

Program for the Week of June 15 - June 22, 2025

Sunday: Mite Sunday

8:00 Matins
8:30 Coffee Time
9:00 Divine Service
10:00 Bible Class
11:30 Church Picnic

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday:

4:00 Mission Service

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession

9:00 Courtyard Committee

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

4:00 Voice Deadline

Saturday:

11:00 Kitzmann Memorial Service

Sunday:

8:00 Matins

8:30 Coffee Time

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10:00 Bible Class

4:30 Book Club

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

Annual Church Picnic TODAY. Come and enjoy a picnic meal together after Bible Study (around 11:30). The Board of Elders will be serving. The Picnic will be held across Broad Street on the Franklin School grounds. We look forward to seeing you!

Mission Service will meet this Wednesday, June 18th at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Deadline for the July 2025 issue of *The Voice* is Friday, June 20th at 4pm. Please drop off any submissions in the church office or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org. Thank you.

Candy Drive! As part of our 75th anniversary celebration, Our Savior is participating in this year's North Mankato Fun Days parade! Now through June 22nd, we will be collecting candy to toss to spectators! Please note that we are avoiding chocolate, as it melts in the hot MN sun. Individually wrapped candies such as Smarties, DumDums, Tootsie Rolls, etc. are all acceptable. Consider donating to our door offering to help off-set the cost of supplemental candy and any other goodies to be passed out on the day of the parade. Candy items can be placed in the bin in the narthex. Questions? Talk to Laura Matheny

Happy Birthday – Doris Steinberg will celebrate her 103rd birthday on July 2, 2025. Please send birthday greetings to: 101 Rita Road, Mankato, MN. Thank you!

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

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

July Portals of Prayer are available – on the counter in the Narthex.

The Summer WOM is here – Women on a Mission Quarterly Newsletter of LWML Minnesota South District is on the counter in the Narthex.

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.

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!

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 Club, Youth Group, 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.

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.

Sacred Music Station. You can listen to the best of the Church's music for the past 2,000 years on Lutheran Public Radio. LPR streams 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

Listen to KFUE.ORG, the broadcast voice 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. This week: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.) we are continuing our study of Israel's history according to the books of 1 and 2 Kings. This week, we'll take a look at 2 Kings chapters 6-10. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) for our study of Genesis! This week's readings will bring us into the chapters of Joseph's story. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (6/21 at 10 a.m.) for Concord Matters! Pastor Finnern will continue his introduction of our new study of the Large Catechism.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 a.m. on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of This Is the Life. This week's episode is "The Sin of Roy Baxter" — A man is overcome with guilt, after making a decision that goes terribly bad. The worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Eric Zacharias from Zion Lutheran Church in Cologne, MN, presenting a message titled "Have a Come-to-Jesus Meeting" based on John 8:48-59. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Important LCMS News for you. Enjoy your own copy: The Summer (July, Aug, Sept.) 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 with the District insert. The June/July issue of the Lutheran Witness is here.

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.)

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS... 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: Freeing Kids & Teens from Smartphones, The Movie "Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning," The Table of Duties in Luther's Small Catechism, Name Changes in the Bible 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.

The LWML Young Women Representatives to the Omaha LWML Convention are Jenna Baumgarn of Winona and Mary Poppe of Lakefield. Our Zones' Delegates are Miriam Ebert and alternate Rachel Hinz, from Immanuel Gaylord Church.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund – Contact Vincent Grochow, LCEF District Vice President at vince.grochow@lcef.org

Read One Voice for Public Policy – Rev. Fred Hinz keeps us updated

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 Seventh Annual Apologetics and Worldview conference will be held at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato on June 18-19, 2025. The Legacies of John Warwick Montgomery, C.S. Lewis and Early Church Apologists. The conference is free, but please register at: www.apologeticscenter.org. Questions? apologetics@blc.edu

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Board of Directors invites everyone to come out and support **your Lutheran high school** on Sunday, June 22 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop. They will be serving grilled Pork Loins provided by the Martin County Pork Producers, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, French Bread from Kiehl's Bakery, Bars, and Beverages. Your free will donation over and above the suggested \$20/person will help sustain the MLHS Ministry during the summer months when income declines. Your support is very much appreciated.

Camp Omega Golf Benefit at 10 am, Friday, June 27th, 2025. It will be held at Brooktree Golf Course in Owatonna. Register by June 10th for Early Bird pricing. Call or text Russ at 507-384-7947

Mankato Riverblenders – Freedom Sings, June 28, 2025 * 2:00pm * Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato. Free will offering

Arlington Zone LWML 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, Litchfield and Arlington Zones.

Go First! Registration is now open for the Ministry Conference being held on September 26-27, 2025 at Redemption Lutheran Church, 927 East Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington. www.mnsdistrict.org

Save the Date for RE-MADE, Minnesota South District Youth Day, Grades 6-12, from 10am – 4pm on October 11, 2025 at Concordia, St. Paul. Registration information coming soon.

May 4 & 5, 2026 – SAGES GATHERING – Save the date now!

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:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23

Serving today:

Liturgist	Rev. John H. Koopman
Preacher.....	Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Organist.....	Barb Anderson
Elder of the Day.....	Lon Whitehead
Assistant Usher	Kurt Anderson
A/V Tech	Joel Maunula

Holy Communion: Jesus promised that it was to our advantage that He go away and send the Holy Spirit for His church (John 16:7). That advantage became immediately evident on Pentecost as the Holy Spirit empowered the preaching of repentance and forgiveness and employed the use of baptism and the Lord’s Supper to build the church of Christ (Acts 2). The Holy Spirit is still acting for our advantage as Christ comes to us with His true body and blood in the sacrament of Holy Communion today. 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 beauty of the northern lights gives us a glimpse of the wonder of the Lord’s handiwork in creation. Wisdom was there. That is, the Son was at the creation. The Spirit was there too. Three in One and One in Three, the triune God is majestic and beyond our limited abilities to fully understand Him. Yet, in god’s wisdom, he has revealed and given us salvation through Christ dying on the cross and rising again. We marvel at the mighty work of our triune God to save us.