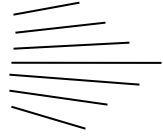




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The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001 **FEBRUARY 2023**



Ash
Wednesday

On February 22nd we begin our observance
of the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday.

Lent is the season of the Church year where we endeavor to
intentionally take up our crosses and follow Jesus.
Our walk with the Lord takes on an extra layer of intensity as
we commit ourselves to intentional prayer, fasting,
and gathering around God's Word.

This year our midweek services will focus on the Small
Catechism's teaching on the Sacrament of the Altar.

Ash Wednesday Service

with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
Wednesday, February 22nd
1:30pm and 6:30pm

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays
March 1 – March 29th
1:30pm and 6:30pm

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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 the Broad Street entrance by the mailbox.

In case of emergency or urgent need, our pastor is available at all hours and all days by calling his 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

^sFor there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

-1 Timothy 2:5

Everyone wants to get with God. Sure, there are plenty of people that *say* they don't want anything to do with God but their actions speak louder than their words. The fact of the matter is that every single person alive today (or ever!) is seeking after God or, put better, after a god. Everyone worships it is simply a question of which god one will be devoted to.

Those dedicated to the cult of "success" will spend their days studying business strategies, serving customers, and tallying investments. Those dedicated to the altar of power will work to build their reputation, garner support, and study political headwinds. Everyone dedicated to the god of popularity will give all they have to please those around them in thought, word, and deed. At the end of the day all these false gods amount to the same thing: the worship of self. All people seek not to worship, but to be worshipped and that is why they dedicate themselves to all kinds of efforts that they think will make them great in the eyes of others. We all want to be seen as great and think that everyone else should bow down and worship us. All those efforts are spent in the attempt to have others see us as god.

But the Apostle sets us all straight! The gods of power, wealth, fame, popularity, and self are all false gods! They can only fail their worshippers by leading them down the path of sin, death, and destruction. False gods can't give purpose, meaning, or life. In the end they only lead to death. True life only comes from the true God. There is only one! He is the creator of all that there is or was or will be. And there is only one way to get to Him, and that is by the blood of Jesus.

The purpose of the church is to come to the one God by way of the one mediator, Jesus Christ. During the season of Lent we recognize that our sinful nature seeks to worship false gods and lead us away from the true and living God. That is why during this season in particular we turn to God in repentance and commit ourselves to leaving behind every kind of false god to follow in the way of Christ. God bless your Lenten season as you seek to turn back to the one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ.

Planning Council

Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato January 10, 2023

Members Present: Matt Brand, Dan Gahler, Valerie Elliott, Doug Haeder, Nancy Benson, Rob Hobbs, Judd Schultz, Christine Billiar, Steve Annis, Denise Painter Pastor Adam Matheny.

Members Absent: Judy Hendley, Bev Clark, Missy Schultz

1. President Matt Brand called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Adam Matheny
3. There was no public/congregational Presentation.
4. Built on The Rock: Chapter 14 covers Caring for the Body of Christ. Discussion followed on how we are doing and where we can improve. President Matt Brand requested the members pray and think about what Council and boards can do to improve in this area. During the February 14, 2023 meeting will continue the discussion of Chapter 14.
5. Additions/Approval of the Agenda under 9a. Add Sanctuary Art Project. Motion made and seconded to approve the amended agenda, motion carried.
6. Motion made and seconded to approve the December 13, 2022, Planning Council minutes, motion carried
7. Pastor Adam Matheny reported holiday services went well.
8. Treasurers Report, Doug Haeder answered questions about report. Motion made and seconded to approve the report as presented, motion carried
9. Unfinished Business
 - A. Sanctuary Art Project: Denise Painter reported church received contribution for this project, committee formed and meeting about recommendation(s) to bring to the congregation.
10. New Business
 - A. Motion made and seconded to appoint Matt Williams and Steve Annis to Board of Trustees with a term expiring 12/31/2024, motion carried
 - B. Voter Meeting Agenda: Reviewed the draft agenda, will add fundraising to discussion regarding the roof project.
11. Board Sharing: **Endowment:** Next meeting is January 30, 2023, provide information on giving for 2022. **Elders:** Reported completed and submitted forms from district for

