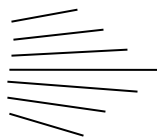




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The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001

APRIL 2026



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Divine Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, March 29th • 8:00am and 10:30am

Maundy Thursday

Divine Service with Holy Communion
Thursday, April 2nd • 1:30pm and 6:30pm

Good Friday

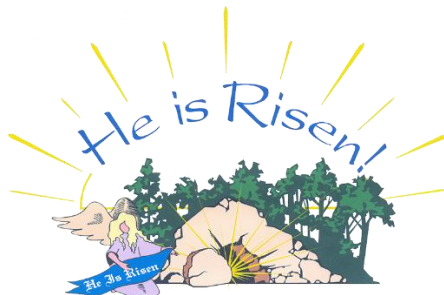
Friday, April 3rd • 1:30pm and 6:30pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 4th • 8:00pm

Easter Celebration

Divine Service, Sunday, April 5th • 8:00am & 10:30am



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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

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

-John 10:10

In this beloved verse, our Good Shepherd draws a sharp contrast that cuts to the heart of the Gospel. The thief—Satan, false teachers, and our own sinful flesh—comes only to rob us of joy, to slay our hope, and to destroy our relationship with God. But Jesus declares with divine authority: “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” This “full life” is not a promise of earthly wealth or constant happiness, but the rich, overflowing gift of salvation won for us at the cross. By grace alone, through faith alone, Christ has already accomplished everything. He lived the perfect life we could never live, died the death we deserved, and rose victorious so that we might receive forgiveness, peace with God, and eternal life right now. This abundant life flows from the Word and Sacraments, where Jesus Himself meets us—baptizing us into His death and resurrection, feeding us with His true body and blood, and speaking absolution into our guilty hearts. Even when trials press in, when the thief seems to prowl, the Good Shepherd’s voice rings louder: “I have come.” He restores our souls, leads us beside still waters, and prepares a table for us in the presence of our enemies. Our life is already full because it is hidden with Christ in God. Rest in this promise today. The thief has been defeated. Christ has come. You have life—and life to the full.

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank You for coming not to condemn but to give us abundant life. When the thief whispers lies, let Your Gospel voice be louder. Keep us steadfast in Your Word and Sacraments, that we may live each day in the fullness of Your grace. Amen.

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

“Now all the vault of heav’n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: “Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”
- LSB 465:1

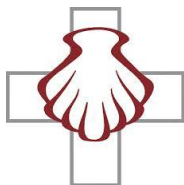
The hymn, *Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds*, is one of the newer ones in our hymnal, written by Rev. Paul Strodach, and published nine years after his death in 1958. In each stanza the line is repeated: “Christ has triumphed!” reflecting the words of St. Paul in Colossians 2:15: “[Jesus] disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.” Indeed, our Lord has triumphed over the rulers and authorities of this age: sin, death, and hell!

This sentiment of Christ’s triumph makes me also think of the refrain in the prophets: “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great.” In one sense Babylon is the ancient pagan empire that conquered Israel, but Babylon is also the Bible’s way of talking about this evil world. Our spiritual enemies are mighty on earth, like the ancient Babylonian empire. In a way we are like the Israelites under Babylonian captivity, living in a foreign land, awaiting the day when our captors shall be defeated and we can return home.

The resurrection of Jesus is the loud call that Babylon is fallen! This evil world has been conquered by the blood of the Lamb, Babylon has been crushed beneath Jesus’ nail-pierced feet, and so all the heavens rejoice, choirs of angels sing loud and clear: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Easter is a grand day of celebration because we Christians unite our voices in praising our risen Lord who has delivered us from the bondage of this evil world. This evil world has fallen because Christ has risen and triumphed over it.

