

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

Sunday:

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

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

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

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

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
10:10 Ruth/Lydia Bible Study
Christmas Lunch

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
6:00 Youth Christmas Lights
Scavenger Hunt

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Joan Timm in loving memory of Richard & Jeffrey.

Open Gym/Game Night: Join us tonight at 6pm for Game Night. Bring the family and your favorite board games. (Note this is not a drop off event, kids 6th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.)

More Funeral Volunteers are needed. If you would be willing to help serve, clean up, provide a cake or bars, or be a leader, or run the dishwasher, 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. Lunch for each of you faithful sisters in Christ and staff.

Update on 2025 Church Directory – We are in the final stages of completing the directory. If you weren't photographed, we would love to include you by having you submit a picture to the church office by December 11th. Also, if you would like any additional copies of the directory (each family that was photographed will receive one automatically), please let us know by December 29th – The extra directories will cost \$9 each.

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.

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

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.

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

Trudy Wiechmann and Ruthann McGowan thank the members of Our Saviors for their many prayers and for the love they have shown us during these times of illness. Bill McGowan's memorial service will be held here at Our Saviors on December 15th at 3 pm.

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

The MITE Grant Focus for December is #5": Growing together to share Braille and Large Print, Lutheran Braille Workers, \$100,000. December 21st, 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. Our focus for December will be in the December bulletins. 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!

To Our Savior's Lutheran Church: Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your generous donation of tied quilts, stuffed animals, craft items and books for our shelter clients. We appreciate your support of our mission and our families. Sue – CADA Volunteer

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.

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).

From the Stewardship Committee: Romans 15:5 – "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus." All of our good works are indeed granted to us from our heavenly Father. We live in complete dependence upon His grace and mercy. What do we have that we have not received as a gift from His hand? And knowing that, how can we not be thankful?

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"Yearning for the Day of Christ's Returning", studying 1 Thessalonians 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am). Tune into Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) as we begin a new series for the time of Advent. "Prophecy and Fulfillment" will take us through Old Testament prophecy and New Testament fulfillment, tracing God's promises from Isaiah to the birth of Christ. On Concord Matters this Saturday (December 13 at 10am), we'll be discussing the 2nd Petition of the Lord's Prayer.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode is "Stable Boy" – A manger scene comes to life and tells the story of the first Christmas. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, who will present a message titled "He Is Coming: As Foretold" based on Matthew 3:1-12. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

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. Prayers last week were 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

Kids Have Questions Series... Will my dead pets be in heaven? Does everyone have a guardian angel? What does God think about suicide? 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 an ongoing Kids Have Questions series with Pastor Jonathan Conner at issuesetc.org/kidshavequestions.

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.