



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

National Youth Gathering 2028 Fundraiser

When: October 5th
4:30pm – 8:00pm

Where: Pizza Ranch
1551 Tullamore St. Mankato



Join Our Savior's Youth for some pizza and fun!
We are raising funds for the National Youth
Gathering in July 2028.

We plan on having several fundraisers to build our
budget! Ten percent of all sales and any donations
will go directly to our youth.

If you have any questions contact Rhonda Prince
507-521-0690.

Thanks for your support!

Contact Info:

Church Office: Phone: 507-385-2180
 Fax: 507-345-5113
 contact@oslcmandato.org
 www.oslcmandato.org
 www.facebook.com/oslcmandato

Senior Pastor Office phone: 507-385-2183
Rev. Adam Matheny: matheny@oslcmandato.org
 Emergency number: 812-449-6866

Associate Pastor Office phone: 507-385-2185
Rev. John Koopman: pastorjohnkoopman@gmail.com
 Emergency number: 712-852-6095

Secretary Office phone: 507-385-2180
Sue Hendrickson: sue@oslcmandato.org

Custodian 612-219-4073
Dusty Zachow

Music Coordinator Home phone: 507-341-4173
Suzie Gangi suzie@oslcmandato.org

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

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

-Galatians 6:9

The apostle knows how heavy the work can feel. Sowing to the Spirit looks like ordinary faithfulness: bearing one another's burdens, speaking the truth in love, showing up again when the field looks bare. Weariness is not unbelief. It is the honest fatigue of those who have been given a cross to carry in the place God has put them.

We would rather sleep through harvest. We measure the season by our own calendar and when the fruit is not ready on our schedule we conclude the seed has failed. Left to ourselves we either quit or turn "doing good" into a ladder we climb to prove ourselves.

But the promise does not rest on our stamina. The harvest is already secured in Christ. He sowed His own body into the ground. He did not grow weary of doing the Father's will. On the third day He reaped life from death, and in Holy Baptism that harvest is credited to you. You are already a new creation. The good you do is not the price of the field; it is the fruit that grows because the Seed has been planted in you by Word and Sacrament.

"Due season" belongs to the Lord of the harvest. He is not late. The sheaves will come—sometimes in this life as quiet consolation and neighborly help, always in the resurrection when every tear-sown furrow is gathered with joy. Until then we keep our hands to the work He has given, not to earn the reaping, but because the Reaper has already claimed us.

Lord Jesus, You finished the work we could not finish. Keep us from weariness that forgets Your cross. By Your Spirit let us sow in hope until You bring us home with sheaves. Amen.

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done. - LSB 655:1

This beloved hymn by Martin Luther was penned in 1541. The Muslims (Turks) were expanding into western Europe through military conquest and were taking over predominantly German lands. Luther and others recognized the danger of Muslim invasion and being ruled by Muslims who opposed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After the predominately German city Buda (now called Budapest) was captured by Muslims, the elector Johann Fiedrich instructed Luther to admonish pastors to pray for protection against the Muslims, and as a result we ended up with this hymn.

This hymn was referred to in the Wittenberg hymnal of 1544 as “a children’s hymn to sing against the two archenemies of Christ and His holy Church: the pope and the Turks.” As such, the original German is very pointed and clear about that. The LCMS, prior to 1941, sang the first stanza as follows: “Lord, keep us in Thy word and work, / Restrain the murd’rous pope and Turk, / Who fain would tear from off Thy throne / Christ Jesus, Thy beloved Son.” A fourth and fifth stanza were also later written in 1544 by a fellow Lutheran reformer, Justus Jonas, in response to the Roman Catholic Council of Trent, and these were also sung in the LCMS up until 1941. “Destroy their counsels, Lord our God, / And smite them with an iron rod, / And let them fall into the snare / Which for Thy Christians they prepare.” “So that at last they may perceive / That, Lord our God, Thou still dost live, / And dost deliver mightily / All those who put their trust in Thee.”

