

Program for the Week of August 31 – September 7, 2025

Sunday:

8:00 Matins
8:30 Coffee Time
9:00 Divine Service
10:30 Bible Class
12:00 Wedding

Monday: *Office Closed*

Tuesday:

8:30 Circuit Pastors
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:

6:00 Parent/Student Confirmation
Meeting

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
10:45 Polka Band & Lunch @
Tourtelotte Park

Chancel flowers are provided by Steve & Bev Annis in honor of the VBS teachers, helpers, and students. Praise be to God for a successful VBS!

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

Quilting will begin on Monday, September 8th. Join us at 9am in the Quilting Room (across from the Library). We will meet each 2nd and 4th Monday through May. Tops, middles, and backs are sewn together and then tied. No sewing experience necessary. Anyone is welcome to join us and work for a good cause. Quilts are delivered locally and throughout the world to provide warmth and comfort to someone in need.

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.

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)

“And God created great whales.” – Gen. 1:21, KJV. Join us for Book Club this autumn with the great American novel *Moby-Dick* by Herman Melville. On September 14th at 4:30pm, we will embark upon an epic voyage, engaging in the pursuit and capture of great leviathans. Here we will journey to the whaling grounds of the South Seas and into the innermost recesses of the human soul. Read through chapter 9 in preparation.

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.

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.

FREE in the library. Framed Christian prints. All are sitting on the floor. Help yourself. And, don't forget to check out the free books on the wheeled cart and the VHS tapes on the free bookcase. Thank you!

Mission Service met in August and put together 28 Healthcare kits, which were delivered to the Union Street Shelter in Saint Peter. Thank you to everyone who came to help with the project – and for those who donated items so we could make the kits!

Operation Christmas Child is right around the corner. Mission Service will be putting together the shoeboxes in October. Please see the tubs in the Narthex for needed donations to make this project possible. Thank you!

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in September, please contact Theresa McLaughlin, phone 507-388-7647, or Cindy Hobbs, phone 507-243-3232.

Prayer Shawl: If you, or someone you know, may find comfort in a Prayer Shawl, please call Marcella B. Elders, 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 online at: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages>

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 we're continuing our study "Majoring in the Minors" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am). We'll wrap up the book of Hosea, covering chapters 11-14. Tune into Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) as we study the return of God's people from exile. We'll look at Ezra chapter 5-8. Don't forget to join us Friday morning for this month's Free Text First Friday episode! Pastor Booe and guest Timothy Winterstein will discuss the Council of Nicaea and the history of the Nicene Creed.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's episode "The Reluctant Witness" features a man whose fishing trip is interrupted when he becomes a witness to crime and struggles with the aftermath. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, who will present a message titled "Remember the Sabbath Day" based on Luke 14:1-11. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

The Gold Standard For Lutheran Radio & Podcasting... 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: Making Your Congregation Easier to Find on the Internet, The 2025 Movie "Superman," A Freedom of Speech & Religion Case Involving Lutheran Leaders in Finland, The Hymn "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" 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.

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).

You are a Saint Alive Growing Ever Serving - SAGES. Our District older adult ministry needs you. Your thoughts, your prayers, your talents and gifts of service. 1. We welcome a contact person or persons to communicate information between the congregation and SAGES. 2. Volunteers to the District Board for Circuits 19 and 20. Is it I Lord? 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 that we all would be given a trust in the saving Gospel and a great passion to spread its joy with others in our lives.

Christian Publications for you – Finally the Summer Lutheran Layman is here, September Lutheran Bible Translators, Large Print Fall Quarterly, Public Policy, Sagacity, August Lutheran Witness with MNSO inserts, Concordia Publishing House fall catalog, Lutheran Hour Ministries opportunities available, Gloria Sauck letter and Orphan Grain Train poster with deliveries made for this year. Also the 33 new Mission Mite grants for 2025-2027. Find these in the narthex or Mission Center.

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!

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! There are 33 Go First! Speakers. 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.

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.

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. "This looks so interesting, I think that all of us would like to attend."

Lutheran Heritage Foundation Why not share a Lutheran book about Jesus in their heart language. Get FREE resources from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, including children's Bible storybooks and Luther's Small Catechism in more than 180 languages. Visit: www.LHFmissions.org for copies and other resources.

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?

St. John Lutheran Church, Good Thunder, is celebrating its 155th anniversary. We invite you and your family to join us September 14th. Worship with Holy Communion is at 9:30, luncheon and fellowship at 11am, followed by a Community Celebration at 1:30pm. Lunch is a free-will donation. For planning purposes, please reserve your spot by emailing contact@stjohngoodthunder.org, or fill out the Luncheon RSVP on the website, www.stjohngoodthunder.org, under the 155 YEARS tab.

Looking for other Single Lutherans? Join fellow LCMS singles (ages 20 – 45, never married or widowed) for a day of fellowship, activities, and Bible Study at The Gospel Gym in Arkansaw, WI on Saturday, September 20th from 1 – 7pm. Make connections, share encouragement, and find a place to belong! Cost: \$20 (includes pizza supper). Register at bit.ly/lutheransingles or 763-242-6335.

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: Seats of honor at a wedding feast are not taken. They are given by the host. So also, our honor before God is not something that we take. It has been given to us by Jesus, the Son of God. Even though Jesus deserved the greatest seat of honor, He took the shame of the cross on our behalf. But He was exalted. He rose, ascended, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Graciously, God "raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6).

Serving today:

Liturgist & Preacher Rev. John H. Koopman
Pianist Suzie Gangi
Elder of the Day Mike Holub
Assistant Usher Gary Rabenhorst
A/V Tech Gene Mensing