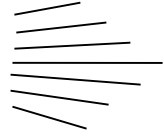




THE VOICE



The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001 **NOVEMBER 2016**

Annual Voters' Meeting

Sunday, November 20th
12:30pm

Agenda items include:

- Election of Officers
- 2107 Budget
- LCMS Constitutional Amendments
- River of Life Congregation
- Dedicated Funds Policy
- Our Savior's Financial Review



Before the meeting, join the Youth for the

Annual Dinner

In the Fellowship Hall.

Serving will begin immediately following the
10:30 worship

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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 pastor is available at all hours and all days by calling his cell phone. Please use the office phone for other business. Please also remember that Sunday morning and other worship times are not for bring 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

Nearly three and a half years ago, our congregation took a calculated risk. It was a risk because it meant a financial commitment of at least \$350,000 to be spent over three years. The risk was calculated because we planned for how to raise this money. This commitment was necessary to call a pastor/church planter to work in St Peter where we have long wanted to have a sister congregation. We accepted this plan and called Rev. Tom Braun to be the Pastor/Church Planter in St. Peter.

We thank and praise God that River of Life Lutheran Church in St Peter, MN has now been officially accepted into the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod by the Minnesota South District Board of Directors. This month, River of Life will hold their organizational meeting where they will begin accepting members (44 souls are already in membership at Our Savior's and ready for transfer), elect officers, set their own budget for 2017, and hopefully call their first Pastor.

Moreover, the date is set for Sunday, December 11th as their "Charter Sunday" when the President of the Minnesota South District, on behalf of the entire Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, welcomes them into our fellowship and installs Pastor Braun as the first called Pastor of their own. Rarely do things go as planned as well as this has.

At which point did they become an independent congregation? Well, like raising children, their independence has come as a sequence of steps. First, Pastor Braun started bringing people into worship. Then they organized a leadership or management team which created a 'vision' for their future together and then formulated articles of incorporation and a constitution and bylaws. These documents were submitted to the State of Minnesota and to the Minnesota South District of the LCMS for approval. In September, their documents were approved. In November they will start receiving members and hold their first meeting, in December they will celebrate their Charter Sunday and install their first pastor, and on January 2nd they will take over all financial, legal, and record-keeping responsibilities. Then it is done.

We should all see this example of how God accomplishes his work not through supernatural means, but through normal people, working together, agreeing on and committing to the Lord's plan. Today, there is an LCMS congregation in St Peter made up primarily of people who used to be Christian but had fallen away from the church as well as people who moved to town but had no church home. Today there is a church building in St Peter at which the Word of God is proclaimed and the Sacraments are administered according to our Lutheran beliefs and practices. Many people did their part, answered the Lord's call, and committed their ways to Him. And now look at what the Lord has done by using us all together!

The same principle is true in all our congregations, in our church body, in our families, and in our community: God provides all that we need when we all contribute according to what the Lord has given us. Not all are pastors, but all are Christians. Not all are evangelists, but we are all called to worship. It takes teachers of children and leaders and contributors of every other good gift from God to form a congregation and carry out His work. The results of this may be miraculous, but even the process of all these people coming together around Christ and His call to faith is a miracle in itself.

Many people are seeing congregations being closed and membership and attendance slipping. So we have been privileged to see the opposite in this project in St Peter. But these results shouldn't be surprising when we come together around our Lord Jesus. This is just another example of what we should expect our Lord to do when we commit ourselves and our ways to Him.

Over the years, Our Savior's in Mankato has been the mother congregation for Good Shepherd which is now in North Mankato, for Hosanna which is on the East side, for the Sudanese Lutheran congregation across Southern Minnesota, and now for River of Life in St Peter. The handful of families that started Our Savior's in 1950 has grown to involve more than six thousand members in the Mankato/St Peter area.

Thanks be to God for these great things which He has done, is doing, and still has yet to do among us!

At this point, it is probably safe to assume that all of us are sick and tired of hearing about politics. We have, for the last year or so, been inundated with political news about all the different candidates seeking the office of president. We have heard their promises, their attacks, and certainly their foibles. And that does not even include all the news we get about our currently elected politicians!

This election season has been especially disappointing because many of us are not remotely satisfied with either major party candidate. I am not just talking about qualms with their dress or manner of speech, but with serious reservations about their qualifications to hold the office of president. Many of us are struggling with coming to a decision as to whom we should vote for.

So what should we do in these particularly troubling political times? We should pray for our politicians. In Romans chapter 13, Paul writes that we should "...be subject to the governing authorities" because their authority comes from God himself. While we might be tempted to think that the governing authorities in our times are worse than those that Paul was under, I should remind you that the church in Rome at that time was living under the rule of Emperor Nero, a man that persecuted and killed Christians.

