

Program for the Week of August 2 – August 9, 2026

Sunday:

8:00 Matins
8:30 Coffee/Fellowship
9:00 Divine Service
10:15 Bible Class
6:00 Meal/Devotion @ Church
7:30 Pool Party @ Tourtellotte

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
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:

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadlin
10:25 Ruth/Lydia/Mary Circle

Friday:

Saturday:

9:30 Blomquist Visitation
11:00 Blomquist Funeral

Sunday:

8:00 Matins
8:30 Coffee/Fellowship
9:00 Divine Service
10:15 Bible Class
4:30 Book Club

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Doris Emich to share God's Word.

Pool Party! Join us TONIGHT Sunday, August 2nd for a meal, devotion, and open swimming. We will meet at church at 6pm for a grilled meal with fixings. Following the meal Pastor Koopman will lead us in a devotion. Then we'll head to Tourtelotte Park for two hours of swimming. If you can't make it to the meal, meet us at the pool. The pool is rented from 7:30 – 9:30pm. All are welcome, invite your friends and family.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in August, please contact Cindy Hobbs, 507-995-9894.

SAGES in person August Board Meeting is at Peace in Arlington on Tuesday, **August 4th** at 10am – noon. (Ride needed) Call Trudy – 507-327-7082

Ruth/Lydia/Mary Bible Study meets on Thursday, August 6th at 10:10 with fellowship and refreshment in the Fireplace room. The 10:25 Bible study is Blessing in Disguise from "The Least of These" on pages 20-21 of the Summer Quarterly. New; monthly leaders, August is Gwen Cattrysse

Zone LWML Board meeting, Wednesday, August 26th at 7pm.

Arlington Zone Fall Rally is September 19th here at Our Savior. Thanks to all volunteers. Excited for this time together in the fall with neighboring churches. Lutheran Women in Mission Zone Fall Rally – **See to it that no one takes you and your children, your grandchildren, and your fellow Christians captive** – Rev. Thompson. More and more we live in a post-Christian culture where deceptions and lies are not recognized as deceptions and lies. Certain false worldviews and beliefs have taken society by storm, including some that are essentially insane. They are promoted and embedded in culture, trying to push

true Christianity further to the fringes and often taking Christians – young Christians – captive. But when Christians are instructed in **How to Identify Deceptive Worldviews** they develop discernment, confidence, encouragement, and most importantly, they are able to point others to Christ – his person, his work, and the salvation he accomplished. *"See to it that . . . (Colossians 2:8).*

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

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 16:8 – "For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light." Money is a tool that can be used for good or wicked purposes. Oftentimes unbelievers show more shrewdness in this than us Christians. If we really believe all that stuff we say in the Creed every Sunday . . . won't that affect how we use our money?

Listen to KFUE.ORG, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. All programs are archived at www.KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week tune in for "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near", our study of the book of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am). On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), we're discussing chapter 26 in the book of Acts. On Free-Text First Friday, Pastor Booe will sit down with Rev. Mark Moss of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. On Concord Matters (Saturday, August 8th) Pastor Finnern is beginning a study of the Formula of Concord.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Return Trip" is the modern-day story of a prodigal daughter. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Dennis Brech from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, who will present a message titled "Enough and More" based on Matthew 14:13-21. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Essential Exercise For The Christian Mind... 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 show subjects include: Karl Marx's Fascination with the Devil, The Fall of the Great Republics, Reducing Theology to Pithy Slogans, First-Century Jewish Historian Josephus on Jesus and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is please to present its annual Summer Noontime Organ Recitals on Tuesdays at 12:10pm. August 4th features John Baumann at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South 2nd Street, Mankato. The recitals are free and open to the public. Visit www.agosiouxtrails.org for more information.

August Christian Publications: in the Narthex or Mission Center for you. Mite Prayer Calendar – Lutheran Bible Translators – Lutheran Witness (with MNSO District news) read Talking Points with President Woodford – Portals of Prayer – WOM – Quarterly – Voice for Public Policy, Sagacity, Lutheran Hour Ministry News, Doorstep News, August Pray for Us. Go to Orphan Grain Train website to see needs and directions for individual donation. Follow along with publication News.

LCC Training Workshop – (Lutheran Church Charities) Spiritual First Aid Training. August 28-29, Fort Dodge, Iowa. Learn the basics of Spiritual First Aid™, a biblically informed framework for crisis care.

SAGES Older Adult Ministry – Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving. Mankato Circuit 20 and Arlington Circuit 19 have openings for two more representatives. Pick up a copy of the July-September Sagacity in the Narthex, or view on-line at <https://mnsdistrict.org/sages>. Contact Ernie Freudenburg at ekfreud@gmail.com.

August VOICE in your mailbox last week with Our Savior information for August.

Ministry and Discipline in the Midst of the Digital Age. August 12-14, 2026, Messiah Lutheran Church, La Crescent. Speaker: Rev. Dr. David Petersen. Contact: Rev. Mark Meier for more information – 507-895-5673

LCMS: You will be interested to know that LCMS Disaster Response and Training feature new needs and events each week. Please check these out: 1) LCMS Disaster Response & Training, 2) Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) program; 3) The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. <https://www.lcms.org/disaster>; <https://www.facebook.com/LCMSDisasterResponse>; LCMS LERT: www.lcms-lert.org.

Faith Family Reunion: Saturday, October 17th, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Owatonna, is sponsoring a retreat for parents of children who have left the Christian faith. For more information, or to register, go to: <https://www.faithfamilyreunion.com/-Good-Shepherd-Lutheran-Church>. Registration deadline is October 10th. Cost is \$15

If you do not want to golf at the **Camp Omega Endowment Fund Golf Benefit** on Monday August 10th at Valleywood Golf Course, located at 4851 McAndrews Road, Apple Valley, come and enjoy a TACO BAR buffet, served by Hollywood Sports Catering service, and a chance of winning some great raffle prizes donated from Bass Pro and other donors. Cost is \$20.00 for the buffet that begins at 5:00 p.m. RSVP is required by August 8 to Deb Vinkemeier at 612-720-7264 or Camp Omega Office at 507-685-4266 but you are welcome to come that day if you did not RSVP. Come to Valleywood Golf Course August 10th to enjoy a great tasting Taco, fellowship, and support a child to come to Camp Omega Camp to grow in their faith.

Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is looking for a part-time Learning Support Specialist for the upcoming school year. If you are a licensed special ed teacher or a paraprofessional that would be able to serve about 10 hours a week please contact the MLHS office.

ENROLL TODAY: Families with students entering grades 7–12 are invited to enroll today for the 2026–2027 school year at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop. At MLHS, students receive a Christ-centered education that prepares both their hearts and minds for a life of faith, service, and learning.