

## Program for the Week of January 22 – January 29, 2023

### Sunday:

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Coffee Time  
9:15 Bible Class  
9:20 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
11:45 Voters' Meeting  
12:45 Chili Cook Off  
4:30 Book Club  
6:30 TSNT

### Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study  
9:00 Quilting  
7:00 Young Adult Bible Study

### Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting  
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study  
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

### Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV  
5:15 The Joy Switch Class

5:15 Introductory Choir  
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

### Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession  
10:00 Bulletin Deadline  
5:30 Potluck Meal/Bible Study

### Friday:

1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study

### Saturday:

### Next Sunday:

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Coffee Time  
9:15 Bible Class  
9:20 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship

**Chancel flowers** are provided by Missy and Judd Schultz in praise and thanksgiving for God's many blessings in 35 years of marriage.

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

**About the Cover:** The stark light of Epiphany cuts through the darkness to show us our Savior. Paradoxically, the darkness of Good Friday is but a shadow cast by the life-giving words of our Lord from His cross. Out of God's love for His people stumbling in the darkness of sin, He has given the light of salvation in His radiant love.

**In the Sunday School lesson today,** "Wise Men Worship," God leads Gentile scholars to worship the Christ. Following their visit, Joseph immediately flees with his young family to the safety of Egypt. When Herod's insane jealousy dies with him, the Holy Family returns home to Nazareth. Discuss, "How does God keep you and I safe today?"

**Voters' Meeting today,** Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 10:30 service. Join us in the Sanctuary at 11:45am for our regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting. We will hear from the Boards and Treasurer, and get an update on the roofing project. All Confirmed members, age 18 and older, are encouraged to participate.

**Chili Cook-Off:** Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> following the Voters' Meeting, join us in the Fellowship Hall for the Annual Chili Cook-off. Cast your vote for the best Traditional and Non-traditional chili. Grilled Cheese and ice cream are provided to cool your pallet. To enter a pot, bring it to the kitchen before or after the 10:30 service. New this year . . . Bible Trivia! Stick around after eating to join in.

**In January, the Book Club** is reading selected short stories by American author Flannery O'Connor. For our January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting we will read, *Everything That Rises Must Converge*, *The Partridge Festival*, and *The Barber*. We will meet in the fireplace room and discuss those short stories from 4:30-6pm. If you have any questions, or to pick up copies of those stories please speak with Pastor Matheny.

**At the Congregational Meeting** today, we will be making nominations for triennial Synodical office elections. Positions that we will make nominations for include the Synod President, First Vice-President, and our Regional Vice-President. These positions must be filled by rostered ministers of religion in the LCMS, and be voting members of a congregation in the synod. If you have a nomination for any of these positions, please contact President Matt Brand or bring their information to the meeting.

**TSNT meets tonight, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, from 6:30 – 8pm in the Fireplace Room. All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited. We'll spend some time in God's Word, and then play some games together.

**Quilting** meets tomorrow morning, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9am – noon upstairs in the Youth Room. Join us for fellowship and working together. No sewing experience necessary.

**Hot Chocolate + Fellowship:** Young adults are invited to join us in the Fireplace room at 7pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month as we begin our study and discussion on the minor prophets. We would love to see you tomorrow night, January 23<sup>rd</sup>! Contact Karee with any questions, 507-381-3826 or [kbless@blc.edu](mailto:kbless@blc.edu).

**Our congregation has made the exciting decision** to request a seminary graduate to serve as a second full-time pastor at our congregation. The call committee, which is made up of the Board of Elders and at least three additional members of the congregation, plays an important role in the call process. Responsibilities of members of the committee include assisting with necessary paperwork, reviewing candidate information, performing candidate interviews, and communicating with the congregation at large. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact President Matt Brand or Judd Schultz, the Chair of the Board of Elders.

**Sock Drive:** Socks are one of the most requested items at shelters and recovery centers. We will be having a sock drive until February 12<sup>th</sup>. All socks received will be distributed locally. There is a tub in the Narthex for your donations of new socks. Thank you! – Mission Service

**Anyone interested in placing flowers** for our worship services in January, please contact Gretchen Zellmer, 507-317-2904.

**Wednesday Night Meals** are back to the regular schedule, serving from 6:00 – 6:45pm, with a devotion following. All are welcome to come, eat, and have good fellowship with your church family. We suggest a donation of \$3 per person to cover the cost of the food. If you are willing to prepare a meal, serve, or clean up, please sign up on the sheet in the Fireplace room. All help is greatly appreciated.

**Potluck Dinner and Bible Study:** Join us in the Fireplace Room on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm for a potluck meal and fellowship. At 6:30pm we'll study Scriptures together. This month we will learn a bit about what Lutherans believe about the relationship between Church and State, If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Matheny.

