

Program for the Week of July 26 – August 2, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

1:30 Endowment Board

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

Saturday:

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

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Joan Timm in loving memory of Richard and Jeffrey.

This morning we recognize Dustin Zachow and Joanne Gamm as members of our congregation by Profession of Faith. They will publicly speak their belief in the Faith taught in the Holy Scriptures and confirmed in the Small Catechism. Please greet and welcome Dusty and Joanne as your new brother and sister in Christ.

Pool Party! Join us next 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 Tourtellotte 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.

Dr. Reed Lessing, Professor of Theology & Ministry, Director of The Center for Biblical Studies at Concordia St. Paul will be at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 15th to speak about his book "Overcoming Life's Sorrows: Learning Through Jeremiah". This is a free event (door offerings will be accepted), lunch and light snacks will be provided. Registration begins at 8am, the event is from 9am – 3pm. Use the QR code to register. Walk-ins are welcome. Books will be available to purchase.



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 3rd at 10am – noon. (Ride needed.) SAGES – Older Adult Ministry – Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving. Mankato Circuit (20) and Arlington Circuit (19) have openings for two or more representatives. Pick up a copy of the July-Sept Sagacity in the narthex, or view online at: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages>.

Ruth/Lydia/Mary Bible Study meets on Thursday, August 6th at 10:10 with fellowship and refreshment in the Fireplace room. The 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 Catrysse.

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.

July 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, July Pray for Us. Go to Orphan Grain Train website to see needs and directions for individual donation. Follow along with publication.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Jeremiah 23:17 – “They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” Jeremiah’s day sounds a lot like our own, with self-appointed prophets in the popular media telling people exactly what they want to hear. But preachers of the true Word of the Lord do us the sometimes-difficult favor of telling us *what is actually true*. And that often challenges us, shows us our sins and calls us to repentance.

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 we’ll study Matthew 12 and 13, “The Reign of Heaven Stands Near” on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am). Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) as we move forward in our study of Acts with chapter 21. Listen to The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9am). This is Bach Week, we’ll be airing special episodes each day in commemoration of the church musician, J.S. Bach.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Man in the Middle” features two men who are left with a ‘secret’ when one tells he has terminal cancer. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Dennis Brech from Trinity Lutheran Church in Currie, who will present a message titled “David’s Lord and Son Exclusive” based on Matthew 13:44-52. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

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 show topics include: Pope Leo’s Encyclical on Artificial Intelligence, The Lord’s Prayer in Lutheran Worship, A Lutheran View of the Scholastics, The Population Bust and more. You can listen on-demand 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. July 28th features Elisabeth Urtel 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.

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.

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.

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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.

Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is looking for an office manager beginning immediately. The position is full-time 7:30am to 3:30pm five days a week when school is in session and part-time during the summer. If interested, please contact the MLHS office at 507-436-5249.

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.