

Program for the Week of September 14 – September 21, 2025

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time / Rally Sunday
9:25 Sunday School
10:30 Divine Service
4:30 Book Club

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday:

4:00 Mission Service
4:45 Introductory Choir
5:15 Introductory Bell Choir
5:25 Brass
5:45 Handbell Choir
6:00 Meal

6:45 Devotion

7:00 Jr. Confirmation

7:00 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

4:00 The Voice Deadline

Saturday:

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service

9:00 Coffee Time

9:25 Sunday School

9:25 Bible Class

10:30 Divine Service

6:00 Youth @ WowZone

Chancel flowers are provided by Pat Plueger in memory of Louis Plueger on his September 10th birthday.

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

We're back! The Board of Deacons is kicking off Fall 2025 this morning with continental breakfast between the 8:00 and 10:30 services. The Fellowship Hall will also include displays representing OSLC Boards and other organizations in the church. Please come for fellowship, ask questions and see how you can use your God given gifts to become involved.

Mission Service will meet this Wednesday, September 17th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

The Deadline for the October 2025 issue of *The Voice* is Friday, September 19th at 4pm. Please drop of any submissions in the church office or e-mail to: contact@oslcmanakato.org. Thank you.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in September, please contact Theresa McLaughlin, phone 507-779-9294, or Cindy Hobbs, phone 507-995-9894.

Operation Christmas Child – Samaritans Purse: It's Shoebox time! The display in the narthex has individual shoeboxes for you to take and fill OR tubs for you to donate single items. There are also brochures that list items to put in the boxes. Mission Service will be putting together shoeboxes from all the supplies gathered. Examples of items requested: school supplies, personal care items, and toys. God is using the shoeboxes as a tangible expression of His love for a child in desperate need. Each child also receives the Gospel message in their own language. Thank you for sharing in this work.

Next Sunday is MITE Sunday. The September Mission Grant is #2 - Help for Ukraine's Orphans and Displaced Persons through Orphan Grain Train. \$100,000. OGT assists twelve orphanages in the Kherson area and three orphanages in the Kyiv area. Each of the orphanages is served by a pastor who will tell them about the Love of Jesus, through the distribution of aid.

7th – 12th Grade Youth: Join us at the WowZone next Sunday, September 21st, from 6 – 8pm for Bowling, Laser Tag, and Pizza. Meet at the WowZone at 6pm. If you are able to contribute, please bring \$15 to chip in. (If you are not able to contribute, please come anyway. We have money in the Youth Fund to cover us.)

Our Savior Endowment Fund Provides Scholarships: The Endowment Board approved \$10,600 in scholarship funds for 7 student members of Our Savior Lutheran Church who are attending Concordia Classical Academy (CCA) in North Mankato. The board also approved a \$3000.00 scholarship for 1 post-secondary member who is attending a LCMS institution in preparation for a career in full time church work. Please consider making an offering/donation to our Endowment Fund, as you are able, to support our students, missionaries, etc. in the years to come.

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!

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

- \$1470 Building Fund – Boiler in memory of Norman Prins
- \$100 Undesignated in memory of Marian Ruschmeyer

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 we'll continue our study of the minor prophets, Jonah, on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am). Tune into Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) as we continue our series on the return of Israel's exiles, studying Nehemiah 5-9. Don't forget to tune into Concord Matters (Saturday, September 20th at 10am) to study the 8th commandment as confessed in the Large Catechism.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Tragedy Near a Small Town" features a loving father who after a tragedy holds a grudge instead of forgiving as our Father has forgiven us.. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Tom Volker from St. John and St. Mark Lutheran Church in Rushford, who will present a message titled "Finding the Lost" based on Luke 15:1-10. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Book of Proverbs Bible Study... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Proverbs. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tune In, 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).

LWML Crow River Conference Rally, Jennifer Prophete, the Director from the Hopeful Neighborhood Project, will talk about this Lutheran Hour Ministry sponsored program on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 240 Cleveland Ave., Green Isle, MN. Registration (\$5) begins at 9 am, Pre-Rally music by Pastor Eric and Polly Rapp at 9:15, and the Rally Starts at 9:30. Brunch will be served at the close of the rally and the free will offering will go to Lutheran Hour Ministry. In lieu of bringing items to the rally, we would like each society to gather donation items for something in your local neighborhood/church/ community. They will ask that you share at the rally what you did. There will be service projects that you can participate in by tying fleece blankets or writing cards to take back and share with your neighbors. Please RSVP to Denise by Saturday, October 11th by calling or texting her at 507-351-3948 or email her at dspletzer1952@gmail.com. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14

Keep up with the events and activities around the Minnesota South District from the District e-news at <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/publications#weekly-enews>. You can even subscribe to get the e-news delivered weekly right to your inbox.

St. John's Willow Creek is having a Pulled Pork Lunch, served with potato salad, coleslaw and cookies, on Sunday, September 21 from 10am – 1pm. A free-will donation will be accepted, which will be used to upgrade the electrical at St. John's.

The September Lutheran Witness "A Lutheran Theology of the Body" Also includes the Minnesota South district news and "Why" from district president Rev, Dr. Lucas Woodford. Your very own copy is in the narthex.

The Lutheran Layman: Expanding Ministry to Grow God's Kingdom, This copy contains LLL District Projects pg. 8, Nurturing Your Faith pg. 9-10, Leaving a Legacy pg. 17, Gospel Adventure pg. 18 Dive into Gospel Adventures this fall "Wild About Kenya" Changing Lives Globally pg. 20-21, 75 Years for LHM Float pg. 22.

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).

Laugh While it's Legal – Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Clean Comedy with Brad Stine. General Admission: \$30. Martin Lutheran High School.

Patristics Seminar, September 18, 2025, 1:00-3:00 pm, University Lutheran Chapel (316 10th Ave SE, Mpls). Patristics Seminar is an indepth seminar style study/discussion of the Church Fathers. Open to anyone who wishes to participate, it is geared toward clergy and others interested in historical theology and its application to our time.

Chamber at the Chapel, September 27, 2025, 7:00-8:00 pm, University Lutheran Chapel (316 10th Ave SE, Mpls). Lutenists Thomas Walker Jr. and Paul Berget will perform 17th century late duets by J.S. Bach and his contemporaries Sylvius Leopold Weiss and George Philipp Telemann. This a free concert with a free will donation.

Go First! Ministry Conference, September 26-27, 2025, Redemption Lutheran Church, 927 East Old Shakopee Road Bloomington, MN. There are nearly 40 session speakers on board.

Fall Retreat – *The Existence and Attributes of God: an introduction to Natural Theology.* October 4-5, University Lutheran Chapel (601 13th Ave. SE, Mpls) Details can be found on District website.

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

Monthly Memory Verse:

Jesus Christ: The Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever.
Hebrews 13:8

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: The crucifix can bring about many different reactions. On the one hand, it reminds us of the suffering and death that Jesus encountered upon that Roman form of execution, the horror of our sin, and God's wrath poured out upon it. On the other hand, the crucifix is, above all, a reminder of the lengths to which Jesus was willing to go to have us as His own forever. It is a symbol of His outstretched love, as He shed His own blood to forgive and save sinners.

Serving today:

Liturgist.....	Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Preacher.....	Rev. John H. Koopman
Organist.....	Susan Klute
Elder of the Day.....	[8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Andrew Bittner
Assistant Usher	[8:00] Kevin Hermanson
A/V Tech	Gene Mensing