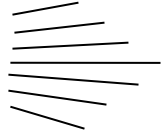




THE

VOICE



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

JUNE 2026

Mark your calendars!

Sunday, June 28th

Church Picnic

11:45am after Summer Bible Class
Start in the Fellowship Hall

The Elders and Trustees are grilling!



We will also be celebrating both Pastors'
upcoming ordination anniversaries

Pastor Matheny's 10 year ordination anniversary is July 3
Pastor Koopman's 10 year ordination anniversary is July 31

As always, we will play Bingo and there will be prizes!



Come eat, catch up with old friends,
make new friends, play Bingo,
and celebrate!

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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 door #1.

In case of emergency or urgent need, our pastors are available at all hours and all days by calling their cell phone. Please use the office phone for other business. Please also remember that Sunday morning and other worship times are not for bringing church business to other members or staff but for focusing upon the Word and gifts of God. "The seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work." - Exodus 20:10

“Like snow in summer or rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool.”

-Proverbs 26:1

In the orderly creation God has established, certain things are simply out of place. Snow in the heat of summer would shock the land and damage the crops. Rain at harvest time would ruin the grain and make modern reaping a near impossibility. In the same way, the Holy Spirit teaches us through Solomon that bestowing honor on a fool is unnatural, disruptive, and harmful

A fool, according to the Bible is not merely someone who lacks intelligence. The fool is the one who despises correction, rejects the fear of the Lord, and lives as though God does not see or judge (Psalm 14:1). To honor such a person—whether through praise, promotion, or platform—is to contradict the very order of God’s world. It confuses good and evil, wisdom and folly, and ultimately leads to greater ruin for the fool and for those under his influence.

We know this truth cuts both ways. First, the Law exposes our own foolishness. In our fallen nature, each of us has played the fool—trusting our own reason, chasing sinful desires, and seeking honor that belongs to God alone. We have all deserved no honor but judgment. Yet the Gospel breaks in with comfort: “Christ Jesus... became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1 Corinthians 1:30). Our Lord, the true Wisdom of God, took our foolish pride upon Himself on the cross. By His grace, we who were fools are now declared righteous through faith alone.

This proverb calls us to discernment in our daily callings. Honor those who are worthy—faithful pastors, diligent workers, loving parents, and honest leaders. But do not give the world’s applause to those who mock God’s Word, celebrate wickedness, or lead others into error. Such misplaced honor dishonors the Creator who arranged the seasons and who has given us His Word as a lamp.

Gracious Father, forgive our foolishness and grant us the true wisdom that comes in Christ alone. Help us honor what You honor and reject what You reject, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

“Watch against yourself, my soul, lest with grace you trifle; let not self your thoughts control nor God’s mercy stifle. Pride and sin lurk within, all your hopes to shatter; heed not when they flatter.”

- LSB 663:4

“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom” (Proverbs 11:2).

The scriptures frequently warn against pride and admonish us towards humility. Pride and arrogance is one of the chief vices we can fall into. While today we have blatant displays of pride, in which people celebrate their perverse sins and refuse to feel any shame over their lewdness, this pride over sin has been a common element of worldly living by the heathen since the fall into sin.

While we should rightly feel disgust and abhorrence over the world arrogantly celebrating their sin, we would do well to reflect upon our own sins and see where pride lurks in our souls, so that we may repent of it in all humility. This hymn by Lutheran layman Johann B. Freystein recognizes the dangers of sin that dwell within one’s own soul. So the encouragement to the Christian is the same as what Christ instructs His apostles to do shortly before being arrested in the garden: *“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation”* (Matt. 26:41).

Satan’s snares are set, the wicked world composes lies, and even within our own selves pride and sin lurks to shatter our hopes of an everlasting day. So guard against the evils outside of us, for sure! Nevertheless, don’t let your guard down against your own heart and mind. Remember that the evils are not only in the world around you, but evil lies close at hand. BUT! Don’t only stare at the evils around you in despair! Rather, also pray unceasing, for the Lord promises to always hear you and bless you.