This language is very concrete and direct, which is perhaps not as “politically correct” as we are used to today. However, it remains the case that we Christians do face enemies of various kinds. While the Pope is not currently trying to kill Lutherans as

happened in centuries past, the false doctrine of the Papacy is still something we need to guard against. Perhaps today we might include a line against woke cultural Marxism or something of that sort. Nevertheless, the lines against the Muslims do feel remarkably relevant still today given the present conflicts between Islam and the West. 9/11, although a quarter of a century past, is still fresh in our minds. There are about three times as many Muslims in our country today as there were at the time of 9/11.

These things may justifiably cause us some concern. As such, Luther's hymn is very apropos for us to sing with great fervor in our day! Instead of fear, we ought to respond with faith in the Lord, remembering that He will preserve us from the enemies of the church that surround us. He is the only true Lord of heaven and earth, and He will defend His little church against every threat. He will, in the end, destroy every evil power and principality that rages against the church. And He is comforting us with His peace, sustaining us through this strife, and leading us out of death to life.

In the peace of Christ,
Pastor Koopman

Council Meeting Minutes
Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 North Broad St, Mankato, MN
August 11, 2026

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

Absent: Samantha Tess, John Erdman, Judd Schultz

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dan Gahler at 6:30 pm.
2. Pastor Matheny opened with prayer.

3. Pastor Koopman led Bible study of John 7. Next month will be John 8.

4. Additions/Approval of Agenda

Motion made and seconded to approve agenda with the addition of a New Business item of Mission in India. Motion carried.

5. Approval of July 14, 2026 Council Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve July 14, 2026 Council minutes with a few minor corrections. Motion carried.

6. Pastors' Reports

Pastor Matheny: Reed Lessing presentation on Saturday. This is the first of its kind, so feedback is appreciated.

Pastor Koopman: Next month music, catechism, and Wednesday night meals, etc will be starting up again.

7. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was given by Gary Fladland. LCEF Mortgage interest rate has gone down to 6.25% for next year. Motion made and seconded to approve the July 31, 2026 OSLC Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business:

A) Status regarding OSLC Constitution/Bylaws

Joe Gangi is in the process of reviewing and will get back to us when he has finished.

9. New Business:

A) How to Handle Lack of Reports Submitted to the Church

Secretary by Friday Noon for the Monthly Meeting Packets
Sue tries to have Council packets sent out by Friday noon so we can have time to review and prepare for a productive meeting. We could extend the meeting a week, have her send it by Monday noon, or move the Council meeting to Thursday rather than Tuesday. As of now, we will just have a reminder to be aware of the deadline and work to meet it as is.

B) Missions in India

Pastor Heidorn (pastor here many years ago)'s son reached out to us after being contacted by a man whose parents were missionaries in India from 1920-1970 and set up a fund to help missionaries and a seminary in India. Due to issues between the seminary and the Indian government, LCMS Foundation feels they cannot send money to the seminary at this time. Would we like to assume the role of a go-between for the organization and the Indian Lutheran pastors? We do not want to take on another ongoing endowment. However if it's not illegal, immoral, or very involved to get the money to India in one big chunk, we would be open to helping. If this is too big for us, perhaps Hosanna's full-time staff would be in a position to take this on? Dan will give the LCMS Foundation attorney a call to get more information about the situation and also reach out to Hosanna to see if they would consider taking it on.

10. Board sharing:

Elders: Andrew Bittner gave the report. 8:00 am and 10:30 am services will resume this fall, with encouragement for people sitting closer together at the 10:30 am service. The Elders will also continue to encourage OSLC members to attend Bible Study and invite our friends, neighbors, and loved ones to either service so both are full.

Trustees: Chris gave the report. Bob is officially retired. John Bittner will fill in about 15 hours a week, mostly for cleaning the facility. If something beyond cleaning needs doing, contact one of the trustees. Boiler work is progressing: old boilers are out and new boilers are onsite. Doors have been numbered according to the safety plan.