We do not yet know who will be elected, or what they will do once they win. We do know that Jesus is Lord. He is the King of Kings. He is in control. Whatever comes, we know that we worship one mightier than the president of the United States. No matter how bad things might look we know that Jesus has promised to return on the last day and put things right. Until then we can share the message of hope that we have because of him, and submit to whatever authority that God sets over us.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - Our Savior's Lutheran Church

1103 North Broad St – Mankato, MN

October 11, 2016

Present: Gregg Marg, Cindy Hobbs, Denise Painter, Matt Williams, Jo Eversman, Rob Hobbs, Pastor Lauer, Pastor Matheny, Matt Brand, Amy Mack, Katelyn Wilson, Kate Wilson

1. Meeting was called to order by President Denise Painter at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pastor Lauer opened with prayer.
3. Congregation Public Presentation: none
4. Additions/Approval of Agenda
- 9 e) Circuit Pastors' Treasurer

MOTION was made and SECONDED to approve the Planning Council agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Additions/Approval of Previous Planning Council Minutes

MOTION was made and SECONDED to replace the third sentence under the Deacon's report to read: They will be serving a meal at the Fall Festival on October 28, and also a Wednesday night meal on November 16th. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Treasurer's Report

Income for Our Savior's for the month of September was \$32,305.97 and expenses for the month were \$46,951.64. We will be making a final payment for the Tuck Pointing project of approximately \$40,000. Pastor Lauer will prepare a request to the congregation about increasing contributions to reduce the deficit. This request will be in the November and December Voice, in the bulletins from about the week of Thanksgiving until the middle of December, and a letter to be mailed to the congregation members about the end of November. St. Peter River of Life church income for the month of September was \$19,290.54 and expenses were \$14,617.27. Approximately \$3,000 from Our Savior's

dedicated funds will be transferred to River of Life this month.

MOTION was made and SECONDED to approve the OSLC & St. Peter River of Life Treasurer's Reports as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Pastor's Report

Pastor Lauer reported there were 5 deaths in five weeks at Our Savior's. Shut-ins calls are being made. The pastors are getting caught up on a few things now that we have two pastors.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Nominating Committee: Denise Painter, Perry Eimers, Vacancy

The Nominating Committee is Denise Painter, Perry Eimers and Bev Clark.

b. Board Positions to date to be filled is 17

There are 17 positions to fill on various church boards. Any questions or if you would like to fill one of these positions, contact Denise Painter.

c. Designated Funds Forms and Policy Draft

Matt Brand put together three new forms for the Council to review and discuss at next month's meeting and then present to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on November 20th. They are Our Savior's Lutheran Church Dedicated Fund Borrowing Policy, Request to Establish a New Dedicated Fund, and Dedicated Fund Policy. He suggested we act on this quickly because once our cash balance is gone we will have to borrow from our Designated Funds, and then from our line of credit.

9. New Business

a. River of Life Congregation Formation, Charter Sunday, December 11, 2016

River of Life's congregation by-laws have been approved, therefore the Charter Sunday service will be held December 11, 2016. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to give

River of Life Church an official Church Register Book as a present on Charter Sunday. MOTION CARRIED. They will have a November Call meeting and also elect officers. They have a new Treasurer, who will be trained on the computer program, Shepherd's Staff, by Matt Brand. On January 2, 2017, monies will be transferred from Our Savior's to River of Life church to close the books.

b. Budget worksheets for Boards

There is a 2.7% increase in next year's budget. Council is to review and respond, at next month's Council meeting, to the draft budget sheet that was passed out. Next year's budget will be presented to the Congregation at the Annual meeting on November 20, 2016.

c. Organ Repair Funding

It was decided to delay the repairs on the organ until we get an estimate and do more research on what needs to be done.

d. Proposed Agenda for November Annual Meeting, Sunday, November 20, 2016

-2017 Budget for Boards

-Election for Boards

-Lutheran Church Missouri Synod – 3 Constitutional Amendments for vote by the congregation

-River of Life Congregation

-Dedicated Funds Policy

-Our Savior's Financial Review

e. Circuit Pastors' Treasurer

MOTION was made and SECONDED to appoint Gregory Volbrecht, from Salem Lutheran Church of Madelia, as signory for the Circuit checking account. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Board Sharing (additions, questions, or explanations of written reports)

Board of Ed: Budget was approved. The Board members will be serving a Wednesday night meal on November 9, 2016. Lisa Brand will conduct an all day Women's Retreat

on February 25, 2017. Youth will be doing the Kato Escape Room, raking leaves on November 6th, and serving the Annual Meeting meal on November 20th. There will also be a bake sale and calendars sales fundraisers.

