

Program for the Week of August 16 – August 23, 2026

Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

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

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday:

4:00 Outreach Missions

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

12:00 The Voice Deadline

Saturday:

Sunday:

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

Chancel flowers are provided by Gene & Judy Mensing.

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Trudy Wiechmann. Jesus says: "If anyone **hears** my voice and opens the door, I will come in." Revelation 3:20 NIV

This morning we recognize Madi Mangulis and Isaac Mangulis as members of the congregation. Madi and Isaac have completed Confirmation instruction and will publicly proclaim their faith and their intention to hear God's Word and receive his gifts faithfully. Please greet and welcome Madi and Isaac as your new sister and brother in Christ.

Mite Sunday thank you "mites for mission" savers. Every member may have a mite box at home. Pick up your personal mite box in the Narthex. Big mite box receive mite on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The August National Grant is #15: Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the USA. Concordia House – Concordia Gospel Outreach, U.S. - \$125,000 – Focus grant for August. **The District Mites Grants** new for the 2026-2028 biennium total is \$272,500 for 12 grants. These are listed on your LWML report insert in today's Bulletin.

Music Lessons: The Our Savior Conservatory of Music is now registering new and returning students for fall music lessons! We have openings available for voice, guitar, flute, violin, viola, trumpet, trombone and piano. Please contact Suzie Gangi: suzie@oslcmandato.org

Outreach Missions will meet this Wednesday, August 19th, at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

The Deadline for the September 2026 issue of *The Voice* is Friday, August 21st at noon. Please drop of any submissions in the church office or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org. Thank you.

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

Our Savior Endowment Fund provides Scholarships. The Endowment Board approved \$12,200 in scholarship funds for eight student members of Our Savior's who are attending Concordia Classical Academy (CCA) in North Mankato, \$3500 for one post-secondary member who is attending a LCMS institution in preparation for a career in full-time church work, and \$1625 for two student members who are taking on-line classes at Wittenberg Academy in Chatfield, MN. Please consider making an offering/donation to our Endowment Fund, as you are able, to support our students, missionaries, etc. in the years to come.

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

Arlington Zone Fall Rally – will be taking place on September 19th at Our Savior Lutheran Church – Pick up your personal black and white poster with all the information in the Narthex.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Luke 18:11-12 – "The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'" The Pharisees got so much right, and so much wrong. It's a good thing for this Pharisee to be faithful to his wife and faithful in his giving to the Lord's work, but these things are worthless if they proceed from a prideful heart! After all, what do we have to be proud of? If we have followed the Lord's ways, we have only done our duty. Better to be thankful (and amazed!) that the Lord has blessed us by making our giving part of His work!

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

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 our study of the book of Matthew, "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near" continues on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am) with chapters 16-18. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) we move forward in our study of the minor prophets with the book of Nahum. Listen to Concord Matters this Saturday (August 22 at 10am). Pastor Brady Finner is leading a new study through the Formula of Concord, and we'll be discussing the controversies which led up to the Formula's writing.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Jeremy", deals with the relationship between a mother and a mentally challenged son who lives in a home. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jeffery Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, who will present a message titled "Perseverance" based on Matthew 15:21-28. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Truth, Goodness, Beauty... 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 teachings include: What Is Critical Theory?, The Reliability of the Bible, The Population Bust, The Term "Flesh" in the Bible and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

In the Lutheran Witness supplement, Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford has an article "Faith in Doctrine and Mission." There are articles on the LWML convention, Go First, and The Way of Life Convocation Sept. 11-12.

August Christian Publications: are 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.

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.

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.

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

Concordia Publishing House Fall sale catalog is in the mission center.

Youth Apologetic 2026: "Identity and Confidence: Who I Am", Saturday, September 19th, 9am – 2pm, doors open at 8:45am. Free admission. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 404 W. Franklin St., Morristown, MN. RSVP to: pastorweslieodom@gmail.com

Rewatch the 31st Biennial Convention. (all four sessions). <https://www.facebook.com/MNSLV>, and <https://youtube.com/channel/>

Grow as a Leader. Whether you're a pastor, church staff member, ministry leader, elder or volunteer, you're invited to the PLI Collective Leadership Training, hosted at Living Christ Lutheran Church (820 Lake Drive, Chanhassen) on August 26-28. If you're passionate about helping people grow in Christ and strengthening the mission of the Church, this training is for you. For more information, go to: <https://www.plicollectivemsp.org>

Lutheran Confessions Study: Date: August 27, 2026. Time: 10 am – 2 pm – catered meal at noon. Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, 216 McLeod Ave. N., Plato

Minnesota South LWML 2026 Convention
The Peace of Christ Convention Reports from OSLC Delegates
June 18–20, 2026 • Mankato, Minnesota

Vicky Senne – OSLC delegate

Good afternoon, everyone.