call process, now need to complete call documents which will be sent to the seminary. **Deacons:** Working on greeter program, Chili Contest on January 22nd after the Voters Meeting, recruiting for people for Sunday morning donuts and Wednesday night meals. **Education:** Sunday school teachers resume quarterly meetings, always a need for 2nd person in Sunday school classes, Sunday service for children's program went well and reception was well received, added 3 new members, looking at Bible study options and dates for training. **Trustees:** Reviewing energy costs, continuing work on roof project, discussion about deferring parking in north lot for members with limited mobility during the winter.

12. We closed with President Matt Brand praying for continue guidance in call process and supplications and thanksgivings of the Council, we then joined in Luther's Evening Prayer.
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.
14. Next meeting is February 14, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.
15. Next Voters Meeting is Sunday, January 22, 2023, at approximately 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Elliott
Secretary
OSLC Planning Council

 *In Memoriam*

Sheila Rae Anderson

September 27, 1952 ~ January 5, 2023

Accessions & Losses

There are no Accessions or Losses to report

Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending December 31, 2022

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$66,034.80	\$563,520.19
Operating Expenses	-\$49,531.03	-\$533,470.57
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	-\$1,135.42	-\$13,050.02
Net for Period[†]	\$15,368.35	\$16,999.60

[†]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	\$0.00	Daily checking account-Wells Fargo
Joyful Response	\$112,900.57	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Pioneer Business Checking	\$104,962.11	Checking Account Pioneer Bank
Accounts Receivable	-\$3,000.00	
Total Cash Assets	\$234,969.80	
Dedicated Accounts	-\$132,753.98	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	-\$502.41	Accruals for HSA pmts, mission pmt
Available Cash Balance	\$101,713.41	\$86,345.06 last month

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$234,088.98
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	3.625%
Pay-off Date	5/2036

Additional Comments:

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Haeder, Treasurer

Men's Bible Study



ATTENTION MEN! The men of Our Savior gather in the fireplace room on the second Thursday from 7:30-8:30 of each month for study together.

We will continue to study the Smalcald Articles at our February 9th meeting. If you are interested in this please speak with Pastor Matheny.

Youth activities

TSNT meets Sunday, February 12th and 26th from 6:30 – 8pm in the Fireplace Room. We will start with time in God's Word, and then play some games together. All youth in grades 7 – 12, please join us.



Book Club



The Our Savior's book club meets from 4:30-6 in the fireplace room on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We read good books and then discuss them together from our shared Christian perspective.

In February we will read *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. This book, often considered the first novel published in the English language and first published in 1678, has been widely popular since its first publication and has never been out of print. It offers a straightforward allegory for the hazards of the Christian life. Keep your eye on the bulletin for more details about what to read for our meetings. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.



Quilting meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month, October through May. Join us in the Youth Room, Monday, February 13th and 27th from 9am - noon to sew fronts, middles, and backs together and tie them. No experience necessary, all are invited to join us as we make quilts to be distributed to local, national, and international people in need of a warm quilt.

If you have any questions, contact Julie at 507-388-7533.

Young Adult Bible Study

Monday, February 13th and 27th

Young Adults (late high school, college, early-ish workforce) are invited to join us in the Fireplace room at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. We are currently studying the minor prophets while enjoying fellowship and hot chocolate. The study will switch to a Lenten theme when the time comes. We would love to see you!

Contact Karee Bless with questions: 507-381-3826, kbless@blc.edu.





Articles for the March 2023 VOICE are due by Friday, February 17th at 4pm. You may drop-off submissions in the office, or e-mail to: contact@pslcmankato.org.

Bible Reading Plan - February

This month we are going to be looking at truth. With all the information out there it can be hard to discern truth. We'll look at how differently people react to the truth. There's also warnings of false teachings. You'll notice most of the passages are from the New Testament. What do you do especially with The Truth?

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Widowed to Widowed LOVE

Even though we are not being together face to face, feel the togetherness by reading the February Portals of Prayer each day. Include the Bible reading and individual prayers. ♥ Glory to God! ♥

“He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.”