Deacons: The meal was planned for the October 28 Fall Festival, along with the decorations. Wednesday night meals are going well, with 70-90 people attending. Volunteers are still needed for serving and preparing a Wednesday night meal. Lisa has ordered Care notes, Thanksgiving cards and Care kits on aging, to be funded by the library or human care fund. Budget will remain the same for 2017 and three positions need to be filled on the Board.

Trustees: A rough draft budget was completed for the annual meeting. The cost is \$45 a sign for the “NO Parking” signs that are needed in the parking lots. Cable and sound will be installed in the library. Waste Management is raising their monthly rates so the Board decided to go with a \$85 rate for once every other week for garbage pickup, which was 1 of 2 options to save money. Chimney repairs are done, door in Fellowship hall is sealed and fascia has been re-done. Matt Williams will recheck the work and if acceptable, the bill will be paid to the contractor. Larry Schultz presented a list of items he is working on.

Elders: There was not a quorum at the October meeting, so no motions could be made. There were no objections to allow Pastor Matheny to invite a missionary to speak briefly at the November 6th church service. There will be a door offering with monies going to help the Missionary with her expenses as she needs to raise her own funds to go to the Dominican Republic. Pastor Lauer gave his report.

11. The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:17p.m.
13. Next Planning Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Hobbs, Secretary, OSLC Planning Council

OSLC Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending September 30, 2016

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$32,305.97	\$319,460.51
Operating Expenses	-\$46,951.64	-\$377,101.96
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	-\$851.52	-\$9,680.14
Net for Period[†]	-\$15,497.19	-\$67,321.59

[†]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	\$139,043.99	Daily checking account
Joyful Response	\$25,922.45	Joyful Response deposits and loan pmts
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Total Cash Assets	\$185,073.56	
Dedicated Accounts	-\$136,342.12	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	-\$9,787.30	Accruals for HSA payments, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$38,944.14	\$54,345.83 last month

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$306,285.83
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	3.875%
Pay-off Date	7/2036

Additional Comments:

This month we are anticipating final payment on the tuck pointing project of around \$40,000.

River of Life Congregation:

Separate checking and savings accounts have been set up for the St. Peter congregation; these are being accounted for separately. There is currently a balance of \$2,996.74 in dedicated funds for the St. Peter congregation. These funds will be transferred regularly in preparation for River of Life becoming an independent congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Brand, Vice President, Acting Treasurer

**RIVER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT COMMENTARY
Period Ending September 30, 2016**

This report is Year-to-Date as of September 30, 2016. It includes the following documents: Income & Expense Report by Account* and Balance Sheet by Account*. The month was closed on October 3, 2016.

Income & Expense Report by Account: Total receipts for the month were \$19,290.54. Operating expenses for this period totaled \$14,617.27 resulting in a positive cash flow of \$4,673.27.

General Fund performance is presented in the following table.

2016 General Fund Activity:

	Current Month		Y-T-D	
Income-from Income & Exp. Rpt		\$19,290.54		\$230,025.33
Expenses-from Inc. & Exp. Rprt	\$14,617.27		\$142,236.65	
Plus: LCEF Principal Rdction	\$0.00		\$24,000.00	
Total Expenses	\$14,617.27	-\$14,617.27	\$166,236.65	-\$166,236.65
Increase (Decrease)		\$4,673.27		\$63,788.68

Balance Sheet:

Assets	Current Value
Checking Account	\$219,514.65
Savings Account	\$5,702.94
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Total	\$225,217.59

Liabilities	Amount
LCEF Freitag Loan	\$0.00
Dedicated Funds Payable	\$0.00
Current Liabilities	\$5,798.51
Total	\$5,798.51

Additional Received Funds: There is currently a balance of \$2,996.74 in dedicated funds in an OSLC Mankato checking account for River of Life. These funds will be transferred regularly to prepare for River of Life becoming an independent congregation.

Respectfully submitted, Matt Brand, Vice-President

*See Reports on the Church Information bulletin board near the office.