I had the privilege of attending the 2026 LWML Minnesota South District Convention in Mankato. Our theme was "The Peace of Christ," based on Colossians 3:15–16: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts... And be thankful."

Throughout the convention, we were reminded that Christ's peace is not something we create for ourselves; it is His gift to us. Because of that peace, we can serve Him with joy and confidence, even in difficult times.

We were blessed by excellent speakers. Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing led the Bible study, Michelle Diercks encouraged us through her keynote presentations, and Rev. Allan Reed served as the convention proclaimer. Each of them continually pointed us back to God's Word and to the comfort and peace found in Jesus.

The convention also included worship, music, prayer, fellowship, and district business. Delegates elected officers, considered district matters, and selected mission grants for the coming biennium. One exciting piece of news is that our Minnesota South District exceeded its mite goal for the last biennium, with more than \$277,000 given to support mission work. What a wonderful reminder that every mite truly makes a difference as we share the Gospel locally and around the world.

Another highlight was participating in the "Gifts from the Heart" project, which supported The New Freedom Store, along with other opportunities to encourage mission outreach.

I came home thankful for the opportunity to worship with Lutheran women from across southern Minnesota and encouraged by the many ways God is working through LWML. The convention reminded me that we are united in Christ and that each of us has been given gifts to serve Him wherever He has placed us.

Thank you for your prayers, your support, and your faithful mite offerings, which make this mission work possible.

May we all continue to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts as we serve Him together.

Thank you.

Thank you Vicky and Kathy
for being our delegates
and bringing us back the good news
of missions at home and around the world.
Making Christ known from Colossians 3:15 "The Peace of Christ"

Kathy Taylor – OSLC delegate

This was my first year to be a delegate for the LWML Minnesota South District Convention held June 18–20, 2026, at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato. Learning about the missions LWML supports and meeting new sisters in Christ was truly a great experience.

The convention theme, "**The Peace of Christ**," was based on Colossians 3:15–16a, encouraging participants to let Christ's peace rule in their hearts while serving Him together.

Delegates and guests gathered for worship, Bible study, inspirational presentations, mission-focused activities, and Christian fellowship. Through convention business, delegates elected district officers, approved the 2026–2028 mission grants, and conducted other district business that will guide the work of the Minnesota South District over the next biennium.

Special convention offerings, Gifts from the Heart donations, and continued support of the Mite Box ministry demonstrated the members' commitment to sharing the Gospel locally and around the world. Participants returned home encouraged by God's Word and inspired to continue serving joyfully in their congregations and communities.

The convention reminded everyone that, as sisters in Christ, we are united in His peace and called to share His love through witness, service, and generous support of missions.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Mission Grant Beneficiaries

The **2026–2028 LWML Minnesota South District Mission Grants** approved by delegates at the June 2026 convention are funded through district Mite offerings. The district adopted a **biennium mission goal of \$272,500**, with grants funded in priority order as mite offerings are received.

Priority Mission Grant Beneficiary		Grant Amount
1	The New Freedom Store	\$30,000
2	Lutheran Island Camp	\$30,000
3	Concordia University, St. Paul – Church Worker Scholarships	\$25,000
4	Orphan Grain Train	\$25,000
5	Camp Omega	\$25,000
6	Lutheran Bible Translators	\$25,000
7	POBLO International	\$20,000
8	Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch	\$20,000
9	Lutheran Braille Workers	\$20,000
10	Mission Central	\$17,500
11	Phil's Friends	\$17,500
12	LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces	\$17,500

Total Mission Goal: \$272,500. Seventy-five percent of Minnesota South District mite offerings support these district mission grants, while the remaining twenty-five percent supports national LWML mission grants and related mission work.