Luke 6:48

stephen MINISTRY®

Why do we have Stephen Ministry?

Having more people equipped to care for others means more people receive support. It also promotes people in using their God given gifts. We follow in Jesus' footsteps as we participate in caring for others.

Who benefits?

Clearly the person who is receiving the care, but also the ones doing the visiting. The congregation as a whole benefits from the caring environment. It also helps carry the load of our staff.

What role do you have?

You can be the eyes and ears to notice needs and make recommendations. Consider being open to receiving care yourself. Maybe you could participate in the next training class. You can be praying for all aspects of this ministry and care in our church.

"I use my Stephen Minister skills not only for Christian caregiving, but in everyday relationships with friends, relatives, strangers, and business associates. I strongly encourage other men to become involved. It will strengthen your faith and help your church show the love of Christ to the community. I have received more blessings through Stephen Ministry than I could possibly give. It has been a wonderful ministry for our church and a great opportunity for me personally to be in the service of the Lord."

David from Bentonville, Arkansas
Architect/contractor

At this time, we are looking for those who could benefit from having a Stephen Minister as well as planning to offer a training class soon. If you are interested in any of the above or have further questions, please contact Deaconess Lisa Brand at 385-2185.



“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High” Psalm 92:1

Wednesday Night Rehearsal Schedule

Intro Choir: 5:15-5:45

Brass: 5:45-6

Intro Bells: 5:50-6:20

Choir: 7-7:30 in the Sanctuary by the Grand Piano

Handbells: 7:30-8:00

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. Lent Rehearsal Schedule will begin:

Intro Choir: 5:00-5:30

Intro Bells: 5:30-6:00

Vocal Choir: 7:30-8:00

Handbells: 8:00-8:30

Special Music is needed for February! Contact Suzie Gangi if interested.

Our groups could use a few more singers and ringers. Please consider being in one or more of our groups!

Blessings,
Suzie Gangi
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507-341-4173

Young at Heart / Lutheran Hour Ministries

Young at Heart is Our Savior older adult ministry and

Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving

(S.A.G.E.S. is the District older adult ministry)

“They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green.” Psalm 92:14

SAGES needs volunteers! There are openings for circuit representatives on the S.A.G.E.S. Board. This is a good opportunity to prayerfully consider volunteering to serve older adults in the MN South District.

The January/February/March issue of *Sagacity* is available. You can find it online (<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages>), from the church office, from Trudy, or on the counter in the Narthex. If there are no copies on the counter, put your name down for a copy.

“Gathering XXXIII”, May 1st and 2nd. Save the dates! Gathering 33: Joyfully Aging. Featured presenter is Dr. Rich Bimler. “You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of Joy.” Psalm 16:11

Lutheran Layman news. Loaded with Christian Education and Lutheran Hour Ministry projects. Read it, you will like it! www.lhm.org.

The www.gospeladventures.org: “Celebrate India” – register for teaching guides, posters, etc.

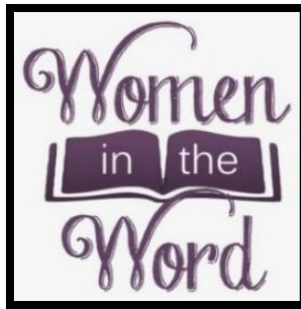
Sagacity news: www.mnsdistrict.org under “Get Involved” tab, S.A.G.E.S.

Voices of Public Policy: For information go to: www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy.

The MN South District insert in the *Lutheran Witness*.

Our Savior LLL/Young at Heart has not met. We do want to know about sending a donation to Lutheran Hour Ministries. Please comment on the clip board in the Narthex or call Julie or Trudy. Thanks.

“Sagacity brings Laughter”



Bible Study Circles

- Welcoming You -

Time is Now to seek Time with Jesus. All are invited and welcomed. Just come, as at Christmas experience the “Joy of Jesus” with your sisters in Christ. (Your *Quarterly* and *WOM* are in the Narthex). Winter is here, time spent with Jesus always brings joy.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle is Thursday, February 2nd in the Fireplace room. Meet at 9:30am for fellowship and refreshments, Bible Study begins at 9:45am. The study is from the Winter *Quarterly* “Transforming Faith, A Gift from a Faithful God” on pages 16 and 17. Hymn #587, “I Know My Faith is Founded”. Weather is always a factor and we want no person in danger. Call Bev or Rhonda.

