

Program for the Week of March 8 – March 15, 2026

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Bible Class
9:25 Sunday School
10:30 Divine Service
4:30 Book Club

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

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

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

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
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Sunday Matins is sponsored by Doris Emich in loving memory of Ron.

Last week Lars, Angie, and Leif Johnson publicly spoke their belief in the Faith taught in the Holy Scriptures and confirmed in the Small Catechism and we officially recognized them as members of our congregation by Profession of Faith. Please greet and welcome them as your new brothers and sister in Christ.

Last day to order! Annual Easter Garden: Order forms are available in the Narthex. 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.

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.

Mary Circle Bible Study is meeting on Friday, March 13th at 1:30pm in the Fireplace Room. Gwen Cattrysse is hostess, phone 507-340-4991. Our lesson is on pages 18-19 of the *Winter Quarterly*, "What is happening?" Please join us, guests and visitors are welcome!

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

Mission Service will be held on Wednesday, March 18th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Health Care Kits and trimming stamps. Everyone is welcome to come and help with the projects.

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.

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!

Save the date: The youth will serve Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 5th!

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

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

The Our Savior LWML's turn to host the Fall Rally in 2026,

The Arlington Zone Spring Rally, “Sing a New Song” is in HENDERSON at Centennial Lutheran Church, 701 Locust Street, Saturday, April 11th at 9:15am. Speaker Dr. Jeff Burkhardt. Registration \$5.00, includes lunch. Monetary Gifts from the Hearts to benefit King of Kings Lutheran Church “Scholarship Endowment”.

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.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Luke 11:21–22 – “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.” Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with — he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our stronger man. He guards and keeps us and ours. We have none to fear.

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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, “The Healer” – Dave Forman (Gary Collins) is a dynamic “faith healer” who becomes angered by the drowning death of his daughter. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Eric Obermann from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lakefield, who will present a message titled “Were” based on Romans 5:8. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

SAGES Gathering XXXVI, May 4 and 5, 2026. “Living on Purpose with Jesus”. Country Inn and

Suites, Mankato. Keynote: Rev. Greg Finke. Complete details and registration forms are in the Narthex. Register now.

The Spring Quarterly has arrived and the large print are in the Narthex for you, (it includes Bible Studies for all ladies). If you haven’t picked up your Winter Quarterly, do it now. The District Winter WOM, Women on a Mission, is here. June 18-20, 2026, the District Convention is in Mankato.

March 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. Registrations are open. Two Delegates with paid registration are still needed. Contact Bev Annis or Trudy Wiechmann. Details available at: https://mnsllwml.org/2026_district_convention

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>.

Karaoke For Christian Hymns... You can sing hymns like “The Angel Gabriel,” “Silent Night,” “This Joyful Eastertide,” “The Day of Resurrection,” “Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest” and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 55 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke.

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.

GO First – Congregational Outreach Grants available. Details can be found on the District website.

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