

Program for the Week of January 4 – January 11, 2026

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
11:30 Take Down Christmas
Decorations

Monday:

Tuesday:

9:00 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:

4:40 Introductory Choir
5:10 Introductory Bell Choir
5:25 Brass
5:45 Handbell Choir
6:00 Meal
6:45 Devotion
7:00 Jr. Confirmation
7:00 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
10:10 Ruth/Lydia Bible Study
Followed by lunch

Friday:

Saturday:

10:30 Exercise Class

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
6:00 MSU Rock Climbing Wall
(Grades 5-12)

There is no Sunday School this morning.

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

There is no Game Night tonight. Join us earlier in the day to take down the Christmas decorations and have lunch together.

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.

Exercise Class: Saturday mornings at 10:30am we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall for group exercises led by Bethany Zinniel, owner of Kato Athletic. All ages are welcome and encourage to join. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

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

Voters' Meeting: Sunday, January 18th, 12:45am in the sanctuary. All Confirmed members, age 18 and older, are invited and encouraged to attend.

Chili Cook-off: The Annual Chili Cook-off will be right after the Annual Voters' Meeting on January 18th. Come and taste all the entries and vote for your

favorites. If you would like to provide a pot of chili, please drop off in the kitchen during or right after the late morning service. Prizes will be awarded in both the traditional and non-traditional categories.

Mission Service will meet on January 21st at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Health Care Kits for the local shelters. Everyone is welcome to come and help with this project.

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.

Wednesday Night Meals resume this week, January 7th. Join us at 6pm for a good meal and good fellowship. At 6:45pm the pastor leads us in a devotion. This is not just for people involved in choirs and confirmation. All are welcome to join us.

Help Wanted: If you would be interested in preparing a Wednesday Night Meal, serving, making dessert, cleaning up following the meal, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fireplace room.

Help needed for the Sunday Morning Coffee Time. If you would be able to pick up rolls from Cub Foods East and make coffee, sign up on the bulletin board in the Fireplace room.

Your January 2026 VOICE, the Our Savior Newsletter is in your mailbox this week.

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. Elders, 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.

January 2026 MITE Grant Focus #6: Christ Centered Hope for Cancer Patients – Phil's Friends \$100,000. Mite Sunday at Our Savior is January 18, the third Sunday of the month. Thank you.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: If you have Thrivent products with Choice Dollars to contribute, remember you have until the end of March to direct to the charity of your choosing. We hope you will consider donating your monies to Our Savior's. Contact your representative or go to www.thrivent.com to get started.

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

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

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.

The Winter Quarterly with the theme “Live in Peace with one another” is in the Narthex for you, (it includes Bible Studies for all ladies). **The District Winter WOM**, Women on a Mission, is here. June 18-20, 2026, the District Convention is in Mankato. This copy has explanations, needs etc. related to the convention. Serve the Lord with gladness

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.

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LWML Zone Board Meeting is Sunday, February 22nd at 2 pm at Centennial Lutheran Church in Henderson. Our Savior needs 2 ladies to attend. Call Trudy for more information.

Y4LIFE Summit for High School and College age, February 20-22, 2026 at Concordia University, St. Paul. See Poster for details.