

Program for the Week of August 17 – August 24, 2025

Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Matins
8:45 Hymn Sing
9:00 Divine Service
11:30 75th Anniversary Lunch
11:45 Riverblenders
12:00 Generation Gap
12:15 Games in the Parking Lot
12:30 Bingo

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:

Saturday:

Sunday:

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

Chancel flowers are provided by the 75th Anniversary Committee.

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Trudy Wiechmann in response to Romans 10:17 “So faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ.” ESV

Today is Mite Sunday. Thank you all your many gifts to make Christ known.

Mission Service will meet this Wednesday, August 20th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Healthcare Kits and other projects. All are welcome.

Wednesday Night Meals will begin September 10th and we are looking for volunteers to help with meals. We need leaders, prep help, servers, dessert makers, dishwashers, YOU! The sign-up sheet is posted in the Fireplace room. Please sign up if you are able. If you would like to help but are unsure of what to do or unfamiliar with Our Savior’s kitchen, reach out to Michelle Rottermond at 507-317-8338. We have many leaders who are more than willing to have helpers or show people the ropes. We can even provide meal plans complete with grocery lists and step by step timing. We appreciate your help!

Handbells: Our Handbell Group needs more members starting this fall! If you can tell the difference between a half note and a quarter note, and can count to 3 and maybe even 4, we'd love for you to join us. No prior handbell experience is needed - you'll learn all the techniques as you go. Reach out to Joe Gangi jagangi@gmail.com or talk to Suzie.

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

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in August, please contact Theresa McLaughlin, phone 507-388-7647, or Cindy Hobbs, phone 507-995-9894.

Youth Event at the WowZone- Our first youth event of the school year will be at the WowZone September 21st from 6-8pm. Meet there at 6pm and we will bowl, eat pizza, and play laser tag and some arcade games. Please bring \$15 to chip in if you are able. This event is for 7th- 12th graders.

Our Savior's gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following memorials:

- \$100 Boiler; \$80 LWML; \$50 Concordia Classical Academy; \$50 Garden, and \$10 Adult Choir in memory of Joan Peterman
- \$500 Boiler in memory of Mary Eckhardt

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

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!

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.

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 beginning a new series: "Majoring in the Minors." We'll be walking through the minor prophets, studying the books of Hosea, Joel, Jonah, Micah, and Nahum. Tune into Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) as we dive into the book of Zechariah! Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters (weekdays at 9am)! This week we continue our study of the 4th commandment. How does honoring our parents prepare us to bless and serve others?

The July – September Sagacity is available in the Narthex. Pick up a copy or view online at: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages>

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's episode "Two Weeks to Eternity" features a man who lives to the fullest facing uncertainty

with an upcoming surgery. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. David Petrich from St. James Lutheran Church in Holland, MN, who will present a message titled “Looking to Jesus” based on Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

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, Litchfield and Arlington Zones.

Over 50 (any age), you are a Saint Alive Growing Ever Serving. Our District older adult ministry needs you. Your thoughts, your prayers, your talents and gifts of service. Learn more about the seniors. SAGES news is Sagacity. The July – September Sagacity is available in the Narthex. Pick up a copy or view online at: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages> . A congregation contact or representative volunteer for Circuit Board is needed.

The August Pray for Us Calendar reminds us to pray for all the church workers. Today is August 17th the calendar says pray that God would raise up in our own time faithful pastors and church workers who will preach Jesus Christ crucified and risen, for the edification of His people and for the sake of those not yet of the faith.

The GO First! Ministry Conference can now be viewed on the Whova app! Make use of all the features: register, view the speakers, make a personal agenda, see announcements, network with others, and more. Get ready to be inspired and to encourage others in ministry! It is open to ALL – laypersons, church workers, and pastors! Read more about it on the district website. New information is added regularly, so keep checking back! September 26-27, will be held at Redemption Lutheran Church, 927 East Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington. Refer to the August Lutheran Witness to register.

Moving from Death to Life. Highly informative and inspirational convocation. Kahler Grand Hotel, Rochester, MN. **October 17 -18.** Friday 7-9, Saturday 9-3. www.gracedc.church/convo . Pro-Life – in partnership with MNS District. Representatives from pro-life Christian Ministries will be present to provide resources for God’s people to become better equipped in speaking up for life and teaching about the sanctity of human life. Important Convocation. Check it out!

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).

A reminder to read the information on the LWML MN South District Convention for 2026 in the upcoming September Voice.

LWML MN South District Fall Retreat: *Christ's Creation: Reclaiming Womanhood in Christ.* September 12 & 13 at Camp Omega, 22750 Lind Avenue, Waterville, MN. Guest Speaker: Rebekah Curtis - "What is a Woman", author of the book, [Lady-like, Living Biblically](#). Register now: www.mnslwml.org/2025-district-retreat. Registration forms are in the narthex. See brochure on the bulletin board.

2025 Youth Apologetics Day: *Christ, Man and Machine.* Saturday, September 17, from 9- 2. Lunch provided – register: 507-685-4338 or pastorweslieodom@gmail.com. Registration is free, but donations will be accepted. See poster: Christ, Man and Machine. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Morristown, MN.