This is such powerful news because it means that all of the evils we experience in life are triumphed over by Jesus' resurrection from the dead. What are those things which trouble you? Rumors of war, civil unrest, corrupt politicians, bankrupt morals, decaying health, our own failings, gnawing griefs, and the list goes on. But the angels shout it in your ears to drown out the pesky demons of Babylon: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

May you have a joyous Feast of the Resurrection!
Pastor Koopman



Holy Baptism

Janet Lynn Eimers
Baptized: March 18, 2026



In Memoriam

Nancy Ann Mason
January 27, 1937 ~ March 15, 2026

Council Meeting Minutes
Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 North Broad St, Mankato, MN
February 10, 2026

Members present: Dan Gahler, Pastor Matheny, Pastor Koopman, Eileen Heintz, Gideon Baldwin, Terrin Baldwin, Mark Wellner, Nancy Benson, Gene Mensing, Gary Fladland, Mel Hendrickson, Chris Anderson, Steven Dumke

Absent: Samantha Tess, Judd Schultz

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dan Gahler at 6:30 pm.
2. Pastor Matheny opened with prayer.

3. Nancy Benson led Bible study of John 1. Next month will be John 2.

4. Additions/Approval of Agenda

Motion made and seconded to approve agenda with the addition of three items of New Business: the boiler replacement project, discussing reducing the number of dedicated accounts, and a recent \$16,000 bequest to Our Savior. Motion carried.

5. Approval of January 13, 2026 Council Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve January 13, 2026 Council minutes, as corrected. Motion carried.

6. Pastors' Reports

Pastor Matheny: Lent is starting soon, so 30 minutes prior to midweek services the Sanctuary will be closed for confession. He will check with Bill Bukowski if another space in the building has a high enough ceiling, otherwise the chapel will be sectioned so part can still be used as the chapel.

Pastor Koopman: Same as above.

7. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Gary Fladland. Net positive income for January! For transparency, there was a \$2305 error with a December 2025 payment to LCEF, which was fixed in January 2026, so it will show up on 2026 reports. Motion made and seconded to approve the January 31, 2026 OSLC Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business:

A) Congregational Notification

Pastor Matheny had nothing new to report.

B) Status regarding OSLC Constitution/Bylaws

Still waiting to hear from Alliance Defending Freedom.

9. New Business:

A) Boiler Replacement Project

Looking at the timeline, we do not want to wait another year to start this. Trustees have a number of quotes and are waiting on one more from contractor Harty. The boilers could be replaced as early as this coming spring. Can something be done to ramp up the boiler fund, such as an Endowment fund match?

B) Recent \$16,000 Bequest Received

A year ago we were informed that an estate bequeathed us \$16,000. The payment has arrived. A member of the family said it could be used for the boiler. Another option is debt reduction, though that may not make sense if we need to borrow to replace the boilers. Motion made and seconded to table the decision until next month. Motion carried.

C) Discussion of Reducing the Number of Dedicated Accounts

In an effort to clean up and simplify bookkeeping, there are several dedicated funds that aren't used much or at all which could be removed, or could potentially be combined/transferred to other accounts. Many of the dedicated funds shouldn't be necessary, since the needs will be covered by the general fund without them. Gary Fladland will look at what's been contributed to each fund over the past 12 months and present at the next meeting.

During discussion there was a sidebar about how to wisely use the Benevolent Fund. We haven't used it to its full potential because we don't have someone to spearhead its use. It ought to be used to benefit Our Savior Members first, and then the broader community.

10. Board sharing:

Elders: Gene Mensing gave the report.

Trustees: Chris Anderson gave the report. Replaced the snow broom for the tractor.

Endowment: Mel Hendrickson gave the report.

Deacons: Terrin gave the report. The Board of Deacons will provide snacks for game night and Saturday breakfast for the Women's Retreat.

11. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

13. The next Council meeting: March 10, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Heintz, Secretary
OSLC Council

Accessions & Losses

Accessions:

John, Irene, & Aaron Erdman; Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, North Mankato, LCMS; February 20, 2026
Gudrun Teigen, Olivia Schletz, Marilyn Schletz; St. Paul Lutheran Church, WELS; March 19, 2026
Keeley Longhenry [age 15], Braylon Wall [age 11];
Affirmation of Faith, March 19, 2026

Losses:

Roger & Kristeen Asleson; Trinity Lutheran Church, Nicollet, WELS; March 19, 2026
Michael & Karee Bless, Ezra [age 1]; Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato, ELCA; March 19, 2026



Jan Eimers was recently speaking with her mother, and her mother told her that she had not been baptized. Jan thought her mother was confused, but decided to investigate further. After speaking with her childhood church she discovered that they have baptismal records for her sisters but not for her. It turns out that the year she was born the church was under construction and so Jan's baptism was missed and never happened. Because we want our sister in Christ to have all the assurance that the Lord desires for her she was baptized on March 18th. Please congratulate Jan on her baptism! If you have any questions about this please speak with Pastor Matheny.

Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending February 28, 2026

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$47,120.26	\$115,691.47
Operating Expenses	(\$57,815.61)	(\$113,177.14)
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	(\$831.33)	(\$3,948.28)
Net for Period[†]	(\$11,526.68)	(\$1,433.95)

[†]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	\$62,347.77	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$179,526.75	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$31,384.67	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	
Total Cash Assets	\$293,366.31	
Dedicated Accounts	(\$180,847.87)	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	(\$2,520.11)	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$109,998.33	

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$186,950.90
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	6.50% (Aug. 2025-Jul 2026)
Pay-off Date (Pay-off Amount)	July 2036 (\$40,187.96)

Submitted by,
Gary Fladland, Treasurer

Watch Our Savior's Sunday Worship

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

Mission Service

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, March 18th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.



Some cards are available in the Mission Center, also other items.

Help Wanted!

Volunteer hosts wanted for our April Youth Event! Our April Youth Event will be a Progressive Dinner- a multi-course dinner with each course served at a different house.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to host our 7th-12th grade youth for a part of the meal (appetizers, soup/salad, main course, or dessert) the evening of April 19th. The kids had a blast with this event last year and are really looking forward to it again!

If interested or want more details, please contact Michelle Rotterdam: 507-317-8338. We will also need drivers and second adults if you'd like to join the fun!



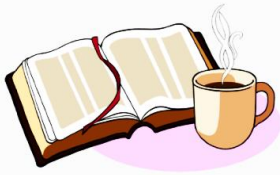
We will not have Open Gym/Game Night in April. Happy Easter!

Our Savior Ladies

It is here! The Spring WOM has all the details for the entire convention, “Peace of Christ” in Mankato, June 18-20. Read the President’s page, Gifts from the Heart information, Mite Minute, Silent Auction Baskets, Young Woman Representatives search, Gifts of Love, PRAYER 2026, LWML Prayer Service; Convention (beginning on page 8); Convention offerings, convention lodging, list of 17 applied for grants to vote on, servant events, by-laws changes, and nominating news.

Here at Our Savior’s, each delegate needs an alternate. Call Bev Annis or Trudy Wiechmann to accept the call. All members of the congregation take the Mite Ballot and choose your six favorites. Put in the box in the narthex. Register now. Call Bev or Trudy to gather items for a Silent Auction Basket from Our Savior.

Arlington Zone Spring Rally: “Sing to the Lord a New Song”, on Saturday, April 11th at Centennial Lutheran Church, 701 Locust Street, Henderson. Everything you wanted to know about hymns but were afraid to ask! With Dr. Jeffrey Burkart. Registration/Refreshment: 8:30 – 9:00, Pre rally music: 9:00 – 9:15, Rally: 9:15. A light lunch will follow the rally. Registration cost is \$5. Monetary Gifts from the Heart will benefit King of Kings Lutheran Church.



Bible Study Circles

– April –

Daytime Theme Bible Studies
Lessons from the *Quarterly*

Welcome Ladies – Come – Bring a friend

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study meets on the second Thursday this month, April 9th at 10:25-11:30am. (Holy Week is on the First Thursday). Come early for fellowship and treats from 10:10 - 10:25am. Our Lesson is on pages 16 and 17 of the Spring *Quarterly*, “Overflowing in Comfort.” Hymns that apply to this lesson are LSB #700 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” and LSB 686, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”.

Mary Circle Bible Study is meeting on Friday, April 17th at 1:30pm in the Fireplace Room. Our study is “Overflowing in Comfort” from the Spring *Quarterly*. Hostess: Gwen Cattrysse, phone 507-340-4991. Guests and visitors are welcome!

SUNDAY MATINS

Radio broadcast on Sundays at 9am

Each week, our pastor records the Sunday sermon or another message for broadcast on KTOE, 1420 AM at 9am. If you would like to sponsor this broadcast for a week or a month or more, please contact the church office to reserve your Sunday. The cost for each Sunday is \$20.

