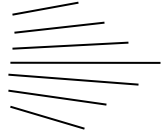




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VOICE



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



LENT

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays

March 1 – March 29th

1:30pm and 6:30pm

Supper is served at 5:30pm – 6:15pm. A free-will donation is accepted to help cover the cost of the meal.

Suggested donation of \$3 per person.

Join us before the evening service for a good meal and good fellowship.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 2nd, 8am & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday: April 6th, 1:30pm & 6:30pm

Good Friday: April 7th, 1:30pm & 6:30pm

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 8th, 8pm

Easter Sunday: April 9th, 8am & 10:30am

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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

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
-Psalm 51:1

The season of Lent is a great gift of God to His church. We often think that our preference would be to feel perpetually happy. To always be at ease and comfortable, to have no troubles in sight. Lent flies in the face of such a notion. Lent is often seen as a mournful and dour time. We sing no alleluias, we forego the Gloria. Lent would generally not be counted the happy season of the church year.

All that, of course, is for good reason. During the season of Lent we pay close attention to our sinful nature, our inclination to go against God's Law, the many temptations that too often cause us to fall. We look closely over the course of the season as our own weakness and insufficiency, we contemplate our mortality.

We do not do that without purpose. We are not simply looking to think less of ourselves, but in examining ourselves to see clearly our need for our savior. The season of Lent can be summed up in one word: repentance.

We gather together during this holy season to hear God's Word. In hearing that sacred Word we see that by comparison our life is filthy, wretched, and profane. While that realization might leave us low, it does not drive us to despair. Instead we see our Lord walking steadily towards conflict, betrayal, torture, and death. And as we watch we remember that on the other side of that death he emerges victorious in life.

Savor the season of Lent. It is a great gift of God to His church. Take advantage of this appointed time to see your own sinfulness and to repent. And having turned once again to your savior know that death has been swallowed up in life.

Planning Council

Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato
February 14, 2023

Members Present: Matt Brand, Dan Gahler, Valerie Elliott, Doug Haeder, Nancy Benson, Mel Hendrickson, Christine Billiar, Steve Annis, Denise Painter, Judy Hendley, Pastor Adam Matheny.

Members Absent: Judd Schultz, Bev Clark, Missy Schultz

1. President Matt Brand called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.
2. Opening Prayer was lead 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 are we providing the avenues on a personal and church wide basis for connections and community. President Matt Brand requested the members continue to pray and think about what can be done to improve in this area and read 1 Peter 4:7-11. During the March 14, 2023 meeting discussion will be on Chapter 15.
5. Additions/Approval of the Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried.
6. Motion made and seconded to approve the January 10, 2023, Planning Council minutes, motion carried.
7. Pastor Adam Matheny reported southern Minnesota Pastors' Conference will be held in Lakeville instead of Mankato. Pastor noted he will be teaching on the Sacrament of the Altar (Lord's Supper) for Lent services.
8. Treasurers Report, Doug Haeder reported an unusual month due to change in billing cycle for employee benefits and one time giving gift. Motion made and seconded to approve the report as presented, motion carried.
9. Unfinished Business
 - A. Sanctuary Art Project: Denise Painter in the process of arranging trip to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterville, MN for congregation to view their art work and inquire about the process.
10. New Business
 - A. Mt. Olive School Request: A request was received to rent three (3) classroom spaces and gym space for 6th-8th grade

for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. Discussion included reaching out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, any possible tax consequences with rental income, and establishment of a committee. The committee will be a member of the Board of Trustees, Pastor Matheny, Matt Brand, Valerie Elliott, and Doug Haeder.

B. Custodian Position: Zac Painter is leaving in mid-March for another position, council members expressed their thankfulness for the his work. We will plan to have meal after the second service on March 19th to honor Zac and express our thankfulness for his work. The position will be advertised, it is a full time position with benefits. The Board of Trustee is reviewing contracting out aspects of the custodian position, but initially it appears to be too expensive.

11. Board Sharing: **Deacons:** Chili cook off and Bible trivia went very well, need volunteers to make prayer shawls, continuing to work on greeter program, and kitchen cleaning is Saturday, February 18th. **Endowment:** Explained what is an endowment fund and reviewed activities of the Board. **Education:** Quarterly meetings for Sunday school teachers has resumed, need for volunteers to staff the nursery during Sunday Bible study, reviewing insurance information on background checks and sexual assault policy for the church and developing survey about alternative format(s) for bible studies. **Trustees:** Reviewing custodian position.
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M. Next meeting is March 14, 2023 at 6:30 P.M

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Elliott
Secretary
OSLC Planning Council

Accessions & Losses

Losses

James & Barbara Lindsay, Hosanna Lutheran Church,
Mankato; LCMS; February 7, 2023

Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending January 31, 2023

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$62,000.73	\$62,000.73
Operating Expenses	-\$43,577.52	-\$43,577.52
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	-\$1,138.85	-\$1,138.85
Net for Period[†]	\$17,284.36	\$17,284.36