Even though the evils of this world lie close at hand, the Lord promises to work good for us and bless us. So, the original hymn had ten stanzas, and the original final stanza closes on the following encouraging note: *“Therefore let us watch and pray, Knowing He will hear us As we see from day to day Dangers ever near us, And the end Doth impend—Our redemption neareth When the Lord appeareth.”* Truly, our Lord says *“I am coming soon.”* So take heart! Watch and pray! The Lord is near.

Pastor Koopman

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

Members present: Dan Gahler, Gary Fladland, Pastor Matheny, Pastor Koopman, Eileen Heintz, Gideon Baldwin, Terrin Baldwin, Judd Schultz, Mark Wellner, Nancy Benson, Mel Hendrickson, Andrew Bittner

Absent: Samantha Tess, Chris Anderson

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dan Gahler at 6:30 pm.

2. Pastor Koopman opened with prayer.

3. Pastor Koopman led Bible study of John 2. Next month will be John 3.

4. Additions/Approval of Agenda

Motion made and seconded to approve agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

5. Approval of February 10, 2026 Council Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve February 10, 2026 Council minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

6. Pastors' Reports

Pastor Koopman: Use Lent as an opportunity to deepen your faith by attending the weekday services. Holy Week is soon.

Pastor Matheny: Same as above.

7. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Gary Fladland. A donation was made for an extra payment on the LCEF Mortgage Principal.

Motion made and seconded to approve the February 28, 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.

C) Further Discussion on Reducing Number of Dedicated Accounts

All Dedicated Accounts were reviewed for purpose and need.

Motion made and seconded to close several dedicated accounts that have not had any activity for over a year, and to transfer the current balances for pressing needs to be determined. Motion passed. It was felt that these types of expenses, when needed in the future, should come from the general fund.

Motion made and seconded to also close several other dedicated accounts with very little activity, and to consolidate their balances to the total under discussion. Motion passed. Again, it was felt that these types of expenses, when needed in the future, should come from the general fund.

Total funds to be reallocated amounted to \$6,948.18 from the various accounts.

D) Further Discussion Regarding Use of \$16,813.40 Bequest Donation

Judd Schultz suggested we develop a policy for any undesignated bequests or donations, such as 10% for debt reduction, with the balance applied to the current significant need. Gary Fladland recommended transferring the money to the dedicated boiler account, rather than paying off debt only to borrow more later. He added that several times a year a significant amount comes in specifically for debt reduction, so he anticipates an earlier debt payoff anyway.

Motion made and seconded to allocate the \$16,813.40 bequest and the \$6,948.18 from the closed designated funds to the dedicated boiler account. Motion passed.

9. New Business:

- A) Mark Wellner commented that when only one pastor is presiding over communion, waiting to do the dismissal blessing until everyone is seated is a bit awkward for knowing when to leave the rail. It is currently done this way as some congregation members prefer the dismissal blessing only from a pastor.

10. Board sharing:

Elders: Andrew Bittner gave the report. The Elders have passed the communion policy standards for receiving first communion.

Trustees: No one present to give the report.

Endowment: Mel Hendrickson gave the report. Next meeting is April 29, 2026, at 1:30 pm.

Deacons: Terrin Baldwin gave the report. Looking forward to confirmation.

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

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

13. The next Council meeting: April 14, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Heintz, Secretary
OSLC Council



Articles for the July 2026 VOICE are due by Friday, June 19th at noon. You may drop-off submissions in the office, or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org.

Council Meeting Minutes
Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 North Broad St, Mankato, MN
April 14, 2026

Members present: Dan Gahler, Pastor Matheny, Pastor Koopman, Andrew Bittner, Eileen Heintz, Gideon Baldwin, Terrin Baldwin, Mark Wellner, Nancy Benson, Rob Hobbs, Chris Anderson

Absent: Samantha Tess, Judd Schultz, Gary Fladland

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dan Gahler at 6:30 pm.