Deacons: Terrin Baldwin gave the report. LWML Fall Rally in September, breakfast and lunch will be served. September 30, 2026 will be the new member dinner.

Endowment: Rob gave the report. The Endowment Fund meeting happened July 29, 2026. Fund did well this quarter. 11 scholarship applications this year, about \$17,000 was given out

in scholarships this year. Still waiting to hear about our Adopt-A-Student recipient. The next meeting is October 28, 2026.

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

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

13. The next Council meeting: September 8, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Heintz, Secretary
OSLC Council



Starting the first Sunday in October, the Elders have decided to lock entrance doors, except door 2 in the narthex, at the start of services. This is for the safety of the congregation. Please keep this in mind if you are arriving after the start of services. Tom Benson

Concordia Classical Academy

We are in our final year of our 3-year pledge of \$20,000 per year to support Concordia Classical Academy at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in North Mankato. CCA offers students a Christ-Centered education helping students grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and develop strong character and critical thinking skills. Eight Our Savior's children are students at CCA

If you would like to help us meet our pledge, please include with your Sunday offering, marking the donation for CCA, or drop off at Our Savior's office. Thank you for your support!

Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending August 31, 2026

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$41,488.76	\$389,876.59
Operating Expenses	(\$51,888.55)	(\$422,193.01)
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	(\$1,001.01)	(\$29,659.78)
Net for Period[†]	(\$11,400.80)	(\$61,976.20)

[†]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	\$26,057.11	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$192,363.49	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$18,760.70	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,136.28	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	
Total Cash Assets	\$257,317.58	
Dedicated Accounts	(\$244,170.67)	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	(\$4,716.52)	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$8,430.39	

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$161,237.05
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



In Memoriam

Norman “Butch” R. Mason

December 30, 1943 ~ August 29, 2026

Joan C. Probach

August 31, 1940 ~ September 4, 2026

Judith “Judi” Mae Harrington

May 1, 1943 ~ September 6, 2026

Holy Baptism

Brynlee Eldoras Felske

Born: August 3, 2026

Baptized: August 30, 2026

Parents: Bryan & Breanna Felske

Avery James William Lemmon

Born: February 3, 2026

Baptized: September 13, 2026

Parents: Logan & Catherine Lemmon

Accessions & Losses

Accessions:

Catherine Lemmon; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Gibbon,
MN, LCMS; September 11, 2026

William & Miriam Novosad; Affirmation of Faith;
September 17, 2026

Rhonda Karels; Affirmation of Faith; September 17, 2026

Losses:

Sarah Schultz, Elizabeth (age 11 months); Trinity Lutheran
Church, Wichita, KS, LCMS; September 11, 2026

Amy Mack, Madelyn, Elsie; Trinity Lutheran Church,
Waterville, MN, LCMS; September 11, 2026

Steven & Kathleen Burnett, Messiah Lutheran Church, North
Mankato, ELCA; September 17, 2026

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.

Prayer Shawls

No Prayer Shawls were given out this month. Thank you to everyone making them. If you'd like to knit or crochet one, call Marcella for pattern, 507-317-4127.



Articles for the November 2026 VOICE are due by Friday, October 16th at noon. You may drop-off submissions in the office, or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org.



Our Annual Altar Guild meeting will take place on Monday, October 5th at 7pm. We will meet in the Fireplace room. Please use the East parking lot door.

If you are not an Altar Guild member but are interested and would like to see how we serve the church, please join us! New members are always welcome. Call Judy with any questions, 507-387-4908.

We look forward to seeing you!



October will be our last Outdoor Game Night for the year. We'll meet at Seven Mile Creek Park at 4pm on Sunday, October 4th. Bring outdoor games, board games, or go for a hike. We'll have a picnic meal with S'mores for dessert. In case of inclement weather, we'll meet at the church.

