

Program for the Week of December 28, 2025 – January 4, 2026

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

10:00 Early Bulletin Deadline
6:30 New Year's Eve Service

Thursday:

Office Closed

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service

9:00 Coffee Time

9:25 Sunday School

9:25 Bible Class

10:30 Divine Service

11:30 Take Down Christmas
Decorations

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Doris Emich with thanks for this Matins Service on the radio.

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.

Early Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for the January 4th bulletin is **Wednesday, December 31st**. Please e-mail any submissions to contact@oslcmandato.org or drop off in the church office by 10am on Wednesday.

Next Sunday, January 4th, we'll be taking down the Christmas Decorations right after the 10:30 service. We appreciate all the help. We'll enjoy lunch when the decorations are put away for another year.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle meets the 2nd Thursday of this month. NOTE time and date: We will meet at 10:10 on Thursday, **January 8th** following our schedule class time at 10:25-11:30. Our Christmas Lunch to follow at 11:45 for staff and members.

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 January, please contact Gretchen Zellmer, 507-317-2904 or Missy Schultz, 507-514-2553.

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.

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.

SAGES – 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.

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.

e-News. A copy of the District e-News is in Mission Center. You will enjoy the 8 pages of colored pictures, Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford's article on "The Word made Flesh", Ladies of MNSO District and more.

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

See Posters for the LWML 31st Biennial Minnesota South District Convention The Peace of Christ based on Colossians 3:15-16a, June 18-20, 2026 at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato, MN. Mark your calendar now. YWR – Delegates – Guests – for all Our Savior Ladies. There will be an opportunity to help with activities.

December Publications: In Narthex or Mission Center for you. December Pray for Us Calendar – Mite Prayer Calendar – Lutheran Bible Translators – December eNews – Lutheran Witness – Sagacity - Portals of Prayer – WOM Quarterly – Voice for Public Policy. YOUR copies are here for you.

From the Stewardship Committee: Galatians 4:4 – “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.” Jesus was born under the law so that He might fulfill the law in our place. His perfect righteousness is credited to us. And it is this free forgiveness of sins and this crediting of righteousness that sets us free to follow our Lord in godly living. Since we are freed from the law’s condemnation, we are freed from any mercenary attitudes. Now that the Lord has shown His love to us in saving us, we freely show our thanks to Him in generosity, humility and kindness.

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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, “Puzzle Club” features a Puzzle Club that must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Frank Milo from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Backus, who will present a message titled “A God Too Weak?” based on Matthew 2:13-18. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Study God’s Word In 2026... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. You can listen by phone, (618) 262-0078. You can also listen at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Parent/Teacher League is sponsoring a presentation “Thought Provoking Tips on Investing” by Dan Hamlett of 360 Integrated Financial on Wednesday, January 14th at 6pm. Topics he will cover are: “How to Invest Biblically”, “What does it mean to be a steward?”, and “College funding for Christians”. The event is free and open to the public. 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop. Phone 507-436-5249.

Minnesota State Bible Bowl 2026 is on The Gospel of John and will be on April 18, 2026 at 8:30 am. 3-4 members to a Team competition is a fast paced verbal competition. The Individual competition is a 50 question written multiple-choice test. Contact Rev. Rudy Mauer. See complete info on Youth bulletin board. Who can compete? LCMS church youth in grades 7-12.