

Program for the Week of January 8 – January 15, 2023

Sunday:

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:15 Bible Class
9:20 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:30 Christmas Undecorating &
Lunch
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
6:30 Planning Council
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

7:30 Men's Bible Study

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Worship

9:00 Coffee Time

9:15 Bible Class

9:20 Sunday School

10:30 Worship

About the Cover: It seems natural that John would have attempted to prevent Jesus from being baptized. What need does the spotless, sinless Lamb of God have in a Baptism for the repentance of sins? However, Jesus insists upon submerging Himself with sinners in this Baptism to fulfill all righteousness. The righteousness of God is found in His mercy for poor sinners as He emerged from the watery grave into a new life and took those sins all the way to the cross.

In Sunday School this week we study the account of Daniel in "A Trap and a Release." Daniel's promotion to a high leadership role in Babylon causes political jealousy among other leaders. King Darius decrees that everyone must worship only him, but Daniel remains faithful to the one true God, praying three times daily. The king condemns Daniel to the lions' den, but God's angel shuts the lions' mouths so Daniel remains unharmed. Discuss how God protects His people from danger today.

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

In January the Book Club is reading selected short stories by American author Flannery O'Connor. For our January 8th meeting we will read, *Revelation, A Good Man Is Hard to Find,* and *Enoch and the Gorilla*. For our January 22nd 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 4:30-6. If you have any questions, or to pick up copies of those stories please speak with Pastor Matheny.

TSNT meets tonight, January 8th, 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 9th, 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 2nd and 4th Monday of each month as we begin our study and discussion on the minor prophets. We would love to see you on January 9th! Contact Karee with questions: 507-381-3826, kbless@blc.edu.

Men's Bible Study meets in the Fireplace Room on Thursday, January 12th from 7:30 – 8:30pm. We continue our study of the Smalcald Articles. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

Ruth/Lydia Circle makeup date is to be determined. If you planned to gather with us last Thursday, call 507-327-7082 for new information. Thank you. Trudy.

Next Sunday, January 15th, is Mite Sunday. Bring you small Mite Boxes from home and put in the Large Mite Box in the Narthex. The focus grant for January is #17: Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru La Mision Luterana del Peru - \$56,750. This grant is helping to feed the children and adults in poverty areas in Lima, Peru. Through their programs, they help nourish both the body and soul. For more information, go to: www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-17. The Minnesota South District focus grant is #6 – International Students, Concordia Seminary \$9,000 – Making Jesus Known throughout the world. Last month your mites contributed \$41.00 toward the goal.

Mission Service will meet on January 18th at 4pm in the Fireplace Room. Everyone is welcome to help with the projects! If you are a crafter and have extra pony beads, we use clear, gray, red, white, blue, green, and yellow. Drop off any donations in the Mission Center. Thank you.

Voters' Meeting on Sunday, January 22nd 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 22nd 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.

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 29th. 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.

Our Savior's Worship Service is livestreamed on our website 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 this week: e-news from LWML and Minnesota South, Rich and Charlie, and more.

Copies of October/November/December Sagacity is available in the Narthex. Pick up a copy. Copies are available for all members of Our Savior.

Today, remember your Winter Quarterly and the District WOM. Summer Convention 2023 included also bus information, shirt order, registration (check deadlines for lowest costs) and more. YWR (Young Woman Representative) is chosen to represent the District to go to the National Convention. Information and application forms can be found on the LWML MN South website, www.mnslwml.org, click on Faith & Service, select Young Women. The deadline for submitting application is January 15th. Go to: www.lwml.org/2023-convention for Convention information.

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. Click on "Hear This Week's Sermon".

From the Stewardship Committee: Matthew 3:15 – "But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'" The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.

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 begin the Gospel of John on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), also begin a series on the English Reformation on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9am), and study Exodus 33-36 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am).

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Senior Citizen" features a man struggling with purpose and a place in life after retirement. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Travis Lauterbach from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Backus, who will present a message titled "The King is Revealed", based on Matthew 2:1-12. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

The Martin Luther Jr./Sr. High School, Northrup Knights4Life is sponsoring a trip to the capital in St. Paul for the 50th annual March for Life on Sunday, January 22. If we have enough people, we will take a bus. We will leave MLHS at 9am and return about 7pm. If you would like to go, please call the school office at 507-436-5249 by Friday, January 13th. There will be a cost for the bus, but that will depend on how many people sign up. Everyone is invited to participate. Even though Roe v. Wade was overturned, the battle is in the individual states now and Minnesota, sadly, is a very pro-choice state. This is a chance to make your pro-life stance known! Any questions, please contact Rebecca Oerman, Knights4Life Advisor.

Lutherans for Life event on Saturday, January 21st, 9:30am at Trinity Lutheran Church, Waconia, MN. The District President, Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford is presenting the topic, "Wonderfully Made: The Devine Value of Being Human". Contact Corinne Allen at narrfarm@aol.com or 612-599-0021 for more information. Are you planning to attend? Can we car pool? Sign up in the narthex or call 507-327-7082.

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 24th. 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 31st.

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:

What things do we often focus on to prolong our life?

Holy Communion: The Nunc Dimmitis is called the “song of Simeon”. As he saw the Baby Jesus in the temple, he spoke words that meant he was now ready to die – “Lord, now let your servant depart in peace”. In the Lord’s Supper this same Jesus has given His body and blood to us. We, too, have seen the Lord’s salvation and are prepared to depart this life at peace with God! With deep thankfulness for His gift to us here, we also express our deep desire to celebrate the sacrament according to His Will. 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 Susan Klute
Elder of the Day [8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Judd Schultz
A/V Tech Dale Bergemann