Our Savior's Outreach Missions

Outreach Missions will meet on Thursday, October 15th at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes from the donations received. (*Note the date and time change.*)



Most Ministries, Gospel Bracelets, Eyeglasses, Stamps, Prayers, and more . . .

Wednesday Night Meals and Devotions

Wednesday Night Meals and devotions are in full swing for the year. 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 Rotterdam.

Bible Study Circles

Fall Theme: Humble Service



LWML Ruth, Lydia and Mary Circles meet Thursday, October 1st for a Bible study from the Fall Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, "Humble Service" on pages 17 & 19. Please join us in the Fireplace room at

10:10am for refreshments and fellowship followed by the study at 10:25am. The leader for October is Arlene Peters.

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



Quilting

Quilting meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month, the 12th and 26th in October, 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.

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.

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.

In Defense of Life

Life Chain 2026

Sunday, October 4, 2026

1:30pm Prayer Vigil ~ 2:00pm Life Chain

Please join Blue Earth County Chapter of MCCL, local congregations, and pro-life organizations to peacefully stand in defense of life. Gather on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 340 Stadium Road, Mankato.

Youth Group

October Youth Group will meet at the Anderson house (19353 584th Lane, Mankato) October 25th 6-8pm for a campfire! Mark your calendar- more details to come in the bulletin.



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>

Our Savior Ladies

“All of You”

The Arlington Zone Rally – we learned how to be aware of deceptive world views. Thank you and prayers of blessing for all Our Savior women who made Christ known by being His hands and feet for the Rally.

Thank you to Mike Blomquist for continuing the Cheer Card Project that his mom Dolly had done for so long.



***Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him
with music and song. Psalm 95:2***

Rehearsals are off to a great start! If you'd like to join us, it's not too late.

Wednesday Night Rehearsal Schedule

Intro Choir- 4:40-5:10

Intro Bells- 5:10-5:45 (**First Rehearsal is 10/21**)

Brass- 5:25-5:45

Handbells 5:45-6:15

Choir- 7:00-7:30

We have openings for special music. Maybe it doesn't work for you to join a group, but we'd still love to have you participate if you are able, whether as a solo or part of a small group. Please talk to Suzie Gangi. 507-341-4173 or suzie@oslcmandkato.org



Oktoberfest is back this year!

Join us Wednesday, October 28th during the regular Wednesday night meal for fine German fare and a special presentation from some of our students on the life and work of Martin Luther! VDMA! Prost!



Sue's Retirement Luncheon

Sue Hendrickson has faithfully served our congregation in the church office for the past twenty years. She sure has been a blessing to the Our Savior community. We will be having a luncheon in Sue's honor on November 1, 2026 after the second service. Please come and celebrate Sue, her dedication to this congregation, and her retirement. There will be cake!



Volunteer Funeral Coordinator Needed

In recent years, four individuals have each volunteered to take three months to organize the funeral luncheon activities at Our Savior's. Due to a recent resignation, the three current coordinators are Judy Mensing, Cindy Hobbs, and Mary Bittner.

If you would be interested in being a coordinator and would like more information, please contact Cindy Hobbs at 507-995-9894 or Judy Mensing at 507-420-8196.



The Greatest Journey Begins!

More than 11 million Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are beginning their journey – crossing oceans, mountains, and deserts – to children in more than 100 countries. As these children receive their gifts, another journey is about to begin. In the coming year, many of them will be enrolling in The Greatest Journey – discipleship classes designed especially for children who have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox.

Over the past 30 years, more than 50 million children have been reached through these discipleship lessons (with materials in 91 languages!), including 25 million who have prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

We are collecting items for Outreach Missions to fill 40 shoeboxes! Please see the display in the Narthex for a full list of needed items. Crayons, pencils, pencil cases, colored pencils, kids' socks, toys, stuffed animals, small balls, etc. Donated items are needed by October 18th.

