

Program for the Week of May 4 – May 11, 2025

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
6:00 Open Gym/Game Night

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:00 Fitzloff Visitation
11:00 Fitzloff Funeral
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
5:15 Board of Education
5:30 Board of Trustees
6:00 Board of Elders
6:30 Board of Deacons

Wednesday:

4:45 Introductory Bell Choir
5:30 Handbell Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday

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Chancel flowers are provided by Brantley Freiderich-Padgett as a “Random Act of Kindness”. Be sure to pick your Random Act of Kindness from the tree in the narthex.

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Doris Emich in loving memory of Ron.

Open Gym/Game Night Tonight, Sunday, May 4th, 6 – 8pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite board/card games. Use the back parking lot door. (Children 6th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.)

The 80th Convention of the Minnesota South District, LCMS will meet June 12 – 14 at Concordia University, St. Paul. All members of the Minnesota South District are invited to the opening worship service Thursday evening, June 12. During this service, a mission offering will be taken. The offering will go towards the Educator Faithful Formation Fund. This fund assists non-rostered educators in our Lutheran Schools purse colloquy and enter the commissioned minister roster of the LCMS. **In support of this mission, we will be collecting a Door Offering on Sunday, May 11** for our delegates, Rev. Adam Matheny and Mel Hendrickson, to take to the convention.

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.

OSLC Stephen Ministries will be meeting on Monday, May 12 (not May 15) at 6:30pm in the church library.

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.

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!

Thank you to Pastor Matheny, Pastor Koopman, and Pastor Teigen for being there for our mom, Yvonne Burgi, with your prayers and visits. And to the congregation for the cards and prayers. Thank you to the men and women who served lunch and cleaned up after the funeral. We are very grateful to all for the care and comfort you provided to our family at this time. – Deb Gjerde and family

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. Bibles and Catechisms for Haitian students: \$10,000, Ministry Scholarships for Shepherd's Canyon Retreats (Arizona): \$18,000, Cornerstone Lutheran Hmong Church plant: \$20,000, Computers for Bible Translations (Lutheran Bible Translators): \$17,000.

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. 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.

Your copies of the Spring (April – May – June) Quarterly and (District News) WOM are in the Narthex for you to take today.

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 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am) we are continuing our study of Israel's history as we enter the book of 1 Kings. This week, we'll take a look at chapters 2-6. Tune into Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) as we study the book of beginnings! This week, we'll discuss chapters 14-18. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (May 10 at 10am) for Concord Matters! Pastor Finnern will address the Sacrament of the Altar and the Office of the Keys. What are some common misconceptions surrounding both of these?

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "The Day We Los Ella Ma" models social responsibility and Christian witness. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, who will present a message titled "Not Rejected" based on Luke 20:9-20. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Sanctifying Your Yard Work With The Word 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 subjects include: The Office of the Papacy in the Lutheran Confessions, The Easter Hymn "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done," The TV Series "Adolescence," Women in the Military 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.

For you in Mission Center and the Narthex: News from Synod, District, Local churches, and Newsletters from LCMS.

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.

District: www.mnsdistrict.org **Church:** www.oslcmankato.org,
www.facebook.com/oslcmankato, www.youtube.com **LWML:** www.lwml.org,
www.mnslwml.org

Basic LERT Training: LCMS Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training equips you to serve with confidence and care so you're ready when disaster strikes. Training will be Saturday, May 10th from 9am – 2pm at Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina. Cost is \$20 per person (age 14 and up). For more information or to register, go to: www.bit.ly/EdinaLERT . Questions? Contact Rev. Kristian Bjornstad, 507-369-8705.

The Immanuel-Lites and Men's Club from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Courtland, are having their Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday, May 4th from 11am – 1pm. Menu includes: Pork Chop(s) or Hot Dog, German Potato Salad, Potato chips, Corn, Applesauce, Dinner roll, Ice Cream, and beverages. Cost: one chop - \$14, two chops - \$18, hot dog - \$4. Dine in or pick-up take-out meals are available.

Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 11th from 10am to 1pm at Martin Luther Jr./Sr. High School, Northrop. Assorted egg bakes, Eleanor's fruit salad, and donuts by Kiehl's Bakery will be served. Cost is a free will donation. Proceeds support the 2026 Education Trip to England and Scotland.

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

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.

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: The Lord's Supper is a miracle in bread and wine! By the Word of Christ, His very body and very blood are really present in this gift. By the Word of God, there is also a doctrinal oneness testified to by the common reception of communion. 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: Paul fell to the ground, and the Lord raised him up in Baptism. What a reversal! Paul went from persecuting the faith to proclaiming it. What a Lord that He still unites people to His death and resurrection by Baptism. Our Baptism is death to sin and being made "alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11). When we remember our Baptism, we live in this reality by daily repenting and believing the Gospel!

Serving today:

Liturgist.....	Rev. John H. Koopman
Preacher.....	Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Organist.....	Susan Klute
Elder of the Day.....	[8:00] Tom Benson; [10:30] Judd Schultz
Acolytes.....	[8:00] Caleb Rottermond; Laina Gangi
.....	[10:30] Endre Anderson; Lars Anderson
Assistant Usher	[8:00] Kurt Anderson
A/V Tech	Gene Mensing