2. Pastor Matheny opened with prayer.

3. Pastor Koopman led Bible study of John 3. Next month will be John 4.

4. Additions/Approval of Agenda

Motion made and seconded to approve agenda with the addition of Boiler Discussion, discussion regarding establishing a Policy to Manage Offerings for the Unified Treasury and Dedicated Accounts, and the Possibility of an Eagle Scout Project at OSLC. Motion carried.

5. Approval of March 10, 2026 Council Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve March 10, 2026 Council minutes. Motion carried.

6. Pastors' Reports

Pastor Matheny: Easter was great and is still ongoing.

Pastor Koopman: Same as above.

7. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was given by President Dan Gahler. Recently we've received many donations for debt repayment, dropping the July 2036 payoff amount significantly. The Available Cash Balance is the lowest it has been in a long time. Motion made and seconded to approve the March 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) Discuss Dedicated Library Funds

The library committee is considering how to steward the dedicated library funds, as they have not drawn on them for library expenses. Possibly AV equipment upgrades may fall under their purview. After their next meeting they will let President Dan Gahler know what they decide.

B) Discuss establishing a Policy to Manage Offerings for the Unified Treasury and Dedicated Accounts

Rob Hobbs has had people raise the question to him ‘who has final decision over the dedicated funds, Voters or Council, as there is currently no policy in place?’ After reviewing the current bylaws and finding no direction, it was decided that the dedicated funds are able to be delegated to the duly elected Council to decide, as the Council is acting in the best interest of OSLC.

Also, Rob moved that all monetary offerings are to be directed to the Unified Treasury (aka General Fund) unless otherwise specified by the donor in writing. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

C) Boiler Discussion

The Trustees recommend accepting Harty Mechanical’s bid for Lochinvar boilers, as this is the best value. They are ready to bring this to the Voters.

D) Pick Date for May Voter’s Meeting (not the 24th)

May 17th, 2026 is the next May Voter’s Meeting.

E) Possibility of an Eagle Scout Project at OSLC

It hasn’t been directly brought to the Trustees yet, but Jasper Leiferman is considering adding a bench to the OSLC Courtyard as his Eagle Scout project. The Trustees don’t see a problem with it, so once they hear from Jasper, they and he will coordinate with the Courtyard Committee.

10. Board sharing:

Elders: Andrew Bittner gave the report. Regarding Sue’s upcoming retirement, they are planning to finish interviewing candidates by the end of May.

Deacons: Terrin Baldwin gave the report. Many upcoming events, including Confirmation Brunch.

Trustees: Chris Anderson gave the report. Bob is doing an admirable job filling in as the custodian and a candidate has been interviewed. The Chapel has been set up for the artwork.

Endowment: Rob gave the report. Next meeting is April 29, 2026, at 1:30 pm. Our promised donation to CCA is coming up in June, and the Endowment Fund is willing to provide a match again.

Motion made and seconded to recommend to the Voters that the remaining balance for the CCA 2025-2026 school year \$20,000 commitment at the end of June be paid as follows: 50% from the Undesignated Memorial Fund and 50% from the Endowment Fund. Motion passed.

11. The meeting was closed with The Lord’s Prayer.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.
13. The next Council meeting: May 12, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Heintz, Secretary
OSLC Council



In Memoriam

LaVonne Verna Kueker

February 5, 1943 ~ March 29, 2026

Geraldine Ann Holcomb

April 28, 1944 ~ November 2, 2025

Accessions & Losses

Accessions:

Jennifer Mangulis, Affirmation of Faith, May 11, 2026

Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending April 30, 2026

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$39,523.95	\$204,541.67
Operating Expenses	(\$48,996.91)	(\$223,741.66)
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	(\$885.39)	(\$15,792.01)
Net for Period[†]	(\$10,358.35)	(\$34,992.00)

