.16                  | \$7,159.17            |
| 2025 Disbursements                   | (\$23,016.92)         | (\$2,323.92)                | (\$20,693.00)         |
| <b>Total Fund Balances: 2025</b>     | <b>\$613,239.80</b>   | <b>\$422,814.13</b>         | <b>\$190,425.67</b>   |

**Asset Summary**

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Wells Fargo Checking        | \$7,835.21                 |
| LCMS Foundation             | <u>\$605,404.59</u>        |
| <b>Total Balances: 2025</b> | <b><u>\$613,239.80</u></b> |

**2025 Disbursements:**

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Concordia Adopt a Student       | \$ 3,500.00                |
| Concordia Classical Academy     | \$ 14,193.00               |
| Together in Mission             | \$ -                       |
| Concordia Univ. Chicago         | \$ -                       |
| Concordia University St. Paul   | \$ 3,000.00                |
| LCMS Colloquy Program           | \$ -                       |
| Fees - LCMS                     | <u>\$ 2,323.92</u>         |
| <b>Total 2024 Disbursements</b> | <b><u>\$ 23,016.92</u></b> |

# Auxiliary Organizations

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## Altar Guild

**Co-Chairs:** Judy Mensing  
Gretchen Zellmer

**Members:** Marcella Eilders  
Bev Clark  
Bev Annis  
Marlys Snelson  
Cindy Hobbs  
Cindy Hoffrogge  
Missy Schultz  
Kathy Whitehead  
Laura Matheny  
Samantha Tess  
Gretchen Zellmer  
Judy Mensing

### General Duties:

- Responsible for putting flowers on the Altar each Sunday
- Change Altar Paraments according to yearly Church Calendar
- Maintain all Altar linens
- Monitor flower cooler for funeral flowers and use as available
- Maintain flower cooler and Altar Guild Room cleanliness
- Ensure Altar Linens are clean and in good repair
- Plan and carry out special decorations for Festival Days, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.
- Cleaning and maintenance of robes for the Elders and Acolytes

Membership is stable with the addition of new members, Missy Schultz and Kathy Whitehead.

The parament schedule changed to include the addition of several Saints days.

Excess flower vases and equipment were offered to the congregation or recycled to Becky's Floral.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Zellmer

# Our Savior Women's Ministry

## Our Savior Lutheran Women's Missionary League - LWML

*Lutheran Women in Mission*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result or works, so that no one may boast. -Ephesians 2:8-9*

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (Lutheran Women in Mission) is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relations with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world, at home and away.

1. Our Savior Lutheran Woman in Mission is under the Circle Plan
2. Our Savior is in the Arlington Zone
3. Lutheran Women in Mission includes all women of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Coordinators and Communicator Volunteers are needed now.

The "Mission Center" (former Card Shop) you can find information and resources for mission activities of Our Savior, the District, and Synod, including missionaries, letters, addresses, and organizations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. This is a place to bring donations for Mission Projects and other activities. Thank you for your support. Share your mission information.

2025 Activities included the following:

1. Prayer, volunteers, wisdom, illnesses, and the homebound, etc. Everyone was praying and God was listening, so many answered prayers for Our Savior Congregation. Thanks be to God in 2025, the Joy of Jesus in Bible Study, meals, volunteering, and celebrations.
2. Strengthened and built our Christian faith life through devotions, Bible studies, prayers and fellowship. The LWML Quarterly and Women on a Mission (WOM) are purchased by the Lutheran Women in Mission for the women of Our Savior. These publications contain Bible Studies for groups or for individual study and the news of our sisters in Christ from Minnesota and around the world. There were two Bible study Circles for all members of Our Savior's and friends to attend monthly. Time to add several more.
  - A. Mary Circle met monthly.
  - B. Ruth/Lydia Circle met monthly. Call Trudy Wiechmann 507-327-7082 or Nancy Benson 507-345-1015.
  - C. Attended many other Bible Studies. Ex. Sunday, Monday, Tues. etc...