Mary Circle Bible Study: Watch the bulletin for date and time.



Greeters- We Miss YOU!

Welcoming members and visitors to Our Savior's for worship creates a friendly atmosphere as we enter God's house. Thank you to all who have participated in the past. We hope you'll be able to help again with this important service.

Anyone wishing to be a Greeter, please call Denise Painter, 507-380-0507, the church office at 507-385-2180, or by email: contact@oslcmandato.org.

Please indicate which service you prefer, 8:00 or 10:30, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Sunday of the month and date preferences. Do you go south for the winter or north in the summer?

Anyone can be a Greeter. We need singles, couples and families. A typical greeter greets six times a year and possibly one or two special services. All Greeters are mailed a schedule with the "greeting protocol" so you know the general guidelines for optimal greeting.

In the past our Greeters received wonderful feedback on what a friendly church we have! We want to ensure we continue this tradition by bringing back scheduled Greeters. Thank you for your dedication and efforts in making all who come to gather with God's people and hear God's Word feel welcome.

Board of Deacons

LWML Mites

Mites for Missions



Mite Sunday is February 19th, third Sunday. The Love of the Lord brings those coins to serve Him. From your home to the Big Mite Box and out to

serve the Lord.

The National focus grant for February is #18 – “Ends of Earth” Scholarships, Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries - \$50,000

MOST Ministries teams impact the world for Jesus by providing opportunities for individuals to be part of a hands-on mission team. Teams are equipped to share the love of Jesus as they fit people with eyeglasses, build churches/schools, provide medical/dental care and health education, teach women marketable skills like sewing, or provide youth outreach through VBS, sports, music, or English language camps. Financial aid to meet rising travel costs will increase the number of volunteers able to serve alongside LCMS missionaries and national church leaders. For more information, go to: www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-18.

The Minnesota South District focus grant is #7 - \$21,790 – Outreach and language learning tools to reach the Hispanic community for Jesus Christ, Trinity First Lutheran School, Minneapolis.

Thanks to each and everyone for every penny used to make Christ known throughout the world.

“give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38

Encouragement

We often underestimate encouragement. I think today we often think of encouragement as praise, but that is not really what we are talking about here. Let's take a closer look at that word.

*Therefore **encourage** one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (1 Thes 5:11)*

*But **exhort** one another every day, as long as it is called "today", that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. (Heb 3:13)*

*Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, **comfort** one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Cor 13:11)*

The words encourage, exhort, and comfort all come from the same greek word. The first part of the word is "para" which means to come alongside. You can think of it as a side by side for the benefit of the other rather than an above looking down. It can be an arm around the shoulder, looking the same way, holding you up, we're in this together kind of approach.



The word can also be used with a range of intensities from upbeat to urgent to tender. It has an invitational tone encouraging motion or even a lifting up. It can be a gentle nudge or helping carry the weight in their weakness. It draws close. We are not in this alone.

What a powerful way to be Christ to our neighbor! Who could you come alongside? What approach might be more helpful? We'll be looking at other "one another" verses in the coming months as we – Live to Make Christ Known.



Kitchen Clean-up

Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Do you have a free hour or 2 on Saturday, Feb 18 at 9:00 a.m. to help thoroughly clean, sort, and organize the Church's kitchen? (Again!)

This is done 2-3 times a year or as needed. The Board of Deacon's will be working on this project and would appreciate help if you are willing and able. More hands make lighter work.

Mission Service

Volunteers welcome!

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, February 15th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Supplies needed: Toothpaste, deodorant, combs, and gently used wash cloths. Also needed: Pony Beads in the following colors: clear, gray, red, white, blue, green, and yellow. Please drop off any donations in the Mission Center. Thank you for all the donations that we have received!

Sock Drive: Socks are one of the most requested items at shelters and recovery centers. We will be having an **Adult Sock Drive** until February 12th. All socks received will be distributed locally. There is a tub in the Narthex for our donations of new adult men or women socks. Thank you!

