

Program for the Week of October 4 – October 11, 2026

Sunday:

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
4:00 Game Night

Monday:

4:30 NYG Fundraiser @
Pizza Ranch
6:00 Board of Deacons
6:30 Altar Guild

Tuesday:

9:00 Homeschool Co-op

10:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 SAGES Board @ Camp
Omega
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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday:

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4:30 Book Club

Chancel flowers are provided by Mark Wellner in loving memory of his father, William Wellner.

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

In Defense of Life. Join fellow Christians to peacefully stand in defense of life at a Prayer Vigil and the Life Chain on Oct. 4th, on the sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood, 340 Stadium Road. Prayer Vigil begins at 1:30pm, Life Chain at 2pm.

Game night tonight! Meet at 4pm at 7-mile Creek Park. Bring your outdoor games, board games, or go for a hike. We'll share a picnic meal, bring your marshmallow roasting sticks for S'mores. In case of rain, we'll meet at the church.

National Youth Gathering 2028 Fundraiser: Join Our Savior's Youth at Pizza Ranch on Monday, October 5th from 4:30 – 8pm, for some pizza and fun! We are raising funds for the NYG in July 2028. 10% of all sales and 100% of all donations go directly to our youth. Thanks for your support!

Altar Guild Meeting: We will have our annual Altar Guild Meeting on Monday, October 5th at 7pm. Meet in the Fireplace Room. Please use the East parking lot entrance. Looking forward to seeing you! If you are not a member and are interested in seeing what we do to serve the church, please join us.

The Schola Fidei Lutheran Co-op is a new homeschool cooperative that several families at Our Savior's belong too. The families are looking to do service projects for their church families and community. In October they will be hosting a "Rake the Leaves" event. If you could benefit or if you know

of an elderly church member that could use their help please fill out the sign-up form in the narthex or e-mail them at scholafidei95@gmail.com. Additionally, if you would like to help rake the leaves you can sign up for that as well. Please add your names if you are Interested in being a recipient or volunteer for other future service events.

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.

Operation Christmas Child: Sharing God's love one shoebox at a time. Ordinary shoeboxes are filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. Every child also receives the Gospel message in each box. Please see the display table in the Narthex for information to donate sing items or to fill up an entire shoebox. Questions, call Rhonda at 507-389-9726.

Volunteer Funeral Coordinator Needed: In recent years four individuals have each volunteered to take three calendar 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 at 507-995-9894 for Judy at 507-420-8196.

National Mite Grant #18 Scholarship to Support International Deaconesses – Tanzania..... \$100,000. Our first Focus **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.

SAGES – MNS District Sages Board will meet at 10am on Tuesday, October 6th at Camp Omega. Volunteers are invited to represent Our Savior Lutheran Church in Mankato. Call Trudy at 507-327-7082 or the president Ernie Freudenburg at ekfreud@gmail.com for more information

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

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Matthew 22:40 – “On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” We serve God and our neighbor through the various vocations (holy callings) that God has given us. We do not need to go searching for good works or inventing our own: God has given us roles to fill in home, church, and society which will keep us plenty busy! When we seek to fulfill the duties of these vocations in a spirit of faith, God-pleasing works are the result.

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 tune in for “The Reign of Heaven Stands Near”, studying chapter 27 of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am). On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am) we’re continuing our study of Paul’s letters to the Corinthians with 1 Corinthians 15. On Concord Matters (Saturday, October 10) Pastor Finnern and Rev. Adam Degroot will be discussing Article 3 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord, on the righteousness of faith before God.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “The Fathering Kind”, features a single father who is down and out trying to raise a son on his own. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Kent Borglum from St. John’s Lutheran Church in Montevideo, who will present a message titled “God Desires Growth in His Garden” based on Isaiah 5:1-6. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Revelation Bible Study... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on the Book of Revelation. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and 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 motorcoach 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.

Dementia Friends Minnesota Event. Messiah Lutheran Church, 16725 Highview Ave., Lakeville, MN., on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 6 – 8 PM. Register at www.messiahonline.org/connect or contact Kristin Scott at djkkscott@gmail.com

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-qCo7SpCZrtw16ykxhq#/registration>.

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