

Program for the Week of March 1 – March 8, 2026

Sunday:

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

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

7:00 MN Valley Chorale

Wednesday:

1:00 Private Confession
1:30 Midweek Lenten Service
4:40 Introductory Choir
5:00 Introductory Bell Choir
5:25 Handbell Choir
5:30 Meal
6:00 Private Confession
6:05 Brass
6:30 Midweek Lenten Service
7:20 Jr. Confirmation
7:20 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
10:10 Ruth/Lydia Circle

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

Chancel flowers are provided by the Maus family in loving memory of Elna Bohlke.

Join us tonight for Open Gym/Game Night. Bring the kids, family, and friends for a night of fun with your church family. Note, this is a family event, kids 6th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

At this time the Board of Trustees is looking to hire a custodian to look after our facility. The position involves cleaning and minor maintenance of the building, and outdoor lawn care and snow removal. If you are interested or know someone that may be interested. Please contact any of the Trustees for more information. The Trustees contact information is available on the back of the monthly calendar.

We will be hosting a CPR and AED (defibrillator) training for adults, here at OSLC. The date is Tuesday, March 3, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. There is no cost for this class. This is in cooperation with our new church safety initiatives. If you have any questions and to register, contact Dale Bergemann, 507-317-8989, or emt460db@gmail.com.

Ruth/Lydia Circle Bible Study meets Thursday, March 5th at 10:25. Our study is from the Winter *Quarterly*, "Esther" a faithful woman of God. Come early, 10:10am, for fellowship and treats.

March Youth Event: (5th-12th Graders) The Mankato Curling Club is reserved for our Youth Event March 15th 12:00-2:30pm. We will have lunch and a curling lesson and then have some time to play. Meet at 600 Hope St, Mankato, MN 56001 at noon. Please bring a clean pair of athletic shoes (carried into the club to keep dirt and salt off the ice), wear warm, loose fitting clothing (the rink temperature is about 40F- we

suggest dressing in layers- stretchy or loose fitting pants that allow for freedom of movement and modesty, jeans are not recommended) and gloves, and bring a water bottle if desired. Waivers are required for each participant and are available on the youth board in the church hallway. Suggested chip in amount for this event is \$10.

Annual Easter Garden: Next Sunday, March 8th, is the Deadline to order! Get your orders in now! Order forms are available in the Narthex and in your monthly newsletter. The plants will be displayed Easter Sunday and then may be taken home following the late morning service or picked up the following week. All proceeds benefit Youth activities.

Women's Retreat: Invite your friends, sisters, and daughters and join us March 20-21 for this year's women's retreat. Friday evening we will gather for a fun filled social event and on Saturday, we will host author and pastor's wife Christa Petzold. She will lead us in discussion on *Gathered by Christ: the Overlooked Gift of Church*. Find the registration forms in the narthex! Speak to Laura Matheny, Samantha Tess, or Mary Bittner with questions! We look forward to spending this time with you!

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in March, please contact Cindy Hoffrogge, 507-340-1942 or Kathy Whitehead, 507-388-4891.

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: brianljohnson893@gmail.com for consideration.

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

March Mite Grant focus is #8: Building a Place of Care. Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch, North Dakota - \$60,000. Their mission is to help at risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ.

The Our Savior LWML's turn to host the Fall Rally in 2026, **The Spring Rally** "Sing a New Song" is in HENDERSON at Centennial Lutheran Church, April 11th at 9:15am. Speaker Jeff Burkhardt.

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.

SAGES Gathering XXXVI, May 4 and 5, 2026. "Living on Purpose with Jesus". Country Inn and Suites, Mankato. Keynote: Rev. Greg Finke. More details are available on the district website.

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.

February Christian Publications: In the Narthex or Mission Center for you. Pray for Us Calendar – Mite Prayer Calendar – Lutheran Bible Translators – Lutheran Witness (with MNSO District news) – Sagacity – Portals of Prayer – WOM Quarterly –Voice for Public Policy, and more.

LWML 31st Biennial Minnesota South District Convention "The Peace of Christ", based on Colossians 3:15-16a, is June 18-20, 2026 at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato, MN. For all Our Savior Ladies, there will be an opportunity to help with activities.

Read the new One Voice for Public Policy article written by Rev. Scott Missling, "Parental Choice in Education". Pick up a copy in the narthex, or read on-line at: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/publications>.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Matthew 15:27 – "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

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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, "Undertow" features Harry (David Ogden Stiers) who loses his daughter to drowning. In his grief, he blames the lifeguard, Jim (Gil Peterson). The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Dennis Brech from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, who will present a message titled "Nicodemus from Above or Below", based on John 3:1-17. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Poehler Lecture Series. "Called to Care: Faith, Joy, Resilience, and the Healing Power of Nursing", with speaker Kendra Saal. Thursday, April 16, 2026, 11 am, Buetow Music Center Auditorium, Concordia University, St. Paul.

Minnesota South LLL Convention: Saturday, April 11, Trinity Lutheran Church, 412 N. Main St., Janesville.

LCEF is offering financial support through the Take Heart Scholarship. Graduating high school seniors age 16-18 with a Young Investors Steward Account may apply for the chance to receive a scholarship of \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500 to put toward expenses in the next chapter of Education. Applications close May 1, 2026. Visit LCEF.org/scholarship for more information.

Bethany Summer Camp registration info for K-12 students is available for programs in Basketball, Art, Running, 3D Printing, Volleyball, Tennis, Video Game Design, Golf and more at www.blc.edu/camps. Pick up a flier from the Youth bulletin board.