Music Notes

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. Psalm 95:2

April Worship Special Music Schedule:

April 3: Vocal Choir
April 5: Vocal Choir
April 12: Handbells
April 19: Intro Choir
April 26: Brass

April 8 We Are Back to our Regular Schedule for Wednesday Rehearsals!

Intro Choir- 4:40-5:10
Intro Bells- 5:10-5:40
Brass- 5:25-5:45
Handbells- 5:45-6:15
Choir- 7:00-7:30

Our Savior Conservatory of Music- NEW DATE! The Our Savior Conservatory of Music Spring Recital which will be on Sunday April 19th at 3:00pm. The recital will feature our students and a few instructors too!

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



Prayer Shawls

If you'd like a prayer shawl or want to knit or crochet one, call Marcella, 507-317-4127.



Progressive Dinner Sunday, April 19th (Grades 7 – 12)

We will have a Progressive Dinner on Sunday, April 19th from 5 – 8pm (note time change) – a multi-course dinner with each course served at a different church member's house. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex so that our volunteer hosts/chefs know how many to plan for! We will meet at the church at 5pm and will need a few parent volunteers to drive.

Save some space in your garden. The OSLC Youth will be selling a variety of tomatoes, peppers, and basil in early May.



Mites - Mission Grants

Mite Sunday, April 19, 2026

District Mite collection for biennium closes on April 25th. The 2024-2026 Mite Grants for District have not all been funded. The information about Mite Grants to be funded is in the Spring WOM. Choose six and give to the Delegate now, as they are voted on before the June Convention.

National Mite Grants for 2025-2027 Biennium are listed in the *Quarterly*. The Large Mite Box will be out in the Narthex on April 19th. Bring your mites! Anyone, Everyone interested in local to national missions is encouraged to save your mites for Missions. See a penny? Pick it up! Every penny counts!

Thanks be to God for His bountiful blessings.

National Mite Grant focus for March was #7 and #22. The April focus is #8: Building a Place of Care, \$60,000. Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota. Read more about it at: <https://www.lwml.org/2025-2027-mission-grant-8>



Join us for WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS Wednesdays at 6:00pm. (**Note** *there will not be a meal Holy Week, April 1st.*)

Come enjoy good fellowship and a good meal. At 6:45pm the pastor leads us in devotion.

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.

Electronic Giving

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

- **Joyful Response® Electronic Offering Program**
Complete the form on page 23 and attach a voided check or savings deposit slip and turn in to the church office.
- **Give+ Online** Go to the church web-site, www.oslcmankato.org, on the home page click on the "Contribute Online" button.
- **Give+ Mobile** Download "GivePlus Church" at the App Store or Google Play Store on your smart phone or tablet to get started.

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

LHM / LLL

Lutheran Hour Ministries
Lutheran Layman League

Attn:

SAGES – Older Adult Ministry, Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving

- A representative from each congregation, two is even better, to relay messages from the Board to Congregation.
- A Board member from Circuit SAGES
- People to attend the one Gathering each year on the First Monday and Tuesday of May. Time to register now for May 4th and 5th to be held at Town and Country Suites in Mankato.

The Gathering theme is “Living on Purpose with Jesus”, with Rev. Greg Finke. Registration information will be in the Narthex and online. This will include all the workshops and our main presenter.

LHM Ministries: Winter magazine is in the Narthex. Information for Children to Adults. Too much info to list here. Pick up a copy of “The Lutheran Layman” in the narthex.



Lutheran Witness, is the monthly publication from the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, containing an insert with Minnesota South District information. This is a magazine you will want to read! Pick up your copy in the narthex.

One Voice for Public Policy: Learn more about issues concerning life (including abortion and physician-assisted suicide), marriage, family, sexuality, parental choice in education, and religious freedom. Read the Minnesota South District Advocate Rev. Scot Mlssling’s blog at:

<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy>

Minnesota South District LLL Convention, Saturday, April 11th at Trinity Lutheran Church, 412 North Main Street, Janesville. Registration Opens at 8:30am. Convention begins at 9am, banquet from 4:30 – 6pm. Visit www.lhm.org/mns-III to register by April 6th. Keynote & Banquet speaker is Rev. Chad Lakies, LHM VP, Ministry Engagement. Breakout session presenters: Rev. Jason Wolter, Senior Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church; Dr. Jim Seemann, Professor Emeritus Concordia University, St. Paul and MN So. LCMS District Correctional Ministry Coordinator; and Dr. Phil Johnson, DCO Emeritus.

