

Program for the Week of May 25 – June 1, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Office Closed

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday:

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession

9:00 Courtyard Committee

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

6:30 Ascension Service @ Good Shepherd

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:

8:00 Matins

8:30 Coffee Time

9:00 Divine Service

10:00 Bible Class

11:30 Voters' Meeting

Chancel flowers are provided by Ron Meyer in loving memory of Ruth on the third anniversary of her passing.

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Trudy Wiechmann so that people may hear the message of salvation.

This morning we welcome Pastor Steve Kosberg as our guest preacher. Pastor Kosberg is an Our Savior's home-grown pastor and will preach at both services. We are excited to have him return to his childhood congregation and share God's Word with us.

Bridal Shower: Miss Terrin Boozikee is getting married! Help us to celebrate her becoming Mrs. Terrin Baldwin at her bridal shower Saturday, June 14th! All ladies (and daughters) of Our Savior are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall from 9 am to 11 am as we shower Terrin and Gideon with love and encouragement as they prepare for their marriage. Invitations are located in the narthex. With questions, or RSVP, speak with Laura Matheny.

We extend our warmest and heartfelt thanks to our church family for all the love and support at the sudden loss of our mother, Joan Peterman. Pastor Matheny, Organist Sue Klute, Theresa McLaughlin & kitchen crew, Musicians Brittney Koopman & Matheny children, Tech support Dale Bergman, Office support Sue Hendrickson, and Custodian Doug Clausen worked together for Mom's funeral and luncheon on May 9th.. So many of you came in person to the church or sent cards that truly helped comfort us. Jesus tells us to Love one another and that is exactly what we felt, your Love. Our deepest gratitude goes out to all of you. The Joan Peterman Family: Jeanne & Bruce Anderson, Jan Karels, Kari & Bryan Wray, Kent & Lisa Peterman

MN South District Mission Grants. The 13 District Mite Grants have been in the last 3 Sunday bulletins. Pray for the giving and receiving, for each of God's people as they give and as they receive, pray for the project as it makes known our loving Lord.

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

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.

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.

Sages District Board meeting will meet by ZOOM on Tuesday, June 3rd at 10 am

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study gathers Thursday, June 5th at 10:10am for Fellowship and 10:20 Bible Study "Free to Serve" pages 20 and 21 of the Spring *Quarterly*.

Memories - We want to read about events and stories from the past for the 75th history booklet. Those of you who have been members since the early years, please share some of the forgotten memories! We don't want to lose them. Don't feel like you are a writer? Just list some details in a few sentences. Your recollections may be put in the library mail slot in the church office. Thank you, Dolly Blomquist - 507 388-4594.

History Booklet - We would like some details for a 75th booklet. If you were or are involved with projects at Our Savior's since 2000, please share. We want to put it down in print for future generations. Let's amaze them 100 years from now. Some examples - ie Stained Glass Windows, Prayer Shawls, Courtyard, River of Life Church, Mission Service, Stephen Ministry, Bible Studies, Book Youth Group, Cub, Organ Updated, Construction Updates, Outreach, etc. etc. etc. Don't like to write? Not a problem. Just list the project and the time it was started, completed or still in progress. Please let us know, we don't want to forget anything! Thank you, Dolly Blomquist - 507 388-4594 Your accounts may be put in the library mail slot in the church office.

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 June, please contact Marlys Snelson, phone 507-340-4235.

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. Elders, 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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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. Make sure you pick up your monthly Lutheran Witness and insert for you.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode is "Time Out for Bill" – What's proper when Christians face adversity. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces in St. Louis, MO, who will present a message titled "Faith and the Warrior" based on Isaiah 6:7. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY... You're invited to attend the 2025 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: CNN Political Commentator Scott Jennings, Dr. Carl Trueman of Grove City College, Dr. Thomas Egger of Concordia Seminary, Dr. Jon Bruss of Concordia Theological Seminary and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. Registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

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. Sagacity – S.A.G.E.S. Quarterly newsletter for April – June is also available. [Pick up your copy now.](#)

VOICE for your home. Our Savior June newsletter was mailed to your home & includes church activities. Other new activities are in your weekly bulletin.

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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Thank you to all blood donors, registration and canteen workers. Thank you for your life saving gift, we collected 27 units of blood.

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.

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.](#)

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.

Concordia Classical Academy is hiring for the positions of cook, custodian, Before-care, admissions and office director. Interested applicants should email their resume to: Pastor@ccamankato.education and ccamankato@gmail.com

Camp Omega Day, Saturday, June 7th. Enjoy a free open house day full of activities for the entire family. Whether you are new to Camp Omega and want to see what all the hullabaloo is about, or have been a longtime friend of Camp and wish to enjoy being here, this day is for you. Lunch is provided. Registration is requested, but not required. Register at www.CampOmega.com.

Art Camp will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on June 9, 11 and 13. Classes for grades 1-4 are from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and FOR grades 5-9 are 12:30-2:30 p.m. Cost is \$53 for the three day camp. Instructor is Kim Koppen. Go to www.martinlutherhs.com under Special Events to register before June 1.

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 lcmshheartlandsingles.com for a schedule and to register.

One Voice for Public Policy. Almost needless to say, big and exciting things have and continue to happen in the realm of parental empowerment through school choice. On the state level, the latest development occurred last week.

The May [Lutheran Witness](#) and insert have many stories of interest. Page 7 of the District insert has Our Savior Story and pictures of the Spring Retreat, “In the Beauty of Holiness”, held on March 14-15, 2025. Besides all the articles in the Witness, the insert covers Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodfords article “Don’t be Surprised”, LWML Convention updates, 80th District Convention (singers needed) and Dr. Phillip Johnson’s article on Missions and more.

We invite you to join us for Magnified VBS at Hosanna on June 23-26th from 8:30-11:00AM to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify the greatness of God! Our VBS is open to kids in PreK-4th grade. Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato. 507-388-1766

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.

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: “Not every vow is called a testament, but only a last irrevocable will of one who is about to die, whereby he bequeaths his goods, allotted and assigned to be distributed to whom he will” (Luther). In the Lord's Supper, Christ bequeaths to us His body and His blood and His forgiveness. 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: The lamb, an animal that appears vulnerable and weak, is the picture Scripture gives us of Jesus as the one who carries the ultimate standard of victory. Christ is that “Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). His victory was not won by a worldly military conquest but by giving Himself up for us by dying on the cross. Christ's victory is not the way of the world, but it is the only victory that accomplishes forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation!

Serving today:

Liturgist..... Rev. Adam M. Matheny and Rev. John H. Koopman
Preacher..... Rev. Steve Kosberg
Organist..... Sue Klute
Special MusicIntroductory Handbell Choir
Elder of the Day.....[8:00] Gaylen Lenz [10:30] Mike Anderson
Assistant Usher [8:00] Kurt Anderson
A/V Tech Zak Tess