

Program for the Week of November 30 – December 7, 2025

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
11:30 Decorate for
Christmas & Lunch

Monday:

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:

1:30 Midweek Advent Service
4:45 Introductory Choir
5:05 Introductory Bell Choir
5:25 Handbell Choir
5:30 Meal
6:05 Brass
6:30 Midweek Advent Service
7:20 Jr. Confirmation
7:20 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

4:30 Advent Event

Friday:

Saturday:

10:00 Dalluge Visitation
11:00 Dalluge Memorial Svc

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

Christmas Decorating: Join us this morning following the 10:30 service to decorate the church for the season of Advent and Christmas. Lunch will be served when the decorating is completed. Bring the kids, all ages welcome to help! The LWML ladies welcome helpers for the hallway "Purple" tree. There has been enthusiastic volunteers the past few years. Give God the glory and "Light" up the way!

The new Church Year begins with Advent.

Therefore, an Advent Event for a fellowship social with your sisters in Christ on Thursday, December 4th at 4:30pm. (Bring a finger food. Yum yum good!)

More Funeral Volunteers are needed. If you would be willing to help serve, clean up, provide a cake or bars, or be a leader, please contact: Judy Mensing (507-420-8196); Mary Bittner (507-469-8052); Gretchen Zellmer (507-317-2904); or Cindy Hobbs (507-995-9894).

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study will meet Thursday, December 11 at 10:10, in the fireplace room for Bible study followed by Christmas lunch. Our lesson will be in the Fall Quarterly page 22. "We have received Grace upon Grace". Amazing Grace.

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.

Battery operated candles needed. If you own battery operated candles and are willing to allow us to use them for the Advent Event, please place them in the tote in the Mission Center by December 3. You may take them home after the event or we will place them back in the tote for pick up. Your help is appreciated!

Kids Christmas Recital- The Sunday School Christmas Program is happening December 21 at 9am. Before the service will feature Kids! Do you like to sing, play the piano or another instrument? Choose a Church Christmas song, learn it and play it for the recital. Please contact Suzie Gangi if you are interested! 507-341-4173 or suzie@oslcmankato.org

Volunteers Needed- We need volunteers to sing or play instruments for pre-service music for the Christmas Eve Services 3:00 and 5:00. You can do one service or both! Anyone is encouraged to participate, young or old! Contact Suzie Gangi if you are interested, 507-341-4173 or suzie@oslcmankato.org

Shut-in Card Volunteers: The sign-up sheet for 2026 is on the LWML Bulletin Board. Thank you, Dolly Blomquist, 507-388-4594

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in December, please contact Judy Mensing, phone 507-387-4908.

The Mite Grant Focus for December is #5: Growing together to share Braille and Large Print, Lutheran Braille Workers, \$100,000.

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!

Prayer Shawl: If you, or someone you know, may find comfort in a Prayer Shawl, please call Marcella B. Eilders, 507-317-4127.

WS Transportation (420-4503 or 388-0708) will provide rides to services for our members who call and arrange pick up times. This benefit is not limited to weekend services only. You may arrange a ride for a mid-week services and activities, such as choir practice, any of our meetings and other special services, i.e. Lenten services. Please call one-half to one hour ahead of time. This benefit is provided by the Taxi Fund.

The December 2025 issue of the monthly newsletter, *The Voice*, was sent to your home this week. Enjoy the activities at church for all ages.

The District Board for Older Adult ministry, SAGES, will meet by ZOOM on Tuesday, December 2nd from 10-12.

From the Stewardship Committee: Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is *to us* to be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

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 begin a new series “Yearning for the Day of Christ’s Returning” with a focus on Paul’s two epistles to the Thessalonians. Tune into *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11am) for a new study on the book of Malachi. This weekend on *Concord Matters* (December 6 at 10am) we are taking a deep dive in the Lord’s Prayer in our current study of Luther’s Large Catechism, we’ll discuss the 1st Petition.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Puzzle Club Christmas” features a Puzzle Club who must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, who will present a message titled “Blessed Is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord” based on Matthew 21:1-9. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Sacred Music For The Advent Season... “Savior of the Nations, Come,” “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry,” “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

Divine Service and Rite of Installation of Rev. Kristian Bjornstad, as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Good Thunder. Sunday, December 7th at 2pm. Rev. Rudolf Maurer will preach and Rev. Adam Finney will preside over the Installation. Refreshments will follow the worship.

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).

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 right to your inbox. This week prayers are for the Mankato Circuit 20. Pray for the Circuit Visitor, Rev. Adam Finney, and the congregations, schools, commissioned ministers, pastors, and each other. Circuit churches include: St. Paul, Amboy; St. John Lutheran Church & Daycare, Good Thunder; Trinity, Lake Crystal; Salem, Madelia; Hosanna, Hosanna Highland, Our Savior’s, Sudanese Mission, Mankato; Concordia Classical Academy, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, North Mankato; River of Life, St. Peter; St. John Willow Creek, St. Peter, Vernon Center.

CSP Christmas Concert: A worship celebration featuring the choral and instrumental ensembles of Concordia University, St. Paul on Saturday, December 6th, at 3:30 pm, St. Michael’s Lutheran Church (9201 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington) See brochure on bulletin board.

The Joys of December: Concerts – Bethany, Concordia St. Paul, and more; Recitals; Advent, Christmas Worship, and Social. Games: Hockey, basketball, volleyball, football; Sales: Christian books, clothing, toys, games, etc. Quiet and rest time with you Lord and family giving thanks for all your blessings. Presents . . . new each day!