



The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001 **SEPTEMBER 2026**

Sunday School begins September 13th

September 13th – 27th class starts approx. 10:20am
following the 9am service

Starting October 4th, class starts approx. 9:20am
following the 8am service

Classes & Activities

Little Lambs (age 3 – K) ▪ Meet upstairs in the classroom

1st & 2nd grade ▪ Meet in the Sanctuary

3rd – 6th grade ▪ Meet in the Sanctuary

Youth (7th–12th grade) ▪ Meet upstairs in the
Youth Room

2nd Graders will receive their own Bible and 3rd Graders will
receive their own catechism during the 9am service on
September 13th

On September 27th, all students and parents please meet in
the Sanctuary for information and handouts for the
Christmas Service, which will be December 20th

Memory Challenge: Look for memory work to come home to
practice

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Office hours are Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Unless there is an activity or event taking place, please use door #1.

In case of emergency or urgent need, our pastors are available at all hours and all days by calling their cell phone. Please use the office phone for other business. Please also remember that Sunday morning and other worship times are not for bringing church business to other members or staff but for focusing upon the Word and gifts of God. "The seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work." - Exodus 20:10

“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” -Isaiah 43:19

These words come from the Lord who speaks to His people in exile. Israel’s wilderness was real—captivity, judgment for sin, a desert of their own making. Yet God does not say, “Pull yourselves together and find a way out.” He declares, “I am doing a new thing.” The initiative is entirely His.

This is pure Gospel. The Law has already done its work: it has shown us the barren places of our lives—our stubborn hearts, our failed resolutions, the dry wilderness of self-reliance. We cannot manufacture newness. We cannot dig rivers in the desert by our own effort. The old Adam is always trying to renovate himself, and he always fails.

But God is not in the renovation business. He is in the business of creation and recreation. In Christ He has already done the ultimate new thing. At the cross the old world of sin and death was judged; in the resurrection the new creation broke forth. Baptism plunges us into that same death and resurrection, so that daily the old self is drowned and the new man arises to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

“Do you not perceive it?” Faith alone perceives what the eyes cannot see. In the wilderness of ordinary life—Monday mornings, lingering guilt, unanswered prayers—God is still making a way. He does it through the living Word that creates what it declares, through the Sacraments that deliver the new life already won for us. The rivers in the desert are not our achievements; they are Christ’s living water flowing freely to the thirsty.

So this September, as seasons change and new beginnings press upon us, do not look first to your own strength. Look to the

One who speaks a new thing into existence. He who made a way through the Red Sea and a way through the grave is still at work. Trust Him. Receive Him. The new has come—not because you have started over, but because He has made all things new in Christ.

*Lord, open our eyes to perceive the new work you have for us.
Amen.*



In Memoriam

Timothy Lynn Brunz

December 3, 1967 ~ August 19, 2026

Accessions & Losses

Accessions:

Joanne Glamm; Affirmation of Faith; July 23, 2026

Madi Mangulis; Adult Confirmation; August 16, 2026

Isaac Mangulis; Adult Confirmation; August 16, 2026

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 Matins

8:30 Coffee/Fellowship

9:00 Divine Service

10:15 Bible Study for all ages

*The summer schedule is effective through **September 27th***

SUNDAY MATINS

Radio broadcast on Sundays at 9am

Each week, our pastor records the Sunday sermon or another message for broadcast on KTOE, 1420 AM at 9am. If you would like to sponsor this broadcast for a week or a month or more, please contact the church office to reserve your Sunday. The cost for each Sunday is \$20.

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'rence greet Him. For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal. Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You. - LSB 636:2

The hymn writer, Johann Franck (1618-1677), a lawyer and politician in Guben, Brandenburg, wrote this beloved hymn in pious devotion to our Lord who comes to us in His true body and blood in the sacrament of the altar. Stanza two uses the well-loved image of Christ as the Bridegroom and the church as His bride, and in the Lord's Supper we gladly greet our Bridegroom. But how does the church greet her Lord? With reverence.

