

Program for the Week of May 11 – May 18, 2025

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
4:30 Book Club

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
6:30 Planning Council

Wednesday:

4:45 Introductory Bell Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study
4:00 The Voice Deadline

Saturday:

Sunday Mite Sunday

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:00 Sundaes on Sunday
10:30 Divine Service

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Joan Timm in loving memory of Richard & Jeffrey.

Door Offering: This morning we will collect a Door Offering for the Opening Service of the 80th Convention of the Minnesota South District, LCMS. The offering will be delivered to the convention in June by our delegates, Rev. Adam Matheny and Mel Hendrickson. The beneficiary of this mission offering will be the Educator Faithful Formation Fund. This fund assists non-rostered educators in our Lutheran Schools in receiving appropriate Lutheran-centered training that will put them in a position to pursue colloquy and enter the commissioned minister roster of the LCMS. Thank you for your support!

Quilters will meet for the final time this season tomorrow, Monday, May 12th from 9am – noon in the Quilting Room (in the library hallway). Please join us as we wrap up our work sessions by sewing tops, middles, and bottoms together and tying. We are thankful for all the workers who have joined us and for the materials that have been provided. We will still collect cotton material and sheets over the summer. Please drop off any donations in the Mission Center. Quilting will begin again in September.

National Youth Gathering Fundraiser: Join Our Savior's youth for some pizza and fun at Pizza Ranch on Monday, May 12th from 4:30 – 8pm, 1551 Tullamore Street, Mankato. The youth earn 10% of all sales and all donations go directly to our youth. We would like to thank everyone who came out in February to support us. We made \$305.04 from the sales percentage and \$361.37 in donations! Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Prince at 507-521-0690.

Mary Circle Bible Study meets Friday, May 16th at 1:30pm in the Fireplace room. Our study will be “Confessing What We Believe” from the Spring *Quarterly*. Hostess: Bernice Wilson, 507-386-7530. Guests and visitors welcome!

May 18th is the last Day of Sunday School. We will be having Sundaes on Sunday at 10 o'clock. Parents are welcome to join us in the Fireplace Room.

May Youth Event: Open to 3rd – 12th graders! We will be meeting at Artifact in Mankato to paint pottery Sunday, May 18th from 4 – 6pm. Youth will be able to paint a figurine, mug, or a small bowl. Crackers, cheese, salami, and fruit will be provided for a snack. Please bring your own beverage. The suggested donation for this event is \$15 - \$20 to help cover the cost of the pottery. Pieces will stay at Artifact to be fired after the event and will be brought to church for pick-up once completed. Please talk to Michelle Rottermond if you have any questions 507-317-8338. We'd love to have a few adult members there to help if you'd like to volunteer!

Our Savior's is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 19th from noon to 5pm. You may schedule your donation appointment now on the Blood Donor App or on-line at www.redcrossblood.org (enter: OSLCMankato) or call the church office, 507-385-2180. Save a life! Donate blood.

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, May 21st at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

Pastor Steve Kosberg will be our guest preacher on Sunday, May 25th. Pastor Kosberg is an Our Savior's home-grown pastor and will preach at both services.

Ascension Day Service: Join us at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in North Mankato for our Joint Ascension Day service on Thursday, May 29th at 6:30pm.

Our Savior's has been showing love for 75 years and we continue to do this. Check out the tree in the narthex with random acts of kindness ideas attached. We invite you to take one and show love by doing that act of kindness. This will continue throughout the year so we can show love all year long!

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's This is the Life episode, “Out of Bondage” features a Christian approach to alcoholism. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Kristian Bjornstad from St. John Lutheran Church in Good Thunder, who will present a message titled “The Lamb Who is Our Good Shepherd” based on Revelation 7:17. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Thank you to the Garden Committee for your hard work in the courtyard. The tulips are beautiful!

Listen to KFUE.ORG, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. All programs are archived at www.KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am) continues its study through 1 Kings, picking up with chapter 7. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), we are continuing our journey through the book of Genesis. Join us as we study together, covering chapters 19-23.

Declaring To You The Whole Counsel Of God... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent interview topics include: Papal Indulgences, A New Report on the Dangers of the Abortion Pill, God's Revelation in the Genesis Account, Government Incentives for Increased Fertility and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

LWML Mite Grant Focus in May is #31: Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit – Camp Restore - \$58,988. To read about this grant go to: <https://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-31>. 42 grants requested for 2025-2027 biennium are listed on the door of the Mission Center. Paper available on the counter to vote for your choice by number and place on the clip board. They will be given to the delegates to use at the Convention.