**Articles for the December VOICE
are due by Friday, November 18th
at 4 p.m.**



HOLY BAPTISM

Jesse Edwin Matheny

Born: October 9, 2016

Baptized: October 16, 2016

Parents: Rev. Adam & Laura Matheny

Alice Lauren Krumwiede

Born: August 30, 2016

Baptized: October 23, 2016

Parents: Scott & Lana Krumwiede

Accessions & Losses

Accessions:

Rebecca Kitzmann; Affirmation of Faith; September 27, 2016

Melissa Bergemann; Affirmation of Faith; September 27,
2016

Brandon Friedrichs, Adult Confirmation; September 29, 2016

Losses:

Transfers to River of LIFE Lutheran Church, St. Peter,
LCMS, on September 23, 2016:

Katherine Annexstad, Owen [age 10 months]

Grant & Karen Annexstad

Benjamin & Olivia Aronson, Emma [age 13], Lorelai
[age 5], Quentin [age 3]

Karen Boesch

Curtis Braun

Rev. Thomas & Colleen Braun

Darren Braun

Pamela Eckberg
Larry & Cynthia Friedrich
Arthur & Pamela Going
Jordan Going
James Goltart
Lucy Goltart
Christopher & Holly Halldorson, Maggie [age 3]
Paul & June Hoeft
Randy & Renee Jopp
Elizabeth Jopp
Larry & Linda Kettner
Ryan Kontak
Richard Malecek
Dennis & Sandra McLean
Anthony & Julie Scheele, Evelyn [age 5], Gracelyn
[age 3], William [age 5 months]
Dustin & Hannah Struckman
Megan Willette



Gary Duane Griffin

May 25, 1954 ~ September 20, 2016

Ramona Marguerite Polzin

July 10, 1931 ~ September 26, 2016

Earl LeRoy Lamont

April 19, 1931 ~ September 30, 2016

Karen Leone Waterston

January 24, 1948 ~ October 6, 2016

Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 23, 6:30pm

Thursday, November 24, 9am



Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise his name.

Psalm 100:4



Fall Clean-up

Our Saviors gets some of the biggest leaf piles around.

Join the fun, Saturday, November 5 at 3:30pm. We'll rake, jump, eat, and relax by the fire. If you have a rake or camping chair, bring it along.



Medical Missionary Visit

On Sunday, November 6th, Our Savior's will host a special visitor. Jamielynn Tinkey, a family friend of Pastor Matheny, is an LCMS medical missionary to the Dominican Republic. She will be introduced prior to the start of each service, and during the Bible study hour she will present about herself and her missionary service in the Dominican Republic. If you would like to know more about Jamielynn, visit: Lcms.org/Tinkey.

Youth Group

Are you in 9th through 12th grade? If so, please come hang out! The Our Savior's youth group gathers each and every Sunday evening from 6-7:30. We have some sort of devotion or Bible study, then the possibilities are (nearly) limitless. Contact Pastor Matheny if you have any questions.



Widowed to Widowed

The Widowed-to-Widowed Ministry here at Our Savior's is gathering on Monday, November 14th at 11:30. We will be enjoying potluck lunch in the Fireplace Room. We invite all widows to join us. We continue our theme "He

Restores My Soul" (Psalm 23:3a). Our group meets once a month for a potluck lunch, Bible study and fellowship. Please use the 4th Street back entrance. Feel free to call Jean Beetsch at 345-5332 or Trudy Wiechmann at 345-2138 for more information.

If a ride is needed, perhaps a family friend could bring you or you may call Kato Cab for a taxi ride to and from. Call the taxi one-half hour ahead. Their number is 388-7433.

Sunday Morning Breakfast

Breakfast will be served from 8:45 to 9:15 each Sunday morning in the Fireplace room. A free-will donation will be accepted to help cover the costs.

Serving in November:



November 6 th :	Adult Bells
November 13 th :	Human Care Committee
November 20 th :	3 rd /4 th Grade Sunday School
November 27 th :	Sue H



**Daylight Saving Time ends
November 6. Remember to set your
clocks back one hour before going to
bed on Saturday night.**



November Music Notes

“Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music.”

Martin Luther

A happy and blessed autumn to all from the music world! Please consider getting involved with music at Our Savior’s. Like the man in the parable who gave each servant a certain amount of talents, God has given you talents as well to use for His glory! The seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas, we are preparing beautiful anthems filled with voices, bells and instruments to celebrate our blessings. If you enjoy singing I would love to see you on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the balcony. If you don’t think singing is your strength but love music, then consider joining the bells on Wednesday evenings at 5:30. They would love to have you come!

November Schedule

November 6 th :	8am - Trio	10:30 – Trio
November 13 th :		10:30 – SS
November 20 th :	8am – Bells	10:30 – Bells
November 23 rd :	Thanksgiving – Adult Choir, Bells and Trumpets	
November 27 th :	8am – Adult Choir	10:30 – Adult Choir

Christus Choir Schedule

Wednesday, November 30th - 12:30 rehearsal
Wednesday, December 7th - sing in the 1:30 service
Wednesday, December 21st - sing in the 1:30 service
Christmas party at Marcia's Monday, January 2nd at 11:30am

Musicians are *needed* for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. If you are interested in playing, please call Marcia at 388-4215 or email me at marciamusic8@yahoo.com.