Our culture is mostly very casual and informal today. We don't use titles very regularly, we typically refer to each other by first name, casual Friday seems to be every day, and the common language we use tends to border on the vulgar. What this means is that in a laissez faire culture, such as our own, it makes formality and reverence that much more powerful. When we take extra inconvenient steps to behave with reverence we are making a statement that the thing we are doing is very important to us. This reverence reminds us (and it teaches others) of the significance of a thing.

Thus, Christians have adopted many reverent and pious practices during the entire Divine Service, such as making the sign of the cross, bowing, kneeling, etc. Some of these reverent practices are most prevalent when we receive the sacrament of the altar. Let us think about a few of them.

Bowing. When we approach the altar, before we kneel, we bow. We do not bow to the pastors or elders, but to God. We are approaching the throne room of the Lord, and we bow in worship of God.

Kneeling. After we bow, we kneel before the Lord. We do so because we are receiving Christ in all humility. Kneeling is a very humble posture. It's a weak, prone, position, by which we physically acknowledge our lowliness before God.

Reception. When we receive the body of Christ we do so directly on our tongues, reminding us that God feeds us and we passively receive this gift from Him. Or we receive His body upon our hands and then into our mouths. Here we make a throne for God, placing one hand on the other, not grabbing at our Lord's body but receiving Him as gift.

We receive the blood of Christ from the chalice, taking hold of the bottom of the chalice, to help guide it into our mouths, remembering that we drink from the one cup because we have all been made one in Christ. Or if we drink from the individual cups, we carefully pick up the cup, drink every last drop, and then hold it carefully and set it down gently so as not to accidentally let a drop of Christ's precious blood be spilled on the floor.

Sign of the Cross. We sign ourselves with the cross after reception, by which we remember our Lord's passion and death which feeds us this feast; by which we remember our baptism into Christ; by which we remember through the body and blood of Jesus sacrificed on the cross and given to us here in the supper we are sealed in Christ and granted protection from Satan's attacks.

Upon returning to the pew we offer God our thanks in prayer, receiving this good gift in joy and gratitude, remembering that by it the Lord is strengthening our faith, forgiving our sins, uniting us with Christ, and granting us eternal life. Through these reverent practices we teach ourselves and one another of the profound greatness of what Christ is delivering.

Prayer Shawls

No Prayer Shawls were given out this month. If you need one, call Marcella at 507-317-4127.

Thought for the day: Exercise daily, walk with the Lord.

Council Meeting Minutes
Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 North Broad St, Mankato, MN
June 9, 2026

Members present: Dan Gahler, Nancy Benson, Judd Schultz, Pastor Matheny, Pastor Koopman, Eileen Heintz, Gideon Baldwin, Terrin Baldwin, Mark Wellner, Rob Hobbs, Chris Anderson, Gary Fladland, Andrew Bittner

Absent: Samantha Tess

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dan Gahler at 6:31 pm.

2. Pastor Matheny opened with prayer.

3. Pastor Koopman led Bible study of John 5. Next month will be John 6.

4. Additions/Approval of Agenda

Motion made and seconded to approve agenda with removal of an update on congregational notification ideas. Motion carried.

5. Approval of May 12, 2026 Council Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve May 12, 2026 Council minutes. Motion carried.

6. Pastors' Reports

Pastor Matheny: Started summer schedule this past Sunday.

Pastor Koopman: Issued an apology for an incorrect statement on MN Valley Chorale: the funding loss was not due to woke issues.

7. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was given by Gary Fladland. Motion made and seconded to approve the May 31, 2026 OSLC Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Discussion followed about how to solve the annual short-term summer budget crunch.

8. Unfinished Business:

A) Status regarding OSLC Constitution/Bylaws

Still waiting to hear from Alliance Defending Freedom. Judd Schultz sent the most updated copy to the Council by email to

review for any other needed changes. Ideas and concerns brought up by congregation members have been addressed in this updated version. Joe Gangi will be hired to review it professionally.

9. New Business:

A) Board Approval for Council Member at Large

John Erdman has volunteered to be added to the OSLC Council as Council Member at Large. Motion made and seconded to approve him for this position. Motion carried.