MN South District Mission Grants. Still working toward the 13 Minnesota Mite grants. Here are 4 to pray about: Food for Seminary Students – Food Co-op Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN: \$12,000, Student Aid Scholarships, Minnesota South District: \$30,000, Support for Faith Based Transitional Housing, The Dwelling Place, MN: \$15,000, Generating A Jesus Generation, Martin Luther Jr./Sr. H.S. Northrup, MN: \$18,000.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in May, please contact Judy Mensing, phone 507-387-4908.

Prayer Shawl: If you, or someone you know, may find comfort in a Prayer Shawl, please call Marcella B. Eilders, 507-317-4127.

Watch our services on YouTube, livestreamed, or view later at your convenience. Access from our website www.oslcmankato.org or from YouTube (www.youtube.com), search for our channel, oslcmankato.

Your copies of the Spring (April – May – June) Quarterly and (District News) WOM are in the Narthex for you to take today. These are LCMS Christian publications for all members of LCMS and others.

For you in Mission Center and the Narthex: News from Synod, District, Local churches, and Newsletters from LCMS. Many invitations, activities and interesting retreats, rallies, presentations, websites and the list goes on...some are only within days away to months, even years.

E-News for the ladies, go to: <https://mnslwml.org/newsletters> (this is the Minnesota South site), or <https://lwml.org> (this is the national site.)

SAGACITY – S.A.G.E.S. Quarterly newsletter for April – June is available in the narthex or on the district website. [Pick up your copy now.](#)

Camp Omega Annual Work Day, Saturday, May 17th. Assist in getting the camp ready to share Jesus with over a thousand summer campers. Breakfast, lunch and supper provided. Register at www.CampOmega.org.

Just a Normal Concert, featuring young musicians in Elementary Band and High School Band and Choir under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop, on Saturday, May 17 at 7pm. Admission is a free will donation.

Peace Lutheran's annual Women's Luncheon. Saturday, May 17, 2025. Will be held at 514 Freedom Dr., Arlington. Cost is 25\$ per person. www.peacearlington.org

LWML Ladies from the District: Save the Date for the LWML 31st Biennial MN South District Convention, June 18-20, 2026 in Mankato. The Crow River Conference will be hosting the convention, **that means you and your LWML Sisters** from the Litchfield and McLeod Zones. So, if you receive a message from Nona Anderson or Jeanie Von Berge asking for your participation, please be ready to serve the Lord with gladness.

The Center for Apologetics and Worldviews - Annual Apologetics Conference. "UNSURPASSED CHRISTIAN APOLOGISTS." The Legacies of John Warwick Montgomery, C.S. Lewis, and Early Church Apologists. June 18 - 19, 2025, at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. This conference is FREE to attend, but please register at www.apologeticscenter.org/events.

Thank you from the SAGES Board for all the help from Our Savior members. Cards of comfort, Musical Instrument, Transporters, Musician Sue Klute, help with decorations and most of all your prayers and other acts of kindness. SAGES = Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving = Older Adults (50 up), but if you desire any age will benefit from fellowship and learning. Always a main presenter and workshops. Always 1st Monday and Tues in May. Put it on your 2026 calendar now so you register in March or April 2026. Plans are already in the process. Wonderful time for couples and singles. HINT: Take an envelope and put \$2 in each week and your Gathering, speakers, banquet, entertainment will be paid for

Welcome to Our Savior’s Lutheran Church! We are Christians gathered around the unchanging Word and Gifts of Jesus Christ which give forgiveness and salvation now and forever. Our Savior has more than enough blessings for everyone and promises that He will turn no one away. Please let us know who you are and how we can serve you by completing a registration card found in the seat backs and placing it in the offering plate at the entrances to the sanctuary.

At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.

Monthly Memory Verse:

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
– Psalm 100:4

Holy Communion: Both the Gospel and the Sacrament of the Altar contain one and the same gift – forgiveness of sins. This gift no one can give except the Lamb of God who was slain for the sins of the world. Those who understand the meaning of communion and wish to receive it today are asked to review the statement on the back of the registration card.

About the Cover: As Paul prepared to go to Jerusalem, he called the elders of Ephesus to give them his parting encouragement that they should watch over the flock of the Good Shepherd. The Lord’s undershepherds are to remind the flock to heed the Shepherd’s voice and to flee from every voice that would entice them away from His care. For Christ alone is the Good Shepherd. He laid down His life on the cross and rose again from the grave to give all who believe in Him eternal life.

Serving today:

Liturgist.....	Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Preacher.....	Rev. John H. Koopman
Organist.....	Barb Anderson
Special Music	Handbell Choir
Elder of the Day.....	[8:00] Gene Mensing; [10:30] Lon Whitehead
Acolytes.....	[8:00] Madelyn Hendley; Charlotte Amborn
.....	[10:30] Levi Kitzmann; Charlotte Doering
Assistant Usher	[8:00] Kevin Hermanson
A/V Tech	Dale Bergemann