3. Posted weekly and monthly news in the bulletin, on the bulletin board, and in Mission center from National, District, Missionaries, Mission organizations, etc.
4. Rallies, conventions, and workshops for fellowship, encouragement, and mission opportunities.
  - A. Attended District Convention
  - B. Attended Zone Board meetings when possible.
  - C. Attended Zone Rally
  - D. Attended Retreats – Our Savior Retreat
  - E. Ladies of Our Savior prayed and actively served in every area of church life.
  - F. Thank you for all the planning, preparing, clean-up that has been done for all to have a family meal & devotion on Wednesdays.
  - G. Thanks for the special coffee and goodie (meal) on Sunday a.m.
  - H. Advent Event – The OSLC Advent Event was planned especially for the fellowship and spiritual enrichment of coming together with Sisters in Christ. It included a time for prayer. ‘Light’ up your life with Jesus.
5. Served the Lord with Mission Opportunities at home and abroad.
  - A. Our Savior congregation brought mites on Sundays and at Circles for the approved Grants. Mites were contributed by Our Savior. District Grant Goal for 2024-2026 continues to June 2026.
  - B. Missionaries, Seminary Students, Lutheran School Students.
6. Card projects that are sent
  - A. Monthly Shut-In Card project by Dolly Blomquist. Our Savior’s Church family keeps in touch with our Shut-in Family and Nursing Home residents by sending them a Christian focused greeting card every month. We average about 30 shut-ins per month. Our purpose is to remember them with a card and be connected with Our Savior at a time when they are unable to attend in person. Thanks to Our Savior Thrivent Choice Dollar contributors who help financially make this possible. These are our dedicated volunteers who send out cards each month: Kris Asleson, Marion Brunz, Sandy Burmeister, Chris Dumke, Marcella Eilders, Karen Fischer, Marilyn Lehnert, Theresa McLaughlin, Judy Mensing, Rhonda Rastedt, Mark Wellner, and Trudy Wiechmann. To volunteer call Dolly Blomquist at 507-388-4594, leave a message or email [blomdart@hickorytech.net](mailto:blomdart@hickorytech.net). Thank you!
  - B. Cheer cards are sent by Marcella Eilders.
7. The Quilters meet on the main floor (across from the Library) September through May on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month between 9am – noon. So now more Quilters, more Quilts, more Joy with less steps. Contact Karen Fischer. Distributed in 2024-2025: 40 quilts, 7 baby blankets to South Central Crisis Center, Connections Shelter, St. Peter Union Street, Fire Department, Orphan Grain Train, Options Pregnancy Center. A special thank you to everyone who donates cotton fabric and sheets and to all the ladies that sew at home and come to help, pin, sew and tie.
8. Mission Service. Mission Service offers an opportunity for all church members to serve actively in mission projects. Projects include making healthcare kits, and baby layettes. We also roll bandages, trim stamps, collect eye glasses, make Gospel

bracelets, fill Shoeboxes for Samaritans Purse and collect Bibles and other Christian literature. Mission Service meets the third Wednesday of each month from 4-5 pm.

Mission Service would like to thank everyone who came to help with the projects in 2025, and to those who donated items for us to use and distribute. Projects included:

- 196 Healthcare Kits to local shelters
- 70 shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse
- Stamps to Wycliffe Ministries
- Eye glasses to the Lions
- Bibles to Eagles Nest Ministries
- Clothing to Orphan Grain Train

Communication: <https://www.facebook.com/TheLWML>

[www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

[www.mnslwml.org](http://www.mnslwml.org)

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## Library

Library Guild Members: Dolly Blomquist, Karen Fischer, Lois Kitzmann, and Laurie Miller

We sadly note the recent death of Mary Henry who led the Library Board for many years and whose ideas and service helped shape the library we enjoy today.