B) Discuss Custodian Pay Rate

The Trustees are still working on hiring a custodian. It is difficult to hire someone young at the base rate plus benefits since younger people generally don't care as much about the benefits package. A motion was made and seconded to cap the custodian salary pay at the equivalent of \$24 per hour. Motion carried.

C) Discuss Placards Displaying the Hymns in the Sanctuary

The placards require a ladder to change the hymn numbers, which is a safety concern for people unsteady on ladders. Discussion followed on various solutions, including: not using them since hymns are printed in the bulletin, asking acolytes to take on this task, and looking into replacing them either with something electronic or removable placards that lift down. Trustees will continue to look into solutions.

10. Board sharing:

Elders: Andrew Bittner gave the report. First communion examination has taken place, and they will soon go before the congregation. Suzi Gangi was hired to start as Church Secretary in October. She will continue to assist with the Music Conservatory, but the music coordinator position will need to be filled. To increase lifelong church involvement, the Elders are developing a Womb to tomb discipleship program of intense, clear, service and mission focused opportunities for boys and girls separately, to give both boys and girls more opportunities to do things in church as well as spaces to grow

into men and women, with the goal of teaching that both are needed in church while honoring their different interests and needs. Strong discussion followed about the wording of the Elders report. The Elders are continuing to develop the specifics of the Womb to Tomb Discipleship program.

Trustees: Chris Anderson gave the report. Trustees will have a work day July 11th, time TBD depending on weather. The boiler equipment is in and work will start soon.

Deacons: Terrin Baldwin gave the report. The Church Picnic will be June 28th. They are also hosting a meal for the Bike Build Home event put on by Habitat for Humanity.

Endowment: Rob gave the report. The next meeting is July 29, 2026.

11. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.
13. The next Council meeting: July 14, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Heintz, Secretary
OSLC Council

**Council Meeting Minutes
Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 North Broad St, Mankato, MN
July 14, 2026**

Members present: Dan Gahler, John Erdman, Nancy Benson, Judd Schultz, Pastor Koopman, Eileen Heintz, Gideon Baldwin, Terrin Baldwin, Rob Hobbs, Gary Fladland, Andrew Bittner, Pastor Matheny

Absent: Samantha Tess, Mark Wellner, Chris Anderson,

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dan Gahler at 6:32 pm.
2. Pastor Koopman opened with prayer.

3. Laura Matheny present on the Lutheran Home School Co-op potentially using the OSLC facilities on Tuesday mornings, beginning in the fall.
4. Pastor Matheny was contacted by a 3 congregation parish who have a vacancy, asking if he and Pastor Koopman can give them some time. Their request is being considered.
5. Pastor Koopman led Bible study of John 6. Next month will be John 7.
6. Additions/Approval of Agenda
Motion made and seconded to approve agenda with the addition of discussing the home school coop using the building. Motion carried.
7. Approval of June 9, 2026 Council Minutes
Motion made and seconded to approve June 9, 2026 Council minutes with a slight phrasing change to the Elders' board sharing. Motion carried.
8. Pastors' Reports
Pastor Matheny: Not present.
Pastor Koopman: Has a conference at the end of the month, presenting at a conference in North Dakota in the middle of September.
9. Treasurer's Report
Treasurer's Report was given by Gary Fladland. We're still behind for the year, but this last month was positive for giving. An additional payment to the mortgage was made this past month, decreasing the final balloon payment. Motion made and seconded to approve the June 30, 2026 OSLC Treasurer's report. Motion carried.
10. Unfinished Business:
 - A) Status regarding OSLC Constitution/Bylaws
Joe Gangi has the current version and is looking at it this week. Once he responds, any changes have to be presented at 2 Voters meetings, then voted on at the 3rd meeting to accept before being sent to the district.
11. New Business:

A) Home School Co-op Using the Church Building

Laura Matheny presented on a home school coop using the OSLC facilities. A motion was made to accept the Lutheran Home School Co-op using the building with a written memo of understanding, pending a review of any insurance coverage implications and with a good faith contribution or replenishment of any used supplies. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

12. Board sharing:

Elders: Andrew Bittner gave the report. In light of a MN Christian school shooting last year, discussion took place about how to keep Church Services safe. Our current insurance would not cover being sued from physically removing protesters or active threats, so they are looking into additional insurance coverage. Continued the conversation about the leadership paths for young men and women in church.

