

Program for the Week of September 7 – September 14, 2025

Sunday:

8:00 Matins
8:30 Coffee Time
9:00 Divine Service
10:45 Polka Band & Lunch @
Tourtelotte Park

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
6:30 Planning Council

Wednesday:

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

9:00 Courtyard Committee

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service

9:00 Coffee Time

9:25 Sunday School

9:25 Bible Class

10:30 Divine Service

4:30 Book Club

Chancel flowers are provided by Steve & Kathy Burnett in joyful celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

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

This morning we recognize Kyndra Williams as a member of our congregation by Profession of Faith. She will publicly speak her belief in the Faith taught in the Holy Scriptures and confirmed in the Small Catechism. Please greet and welcome Kyndra as your new sister in Christ.

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 this week, September 10th. Come enjoy a good meal and good fellowship. Please sign up if you are able to help. The sign-up sheet with various duties is posted in the Fireplace room.

We're back! The Board of Deacons will be kicking off Fall 2025 on Sunday, September 14 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

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.

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, September 17th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects. Donations needed: deodorant and pocket size Kleenex.

Mission Service donations needed for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes:
School Supplies: Crayons, pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, pencil cases, erasers, etc. **Toys:** Small balls, jump ropes, toy cars, dolls, playdough, note pads, small puzzles or games to fit in a shoebox – any small toy. **Personal items:** Flip flops, socks, hairbrush, comb, t-shirts, toothbrush, wash cloth, hats, sunglasses, hair accessories, etc. All items must be new and will be used in October to put together shoeboxes for kids age 5-14. Every shoebox is an opportunity to reach a child with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your support!

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.

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.

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

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!

Thank You for blessing our marriage ceremony with your presence, well wishes and gifts. Mike and Julia Blomquist

On behalf of the congregation, thank you to the Garden Committee for all the work you do, planting, watering, weeding, etc. The front planters and the courtyard look so lovely. It is a special treat for us all to enjoy. – Mark Wellner

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.

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.

Simplifying the Abortion Issue: Where there is light, there is life! Join us for a 1-hour presentation plus Q&A. Saturday, Sept. 13th, 6pm. MSU Centennial Student Union Room 245. Sponsored by Blue Earth County Chapter of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

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. Car pool on Saturday. **CALL TRUDY if you can attend.**

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

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).

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Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Harriett’s Wedding Day” features a groom who nearly cancels wedding plans due to fear of the unknown. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Peter Adelsen from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in West Salem, Wisconsin, who will present a message titled “The Call of Discipleship” based on Luke 14:25-35. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Christological, Creedal, Confessional... 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 teachings include: A Lutheran Perspective on Philosophy & Theology, The Nicene Creed, The Lord’s Prayer, The Image of God in a Broken World, Witnessing Tips and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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 of 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 right to your inbox. Check it out. Lots of new announcements this week!

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: Christ's cross stands in contrast to the world, even as it shapes the lives of His disciples. We all have our own crosses to bear, and to deny them is ultimately to deny Christ. Death comes before resurrection. Yet in God's baptismal grace, we daily die to sin and are raised to the newness of life in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:4).

Serving today:

Liturgist.....	Rev. John H. Koopman
Preacher.....	Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Organist.....	Edith Williams
Elder of the Day.....	Mike Anderson
Assistant Usher	Kurt Anderson
A/V Tech	Dale Bergemann