We report continued progress in cataloging library materials using our Surpass Software library management system. As we work through the collection, we are removing outdated or damaged items. We welcome your input and encourage you to suggest materials for us to purchase or items you feel should be removed to help us maintain a quality collection.

We are modernizing our video section by phasing out VHS format materials and transitioning exclusively to DVD and Blu-ray formats. If your children have outgrown church-appropriate videos at home, we would be grateful for donations to expand our collection.

The puzzle exchange bookshelf remains a popular feature in our library. Please feel free to take a puzzle to work on or leave a puzzle to share with others. There is no need to check puzzles in or out. If you discover that a puzzle is missing pieces, we kindly ask that you add a note in the box as a courtesy to the next puzzler who checks it out.

Free materials are available on the beige rolling cart labeled "Free Books—Help Yourself." You will see culled items, VHS tapes, duplicated donations, and more. New library acquisitions are displayed on a brown wood shelving unit near the windows, marked "What's New in the Library? Books! Check Them Out." You'll find interesting new titles for all ages.

The Library Guild invites you to visit Room 123 to read, browse, or check out materials for four weeks. Simple checkout instructions are posted on the desk. Our holdings are organized in a card catalog with two boxes arranged by book title and two boxes arranged by author.

No late fees are charged for overdue library materials; however, we ask members of the congregation to continue to check their shelves at home for any Our Savior Library books that may be past due. Please renew or return them. Thank you.

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## LHM / LLL / YAH / S.A.G.E.S.

Understanding the letters:

**LLL:** Lutheran Layman’s League-for men and women - Lutheran Church Missouri Synod-Auxiliary

**LHM:** Lutheran Hour Ministries-for children through adult - Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

**S.A.G.E.S:** Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving – Minnesota South District Older Ministry

**YAH:** Young at Heart – For men and women over 50 – Our Savior Congregation Members  
Psalm 71

**LLL/LHM:** The LLL had District LLL meetings and activities. The LLL publishes the Lutheran Layman Magazine, offers many Bible Studies, Films, Gospel Adventures touring other countries with the Gospel, activities for children and adults. See the website. The LLL sponsors the Lutheran Hour Ministries. Listen to the Lutheran Hour on Sunday. TV programs include: This is the Life at 9 am, and Main Street Living at 9:30 am, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com). LHM sponsors the only Christian Float in the Rose Bowl New Year’s Day Parade. Be a petal Pusher, volunteer to decorate the float in 2026. The LLL Magazine is available in the Narthex.

The **Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving** newsletter is called Sagacity Available online or get a copy from the church secretary in the office or the Narthex. Sagacity is printed quarterly, January – March, April – June, July – September, and October - December. In 2026 there will be no mail (USPS) subscription. The Gathering is on the first Monday and Tuesday of May.

2025 S.A.G.E.S / YAH Activities

1. “Overcoming Life’s Sorrows” gathering 2025, Mankato, was the first Monday and Tuesday in May.
2. Attended planned activities held at other Minnesota South areas.

3. District Board prepares videos to be used in churches. Rev. Mark Jeske presents, “Ministry with, to, and by Seniors” Our Savior’s may use these videos.
4. Sagacity available for all members in the Narthex and on line at the District website.
5. District Board Meetings attended by Zoom and Face-to-Face.
6. Our Savior Members helped with “Gathering” decorations, music, and more.
7. Volunteers for transport of keyboard to the Gathering

All programs will continue as individuals create new fellowship and learning ideas from Our Savior Lutheran Church, Zone, District and National events. Volunteers are needed to help when we meet together.

“Just a hint” S.A.G.E.S. Gathering is May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

[www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)

[www.lhm.org/kids](http://www.lhm.org/kids)

[www.lhm.org/layman](http://www.lhm.org/layman)

<http://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages/>

[www.mnsdistrict.org/publications](http://www.mnsdistrict.org/publications)