Wednesday Night Meals & Devotion

We pray and eat together at 6:00pm in the Fireplace Room

November 2:	Pizza
November 9:	Chili/Soup and Sandwiches
November 16:	Tacos
November 23:	No Meal (Thanksgiving Eve)
November 30:	To be Determined

Devotion begins at 6:45, led by Pastor Matheny

All are welcome to join us, choir members, confirmation students and families, all church members and families

Wednesday Night Schedule through November 16

Kids Ring:	5:00 – 5:30
Kids Praise:	5:30 – 6:00
Adult Bells:	5:30 – 6:15
Meal:	6:00 – 6:45
Devotion:	6:45 – 7:00
Jr. Confirmation:	7:00 – 8:00
Adult Choir:	7:00 – 7:45

No meal, choir rehearsals, or Confirmation on November 23.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30

Wednesday Night Schedule during Advent, beginning November 30

Meal:	5:00 – 6:15
Kids Ring:	5:00 – 5:30
Kids Praise:	5:30 – 6:00
Adult Bells:	5:30 – 6:15
Worship:	6:30 – 7:15
Jr. Confirmation:	7:15 – 8:00
Adult Choir:	7:15 – 8:00



GIFT CARD SALES will resume each week in the Narthex during November and December. This is a fundraising activity for our youth. Like buying gift cards anywhere else, you simply pay the face amount. Order one Sunday and pick up your cards the next. The Youth will be able to keep the proceeds of each purchase which can range from 2% to even 20% depending upon the retailer.

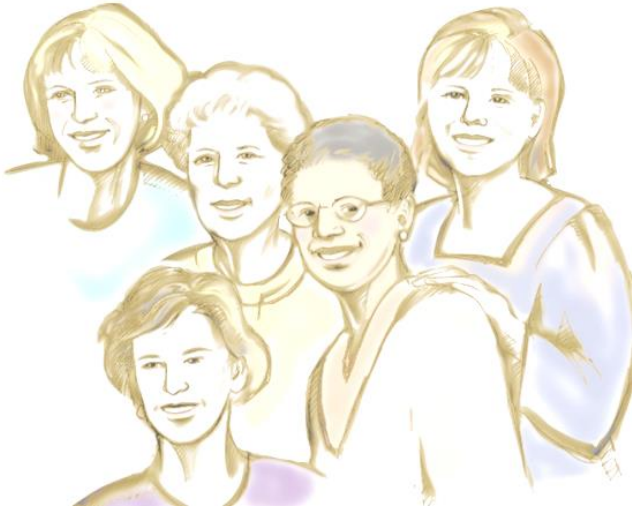
Note to Funeral Serving Volunteers:

Lists are located on the bulletin board outside the church office door. Please check the lists for your name and the type of assistance that you are comfortable giving. If you wish to remove your name, just cross your name off that particular list. If you'd like to help in any capacity, add your name to the category or categories where you could assist. The leaders will update their lists before calling for helping hands.



We could use more volunteers willing to be leaders are running the dishwasher. We have very able people who would be happy to teach and assist anyone willing to help at these positions.

Leaders Vel Brunner, Gretchen Zellmer, and Janet Timm would like to thank all the volunteers who have stepped up to serve our grieving church families at the time of loss of loved ones.



Women's Retreat - February 25

Mark your calendars now and invite your sisters, daughters, friends, and mother. We'll be looking at women in the Gospel of Luke and finding they had some of the same issues we do today. We'll also see God's goodness as He interacts with them. Join us as we consider "The Heart of Jesus".

Quilting

Mondays

November 14 and November 28

9am - noon

Join the quilters the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month in the Youth Room.

Tops and backs are sewn together and the quilts are tied. We also make time for coffee/snacks. Good work is done and good times are had by all. For questions or more information contact Julie at 388-7533.





**Our Savior LCMS Women in Mission
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
INVITATION AND NEWS
November 2016**

Providing you with Christian Friendship and Fellowship •
Exercising and Building your Christian Faith through
Devotion, Bible Studies and Prayer • Opening your life to
new blessings through service to the Lord and His people

Fellowship with Your Sisters In Christ:

Ladies of Our Savior, we welcome you of every generation.