[†]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	\$24,050.84	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$180,427.97	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$40,201.85	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Cash Assets	\$264,787.78	
Dedicated Accounts	(\$227,475.72)	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	<u>\$129.87</u>	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$37,441.93	

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$175,107.17
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	6.50% (Aug. 2025-Jul 2026)
Pay-off Date (Pay-off Amount)	July 2036 (\$20,510.78)

Submitted by,
Gary Fladland, Treasurer

Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Treasurer's Report March 31, 2026

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-Scholar Fund</u>	<u>Scholar Fund</u>
Beginning Principal	\$10,893.79	\$100.00	\$10,793.79
1995 to 2025 Gifts Received	\$618,978.85	\$439,234.93	\$179,743.92
1995 to 2025 Int + Dividend Inc.	\$416,278.32	\$277,805.85	\$138,472.47
1995-2024 Change in Mkt Value	\$101,977.84	\$40,792.50	\$61,185.34
1995 to 2025 Disbursements	<u>(\$520,809.75)</u>	<u>(\$330,322.68)</u>	<u>(\$190,487.07)</u>
Fund Balances: 30 Year Totals	\$627,319.05	\$427,610.60	\$199,708.45
2026 OSLC Member Gifts	\$1,834.00	\$907.00	\$927.00
2026 Int. + Dividend Inc.	\$3,744.67	\$1,872.33	\$1,872.34
2026 Change in Mkt Value	(\$14,176.34)	(\$7,088.17)	(\$7,088.17)
2026 Lng/Shrt Term Cap.Gain	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026 Disbursements	(\$862.09)	(\$862.09)	\$0.00
Total Fund Balances: 2026	\$617,859.29	\$422,439.67	\$195,419.62
Wells Fargo checking	\$15,936.23		
LCMS Foundation	\$601,923.06		
Total balances: 2026	<u>\$617,859.29</u>		

2026 Disbursements:

Concordia Adopt a Student	\$		
Concordia Classical Academy	\$		
Together in Mission	\$		
Concordia Univ. Chicago	\$		
Concordia Univ. St. Paul	\$		
LCMS Colloquy Program	\$		
Fees – LCMS	\$	862.09	
Total 2026 Disbursements	\$	<u>862.09</u>	

Summer Worship Schedule

8:00 Matins
8:30 Coffee/Fellowship
9:00 Divine Service
10:15 Bible Study for all ages

*The summer schedule is effective from
June 7th through September 6th*

Watch Our Savior's Sunday Worship

Our Savior's Sunday 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.



Game night is going outdoors for the summer! Join us at Highland Park, 950 Warren Street, June 7th from 6 – 8pm. In addition to the playground equipment, the park has a half basketball court, sand volleyball, outdoor exercise equipment and more. Dogs on a leash are allowed. Bring the kids and friends, and have a fun night with your church family.

In case of rain, meet at the church.

Our Savior's Outreach Missions

Outreach Missions (formerly Mission Service) will meet on Wednesday, June 17th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Thanks for the Gospel bracelet workers at home.



New brochure of Orphan Grain train needs. FYI, Mankato has "A Fresh Start" which receive furniture and household items for those emerging from homelessness.

We are collecting stamps for missions for Bible translation materials, bring you stamps to the box in the mission center.

Stamp Song: There are stamps on every letter,
There are stamps on parcels too,
There are stamps that honor flag and country
Science, art, and famous women too!
There are stamps that you and I must salvage
That they, too, may help the one in need.
Thus the stamps that you and I have gathered
Will be stamps that sow the seed.

Quilters

The Quilters ended the season on May 11th. A total of 53 quilts and 10 baby blankets were delivered to the following:

- Five Sparrows Foster Care
- Options Pregnancy Center
- The Reach
- South Central Crisis Center
- St. Peter Union Street Place



A big thank you to everyone who donated sheets and material, sewed tops at home, and measured out middles and backs. On September 14th we will again pick up our pins, needles, and yarn. Have a great summer!