Read the Quarterly stories and also Women On a Mission (WOM) for “80” stories.

Prayers: For our Missionaries, for the organizations, for all people helping those in need, for the Missions, for Early Response Teams, for MOST Ministry teams, projects, and much more.

We are still collecting cancelled stamps. The 2022 stamps were mailed to Wycliffe Associates in December.

Gospel Bracelets were mailed to MOST Ministries in December, and a shipment of coats, towels, devotional books, and other items requested were taken to Orphan Grain Train at Norfolk, Nebraska.

Thanks for your time, talent, and treasure. God’s richest blessings to you as you seek ways to make a difference in the lives of all people and make Christ known.



*F*or now we see a

*mirror dimly, but then
face to face. Now I
know in part; then I
shall know fully, even
as I have been fully
known.*

1 Corinthians 13:12

Ladies of Our Savior February 2023

The Winter *Quarterly* is all about Faith. There are Bible Studies, stories, praying and Psalms, and all information on the Celebrate in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the 40th Biennial LWML Convention on June 22-25, 2023 (important to register and reserve hotel now.)

Early registration through March 14th for lowest registration cost. For more information on bus and hotel and other local information, call Trudy at 507-327-7082. Are you going?

Arlington Zone Board meets on February 26th at 2pm at Peace Lutheran in Arlington. At least two representatives from Our Savior are needed.

Are you interested:

- Set Apart to Serve
- Other

Blessings to You as You serve the Lord.

Potluck Dinner

& Bible Study

Do you like bread? How about the Bread of Life? At our potluck Bible study you can have both! Join us from 5:30-7:30 in the Fireplace room on February 23rd for food, fellowship, and time in God's Word. We'll share a potluck meal from 5:30-6:30 and then from 6:30-7:30 we'll study the Scriptures together.

This month we will learn a bit about the season of Lent. Ask Pastor Matheny if you have any questions. See you there!

Watch Our Savior's Sunday Worship

Our Savior's Sunday 8am and 10:30am worship is livestreamed. Go to: www.oslcmankato.org and click on the "Livestreaming & Videos" menu item. From there you can go directly to YouTube to watch the service, view the Order of Service, and keep up with church activities in the Bulletin Announcements.

Watch Tuesday at 7pm or Wednesday at 2pm on the Public Access Channel KTV (Consolidated Communications channel 7, Spectrum Cable channel 181).



Concordia Classical Academy is now enrolling for the 2023 - 2024 school year. We are enrolling students in grades Kindergarten - Eighth. At Concordia Classical Academy, in partnership with families, we strive to help students grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as they grow in body, mind, and spirit with truth, goodness, and beauty.

Please contact the school office to learn more or to set up a tour. Phone number: 507-388-4336 or email: ccamankato@gmail.com



Camp Omega Plunge! Sunday, February 26th

Organize a team and collect some sponsors to create a lifelong memory while supporting Camp Omega. Funds will support the Adult and Family Retreat Center Building Fund. The Plunge is held

at the Morristown Community Center. Registration at 1pm; Parade of Jumpers at 2pm, and First Jump at 2:30pm.

For more information, to register, or to make a donation, go to:
www.campomega.org/event/polar-plunge-2/



Essay Contest

Lutherans for Life is sponsoring an essay contest for students in grades 6 – 8 and 9 – 12.

Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: **Just As I Am** with the Bible verse: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

For Contest Guidelines, go to:

<https://lutheransforlife.org/2023-lutherans-for-life-essay-contest/>



Saturday, April 1st Concordia St. Paul

Registration deadline for Team and Individual Competition is Sunday, March 19th. Students in grades 7 – 12 for attend an LCMS Congregation or School in MN South and North Districts are

eligible. Go to: <https://www.mnbiblebowl.org/> for more information, or to register.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Don't Replace "And" with "Or"

We've all heard that stewardship means giving to the church of our time, talents, and treasure. This alliterative trinity helps us see that giving is not just about money but about our whole lives.