Thursday, November 3: Ruth Circle, 1:30 at church

Monday, November 7: Lutheran Layman's League/Young
at Heart, 1:30 at church

Thursday - Saturday, November 10-12: 1st District-wide
Feed My Starving Children

Monday, November 16: Mission Service, 4:00 at church

Sunday, November 20: Mite Sunday

Tuesday, November 22: Rebekah Circle, 1:00 at church

Sunday, November 27: Decorate church for Christmas
(lunch provided)

Future Dates:

June 22-25, 2017: "Jesus Christ Above All" Philippians 2:9 -
Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mankato Zone is not having a Fall LWML Rally. All Fall Zone Rallies are listed in the Women On a Mission newsletter. (Times, dates, places, and speakers.) Visit a Rally of your choice. Mankato Zone is planning a Spring 2017 Rally.

Beautiful new religious greeting cards are available now at...The Card Shop, located off the Fellowship Hall across from the courtyard. This is a mission service sponsored by the Women in Mission of Our Savior's Evening Guild. Items for sale include Birthday, Sympathy, Get-well, Wedding, Anniversary, and Thinking of You cards and note cards for a variety of occasions for \$0.50 - \$1.00 each (Cards inside the white drawers are sold by the box, with the price written on the back of the box). Come by anytime. Just drop payment in the box on the wall. Thanks for your support. This project was organized as a service for you.

MISSION SERVICE will meet on November 16th at 4pm at church. Supplies have been depleted and more are needed to make kits. If you are able, please bring any of the following donations to the Card Shop: toothpaste (any size), toothbrush, deodorant, hotel size soap and shampoo, gently used hand towels, cloth diapers, infant onesies, sleepers (no feet), sweaters and socks. Thank you for any donations.

Membership: Please sign the membership book.

www.oslcmankato.org • www.lwml.org •
www.mnslwml.org
WOM Newsletter • Quarterly • Mite Boxes
Available in the Narthex



A Prayer Shawl, simply put, is a soft warm shawl, knitted or crocheted, which is given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss or are in the midst of a crisis. Shawls. . . made for centuries are universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving God.

If you know of anyone who you would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact Nancy Clausen at 345-3063.

Young at Heart / Lutheran Laymen's League (YAH / LLL) *FOR YOU of every age!!!*

Our next meeting at Our Savior will be the first Monday in November, November 7th at 1:30pm in the Fireplace Room. We invite you to come enjoy fellowship and learning!

We will watch "A Man Named Martin – Part 2: The Moment". Viewers will witness the interplay of personalities and events that led to the Protestant Reformation. From Luther's inner struggles of conscience and faith to his call for debate with the Pope to his scathing rebuke of erroneous church practice. This installment examines the semi-scriptural and oft-times unethical teachings and doctrines of the late Medieval Church and how Luther addressed them. From purgatory, penance, and indulgences to the treasury of merits of Christ, Masses for the dead, and the institution of the papacy, Luther – and other like-minded reformers – had a misinformation overload on their hands.

Lutheran Hour Ministries; Bringing Christ to the Nations – and the Nations to the Church.

Get more information at sages@mnsdistrict.org. Our Older Adult Ministry at OUR SAVIOR is the YAH (Young at Heart) and part of S.A.G.E.S. MN South District

The Lutheran Layman News is available in the Narthex. Men's network: www.lhmmen.org and check out the www.lhm.org for children, www.lhm.org/layman.

Radio – Every Sunday – The Lutheran Hour. 6 p.m. KJLY 107.1



Read the S.A.G.E.S. newsletter Sagacity and other news at www.mnsdistrict.org/sages or www.mnsdistrict.org/publications. Hard copies are available in the Narthex. Last month, we said a S.A.G.E. was an older adult. The questions this month was for an age. Older and Wiser-Some stores begin at 50, but any age enjoys the learning and fellowship.

Our Savior Lutheran Church invites you to a
SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY



Sunday, November 13th
11:30 in the Fireplace Room
All Ages Invited, Lunch Provided

Join us to pack the supplies that were donated for our fall Sunday School mission project! We will start with lunch and then pack shoeboxes. Wrap an empty shoebox, fill it with bar soap, a comb, a toothbrush, a notebook and pencils or pens, hair things, tools, craft supplies, toys, and whatever else will fit and then we'll send it on to the processing center in Minneapolis. Gifts can be brought and left in a box in any of the Sunday School classrooms anytime before November 13th. This is a fun opportunity to do a hands-on mission project with your church as well as your family!

Anyone is welcome to bring a gift to pack!

