

Program for the Week of January 11 – January 18, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

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

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
6:30 Stephen Ministers

Friday:

4:00 The Voice Deadline

Saturday:

10:30 Exercise Class

Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
11:45 Voters' Meeting
12:30 Chili Cook-Off

Chancel flowers are provided by Mark Wellner in honor of Alicia Wellner-Schweer on her birthday.

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Doris Emich in loving memory of Ron.

Youth Event (Grades 5-12) TODAY- Rock Climbing at MSU from 6-8pm! Meet at the MSU Climbing wall-Lot 8 will be great for drop off and parking for the event (no cost on weekend for parking). The climbing wall entrance is located next to the large garage door at the end of Lot 8. There is additional parking adjacent to Blakeslee Stadium in Lot 7 if Lot 8 is full. All climbers will need a waiver signed (even if they climbed last year). Waiver forms are available on the youth board. The suggested chip in amount for this event is \$15.

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 encouraged to join. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

The Deadline for the February 2026 issue of *The Voice* is Friday, January 16th at noon. Please drop of any submissions in the church office or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandkato.org. Thank you.

Voters' Meeting: Next Sunday, January 18th, 11:45am 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.oslcmandkato.org or from YouTube (www.youtube.com), search for our channel, oslcmandkato.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in January, please contact Gretchen Zellmer, 507-317-2904 or Missy Schultz, 507-514-2553.

Join the Board of Deacons on Saturday, February 7th at 9:30am to help clean and organize the kitchen. Many hands make light work!

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. The deadline to sign up for the bus is past. Please call 507-369-8705 to see if there's room. 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.

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.

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. The Sagacity is available in the narthex and on-line, (www.mnsdistrict.org/sages) with Gathering information. Registration forms will be available in February.

From the Stewardship Committee: Matthew 3:15 – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’” God sent His Son into the world to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. All our offerings back to our Lord are in thanksgiving for this one great, true offering.

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Instagram. This week on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), studying chapters 2 and 3 in the book of Genesis. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) we look at the miracles of Jesus in the Gospels. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters this weekend (January 17th at 10am) – we're continuing our study of the Lord's Prayer with the 5th Petition.

Main Street Living offers a worship experience to the many who cannot or do not attend worship on a regular basis. Main Street Living airs from 9 - 10 am each Sunday on WFTC. The first half hour is re-mastered episodes of the popular “This is the Life” TV series from Lutheran Hour Ministries. The second half hour is a modified Lutheran worship service featuring a message from a different Minnesota pastor each week.

Educating A New Generation Of Lutherans... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Stranger Things: Season 5, The Top Biblical Archeology Stories of 2025, The Parable of the Prodigal Son, The Baptism of Our Lord, The Epiphany Season and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

January Publications: In the Narthex or Mission Center for you. Pray for Us Calendar – Mite Prayer Calendar – Lutheran 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

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