**Mary Circle Bible Study** meets Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm in the Fireplace Room. Our study is from the Winter *Quarterly*, "Dilemmas and Decisions" on page 15. Hostess: Theresa McLaughlin, phone 507-388-7647. Guests and visitors are welcome!

**Visitation Team:** If you are currently visiting members of Our Savior's (or would like to), there will be a BRIEF meeting after the 8am service on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please meet in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please call Rhonda, 389-9726, Marcella, 317-4127 or Judy, 387-4908.

**Today –** call Trudy about details for transportation and housing for the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee. Convention is June 22-25. All the information and registration is in the Quarterly, page A, and it's time to register at a lower cost. The WOM has the buss information from the Minnesota South District. [www.lwml.org/2023-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2023-convention).

**January/February/March** issue of Sagacity is here. Get a copy from the counter in the Narthex, from the church office, or from Trudy.

**Our Savior's Worship Service** is livestreamed on our website [www.oslcmankato.org](http://www.oslcmankato.org) or from our YouTube channel also named oslcmankato. The weekly Sunday service is broadcast on the local Public Access channel, KTV (Spectrum Cable channel 181, Consolidated Communications channel 7), on Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday at 2pm.

**Mission Center and Narthex** have new materials added every week.

**From the Stewardship Committee: Matthew 4:20** – "Immediately they left their nets and followed him." Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

**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](http://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 study John 4-5 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (weekdays at 8am), study Ruth 2-4 and Esther 1-2 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and study what Baptism is on Concord Matters (January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am).

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Live Option" features a 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother who disagree on the future of her child. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Miihael Saleminck, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life, who will present a message titled "From Invisible to Indispensable", based on 1 Corinthians 12:22. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**GOSPELADVENTURES.ORG** brings you Celebrate India this month.

**Hear The Lutheran Hour** every Sunday on radio station WCCO (830) at 6:00 a.m., KDHL (920) at 6 p.m., or KJLY (107.1) at 6 p.m. You can also listen any time on your computer at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org). Click on "Hear This Week's Sermon".

**Lutheran's For Life 2023 Essay contest** for students in grades 6 – 12 on Ephesian 2:10 with submission by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Just As . . . I Am. All information is on the bulletin board. Copies can be made.

**Minnesota State Bible Bowl** is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Go to: <https://www.mnbiblebowl.org/> for more information or to register.

**Willow Creek Youth Burger Bash** - The Youth will host a Burger Bash at St John's Willow Creek on Sunday, January 22, from 4-7. The menu includes burgers, baked beans, chips, and a desert. A free will offering will be collected.

**Everyone is welcome to attend** a Historical Experience on **Korea: The Forgotten War** by historian Arn Kind at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. The free presentations are at 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. for students in grades 5-8 and Noon to 2:15 p.m. for grade 9-12. Adults are welcome either time. The event is provided courtesy of the Martin Luther Parent/Teacher League. Snow date is Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Concordia Classical Academy** will have its Open House on February 16 from 5 – 7pm. All interested families, with student for the 2023-2024 school year, are encouraged to join. Our teachers and staff will be available to give tours and answer any questions. Please contact the school office at 507-388-4336 or Jenean Cherney at [Jenean.cherney@ccamankato.education](mailto:Jenean.cherney@ccamankato.education) for more information. **Welcome to Our**

**Savior's Lutheran Church!** We are Christians gathered around the unchanging Word and Gifts of Jesus Christ which give forgiveness and salvation now and forever. Our Savior has more than enough blessings for everyone and promises that He will turn no one away. Please let us know who you are and how we can serve you by completing a registration card found in the seat backs and placing it in the offering plate at the entrances to the sanctuary.

***At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.***

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

The fear of the LORD prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short.  
Proverbs 10:27

**Weekly Discussion Question:**

Can you think of ways God has been patient with,  
or even merciful, toward the wicked?

**Holy Communion:** Epiphany means “manifestation” or “appearance”. It is a season which highlights many of the epiphanies of God in human flesh (to the wise men, at His Baptism, His miracles, His transfiguration). It is a season which also sets forth Christ as the light of the world and mission outreach to all peoples. As Christ manifests Himself today in the Lord’s Supper, His forgiveness empowers us to walk in His light and witness of Him to a world sitting in darkness. Those who understand the meaning of communion and wish to receive it today are asked to review the statement on the back of the registration card.

**Serving today:**

Liturgist & Preacher ..... Rev. Adam M. Matheny  
Organist ..... Edith Williams  
Elder of the Day ..... [8:00] Tom Benson; [10:30] Lon Whitehead  
Acolytes ..... [8:00] Carson Kettner; Madison Kettner  
..... [10:30] Olivia Naumann; Izzy Prince  
A/V Tech ..... Zak Tess