- School supplies (notebooks, pens, crayons, etc.)
- Toys (matchbox cars, stuffed animals, puzzles, etc.)
- Hygiene items (toothbrush, combs, washcloth, etc.)
- Party favors (noisemakers, sunglasses, flashlights, etc.)
- Hard candy (lollipops, gum, starlight mints, etc.)
- Hair things (barrettes, ponytail holders, etc.)
- Apparel (socks, hats, shirts, flip-flops, etc.)
- Tools (pliers, screwdrivers, hammers, etc.)
- Craft supplies (beads, yarn, needles, etc.)
- Games (cards, jacks, marbles, etc.)

Please note: We cannot use any war-themed items or liquid or perishable products. No chocolate, either.



Christmas Decorating Sunday, November 27, 11:30am

To begin our preparation for the season of Advent and Christmas, we will decorate the church on Sunday, November 27 immediately following the 10:30 service. All ages are needed and welcome to help. We have a good time of fellowship while we are working. Lunch is provided following the decorating; chili, sandwiches and dessert. Hope you can join us!



Mid week Advent Services begin
Wednesday, November 30 at 1:30 and 6:30
Coffee/Fellowship will follow the 1:30 service
Supper will be served before the evening service



THE STEWARDSHIP DRIVE for this Fall will simply be a request that each family try to contribute a 13th month to their offerings for 2016. One month's offerings is approximately the amount which we expect to be 'short' for 2016. So if you normally contribute \$20 per week, please try to increase that to \$40 for four weeks. If your contributions are \$100 for a month, then please try to make an extra \$100 offering for this year. If we can raise our giving for just a few weeks, we hope to end 2016 "even." It's true that some people are already giving what they can. Therefore, those who have the ability to help more are asked to do so according to their blessings.

From the Stewardship Committee November 2016

“O give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever” (Psalm 136:1). The love of the Lord does endure forever because the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, is risen from the dead, lives and reigns for all eternity. He was crucified for our transgressions, but He is raised and lives forever for our justification. We are acceptable to God in Christ Jesus.

This is indeed something for which we give thanks. We give thanks in our prayers. We give thanks in the hymns we sing in church. We give thanks by talking about it with our friends and neighbors and teaching it to our children and grandchildren. And we give thanks by giving to the church a generous, first-fruits portion of the income He provides us.

Giving is giving thanks. It is one of the concrete ways in which we thank God for all He has done for us. This includes not just what He has done for us here in time, but what He does for us for all eternity. He provides for all that we need in both body and soul. He is more ready to give than we are able either to receive or even ask. That is who He is. That is His character. He is good and His love endures forever.

Let us then give thanks in all these ways, not in one way or the other. But rather in all things, everything that we do and say, whether it be in word or deed, in prayer and praise, in teaching and giving, let us give thanks to God for He is good.

Watch Our Savior’s Sunday Worship anytime on KTV (Public Access)

After Our Savior’s worship has been uploaded for viewing on KTV, it may be viewed on their web-site at your convenience. Go to: www.accessktv.org, hover over “Watch KTV”, then slide down and click on “Public Access”. Scroll down to the calendar and click on the original date aired (Tuesday or Wednesday). Select “Our Saviors Lutheran Church” from the schedule. Then click on the arrow to start play.



Minnesota South District-Wide Event
November 9 – 12
Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mankato

Join fellow Christians from across the Minnesota South District in helping feed the hungry November 9 – 12 at our Feed My Starving Children MobilePack. Our goal is to pack one million meals that will bless children around the world as we serve together in our first district-wide service project.

We need your help! You can sign up to volunteer to pack meals at Hosanna Lutheran Church. Shifts are available from November 9th through November 12th. Or, you can make a gift to support the cost of the meals. Each meal packed costs only 22 cents!

Finally, you can pray that this event would serve to foster a greater unity in the district and would be a blessing to all the children that will be fed by it. For more information, to donate, or to register, please visit www.mnsdistrict.org/fmsc.



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**Camp Omega Appreciation Dinner
Sunday, November 20, 2016
Faribault American Legion**

The 10th Annual Camp Omega Appreciation Event will be the setting for expressing appreciation to the men and women who served as the Adult and Family Retreat Center Capital Campaign leaders at their congregations.

The event will begin at 4:30 with a social hour followed by a FREE turkey supper and a short program. Entertainment will be provided by the Metro-area Barbershop Quartet, "Oh, Brother!" By your presence, you will join hundreds in expressing appreciation for the dedication of these volunteers.

RSVP is a MUST. Make reservations by calling Curt at 507-330-5627 or e-mailing him at curt@campomega.org.