Christian Publications for you – a new Public Policy and August Lutheran Witness

MN South District Mission Grant proposals. Now is the time to submit a Mission Grant application for the 2026-2028 biennium. Who should consider applying for a Mission Grant? Individual LWML members, groups, zones, conferences or LCMS affiliated organizations are welcome to submit a proposal. Do you have a project to propose?

Lutheran Heritage Foundation, has translated Lutheran books in 180 languages. Visit: www.LHFmissions.org for copies you need and other resources.

A missionary Opportunity: Is the Lord calling you to serve in Africa? Check it out today. Looking for people in all walks of Life for Nove 4-14, 2025. www.Servenow.lcms.org

Orphan Grain Train invites everyone to its annual meeting at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Vernon Center, on Saturday, September 6, 2025. The annual meeting will begin at 9 am with lunch at 11 am.

Lutheran Hour Ministries – coming to Glencoe on September 27th.

Interested in a Holy Land trip to walk where Jesus walked? Call/text Pastor Jake Gillard at 612-567-0059 for more information or visit: www.ittworld.com/tours/discovering-the-holy-land

St. John Lutheran Church, Good Thunder (137 S. Houk Street) will celebrate its 155th anniversary on Sunday, September 14, 2025. Please visit: contact@stjohngoodthunder.org

Brief History of Our Savior

1949 - In October, four members from Immanuel Lutheran Church, in Mankato, began organizing a congregation with the LCMS. They were Marv and Elaine Heuer, Hilbert and Adah Hantelman, Mark and Irma Malwitz and Arnie and Bea Meyer.

1950 - January 7, the church officially was organized as Our Savior Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. The first worship service, Sunday, January 8, became a reality. That April the streetcar barn was purchased, and Rev. A.G. Fehner accepted the call to be the first pastor and served for 10 years. In July the first parsonage, 1723 N. Broad St., was purchased and ready to be occupied. November the streetcar barn was dedicated as the new parish hall. December held the first children's Christmas Eve service.

1955 - The education addition was dedicated.

1958 - The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd became our first daughter congregation.

1962 - The cornerstone was laid for our present sanctuary. Pastor Eugene Glade and Paster Norman W. Heidorn presided.

1963 - Our chapel was dedicated in May and named The Fehner Memorial Chapel.

1964 - Pastor Eugene Glade became the full time pastor of the Mankato State College Lutheran Chapel mission.

1966 - Colored glass windows were installed in the chapel.

1971 - 29-rank pipe organ was installed for \$35,000. Our Savior helped with The Lutheran Hour Rally, held at MSU, attended by 6,500 and led by Dr. Oswald Hoffman.

1972 - Hosanna Lutheran Church was another daughter congregation.

1975 - Vietnamese sponsorship ministry.

1978 - "The Voice" begins publication

1992 - Needlepoint communion kneelers dedicated.

1996-97 - Major Sanctuary and Narthex remodel.

2001 - Sudanese ministry.

2004 - Stained glass windows installed in the present Sanctuary.

2008 - Chapel remodeled to add women's restroom. Restrooms, located in the kitchen hallway, remodeled.

2013 - River of Life, St. Peter, MN, another sister congregation sponsored by Our Savior.

2019 - Organ repair and renovation. Dedication was June 30.

2020 - Church was shut-down due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. An online service was an option on YouTube. A small group continued a Saturday afternoon "in person" worship. In April a parking lot service was an option, which continued through the summer. Members remained in their vehicles with Pastor Lauer and Pastor Matheny holding a service from a platform in the corner of the Broad Street parking lot and broadcast over the vehicle radio. Slowly "in person" worship has returned for all.

2025 - Our Savior has been blessed for 75 years.

At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.

Monthly Memory Verse:

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,
but the companion of fools will suffer harm.
Proverbs 13:20

Welcome to Our Savior's Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are here to hear God's Word and share His gifts with us. We thank God that He comes to us again to forgive us our sins and prepare us for eternal life today, and we are grateful that He has brought you here to be with us.

Each week we receive the Sacrament of the Altar where the Lord Jesus comes to us with His body and blood for us to eat and drink. In this sacred meal our Lord forgives our sins and strengthens us to live faithfully in communion with Him and with each other. For us this is a family meal and Christ's expectations of us are important. If you are not an active participant in the Our Savior's family or one of our sister congregations in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod we would ask you to join our family before sharing this sacrament with us. For those not communing we would love for you to join us at the table as a sign of Christian unity. Simply cross your arms over your chest and our pastors will give you a blessing from the Lord. If you have any questions about this or are new here our pastors would love to talk with you. God bless you!

Serving today:

Liturgists Rev. Adam M. Matheny & Rev. John H. Koopman
Preacher Rev. Steve Wilson
Organist..... Ruth Mackie
Special Music Reunion Bell Choir directed by Wendy Greiner
..... Soloist: Marja Quiram
Elder of the Day..... Gaylen Lenz
Assistant Usher Kurt Anderson
A/V Tech Joel Maunula