

Program for the Week of October 11 – October 18, 2026

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:20 Sunday School
9:20 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
4:30 Book Club

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

9:00 Homeschool Co-op
10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

6:30 Planning Council
7:00 MN Valley Chorale

Wednesday:

4:40 Introductory Choir
5:25 Brass
6:00 Meal
6:45 Devotion
7:00 Jr. Confirmation
7:00 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
4:00 Outreach Missions

Friday:

12:00 Voice Deadline

Saturday:

Sunday:

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Chancel flowers are provided by Jeff & Julie Treanor in honor of Jordan and Erica Treanor, celebrating their 5th anniversary on October 9th, and Jeff & Julie, celebrating their 1st anniversary on October 11th.

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Doris Emich to keep us close to God's Word.

Quilting meets tomorrow morning, Monday, October 12th, from 9am - noon. We meet in rooms 124/126 (across from the Library). All help is welcome. No sewing experience necessary.

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. There's a table set up in the narthex with free resources and information on a number of topics, including miscarriage, infertility, abortion, and others. In addition, in honor of this, we're collecting donations for Options for Women. Pregnancy and Infant Loss Memorial Service. On Wednesday, October 14th, after the Wednesday night meal, in place of the ordinary devotion, we will be having a special memorial service, remembering our children who went to be with the Lord early in their lives. Even if you have not personally experienced this loss you should still come.

The Deadline for the November 2026 issue of *The Voice* is Friday, October 16th at noon. Please drop of any submissions in the church office or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org. Thank you.

Outreach Missions will meet on Thursday, October 15th at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE. We will be putting together Samaritans Purse shoeboxes from the donations received.

Join us on 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. We invite everyone to come and support our students as they share what they have learned!

It's time to celebrate our secretary! Sue Hendrickson has faithfully served our congregation in the church office for the past 20 years. How incredible! 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.

The National Mite Focus Grant for October are #17 Mobilizing After School Care for Teens — Our Place After School Care Inc., Hastings, Nebraska — \$69,500 and #27 Teaching Christ to the Physically Handicapped — Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, Louisiana — \$12,000. **District Grant is #10**, "Bibles for our Hispanic Families", Lutheran Heritage Foundation...\$12,000.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in October, please contact Laura Matheny, 812-604-5168 or Samantha Tess, 507-217-0354.

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.oslcmandato.org or from YouTube (www.youtube.com), search for our channel, oslcmandato.

Youth Overnight – November 20-21, 2026 from 6pm to 3pm at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, 314 4th Ave. NE, Waseca. Cost: \$25 per person OR \$100/congregation (more than 10 people - \$10 per person). Youth in grades 6-12. Questions call Rev. Michael Grannis at 952-686.3046

From the SAGES Board: Volunteers are invited to represent Our Savior Lutheran Church in Mankato. Also, from Arlington-Mankato Zone, the Board need 1-2 volunteer to be on the District Board. Respond to Ernie Freudenburg at ekfreud@gmail.com

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Ephesians 4:24:
 “Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.” We have a new identity in Christ. Our old identity was in Adam; we were sinners, enemies of God, destined for death and destruction. But in Christ, we have a new identity: we are forgiven, the children of God, cleansed, destined for life everlasting. These two identities continue to struggle as we exist in this fallen world. So St. Paul encourages us to “put on the new self” – to consciously cling to Christ in faith and claim our new identity in Him. Coming to the Lord’s House, faithfully supporting the ministry, praying and reading Scripture daily – these are the works of the new self.

Listen to KFUF.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.KFUF.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUFradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week we begin a new series on the Book of Job on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am). On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) we are studying 2 Corinthians chapters 3-6. Join us for the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9am) as we talk with representatives of Lutheran Mission Australia. Hear stories from Lutheran church leaders in Norway and Nigeria and learn what a Director of Parish Music does for a congregation.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Return Trip" examines the Fourth Commandment, human guilt, and divine forgiveness. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. James Gimbel from St. John's Lutheran Church in Kimball, who will present a message for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Theology For White Collar, Blue Collar, And Clerical Collar... 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 topics include: Artificial Intelligence & Vocation; Bareness; The Early Church Fathers & Faith Alone; The Apology of the Augsburg Confession; Reuniting Mothers with Their Children in Foster Care; Young Men & Red-Pill Content and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](https://www.issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

The LWML 42nd Biennial National Convention will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from Thursday, July 8, through Sunday, July 11, 2027 and the LWML Minnesota South District is offering motor coach transportation for attendees. Seating is limited to 55 passengers. Reserve your seat ASAP, call Roxanne Pieper at 952-393-5973 or email peepshome@gmail.com. Prepare now because convention materials are prepared almost a year before the convention, such as the agenda and delegates.

October is Church Worker Appreciation month. There are cards of encouragement and thanks that you can download from <https://www.lwml.org/program-helps-creative-crafts>

Trip to the Holy Land: From *Exodus to Resurrection*
June 15 – June 25, 2027 with Rev. Weslie Odom and
Rev. Andrew Packer. Interested? Find out more on
October 11, 6:30pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church
(404 W. Franklin St, Morristown). It begins at 6:30pm
with a catered meal from Shawarmania, with the
presentation starting at 7:30pm. You may also join
via Zoom,
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/w0J-qCo7SpCZrtw16ykhxhg#/registration>.

Check out the itinerary, price, and more at:
<https://purposefuljourneys.org/journeys/from-exodus-to-resurrection/>

Bethany Lutheran College and Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary present The 58th Annual Bjarne Wollan Teigen Reformation Lectures. Did Luther have an agenda? Luther's Liturgical Writings. Thursday, October 29th, beginning at 10:30am – Friday, October 30th, ending at 3:30pm. Speakers: Dr. Joseph Herl, Concordia University, Seward; Prof. Dennis Marzolf, Bethany Lutheran College; Dr. Jon Vieker, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. For more information or to register to to: www.blc.edu/reformation-lectures.

Orphan Grain Train: is planning a pickup in Mankato, call Trudy 507-327-7082 if you have things for the Orphan Grain Train. For a list of items visit <https://www.ogt.org/the-need/>