Filling up your own shoebox? Wonderful! Take an empty shoebox from under the display table and a sheet of suggested items to put in your box. Bring it back to church by November 8th and put it in the tub under the table marked "Return filled shoeboxes here." Have fun! Any questions, please call Rhonda at 507-389-9726.

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

Lutheran Hour Ministries • Lutheran Layman League

The District Board is meeting on Tuesday, October 6th, 10am at Camp Omega.

New study from SAGES President, Ernie Freudenberg, *Being Intentional About Intergenerational Ministry*. See the July/August/September issue of Sagacity, <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages>

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

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



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.



Mites - Mission Grants

Mite Sunday, October 18, the day to bring your small mite box from home to add it to the Our Savior Big Mite Box.



The Mite Grant for the District and National are funded as soon as the mites arrive and marked each month for the amount funded. What a blessing each of you are to make Christ known here at home and abroad. Mite information included in the Lutheran Witness, Quarterly, and the websites.

September focus Grants were #16: The Teaching of Lutheran Pastors in West Africa – Sierra Leone and Liberia - \$86,000, and #18: Scholarship to support International Deaconesses – Tanzania - \$100,000.



“Do not be silent. You have the most positive, powerful, life-giving, and life-affirming message in the universe! It is a message of love for every sinner, i.e., everyone! It is a message of forgiveness for everyone and every sin. It is a message of the certain hope of a paradise whose reality surpasses the most beautiful of words.”

*Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb
Former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life*

A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life
www.lutheransforlife.org

Faith Family Reunion
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
2500 7th Avenue NE, Owatonna
October 17 – 9am to 3pm

Attend the reunion for encouraging conversation about life prodigals who have wandered from the Christian faith and begin the journey of discovery with others to explore the notion that we might all share similar stories and that maybe you are not alone on this road.

Cost is \$15, includes breakfast, lunch and retreat materials.
Register by calling 507-451-4125.



Martin Luther
Jr/Sr. High School
Rummage & Bake Sale

Huge Sale! Infant through Adult
Clothing & Shoes, Toys, Books,
Furniture, Household Items, and Much
Miscellaneous

Thursday, October 15th, 4 – 8pm

Friday, October 16th, 8am – 8pm

Saturday, October 17th – 8am – noon (\$3 bag sale)

315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop, MN

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: *It's in the Way that You Use It*

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should “not misuse the name of the Lord.” In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

“We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.” (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

The 58th Annual Bjarne Wollan Teigen Reformation Lectures

October 29-30

Presented by Bethany Lutheran College and
Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary

Did Luther Have an Agenda? Luther's Liturgical Writings

- October 29th, 10:30 – noon. Luther's Divine Services, presented by Dr. Joseph Herl, Concordia University Nebraska, Seward
- October 29th 2 – 3:30pm. Luther's Hymns, presented by Prof. Dennis Marzolf, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato
- October 30th, 10:30 – noon. Luther's Reforms and a Lutheran Theology of Worship, presented by Dr. Jon Vieker, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.
- Ending with Discussion from 2 – 3:30pm on October 30th.

For more information or to register:

<https://www.blc.edu/reformation-lectures>



The Voice
Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 N Broad Street
Mankato, MN 56001

**Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage
P A I D
Mankato, MN
Permit No. 216**

THANK YOU ALL CONTRIBUTORS

**Marcella Eilders
Karen Fischer
Priscilla Fladland
Mel Hendrickson
Jan Karels
Rhonda Rastedt
Susan Sembach
Vicky Senne**