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.



Bible Study Circles

- June -

Daytime Theme Bible Studies
Lessons from the *Quarterly*

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study meets on Thursday, June 4th at 10:25 – 11:35am in the Fireplace Room. Come early for fellowship and treats from 10:10 – 10:25am. The topic is in the Spring *Quarterly*, pages 22 and 23, “Out of Sight but not Out of Mine”. Hymn: ‘Blest Be the Tie That Binds’ LSB 649.

Mary Circle Bible Study will join Ruth/Lydia Bible Study on Thursday, June 4th.



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

Summer Special Music! – We need you! It’s summertime and our music groups are taking a well-deserved break. We need volunteers to play or sing during the summer months. If you have any interest in providing special music, please contact Suzie Gangi, suzie@oslcmanakato.org or 507-341-4173

Our Savior Ladies

*Begin with prayers on these busy days of summer
and every day!*

Peace of Christ LWML Convention, June 18-20 in Mankato. The delegates are Vicky Senne, 507-317-0948, and Kathy Taylor, 507-317-1555. The Alternate is Sue Klute. The Gifts from the Heart will go to The New Freedom Store and the Homeless Ministry: Pigs Eye Lake Encampment. Quilts will go to the Prison Ministry. Offering: 1) Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch; 2) Lutherans for Life; 3) LWML Minnesota South District Mission Grants; 4) Orphan Grain Train. Anyone can donate to any of these four by sending their donation with the delegates. Divine Worship is Friday at 7:30pm.

***FLASH* This is for YOU:** The Fall Rally will be here at Our Savior in Mankato. Volunteers are needed. Thanks to those who already volunteered and answered the call for workers. More information coming soon. Your ideas and helps are a gift of God in the planning. Call or text Bev Annis (507-340-0273) or Trudy Wiechmann (507-327-7082) for more information on volunteering.

Lutheran Women in Mission “Transformed in Christ” the 42nd biennial convention will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on July 8-11, 2027, based on Romans 12:2.

Prayer Shawls

Circumstances change but God doesn't, we can still have joy because we will always have Jesus.



If you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl, call Marcella, 507-317-4127. No prayer shawls were given out this month.



STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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

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

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.



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

Lutheran Hour Ministries
Lutheran Layman League

LHM (Lutheran Hour Ministries): The magazine has information for children to adults. Pick up a copy of “The Lutheran Layman” in the narthex.

One Voice for Public Policy alerts to public policy issues from Rev. Scot Missling. Read his blog at:

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

SAGES – Older Adult Ministry, Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving

- The Gathering was filled with happy, joyful older Children of God! Those over 50 heard the Word of Scripture on “Living on Purpose with Jesus.” The workshops covered learning about current older adult difficulties in their lives now and bring awareness of new activities. One activity highlighted was “Write Your Story”, so easy when you answer just one question at a time. SAGES also has programs to use in local churches.
- One church had 21 people attending!
- New officers are Rev. Pieper, Vice President and Rachel Schwalbe, Secretary.
- Mankato Circuit (20) and Arlington Circuit (19) have openings for two or more representatives.
- Thanks to Our Savior for the use of a keyboard and men to deliver and pick up.
- Sue Klute, accompanist, and Pastor Matheny, Closing Devotion.
- SAGES newsletter SAGACITY, four times a year will be online and in the narthex.

Extra Info for you Support the Bible translators through prayers, follow along with the LCMS Pray for Us calendar; www.Deafoutreach.org; many other publications are at church in the Narthex and Mission Center.

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



Join the LWML ladies of Redeemer Lutheran Church,
New Ulm, at the Plymouth Playhouse for:



When: Sunday, July 12th

The show begins at 2pm and ends at 4:30pm
Bus leaves Redeemer, New Ulm at 11am

Cost: \$65

Includes bus ride, show ticket, and box lunch

**ALL TICKETS MUST BE RESERVED AND PAID FOR BY
JUNE 7TH.**

Checks can be written to LWML

Please contact Christy at 507-233-3470 or
redeemer@newulmtel.net with any questions.

