

Program for the Week of December 21 – December 28, 2025

Sunday: <i>Mite Sunday</i> 8:45 Pre-Service Recital 9:00 Children's Christmas Svc 10:00 Christmas Reception	1:00 Tuesday Bible Study Wednesday: 2:30 Pre-Service Recital 3:00 Christmas Eve Service 4:30 Pre-Service Recital 5:00 Christmas Eve Service	10:30 Fireplace Room Rental Friday: Saturday: Sunday: 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service
Monday: Tuesday: 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Early Bulletin Deadline	Thursday: 9:00 Christmas Day Service	

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Doris Emich with appreciation and thanks to the Quilters for giving warmth to the needy.

Christmas Reception following the Worship Service this morning.

Today, December 21st is the MITE Grant Focused on #5th: Growing together to share Braille and Large Print, Lutheran Braille Workers, \$100,000. The third Sunday of the month, is Mite Sunday here at Our Savior Lutheran Church. A Mite Box Prayer Guide is available in the Mission Center, along with the list of Grants for 2025-2027. Your generosity is filling our Big Mite Box with coins, Purple 5's, and more, making it possible to complete goals of 2 million dollars and more to make Christ known in just two years! Many thanks!

Early Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for the December 28th bulletin is **Tuesday, December 23rd**. Please e-mail any submissions to contact@oslcmandato.org or drop off in the church office by 10am on Tuesday.

2025 Church Directory – If you would like additional copies of the directory (each family that was photographed will receive one automatically), or if you were not photographed, but would still like a copy, please let us know by December 29th – The extra directories will cost \$9 each.

Are you looking for a nice Christmas gift idea? How about a 75th OSLC Anniversary mug? We have some extras out in the Narthex for sale both before and after the Church services today.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study was cancelled on December 11th until January 8th, the second Thursday, at 10:10, including lunch.

Thank you! To all volunteers, those who graciously shared their candles and to all in attendance, you made the Women's Advent Event a blessing for everyone. Nancy and Trudy.

Ladies: If you shared your candles for the Advent Event, please remember to pick them up from the Mission room.

Thank you to those members who joined us, volunteered for us and prayed for us during this time of grieving. You are loved and may you be blessed by Jesus. Ruthann McGowan and Trudy Wiechmann

It is the Season of giving. Please consider the gift of your time by helping at Our Savior. The funeral committee is in desperate need of volunteers. Helpers are needed setting the tables, serving and cleanup after the meal. Also in great need is anyone that would be willing to learn how to run the dishwasher. Please contact Judy Mensing 507-420-8196 Cindy Hobbs 507-995-9894, Mary Bittner 507-469-8052 or Gretchen Zellmer 507-327-2904.

Watch our services on YouTube, livestreamed, or view later at your convenience. Access from our website www.oslcmandato.org or from YouTube (www.youtube.com), search for our channel, oslcmandato.

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.

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

March For Life, Thursday, January 22, 2026, from noon – 1pm at the Capital Building, St. Paul. There will be a bus departing from Our Savior's back parking lot at 8am. We will join the 10am worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Paul, before going to the March for Life. The bus will return to Mankato approx. 3:15pm. Please sign-up for the bus **by January 7th**, by calling 507-369-8705. There is no seat fee. A freewill offering will be collected.

Save the date! Our January youth event (grades 5-12) will be held at the MSU Rock Climbing Wall January 11th from 6-8pm. The suggested chip in amount for this event is \$15- youth funds are available to cover if needed.

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

- \$25 Kitchen fund in memory of Brian Jansen
- \$60 Kitchen fund in memory of Karen Slipy
- \$125 Music fund; \$1280 Undesignated; \$330 Boiler; \$100 Debt in memory of Denise Painter

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.

From the Stewardship Committee: Philippians 4:4 – “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.” Life was no easier for the Philippians than it is for us. They had the same sorrows, sicknesses, and disappointments as we have. And yet St. Paul tells them to rejoice in the Lord. We have an abiding joy, a peace which passes all understanding, because we know our Lord Jesus and His love for us. This gives us confidence in the face of every hardship; it gives us strength to lead lives in imitation of Jesus' own generous love.

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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 is “Christmas on Main Street” – The Christmas message at a mission brings a grandson and his grandfather together. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod,

who will present a Christmas message. This program is interpreted and closed-captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Sacred Music for the Christmas Season...

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come,” “O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is,” “Once in Royal David's City,” “Silent Night, Holy Night,” “Joy to the World.” Beginning Christmas Eve, you can listen to sacred music for the Christmas season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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-eneews>. You can even subscribe to get the e-news delivered right to your inbox.

SAGES – As of January 1, 2026, there will be no more USPS copies of Sagacity being mailed. All copies may come to you personally, or you may pick them up in the narthex. Remember the Sagacity is the older adult news from the district. **Living on Purpose with Jesus** is the gathering theme for the first Monday and Tuesday in May, at Town and Country Suites, Mankato. Mark your calendar now, for this special gathering.

Answering Arguments Against Christianity... The Christian God is Misogynistic, The Meaning of Life Is Found in Using Technology, We Don't Need the Christian God to Be Good. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to responses to common objections to Christianity at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE from CHRIST OUR LORD