October 2026

Address Service Requested

└

OCTOBER 2026

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 10:10 LWML Circle Social Time 10:25 Ruth/Lydia/Mary Circle Pastor Matheny on Vacation	2	3
4 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:20 Sunday School 9:20 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 1:30 Prayer Vigil/Life Chain outside Planned Parenthood 4:00 Game Night @7-milePark Pastor Matheny on Vacation	5 4:30 NYG Fundraiser @ Pizza Ranch 6:00 Board of Deacons 7:00 Altar Guild	6 9:00 Homeschool Co-op 10:00 SAGES Board @ Camp Omega 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 5:15 Board of Education 5:30 Board of Trustees 6:00 Board of Elders 7:00 MN Valley Chorale	7 4:40 Introductory Choir 5:25 Brass 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir	8 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	9	10 Fireplace Room Rental
11 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:20 Sunday School 9:20 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 4:30 Book Club	12 9:00 Quilting	13 9:00 Homeschool Co-op 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 Planning Council 7:00 MN Valley Chorale	14 4:40 Introductory Choir 5:25 Brass 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir	15 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 4:00 Outreach Missions	16 12:00 The Voice Deadline	17
<i>Mite Sunday</i> 18 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:20 Bible Class No Sunday School 10:30 Divine Service	19 Fall Pastors' Conference St. John's, Corcoran	20 9:00 Homeschool Co-op 7:00 MN Valley Chorale	21 4:40 Introductory Choir 5:10 Introductory Bell Choir 5:25 Brass 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir	22 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	23	24
25 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:20 Sunday School 9:20 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 4:30 Book Club 6:00 Youth Campfire @ Anderson's	26 9:00 Quilting	27 9:00 Homeschool Co-op 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 7:00 MN Valley Chorale	28 1:30 Endowment Board 4:40 Introductory Choir 5:10 Introductory Bell Choir 5:25 Brass 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal – Oktoberfest! 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir	29 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	Reformation 30 Sue's Last Day!	31

Staff

Senior Pastor Rev. Adam M. Matheny Office: 507-385-2183 Cell: 812-449-6866	Associate Pastor Rev. John H. Koopman Office: 507-385-2185 Cell: 712-852-6095	Music Coordinator Suzie Gangi Cell: 507-341-4173	Secretary Sue Hendrickson Office: 507-385-2180 Home: 507-388-3557	Custodian Dusty Zachow 612-219-4073
--	---	---	---	--

Congregational Officers and Elected Board Members

President Dan Gahler 507-995-3634	Vice President Judd Schultz 507-317-9932	Secretary Eileen Heintz 507-329-5195	Treasurer Gary Fladland 507-469-2086	Financial Secretary Vacant
Council Members at Large Nancy Benson 507-345-1015 Gideon Baldwin 307-941-0803 Mark Wellner 507-341-1393 John Erdman 507-317-0045	Board of Elders Randy Burmeister 507-720-6985 Tom Benson 507-345-1015 Mike Anderson 507-469-8619 Gaylen Lenz 507-317-4269 Gene Mensing-Vice Chair 507-387-4908 Andrew Bittner-Chair 507-779-9593 Joel Maunula-Secretary 320-296-0954 Mike Blomquist 507-351-5051 Jordan Treanor 507-317-6863 Vacant Vacant Vacant	Board of Trustees Kurt Anderson 507-381-9537 Steve Dumke 507-388-1297 Chris Anderson 507-382-9450 Kirk Yungerberg 507-327-5537 Bob Baker 507-327-2922 Mark Senne 507-995-7250	Board of Education Samantha Tess - Chair 507-217-0354 Rhonda Prince 507-521-0690 Bev Annis 507-278-3093 Mary Bittner 507-469-8052 Darcy Chapman 507-382-5577 Kristen Teigum 563-212-9506	
Board of Endowment Fund Rob Hobbs-Chair 507-340-6313 Garvin Eichhorst - Treasurer 507-388-9227 Mel Hendrickson – Vice Chair 507-388-3557 Judy Mensing - Secretary 507-387-4908 Dave Kroells 507-345-4423 Thad Simpson 507-382-1683 Doug Haeder 952-374-9667			Board of Deacons Terrin Baldwin - Chair 952-412-1762 Lindsey Marso 507-382-6168 Vicky Senne 507-625-1147 Angelica Maunula 715-310-2988 Deb Simpson 507-382-6403 Sarah Farris 507-317-0174	