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

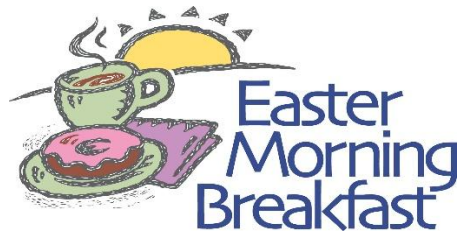
BOOK CLUB



The Our Savior's book club meets from 4:30-6 in the fireplace room on the second and fourth Sunday's of each month. We read novels and then discuss them together from our Christian perspective. In April we are beginning Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*. On April 12th we will discuss chapters 1-5 and on April 26th we will discuss chapters 6-9. We'll hope to see you there!



Articles for the May 2026 VOICE are due by Friday, April 17th at noon. You may drop-off submissions in the office, or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org.



Join the Youth for Easter Breakfast, Sunday, April 5th, beginning at 9am. Enjoy egg bakes, muffins, pastries, and fruit. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit youth activities.

Outreach Committee

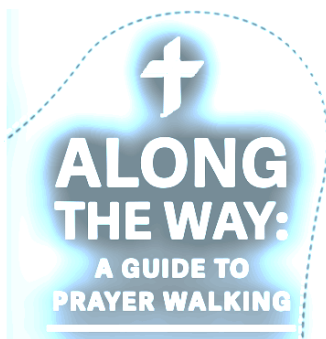
Free cab rides to services are made possible for our members through Our Savior's Taxi Fund. To procure a ride, call WS Transportation at 507-420-4503 or 507-388-0708. Please call a half hour before you would like to leave. To call for a return ride, you may use the phone in the office or kitchen. Let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



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

Our Savior's is hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Monday, May 18th from noon – 5pm. Appointments can be scheduled now at www.redcrossblood.org (enter OSLCMankato) or on the blood donor app. Or call the church office to schedule your donation, 507-385-2180. Give blood, save a life!



New resource available at:

<https://resources.lcms.org/reading-study/along-the-way-a-guide-to-prayer-walking/>

Spring is the perfect time to start or return to the habit of walking outdoors.



“As Christians, we rejoice in the Savior who shines light on our lives when we only expected inky blackness. May God’s strong Word remind us that the fullness of life is meant to be lived in the light. In our weakness, may the Lord bring alongside us faithful brothers and sisters to proclaim that God is light and life to us, and let us walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). In Jesus we have light, and to have light is to have life. May we rejoice in proclaiming the message of Jesus as the Apostle John did. Thanks be to God that He is light, and He shines in the darkness.

*Rev. Dennis Norby
Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota
A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life
www.lutheransforlife.org*



Call Day Services

Concordia Theological Seminary
Fort Wayne

Join us in Kramer Chapel for Call Day 2026 as we celebrate our student's placement into their respective fields of service.

Vicarage and Deaconess Intern Assignment Service
Tuesday, April 28th, 6pm

Candidate Placement Service
Wednesday, April 29, 6pm

Both services will be livestreamed on CTSFW's
Call Day Service page:

<https://portal.ctsfw.edu/s/candidate-placement-service>

CONCORDIA
CLASSICAL ACADEMY



Concordia Classical Academy uses God's Word in a Christ-centered education to assist families in training students for Christian lives on earth and for eternity.

We here at Our Savior see the fruitful work that they are doing and want to help them succeed. In pursuit of that our church Council has pledged \$20,000 each year for three school years to help them form strong

Christian children. We are in our second year.

Please consider contributing towards our goal. The gifts are strictly from individual donations and not a budget item.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: A Better Way

The most common question about stewardship is not whether a Christian should give to their church. Of course Christians should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Rather, the question asked most is, “How much should I give?” But this question really means, “Should Christians give a tenth of their income to their local congregation?”

Here are some common reasons against tithing. Some say tithing isn’t necessary because it isn’t expressly commanded in the New Testament. There is no “Thus saith the Lord,” or “should” concerning tithing. Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these together with treasures (money) add up to more than a tithe. Still others say that they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church. And then there are those who think Christians shouldn’t tithe because of some fear. They are afraid that if they tithe, their gift will be misused, or that after tithing, there won’t be enough left over to get the things that they use, want or need.