God gives us everything we have and enjoy, as *Luther's Small Catechism* explains in the First Article of the Apostle's Creed. First, we each confess that God "has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses" (SC II). Then, we confess that He gives us material things.

The time, talents, and treasure trinity places before our eyes the fact that we are to give something of all three of these things toward the mission of the church in thanksgiving for what God has provided. For everything we have, and indeed, everything we are, comes from God's fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

The problem with this alliterative trinity comes when we replace one little word with another little word — when we replace the word *and* with the word *or*. It is always written with the *and*, but when we read it, we read it with the *or*. Thus, this quite helpful trinity — which extolls that everything that we have and are is a gift from God, to be given back in service of His church — turns into a trinity that we can pick and choose from when we serve God. The giving of our time, talents *and* treasure turns into the giving of our time, talents, *or* treasure.

Then the question arises: Can we give of our time and talents instead of our treasure? Or perhaps it is the other way round: Can we give of our treasure and not of our time and talents? But these are the wrong questions.

The right question is: Can we give of our time and talents in addition to our treasure? Yes, indeed, we are called to give of all three. The things that God gives us are not to be pitted against one another. Rather, they are given to us, and we are to press them all into God's service for benefit of His church and our neighbors in need.

Thus, we give all three. We give our treasure in the form of a generous, first-fruits proportion of our income. We give of our time in generosity for the benefit of Christ's holy church. We give of our talents in the same manner. Since God gave us all these things, we are called to give generously of all these things in faith toward Him and in fervent love to our neighbors.

For God has provided all these things for us. Out of His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, He gives us each time, talents, AND treasure as a means to bless those around us. We serve our neighbors with these things, blessing them with the blessings with which God has blessed us. We give of our time, talents, and treasure to our families, our society, our church, and our local congregations.

And we do this because we know that we are not our own. Rather, we belong to God. We have been bought with a price: the holy, precious blood, and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. He gave everything — His time, His talents, and His treasure — to have us as His own and to live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. We have these things as gifts and blessings from God.

Let us then press them all into service for the sake of His love — time, talents, and treasure together.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



The Amazon Smile program will end as of February 20, 2023.

Thank you to all who participated in the program to generate donations for Our Savior's

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FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 5:15 Introductory Choir 5:15 The Joy Switch Class 5:50 Introductory Bells 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir 7:30 Handbell Choir	2 9:00 Private Confession 9:45 Ruth/Lydia Circle Bible Study	3	4
5 8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:15 Bible Class 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	6 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study	7 8:30 Circuit Pastors 5:15 Board of Education 6:00 Board of Elders 6:30 Board of Deacons 7:00 Board of Trustees	8 5:15 Introductory Choir 5:15 The Joy Switch Class 5:45 Brass 5:50 Introductory Bells 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir 7:30 Handbell Choir	9 9:00 Private Confession 7:30 Men's Bible Study	10	11
12 8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:15 Bible Class 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Book Club 6:30 TSNT	13 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Young Adult Bible Study	14 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 Planning Council	15 4:00 Mission Service 5:15 Introductory Choir 5:15 The Joy Switch Class 5:50 Introductory Bells 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir 7:30 Handbell Choir	16 9:00 Private Confession 6:30 Daring to Hope Class	17 4:00 The Voice Deadline	18 9:00 Kitchen Cleaning
<i>Mite Sunday</i> 19 8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:15 Bible Class 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Sunday School Teachers	20 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study	21 10:00 Staff Meeting	22 1:30 Ash Wed. Worship 5:00 Introductory Choir 5:15 The Joy Switch Class 5:30 Introductory Bells 5:30 Brass 5:30 Meal 6:30 Ash Wed. Worship 7:30 Vocal Choir 8:00 Handbell Choir	23 9:00 Private Confession 5:30 Potluck Meal / Bible Study	24	25
26 8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:15 Bible Class 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 LWML Zone @ Arlington 4:30 Book Club 6:30 TSNT	27 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Young Adult Bible Study	28 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study	1	2	3	4

Sunday Matins is aired at 9:00am each Sunday on KTOE 1420AM
Our Savior's Worship service is aired Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday at 2pm on KTV (Public Access).

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