Endowment: Rob gave the report. The Endowment Fund will send their portion of the CCA donation soon. The next meeting is July 29, 2026.

Deacons: Terrin Baldwin gave the report. The Church Picnic was June 28th and went very well; thanks to all who helped. This week they will be hosting the Habitat for Humanity bicyclers.

Trustees: No one present to give the report.

13. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

14. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

15. The next Council meeting: August 11, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Heintz, Secretary
OSLC Council



Articles for the October 2026
VOICE are due by Friday,
September 18th at noon. You may
drop-off submissions in the office, or e-mail to:
contact@oslcmandato.org.

Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending July 31, 2026

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$25,435.17	\$348,387.83
Operating Expenses	(\$43,100.16)	(\$370,304.46)
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	(\$949.27)	(\$28,658.77)
Net for Period[†]	(\$18,614.26)	(\$50,575.40)

[†]Positive net value indicates we received more than our expenses, a negative number indicates that we have spent more than we have received for that period (deficit).

Cash Summary

	Amount	Notes
Checking Account	\$10,938.99	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$211,859.85	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$13,768.78	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,136.28	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	
Total Cash Assets	\$256,703.90	
Dedicated Accounts	(\$233,144.39)	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	(\$3,728.33)	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$19,831.18	

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$162,238.06
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	6.25% (Aug. 2026-Jul 2027)
Pay-off Date (Pay-off Amount)	July 2036 (\$0.00)

Submitted by,
Gary Fladland, Treasurer

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Endowment Fund Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2026

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-Scholar Fund</u>	<u>Scholar Fund</u>
Beginning Principal	\$10,893.79	\$100.00	\$10,793.79
1995 to 2025 Gifts Received	\$618,978.85	\$439,234.93	\$179,743.92
1995 to 2025 Int + Dividend Inc.	\$416,278.32	\$277,805.85	\$138,472.47
1995-2025 Change in Mrkt Value	\$101,977.84	\$40,792.50	\$61,185.34
1995 to 2025 Disbursements	<u>(\$520,809.75)</u>	<u>(\$330,322.68)</u>	<u>(\$190,487.07)</u>
Fund Balances: 30 Year Totals	\$627,319.05	\$427,610.60	\$199,708.45

2026 OSLC Member Gifts	\$1,834.00	\$907.00	\$927.00
2026 Int. + Dividend Inc.	\$8,593.42	\$4,296.71	\$4,296.71
2026 Change in Mkt Value	\$20,981.52	\$10,490.76	\$10,490.76
2026 Lng/Shrt Term Cap.Gain	\$16,705.22	\$8,352.61	\$8,352.61
2026 Disbursements	<u>(\$1,732.32)</u>	<u>(\$1,732.32)</u>	\$0.00

Total Fund Balances:	2026	\$673,700.89	\$449,925.36	\$223,775.53
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Wells Fargo checking	\$15,936.23
LCMS Foundation	\$657,764.66

Total balances: 2026	<u>\$673,700.89</u>
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2026 Disbursements:

Concordia Adopt a Student	\$	
Concordia Classical Academy	\$	
Together in Mission	\$	
Concordia Univ. Chicago	\$	
Concordia Univ. St. Paul	\$	
LCMS Colloquy Program	\$	
Fees – LCMS	\$	1,732.32

Total 2026 Disbursements	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,732.32</u>
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We will not have Game Night in September, as it falls during Labor Day weekend.

October will be our last Outdoor Game Night for the year. We'll meet at Seven Mile Creek Park at 4pm. More information to follow.

Our Savior's Outreach Missions

Outreach Missions will meet on Wednesday, September 16th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and help with the projects.