Here are some reasons why Christians should tithe. Even though the New Testament doesn’t specifically command Christians to tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to. And on top of this, St. Paul often describes giving a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of one’s income — terms similar to a tithe (2 Cor. 8:7–23; 2 Cor. 9:2–7).

But here’s another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? This tithe was intended to support the ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry. What does it say in the New Testament? “The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther used in the Small

Catechism's Table of Duties to explain what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.

It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we're not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do?

Let's answer this by asking a different question. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? After all, there is no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest verse we have, and it states simply that Christians should not neglect gathering together. And even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? The conversation might go something like this. I'm glad you're still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God's promises of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I'd really like you to try to attain it.

We should approach the topic of tithing with a similar conversation. The tithe is not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, we're ecstatic that you're giving, and that you're giving in all these various ways — time, talents and treasures. But there is a better way. And that will only be a blessing to you, just as the Word of God — Old and New Testament alike — promises. Can you try increasing your gifts over the coming weeks, months and years? Can you put your trust in the God who sent His Son to take away your sin and give you everlasting life? And if He did this for you, if He did not spare His only Son, how will He not give you all things? He will not disappoint.

Joyful Response[®] Electronic Offering Program

Enrollment/Change Form

Complete this form and return it to the church office to begin or change your current stewardship offering. Your offering will be made automatically from your bank account or your LCEF StewardAccount[®].

Check the appropriate box:

- New enrollment Offering change Account information change

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Member Last Name	First Name	MI	Daytime Telephone
Mailing Address	City, State, ZIP	Email Address	
Congregation Name	Congregation Telephone Number		
Our Savior Lutheran Church	507-385-2180		
Congregation Mailing Address	City, State, ZIP		
1103 N. Broad Street	Mankato, MN 56001		

My Offering

Fund Designations:	Amount:
1. General Fund _____	\$ _____
2. Building _____	\$ _____
3. Organ Fund _____	\$ _____
4. _____	\$ _____
5. _____	\$ _____
6. _____	\$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____	

Debiting Account

Debit from:

- Checking
 Savings
 LCEF StewardAccount

Account Number _____

Routing Number (First nine numbers
in bottom left-hand corner of check)

Transfer Date (check one):

- Weekly (Monday)
 Semi-monthly (1st and 15th)
 Monthly on the 1st
 Monthly on the 15th
 Other _____
(As approved by church office.)

Start date: ____/____/____

End date (if any): ____/____/____

Authorization

I authorize the above-named organization to process debit entries from my account. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization or until the last specified payment date.

Authorized Signature for Account _____

Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY CHURCH OFFICE

Member ID# _____ Initials _____
Vanco Client ID# _____ Date _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO Jr. Confirmation	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 2 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 1:30 Holy Thurs. Worship 6:30 Holy Thurs. Worship	<i>Good Friday</i> 3 1:30 Good Friday Worship 6:30 Good Friday Worship	4 9:00 Easter Breakfast/Garden Prep 8:00 Easter Vigil
<i>Easter Sunday</i> 5 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Easter Breakfast 10:30 Divine Service	<i>Office Closed</i> 6	7 9:00 Circuit Pastors 10:00 SAGES Zoom Mtg 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 7:00 MN Valley Chorale	8 4:40 Introductory Choir 5:10 Introductory Bell Choir 5:25 Brass 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir	9 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 10:10 Ruth/Lydia Circle	10	11 9:00 LWML Rally @ Henderson 9:00 LLL Rally @ Janesville 3:00 MN Valley Chorale Concert
12 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 4:30 Book Club	13 9:00 Quilting	14 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 Planning Council	15 4:00 Mission Service 4:40 Introductory Choir 5:10 Introductory Bell Choir 5:25 Brass 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir	16 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Stephan Ministers	17 12:00 The Voice Deadline	18
<i>Mite Sunday</i> 19 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 3:00 Music Conservatory Recital 5:00 Youth Progressive Dinner	20	21 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study	22 4:40 Introductory Choir 5:10 Introductory Bell Choir 5:25 Brass 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir	23 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	24	25
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