

Program for the Week of January 18 – January 25, 2026

Sunday: Mite Sunday

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

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday:

1:30 Endowment Board
4:00 Mission Service
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:

8:00 Bus departs to March for Life

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

4:00 Fellowship Hall Rental

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
4:30 Book Club

Voters' Meeting: This morning, 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 today! 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.

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.

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, January 21st at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Healthcare kits for local shelters. All are welcome to come and help with this project.

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. Eiders, 507-317-4127.

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

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 use the QR code on the posters about the building, or call 507-369-8705 to reserve your seat. There is no seat fee. A freewill offering will be collected.

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

- \$200 Undesignated; \$100 Building Fund; \$100 new Refrigerator in memory of Larry Dalluge
- \$25 Undesignated in memory of Ed Farris
- \$150 Music Fund, \$125 Undesignated in memory of Denise Painter

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.

Blankets were delivered to A Fresh Start in Mankato on January 13th. Their mission statement: Serving those emerging from homelessness by providing them household items and furniture. A big thank you to Liv Aveda for donating all the blankets.

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.

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.

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.

Camp Omega Summer Camp – registration is now open. To view the camper opportunities, go to: <https://campomega.org/summercamp/>. Early bird discount if registered and paid in full by March 1st. Scholarships of up to one-half of the registration fee is available from the Thrivent Choice Dollars contributors. Send your receipt to: brianjohnson893@gmail.com for consideration.

SAGES – Living on Purpose with Jesus is 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. “SAGES” volunteers from Our Savior Lutheran Church are welcomed.

Basic LERT Training – ages 14+, cost for the class is \$20. Saturday, February 21 from 9am to noon. Grace Lutheran Church, 800 East Silver Lake Drive, Rochester. Contact: pastorbjornstad@gmail.com

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.

From the Stewardship Committee: Ephesians 5:27 – “So that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.” Our Lord has cleansed us with His blood – in His sight we are now pure and holy. He has given Himself, laying down His life for us. Now we are His spotless and beautiful bride. By His sacrifice, we are moved to sacrifice. By His cleansing, we find a desire to ourselves be clean and live blamelessly as He is blameless.

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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, “Live Option” features a 15 year-old pregnant daughter and her mother who disagree on the future of her child. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Michael Saleminck from Lutherans for Life, who will present a message titled “From Invisible to Indispensable” based on 1 Corinthians 12:22. 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.

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Lutherans for Life Essay Contest – for students in grades 6-8 and 9-12. Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme “That They May Have Life” using John 10:10. The deadline to submit essays is March 15th. Go to: <https://lutheransforlife.org/2026-lutherans-for-life-essay-contest/> for contest details.

National Lutheran Schools week: January 25-31, 2026. “Let’s Make a Joyful Noise”. Psalm 98:4