[†]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	\$114,194.50	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$119,072.95	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	
Total Cash Assets	\$253,374.57	
Dedicated Accounts	-\$132,728.99	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	-\$1,627.41	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$119,018.17	\$101,713.41 last month

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$232,950.13
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	3.625%
Pay-off Date	5/2036

Additional Comments:

A change in the billing for Concordia Plan employee fringe benefits, from billing one month in advance to billing for the current month, resulted in a one time reduction in Operating Expenses in the amount of about \$10,000 in January.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Haeder, Treasurer

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Treasurer's Report December 31, 2022

	<u>Total</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Scholarship Fund</u>
Beginning Principal	\$10,893.79	\$100.00	\$10,793.79
1995-2021 Gifts Received	\$607,888.57	\$434,022.02	\$173,866.55
1995-2021 Interest Income	\$344,887.33	\$231,819.35	\$113,067.98
1995-2021 CMV	\$58,506.45	\$37,971.82	\$20,534.63
1995-2021 Disbursements	<u>(\$429,104.11)</u>	<u>(\$316,939.65)</u>	<u>(\$112,164.46)</u>
Fund Balances	\$593,072.03	\$386,973.54	\$206,098.49
2022 Gifts–OSLC Members	\$2,376.00	\$2,138.40	\$237.60
2022 Int.+Dividend Income	\$11,219.409	\$10,097.54	\$1,121.95
2022 Change in Mrkt Value	(\$139,442.72)	(\$125,498.45)	(\$13,944.27)
2022 Long Term Capital Gains	\$38,739.70	\$34,865.73	\$3,873.97
2022 Disbursements	(\$17,046.06)	(\$4,516.45)	(\$12,529.61)
Total Fund Balances: 2022	\$488,918.44	\$304,060.31	\$184,858.13

Asset Summary

Wells Fargo Bank Checking	\$9,452.87
LCMS Foundation Account	<u>\$479,465.57</u>

Total Balances: 2022 \$488,918.44

2022 Disbursements:

Concordia Adopt a Student	\$3,500.00
Concordia Classical Academy	\$3,750.00
Together in Mission-J.Heidorn	\$2,000.00
Concordia Univ. Chicago	\$2,500.00
Concordia University St. Paul	\$2,500.00
Fees – LCMS	\$2,796.06

Student Loan – Adam Matheny \$0.00

Total 2022 Disbursements \$17,046.06

Voters' Meeting

Our Savior Lutheran Church of Mankato
1103 North Broad St, Mankato, MN 56001
January 22, 2023 Attendance: 56

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:47 A.M. by President Matt Brand.
2. Opening Prayer was lead by Pastor Adam Matheny
3. Under 9. C. add Sanctuary Art and 9.D. add New Logo and Branding. Motion made, seconded to approve the amended Agenda, motion carried.
4. Motion made and seconded to approve as presented the November 20, 2022 and December 11, 2002 Voter's Meeting minutes, motion carried.
5. Pastor's report, Pastor Adam Matheny expressed appreciation for the congregation, staff and leadership, then explained why he asks for forgiveness from the congregation.
6. Treasurer's report, Treasurer Doug Haeder reviewed the end of the year report, noting 2022 and 2021 were similar for expenses and he is available to answer any questions. There were no questions from the congregation.
7. Board Reports and 2023 Goals, President Matt Brand invited any board to speak to the congregation. Judd Schultz reported Elders have completed and submitted forms from district for call process, now need to complete call documents which will be sent to the seminary. Congregation provided comments for the Endowment Board, which that board will review.
8. Unfinished Business
 - A. Roof Project and Fundraising Review: Zac Painter, Board of Trustees, presented information about the repair option for the roof. Mr Painter and other members of the Board of Trustee answered questions from the congregation. Motion made, seconded to proceed with bid received for the repair, motion carried. President Matt Brand, Board of Trustee and Treasurer provided information about the capital improvement funds. There was discussion from the congregation about fundraising for capital improvements. The congregation agreed for the Planning Council to review comments and make a recommendation to the congregation on how to proceed.

9. New Business

- A. Call Committee Formation: President Matt Brand summarized the call process, including role of call committee. The call committee will consist of the Board of Elders and congregational members. Motion made and seconded to approve Karee Bless, Mark Wellner, Kathy Whitehead and Edith Williams as congregational members of the call committee, motion carried.
 - B. Nomination for Synodical Elections: Motion made, seconded to nominate for Synodical President, Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, First Vice President, Rev. Peter Lange and Regional Vice President, Rev. Nabil Nour, motion carried.
 - C. Sanctuary Art Project: Denise Painter reported church received contribution for this project, committee formed and are working on recommendation(s) to bring to the congregation. The committee is working with a local artist and looking at two panels at the front of the church. Congregation expressed their concerns and support for the project. President Brand noted the sanctuary is a sacred place and committee is working that in mind and will keep the congregation updated on the process.
 - D. New Logo and Branding: President Matt Brand explained part of the ReVitality process. Karee Bless presented the new logo, explaining the purpose of the logo and how it honors who we are as a congregation and reflects the mission statement. There were questions and comments from the congregation. President Matt Brand noted the new logo and branding will be rolled out slowly.
10. President Brand read Psalm 121 and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Elliott
Secretary, OSLC Planning Council