The Mission Center has stories and details on many LCMS projects at home and away. Yes, we begin with home, spreading out to others. Every age can have a mission. Some we do together at Our Savior. Homeless Kits, Bracelets, Christmas Child, Eye Glasses, Chrstian Reading, Visiting, etc. Praise the Lord!

Wednesday Night Meals and Devotions

Wednesday Night Meals and devotions start back up September 16th! Please join us for this time of fellowship, food, and fun. The meal begins at 6pm. The devotion begins at 6:45pm. If you are interested in helping with the meals, please see the sign up in the Fireplace Room, or talk to Michelle Rottermond.

Bible Study Circles

Summer Theme: "Blessings in Disguise"



LWML Ruth, Lydia and Mary Circles meet Thursday, September 3 for a Bible study from the Summer Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, God's Heart-Changing "No" on pages 22-23, led by Joanne Glamm.

Plan to join us in the Fireplace Room at 10:10am for refreshments and fellowship followed by the study at 10:25a.m.

(New: Each month a member of the circle may volunteer to lead. Call Gwen Cattrysse, 507-340-4991, or Trudy Wiechmann, 507-327-7082.)

Trust God, he has promised to Love, Forgive, and Care for us ALWAYS!

All ladies of Our Savior are welcome. Use the back parking lot entrance.



Quilting

Quilting begins Monday, September 14th from 9am – noon (in rooms 124/126). Come when you can, leave when you like. We will be pinning tops, middles, and backs together. No sewing experience is necessary. All help is welcome!



Reformation Presentation

Join us on Wednesday, October 28 for a special Reformation presentation led by our students. Students will research, write, and present their findings about Martin Luther and the Reformation, exploring its history and impact on the Christian Church.

An informational meeting for students and families interested in participating will be held on Wednesday, September 9 at 7pm (following the Confirmation parent/student meeting).

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about church history while developing their research and presentation skills. We invite everyone to come and support our students as they share what they have learned!

For more information, reach out to Kristen Teigum at Kristenteigum1@gmail.com.

LCMS National Convention

The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod took place July 18 – 23, 2026 in Phoenix, Arizona, under the theme “Christ Is Risen Indeed” (1 Corinthians 15:20-22). You can watch the opening worship and all the business sessions at:

<https://www.lcms.org/convention/national/livestream>

Youth Group

Youth Group activities will start again in September with a tentative plan for the WowZone September 20th, 6 – 8pm. Watch your mail for a letter with school year events and join our GroupMe!



Youth Apologetics Day 2026

“Identity & Confidence: Who I Am”
Saturday, September 19 ▪ 9am – 2pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Morristown

Pastor Andrew Packer from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Collinsville, IL will be speaking on Identity and Confidence – Who Am I?

This is a free event, geared towards high schoolers, but younger youth are invited. (Donations are welcome.) Lunch is provided.

Please contact Zak Tess at 920-265-8436, if you are interested. RSVP deadline is September 15th.



2026 Minnesota South District Youth Day

October 10, 10am – 5pm
Concordia University, St. Paul
\$30 per person

Youth in grades 6 – 12 are invited to meet at Concordia St. Paul for a day filled with speakers, fun activities, lunch and a servant event for the St. Paul Outreach Center. Donations will be collected for the New Freedom Store as well.

For more information, or to register, go to:
<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/2026-district-youth-day>



***"My Heart is Steadfast, O God; I will Sing and Make
Music with All My Soul" Psalm 108:1***

Rehearsals begin again on September 16! We are excited to begin a new season of rehearsals! We need your help to make our groups great! Please consider joining a group.

Rehearsal Times:

Intro Choir: 4:40-5:10

Intro Bells: 5:10-5:40 (Rehearsals for Intro Bells will begin

October 21)

Brass: 5:25-5:45

Handbells: 5:45-6:15

Vocal Choir: 7-7:30

Music Lessons- The Our Savior Conservatory of Music Fall Session is now registering students for private music lessons! We have openings available in piano, voice, guitar, flute, violin, viola, trumpet, and trombone. Other instruments, please inquire! Contact Suzie Gangi with questions.

