

Program for the Week of August 24 – August 31, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday:

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
9:00 Courtyard Committee
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:

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

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Doris Emich to share the True Word of God.

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 can show you the ropes. We can even provide meal plans complete with grocery lists and step by step timing. We appreciate your help!

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study meets in the church Fireplace room on Thursday, September 4th at 10:10am for a treat and a chat. At 10:25 Bible study from the Summer *Quarterly* on pages 20-21. For sake of planning, prayers at 11:30, then more chatting and rejoicing.

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.

The 2025-2026 Sunday School year will start on September 14, 2025. Little Lambs (3 Yr-K) will begin at 9:25 AM in their classroom upstairs. 1st-6th Grade will meet in the chapel at 9:25 AM. Youth (7th-12th) will begin at 9:25 AM in the Youth Room upstairs. We are also looking for someone who would be willing to coordinate this year's children's Christmas Service. Guidance is available! If you have any questions or would be interested in helping with this please talk to Pastor Matheny, Pastor Koopman, Laura Matheny, or a member of the Board of Education. Thank you! 2nd and 3rd graders will be receiving their own Bibles before the beginning of each service on the 14th. (Please note this is a change from previous years, going forward personal Bibles will be handed out in 2nd grade)

The Board of Education is still looking for people to help the Sunday School year. Once again we will need second adults, but more importantly we need actual teachers, specifically for 3rd-6th grade. We are not asking for one person to teach every Sunday of the year, but rather a number of different people to teach the classes. Even teaching one Sunday will be helpful. The CPH curriculum allows one to teach without dedicating a lot of time to planning and guides you through the whole morning. Examples of the lesson plans are available to look at in the Narthex. This is a great opportunity to get to know the children of our church and also a way to serve the congregation.

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

Thank you for your donations to the door offering last week to share our joy of 75 years with our community. We collected \$628 for Options for Women. Options helps people in Mankato and the surrounding area with support, assistance and guidance they need when facing an unplanned pregnancy. Their goal is to make sure people know their options, and they do have to walk through it alone. If you would like to know more about them, please visit their website: <https://www.optionsmankato.org/>

Thank you all for your prayers and best wishes for the last three months. I hope I am done with my leg injury. I missed seeing all of you in church. May our Good Lord continue to bless us every week. God Bless you! – Gerry Bode

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in August, please contact Theresa McLaughlin, phone 507-779-9294, 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.

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.

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

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's episode "House of Sand" is a classic Fisher family episode exploring the difference between a moral and Christian life. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Timothy More from St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI, who will present a message titled "The Many Few" based on Luke 13:20-22. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

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're studying the minor prophets, continuing in Hosea, picking up with chapter 6. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) as we continue our series on the return of Israel's exiles. This week's study will take us through several chapters of Zechariah. Don't forget to tune in to the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9am). We'll be continuing our newest series: "Portraits in American Lutheran Sacred Music."

The Book Of Numbers Series... 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 a series of interviews with Dr. Reed Lessing, author of the new book "Hope in the Wilderness: Practical Insights from the Book of Numbers," at issuesetc.org/bookofnumbers.

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. Our Savior's delegates or volunteers are encouraged to attend and can call Trudy (507-327-7082).

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. View the Sagacity online at: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages>. A congregation contact or representative volunteer for Circuit Board is needed. For more information contact S.A.G.E.S. President Stan Tordsen, (stordsen@yahoo.com.)

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. Car pool on Saturday.

August Pray for us Calendar for today is *"for young people, that the Lord would lead them to serve Him and bless His people."*

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. September 26-27, at Redemption Lutheran Church, 927 East Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington. Refer to the August Lutheran Witness to register. You can also register at www.mnsdistrict.org, or by calling Christina at 952-223-2162. Car pooling from Our Savior's is suggested.

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.

2025 Youth Apologetics Day: *Christ, Man and Machine.* Saturday, September 13, 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.

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.

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!

About the Cover: Our crucified and risen Lord has ascended to the right hand of the Father and is “the mediator of a new covenant.” His intercession is perfect because He is the perfect Son of the Father. He intercedes for us on the basis of the blood that He shed once for all on the cross (Hebrews 10:10). Because of Him and Him alone, we have confidence that we stand righteous before God today and forever.

Serving today:

Liturgist & Preacher	Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Organist.....	Edith Williams
Elder of the Day.....	Andrew Bittner
Assistant Usher	Kevin Hermanson
A/V Tech	Zak Tess