

Program for the Week of June 29 – July 6, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Bible Study
5:15 Board of Education
5:30 Board of Trustees
6:00 Board of Elders
6:30 Board of Deacons

Wednesday:

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
9:00 Courtyard Committee
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
10:10 Ruth/Lydia Circle

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:

8:00 Matins
8:30 Coffee Time
9:00 Divine Service
10:00 Bible Class
6:00 Game Night at Fallenstein Park

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

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

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!

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study invites you to our July Study on **July 3rd** at 10:10 am, in the Fireplace Room. Our study will be: “What are you putting on?” from the Summer Quarterly on pages 14-15.

Game Night is going on the road! On Sunday, **July 6th** at 6 pm, we will meet at Fallenstein Park, 1875 Howard Drive, North Mankato. In case of rain, we will meet at church like usual

Church Photo Directory: We are updating our photo directory – it won't be complete without you! Photo sessions **July 8-12**. Sign up now: www.ucdir.com, church code: mn552, password: photos, or call the church office at 507-385-2180.

Thank you to the Pastors and Congregation of Our Saviors for your thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital. Thank you to Jesus for watching over me. God knows the plans He has for us – He is the great physician! Many thanks. Kathy Cornish

Cookout at the Matheny's house and you're invited! On Wednesday, **July 9th** (if it rains that day we will push it back to the 16th) Our Savior will have a cookout at 27, Westminster Road in Mankato. The Matheny's will provide the meat and everyone else can bring a side, salad, or desert to share. Feel free to arrive beginning at 5:30 and we will pray and begin the meal at 6:00. We look forward to an evening of fellowship with you!

FUNDAYS PARADE! We've got the candy! Now we need walkers! All members are invited to walk in the North Mankato Fun Days Parade on **July 12th**. Older folks: please speak with Laura Matheny if you are interested in riding on our float! Those interested in walking, please put your name and email address on the sign up sheet in the narthex so we can communicate meeting time and location! Thank you to all who donated to our candy drive and door offering!

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.

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, **July 16th** at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

Mary Circle Bible Study meets Thursday, **July 17th** for a picnic lunch at 11am at Country Club Estates Park, 109 Pebble Creek Drive. Bring your own sack lunch to enjoy. Our study will be "What are you putting on?" from the Summer *Quarterly* on pages 14-15.

Issues, "Making the Case" Conference: July 18 & 19, at Concordia University Chicago. Pastor Hans Fiene of Lutheran Satire will be *Making the Case for Jesus*, along with CNN Political Commentator Scott Jennings, journalists Mark & Mollie Hemingway, and others. Registration is \$160. Call Deaconess Lynn Fredericksen at (618) 223-8385. See the flyer on the hall bulletin board for more information.

The National Youth Gathering is just around the corner! We are truly grateful for the support and encouragement we have received from the congregation. We will be traveling from **July 18 to July 24**. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers during that week!

Wisdom's Workshop – August 4-6, from 6-8 pm, with a free dinner starting at 5:15. No cost for participating. Join us as we grow in the wisdom and understanding found in God's word! We will also learn about light and basic wiring skills. Kids 4 years of age to the beginning of 6th grade. Register no later than July 28th at: www.oslcmankato.org/vbs

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

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

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.

Christian Publications LCMS for members: June Pray for Us calendar, June Lutheran Bible Translator News, June/July Lutheran Witness, (includes the District news), the Summer LWML Quarterly, the Summer WOM, One Voice for Public Policy, District E-News, Sagacity, Lutheran Layman, and the Portals of Prayer. Find them in the Narthex and Mission Center.

July Portals of Prayer: Personal and family devotions for July 1-31 are all titled, "God is". God is Faithful, God is Friend etc. Your July – Sept Portals of Prayer are on the counter in the Narthex.

The July Our Savior VOICE will be in your mailbox this next week. Enjoy the activities of your church during these summer months.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in July, please contact Marcella 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.

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 KFUO.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. Find us at @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.) we're studying the book of 2 Kings, continuing our series, "A Kingdom Divided." On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we are wrapping up our study of Genesis, picking up with chapter 48. Don't forget to tune in on Saturday (7/5 at 10 a.m.) for Concord Matters as we continue our study of the 1st Commandment in 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 "Little Big Lie" — Curiosity and a little "white lie" result in grave unintended developments for the Fisher family. The worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Terry Grzybowski from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River, MN, presenting a message titled "Walking by the Spirit" based on Galatians 5:1, 13-25. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

DEFENDING THE FAITH, TEACHING THE TRUTH... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to conversations about: Israel in the Bible & the Nation of Israel Today, Contending for Christ Through the Apostles' Creed, Sacred Art in the Church, The Consequences of Sexual Liberation 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.

District: www.mnsdistrict.org , Church: www.oslcmankato.org, LWML: www.lwml.org, www.mnslwml.org

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.)

Mission Mite Grants: We begin anew with Mite Mission Grants approved this week at Convention. The grants approved and their funding available soon. This is a very exciting time as we look to the 2025-2027 Biennium. Give God the Glory.

Growing in God's Grace Convention was this week in Omaha, June 26-29. Our Young Women Representatives: Jenna Baumgarn of Winona and Mary Poppe of Lakefield, and our Zones' Delegates : Miriam Ebert and alternate Rachel Hinz, from Immanuel Gaylord Church. Mission Grants, and the Missionaries report will be available to speak to Our Savior Ladies.

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

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.

Faith filled Woman's Retreat at Camp Omega Lodge, Friday evening through Saturday, **September 12 – 13th**. We are pleased to welcome Rebekah Curtis, co-author of *Ladylike: Living Biblically*.

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. This is for laymen for presenting or attending.

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.

Pastors' wives Retreat is Friday evening and Saturday **October 3rd and 4th** at Hometown Inn in Belle Plaine, MN

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

Still needed for the SAGES are the church representatives, circuit representatives and volunteer board members.

LWML District Board is asking all ladies to 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 Arlington, 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.

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. Adam M. Matheny
Preacher.....	Rev. John H. Koopman
Organist.....	Suzie Gangi
Elder of the Day.....	Andrew Bittner
Assistant Usher	Gary Rabenhorst
A/V Tech	Dale Bergemann

Holy Communion: In Holy Communion, not only does Jesus give us forgiveness, He also gives us the promise that as we receive His gift, we are proclaiming His death. That is our lifelong duty and delight! Doctrinal oneness is central to this common proclamation. 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: We are free to serve one another. We do not need to treat our neighbors as a means to an end for attaining righteousness before God. We know that, because we are forgiven in Christ, we are not held captive or forced to make ourselves worthy before God by what we do. In Christ, we are already free. So, we are free to love one another through our vocations at home, at work, and in our community.