Blessings,
Suzie Gangi
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Watch Our Savior's Sunday Worship

Our Savior's Sunday worship is livestreamed. Go to: www.youtube.com and search for our channel, Our Savior Lutheran Church Mankato, MN. Or you can watch anytime at your convenience. You can also view the Order of Service, and keep up with church activities in the Bulletin Announcements from our website.



Men's Annual Boundary Waters Trip

Adult men of OSLC, join us for our annual men's canoe trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCA), September 23 – 27.

Enjoy hiking, fishing, hunting, daily time in God's Word, and singing praises with brothers in Christ in the beauty of God's creation. No prior outdoor experience is necessary! The estimated cost is about \$100 per person, which includes permits, canoe rentals, and travel expenses.

Interested? Contact Zak Tess at 920-265-8436 or speak with him after church for more information.



OUR SAVIOR ENDOWMENT FUND PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Endowment Board approved \$12,200 in scholarship funds for 8 student members of Our Savior Lutheran Church who are attending Concordia Classical Academy (CCA) in North Mankato. The board approved a \$3500.00 scholarship for 1 post-secondary member who is attending a

LCMS institution in preparation for a career in full time church work. The board also approved \$1625.00 in scholarship funds for 2 student members that are taking online 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.

Our Savior Ladies

“All of You”

Share with each other the excitement of the Zone Rally here at Our Savior. Register by September 11th, calling 507-385-2180 and giving your name and congregation.

Lutheran Women in Mission Fall Rally theme is “See to it that No One Takes You (& your children, your grandchildren, and your fellow Christians...) Captive”. September 19th, 9:30am – noon (registration at 9am). Guest speaker is Rev. David Thompson, Director of The Center for Apologetics and Worldviews.

More and more we live in a post-Christian culture where deceptions and lies are not recognized as deceptions and lies. 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.

Our Savior Young at Heart/District S.A.G.E.S. LHM / LLL

Lutheran Hour Ministries • Lutheran Layman League

Publications to read (more information than can go in The Voice): Sagacity, Public Policy, Lutheran Layman, Lutheran Witness, LWML Quarterly, MOST Ministries. Get copies from the Narthex, Mission Center, or on-line.

One Voice for Public Policy. This alerts us on public policy from Rev. Scot Missling. His blog can be found at:

<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy>

SAGES – Older Adult Ministry, Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving

- Mankato Circuit (20) and Arlington Circuit (19) have openings for two or more representatives.

- Next meeting in October. Do you have suggestions for entertainment? Call Trudy at 507-327-7082.

www.lhm.org • www.mnsdistrict.org/sages



Mites - Mission Grants

Mite Sunday, September 20, the day to bring your small mite box from home to add it to the Our Savior Big Mite Box. The national focus will be in the bulletin.



Our LWML Delegates brought us the New District Grants for 2026-2028 Biennium. The new list will surprise you. Recognize the recipients? Think of the blessings of making Christ known with our small coins. Thanks be to God!

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 & 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

New in Mission Center: A monthly Prayer Guide for your daily use. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support our Lord Jesus Christ would be heard by those who live there or are served by our mite offerings. Each country listed has been a recipient of a mission grant from Lutheran Women in Mission at some time since 1942. What a joy it is to bring these prayers to Our Father's listening ears!

Outreach Committee

Cab rides to services are made possible for our members through Our Savior's Taxi Fund. To procure a ride, call WS Transportation at 507-420-4503 or 507-388-0708. Please call a half hour before you would like to leave. To call for a return ride, you may use the phone in the office or kitchen. Let WS Transportation know where you will be waiting—the front door on Broad Street or the back parking lot door.



LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE

“Again, our worth is never determined by what we do. God has given us value by creating, redeeming, and calling us as His own. Still, we can be comforted knowing that even as we age and reach the point where we can no longer be active, God not only watches over us and cares for us, He accomplishes great and wonderful things through us. May the Lord of life grant us the faith and the strength to bear the crosses of aging in such a way that others are led to see the love of Christ manifest in us!”

Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan

A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life

www.lutheransforlife.org

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Stewardship in the First Commandment

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect this belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

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