

Program for the Week of October 5 – October 12, 2025

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
6:00 Open Gym/Game Night

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

Monday:

Fall Pastor's Conference, Waconia

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10:00 Early Bulletin Deadline
5:15 Board of Education
5:30 Board of Trustees
6:00 Board of Elders
6:30 Board of Deacons

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession

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

Wednesday:

4:45 Introductory Choir

Chancel flowers are provided by Mark Wellner in loving memory of his father William Wellner.

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

Open Gym/Game Night tonight!. Join us from 6 to 8pm in the Fellowship Hall for fun and games. Bring the kids, friends, and your favorite board games. (Note: this is not a drop off event. Kids 6th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.)

Early Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for the October 12 bulletin is Tuesday, October 7th. Please drop off or e-mail any submissions by 10am on Tuesday. Thank you.

Operation Christmas Child – What goes into a shoebox is fun, what comes out is eternal! Children will hear the Gospel when they receive their shoeboxes and can continue with Bible Study through local church partners. Please see the display in the Narthex – fill up a shoebox, or donate single items. Thank you!

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in October, please contact Laura Matheny, phone 812-604-5168, or Samantha Tess, phone 507-217-0354.

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.

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).

Portals of Prayer, October-December is in the narthex.

Mankato Life Chain 2025: Sunday, October 5th, 1:30-3:00 PM - Join thousands of pro-life individuals throughout the USA and Canada in a peaceful and prayerful public witness for life. Together, we will remember the babies whose lives have been lost to abortion, witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, and pray for those who are facing an unexpected pregnancy. We will begin with a prayer service at 1:30 PM, followed by the Life Chain itself at 2:00 PM. Participants should meet in front of Planned Parenthood's Mankato location (340 Stadium Road). Signs will be provided. Please bring your own lawn chair if needed. The event will take place rain or shine. For more information, visit lifechain.org.

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

From the Stewardship Committee: Ephesians 3:20-21 – “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” God delights in exceeding expectations and in pouring out mercies in abundance. This truth stands in contrast to our fears about lacking what we need for “this body and life.” We have an abundantly-blessing God who has proven His love for us on the cross. How could we not trust Him? How could we not respond to His love with generosity toward His mission in the church? How could we not have a desire to imitate Him in blessing others?

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 begin a new series on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am) centered on Christian marriage. We'll look at Song of Solomon, as well as select chapters in Genesis and Ephesians. Tune into Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) as we continue our series on the Gospel of Matthew! This week's study will take us through chapters 5-8. Tune into Concord Matters Saturday (October 11 at 10am) as we wrap up our study of the 10 commandments 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, "One Hour to Live" – Divine forgiveness for the truly penitent assures a man . . . and in the nick of time. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Martin Schoenfeld from Rose of Sharon Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, who will present a message titled "Wait for It" based on Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Equipping The Priesthood Of All Believers... 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: The Fruit of the Holy Spirit, Critical Race Theory, Gen Z Rediscovering the Christian Faith, Did Martin Luther Invent the Doctrine of Justification? 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.

Pastor Appreciation Day October 12, 2025.

Rally invitation for All Our Savior Ladies. A Lutheran Hour Ministry sponsored program on Saturday, October 18th, 2025, is at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 240 Cleveland Ave. Green Isle, MN. Registration (\$5), Rally- 9:30 am followed by brunch. **New:** No ingathering, instead a record of your local mission projects to share with our conference. Signup sheet for your registration by October 11th. Signup sheet in Narthex. Rides are needed. We also need your list of personal or group mission projects you do here at home, put the list in the box provided.

Our Older Adult Ministry Board needs a contact person/persons to communicate information between the congregation, and SAGES. Volunteers are also needed for the District Board Circuits 19-20. For more information contact Stan Tordsen at: stordsen@yahoo.com

October 7th, 2025 is the in-person **District SAGES Board Meeting** at Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington, MN from 10 am to noon. There is a noon lunch hosted by Pauline Wieman, a charter member of SAGES following the meeting. Please consider attending as a guest. Trudy Wiechmann, 507-327-7082, representative for Circuits 19-20 South Crow River. If going, a ride is needed.

The Lutheran Layman News: Expanding Ministry to Grow God's Kingdom. Pick up your copy in the narthex.

Celebrating 10 Years of Engaging with Hope. One week left to register for the fundraising Gala! Options Mankato celebrates a decade of serving women and families with compassionate care. Join us for an evening that looks back – and forward. Sunday, October 12th, Social Hour begins at 5pm, dinner served at 6pm, program from 6 – 8pm. Register by September 30th at <https://www.optionsmankato.org/gala>. \$75 per seat, \$500 to sponsor a table.

Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Rummage & Bake Sale Thursday, October 16, 4-8pm, Friday, October 17, 8am-8pm, Saturday, October 18, 8am-noon (\$3 bag sale). Huge Sale! Infant through Adult Clothing and shoes, toys, books, furniture, household items, plus much miscellaneous. 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop.

Youth Lutherans for Life Event: Oct. 12, 2025 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Trinity Lutheran Discipling Center, 412 N Main, Janesville, MN. All Youth (7th grade and up) are invited to join Michelle Bauman, the national director of Youth4Life with Lutherans for Life. This event is free and come hungry, pizza will be served.

Fall Bible Institute: October 19 from 2-6pm at Camp Omega. Rev. Travis Berg will be presenting on "*Reading the Bible for Understanding and Life.*" There is free admission and supper (\$14). A head count is needed for supper by October 6. Please contact David Mumme at 507-362-4454 for the head count.

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

Monthly Memory Verse:

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

1 John 1:7

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: At the end of the day, our service to the Lord can never repay Him for our salvation, let alone accomplish it. It is merely our duty to serve and obey Him. Our vocations are the arenas where the Lord works through us to accomplish His purposes. So when we think about all that we have done when the sun sets each day, all the glory goes to God, who has given us the work and, above all, has saved us by Jesus' redemptive work.

Serving today:

Liturgist & Preacher Rev. John H. Koopman
Organist..... Susan Klute
Special Music Introductory Choir
Elder of the Day..... [8:00] Gaylen Lenz; [10:30] Judd Schultz
Acolytes.....[8:00] Jackson Ling; Lydia Bjortomt
..... [10:30] Endre Anderson; Lars Anderson
Sacristan [8:00] Kevin Hermanson; [10:30] Mark Senne
Usher Team.....[8:00] Team 1: Gary Rabenhorst, Dalton Ling, Lucas Bjortomt
..... [10:30] Team 1: Lon Whitehead, Kathy Whitehead, John Bittner
A/V TechGene Mensing