Mites - Mission Grants

Mite Sunday, June 21, 2026



June is the time when the new mission goal and mite grants are announced for the 2026-2028 biennium. Thanks to all for helping meet the 2024-2026 mite goal for 13 district grants. June focus grants will be listed in the bulletin.

May National Grants were #10, 'Healing Your Heart – Faith Based Child Counseling', Lutheran Counseling and Family Service of Wisconsin, (\$100,000); #11, 'Not Alone, Gospel Help for Family in Crisis', Lutheran Family Service, Iowa (\$92,500); and #30, 'Increasing Access to Lutheran Counseling Service', Concordia Counseling, Indiana (\$100,000).

Early Bulletin Deadline

Please note . . . due to Sue's vacation the week of June 8th, the deadline for the June 14th bulletin is a week early. Please e-mail (contact@oslcmandato.org) or drop off any announcements at the office by 10am on Thursday, June 4th for the June 7th and June 14th bulletins. Thank you!

Chancel Flowers



Do you have a special occasion that you want to remember by placing flowers in the chancel? Sign up today to assure that you get the date you want. The yearly sign-up calendar is located on the wall in the narthex to the north of the entrance.

Lutheran Singles Get-Together

June 13 – 14, 2026

The Gospel Gym, N6290 N H Street, Arkansaw, WI

Looking for other Single Lutherans? Join fellow LCMS singles (ages 20 – 45, never married or widowed) for fellowship, fun activities, and Bible study the Gospel Gym in Arkansaw, WI on Saturday, June 13th from 11am – 7pm, with optional worship, meal, and fellowship on Sunday June 14.

Make connections, share encouragement, and find a place to belong! Cost: \$25 (includes meals). Find more details and register at www.lcmssingles.com or 763-242-6335.



“Remember that our Savior was born into a human household . . . He is our Friend, our Brother, He will help us in our time of need, especially when we seek Him out in God’s Word and fervently in prayer. As you relate to others in your home, ask God’s Holy Spirit to give you wisdom in difficult situations, mercy in abundance when forgiveness is needed, and love to cover all your family’s interactions.”

Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman
Former speaker of “The Lutheran Hour”

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

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: What Do You Want?

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

**The Eighth Annual 2026
APOLOGETICS AND WORLDVIEW CONFERENCE**

June 24 (7pm) & June 25 (10:30am-3:30pm)
Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato MN

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Is AI a “giant leap for mankind”? A return to Babel? How can it be harnessed and used well? What are the implicit dangers? How does it impact Christian anthropology, the *imago dei*, a liberal arts education, human relationships and interaction? And what comes next?

Presentation 1: Wed. 7:00pm-8:00pm (followed by 30 minutes of a panel & questions)

AI Explained: How does it work? What can it do and not do? What are its benefits and obvious dangers? (Rev. Jonathan Conner)

Presentation 2: Thurs. 10:30am-noon (followed by 30 minutes of a panel & questions)

A Deeper Look (A): Anthropology, dehumanization, and AI’s impact on a Christian liberal arts education (Rev. Dr. Adam Brasich)

Presentation 3: Thurs. 1:30pm-2:30pm (followed by 50 minutes of a panel & questions)

A Deeper Look (B): Anthropology, companion bots, transhumanism, and what lies ahead (Dr. Brandon Steenbock)

The lunchbreak on Thursday is from noon to 1:30.

To register for attending in person (no charge) and if you wish to have **lunch** in Bethany’s Dining Center on Thursday, use the **QR** code below (note: the lunch is free but a free-will offering of \$10 would be appreciated). The conference will also be **livestreamed** (the livestream link will be posted online just prior to the presentation at <https://apologeticscenter.org/events/>).



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