

Program for the Week of May 18 – May 25, 2025

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
4:00 Youth at Artifact

Monday:

12:00 Blood Drive

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday:

4:00 Mission Service

4:45 Introductory Bell Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
9:00 Courtyard Committee
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:

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

Chancel flowers are provided by Mark Wellner in honor of Lisa Wellner on her birthday.

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Doris Emich with love and gratitude from the Home Bound to be able to hear the Word of God.

Today 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!

MN South District Mission Grants. Still working toward the 13 Minnesota Mite grants. Here are 5 to pray about: Mission Outreach for the Communities of Austin and Brownsdale, MN: \$16,000, Knowing Christ's Love Amid Visual Darkness (Lutheran Braille Workers): \$15,000, Nigerian Seminary Tuition Assistance: \$16,000, GenConnect (St. Michael's, Bloomington): \$7,750 and Theological Training for Hmong Leaders in SE Asia: \$7,750.

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.

Courtyard Committee meets every Thursday at 9 am, weather permitting. Come join us. We would love your company.

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.

Free Hostas. The Courtyard Committee will be dividing the hostas in the courtyard again. We will leave the divided ones in plastic bags in the courtyard off to the side by the door. Please help yourself.

It was so much fun, let's do it again on Sunday, June 1st. Continuing with our 75th Anniversary theme for 2025, we thought we should plan another dress up day. We have been having such a good time with it. All the men in suits and ties, and the women in dresses, hats and gloves – it makes all of those in attendance look great. Again, Our Savior Lutheran Church was started in 1950 and we are encouraging everyone to dress up like the 1950's. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

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!

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.

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

Some of the 2025-2027 Mission Grant Proposals are: 1. Support Rev. Roberto and Katie Weber, LCMS Missionaries to the Dominican Republic, North America, \$10,000. 4. Teaching Lutheran Pastors in West Africa \$86,000. 10. Regional Disaster Response LERT Shower Trailers, LCMS Office of National Mission, US \$81,500. 24. Speaking Truth Around the Table, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, US \$75,000. Please be sure to vote on the 42 proposals, we will be giving them to the delegates soon.

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.

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Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode is "Man Adrift" – A Fisher Family episode that discusses the relationship of faith and works. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, who will present a message titled "A New Command" based on John 13:31-35. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Others Talk, We Have Something To Say... 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 topics include: The Promotion of "Rogue" Seminaries in the LCMS, The Movie "Thunderbolts," A Christian's Joyful Countenance, The Biblical Foundation for the Nicene Creed and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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.)

From the District LWML: The LWML Mission Goal of \$2,350,000 has been met and exceeded by \$98,302.30. (Doxology) Praise God who often gives even more than we ask! Holy week demonstrates this so well for us. **Please pray for the 500 LWML** sisters who will be voting for the **new 2025-2027** biennium mission grants and mission goal in May, ahead of the convention and the candidates for office and bylaw amendments voted for at the convention. We pray that God's will be done through our voting process.

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.](#)

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.

Zone LWML The next Board Meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Green Isle. They will be hosting the Fall Rally, which will be the Crow River Conference Rally. This includes the McLeod and Litchfield Zones.

May 4 & 5, 2026 – SAGES GATHERING – Time to put on your calendar.

LCMS Heartland Singles Join us June 13-15, at Camp Omega in Waterville, MN, for a weekend of indoor and outdoor recreation, Bible studies, and worship. Form friendships with other Midwestern singles, build each other up in the faith, and potentially meet a spouse. Open to ages 21-41. \$100 per person for two nights of lodging and four meals. Go to lcmshartlandsingles.com for a schedule and to register.

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: “To say that one takes and receives the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament is not speaking incorrectly; for where Christ is, the forgiveness of sins is. Here are His body and blood according to His Word” (Luther). 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: When Jesus told His disciples that in a little while they would not see Him, He was preparing them for His death on the cross. There would be a time of trial for the followers of Jesus, but this would not be the end. For Christ has been raised from the dead. He has won for us the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life. In our times of trial, Jesus’ words remind us of His promises that He indeed is still with us in His Word and Sacraments. He has not abandoned His church; all who believe in Him shall be raised on the Last Day.

Serving today:

Liturgist.....	Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Preacher.....	Rev. John H. Koopman
Organist.....	Edith Williams
Elder of the Day.....	[8:00] Matt Rottermond [10:30] Andrew Bittner
Acolytes.....	[8:00] Jesse Matheny; Wesley Whitmore
.....	[10:30] Lars Anderson; Endre Anderson
Assistant Usher	[8:00] Gary Rabenhorst
A/V Tech	Joel Maunula