***Joyful Thanks Fall Benefit Dinner
Saturday, November 12, 5pm***

Martin Luther High School, 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop

You are invited! The Joyful Thanks Fall Benefit Dinner will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop on Saturday, November 12th. The talented a capella group "Blend" will entertain with a variety of fun music. Staff Sergeant Joshua Rusert, USAF and 2006 Alumnus will be guest speaker. The MLHS Music Department will also perform. Valet parking will be provided.

Social hour begins at 5pm with a catered dinner served at 6pm. Menu includes: Strawberry cashew salad, thin-sliced savory roast beef, mashed potatoes with beef gravy, glazed baby carrots, fresh-baked French bread, gourmet truffles and assorted cakeballs.

Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased at www.martinlutherhs.com or by calling 507-436-5249.



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Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Board of Deacons 7:00 Board of Elders 7:00 Board of Trustees	2 5:00 Kids Ring 5:30 Kids Praise 5:30 Adult Bells 6:00 Supper 6:45 Family Devotion 7:00 Adult Choir 7:00 Jr. Confirmation	3 9:00 Cancer Companions 1:30 Ruth Circle	4	5 3:30 Fall Clean-up 6:00 Worship
6 8:00 Worship 8:45 Breakfast 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Youth Bible Class 9:30 Adult Bible Class 10:30 Worship 4:00 Adult Confirmation 6:00 Youth Group	7 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study 1:30 LLL/YAH	8 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Bible Study 5:00 Board of Education 7:00 Church Council	9 5:00 Kids Ring 5:30 Kids Praise 5:30 Adult Bells 6:00 Supper 6:45 Family Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation	10	11	12 6:00 Worship
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20 <i>Mite Sunday</i> 8:00 Worship 8:45 Breakfast 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Youth Bible Class 9:30 Adult Bible Class 10:30 Worship 11:30 Annual Dinner 12:30 Voters' Meeting 4:00 Adult Confirmation 6:00 Youth Group	21 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study	22 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Bible Study 1:00 Rebekah Circle	23 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Worship	24 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:00 Thanksgiving Worship	25	26 6:00 Worship
27 8:00 Worship 8:45 Breakfast 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Youth Bible Class 9:30 Adult Bible Class 10:30 Worship 11:30 Christmas Decorating & Lunch 6:00 Youth Group	28 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study 9:00 Quilting	29 10:00 Staff Meeting	30 1:30 Advent Worship 2:15 Coffee Hour 5:00 Kids Ring 5:00 Meal 5:30 Kids Praise 5:30 Adult Bells 6:30 Advent Worship 7:15 Adult Choir 7:15 Jr. Confirmation	Our Savior's Worship Service is aired Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 2 p.m. on KTVV. Sunday Matins is aired at 8:03 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each Sunday on KTOE 1420AM.		

Serving in November

Date	Elder of the Day		Comm.Team		Assistant Usher		Usher Team		Acolyte		Greeter		Breakfast
	8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30	
11/6/16	Russ J.	Mike B.	C Early	C Late	Gary R.	Kurt A.	1st Early	1st Late	Katelyn W.; Naomi B.	Caleb M.; Silas S.	Pete & Jobi P.; Dianne S.	Chuck & Bev F.; Mary H.	Adult Handbells
11/13/16	Mike H.	Roger S.	A Early	A Late	Gordy W.	Steve J.	2nd Early	2nd Late	Evan H.; Derrick S.	Sydney N.; Kaitlyn H.	Perry & Jan E.; Clarence B.; Marie G.	Vern & Mona K.; Becky K.	Human Care Committee
11/20/16	Roger A.	Lon W.	B Early	B Late	Kevin H.	Mark S.	3rd Early	3rd Late	Desiree L.; Julia J.	Khia B.; Alexis A.	Alex & Heather J.; Doris E.	Jim & Barb L.; Vicky S.	3rd/4th Grades
11/23/16 <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	[6:30]				[6:30] Gordy W.		[6:30] 4th Late		[6:30] Evan H.; Derrick S.		[6:30] Art & Dolly B.; Chad & Kris M.		none
11/24/16 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	[9am]				[9am] Mark S.		[9am] 1st Early		[9am] Katelyn W.; Naomi B.		[9am] Larry & Jan D.; Nick & Amy M.		None
11/27/16	Dennis H.	Immanue I M.	C Early	C Late	Gary R.	Dave H.	4th Early	4th Late	Riley S.; Dominic S.	Caleb M.; Silas S.	Jerry & Nancy C.; Rhonda R.	Dave & Barb E.; Arlene W.	Sue H.
11/30/16 <i>Advent 1</i>	[6:30]				[6:30p] Kevin H.		[6:30] 1st Late		[6:30] Riley S.; Dominic S.		[1:30] Gwen C.	[6:30] Bob & Janet T.	none

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