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

Special Music Schedule for March:

March 1: Intro Bells
March 8: Handbells
March 12: Intro Choir
March 19: Vocal Choir
March 22: Brass
March 26: Intro Bells
March 29: Intro Bells

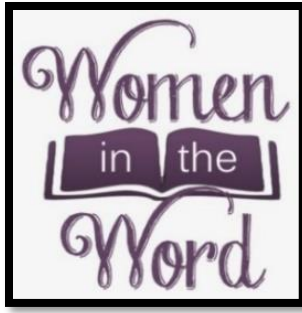
Lent Rehearsal Schedule:

Intro Choir: 5:00-5:30
Intro Bells: 5:30-6:00
Vocal Choir: 7:30-8:00
Handbells: 8:00-8:30

Easter is coming! Our groups could use a few more singers and ringers. Please consider helping with special music during this season!

Blessings,
Suzie Gangi
suzie@oslcmanakato.org
507-341-4173

Make a
joyful noise
to the LORD
Psalm 100:1



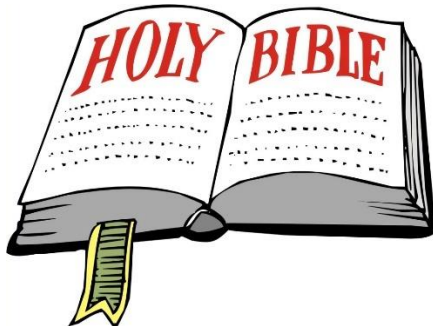
Bible Study Circles

- Welcoming You -

Are you spending more time with Jesus during the Lenten Season? Our Bible study in small groups bring us closer together with our Savior. Come, bring a friend.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle is Thursday, March 2nd in the Fireplace room. Meet at 9:30am for fellowship and refreshments, Bible Study begins at 9:45am. We welcome all guests. Our study will be "Covered by God's Grace" on pages 18 and 19 in the LWML Winter *Quarterly*. We will also look at Hymn 722 LSB, "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me".

Mary Circle Bible Study meets on Friday, March 17th at 1:30pm in the Fireplace Room. Our study is from the Winter *Quarterly*, pages 16-17, "Transforming Faith". Hostess: Ruth Prins, phone 507-388-7155. Guests and visitors are welcome!



Congregation Field Trip



At our last voter's meeting we discussed the possibility of commissioning some art in order to beautify our sanctuary. The artist that we have spoken with is an Emeritus Art professor from Bethany Lutheran College named Bill Bukowski. He has done many local projects including several sacred art projects for local congregations.

On Sunday, March 5th we will take a congregational field trip to Trinity Lutheran Church in Waterville MN in order to see one of his larger installations and hear from some members of our sister congregation about their process, procedures, and feelings about their project. Everyone is welcome to come especially if you are excited or wary about our project. We will share lunch together following the second service and then we will carpool out to Waterville to experience some beautiful art and speak with their congregation about it.

Please speak with Denise Painter, Karee Bless, or Pastor Matheny if you have any questions.

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 conclude our study of the Smalcald Articles at our March 9th meeting. If you are interested in this please speak with Pastor Matheny.

Grief Social

We're looking to offer some fellowship time with others who can relate (even if it has been a few years). Join us Friday, March 10 at 6:00pm in the Fireplace Room. Supper will be provided. We'll talk about where we want to go from here but are hoping to meet twice a month for a little people time.



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 12th. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night.



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.

For our March 12th meeting we will read pages 70-107 and for our March 26th meeting we will discuss pages 107-131. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.



TSNT meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. Students in 7th – 12th grade are invited to join us in the Fireplace room

Sundays, March 12th and March 26th from 6:30 – 8:00pm. We'll begin with time in God's Word, and then play games together. See you there!

Young Adult Bible Study

Mondays, March 13th & 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. Contact Karee Bless with questions, 507-381-3826, kbless@blc.edu.



Quilting meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month, October through May. Join us in the Youth Room, Monday, March 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.



General Epistles

Life after the ascension. People had many questions. After learning about Jesus, how do we now live? We still wonder that today. We'll consider letters from James, Peter, John, and Jude as well as the letter to the

Hebrews. We'd love to have you at our Tuesday Bible Study where we ponder God's Word. We gather at 1:00pm in the Fireplace Room on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. This next series begins March 14.



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

Mission Service

Volunteers welcome!

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, March 15th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Supplies needed: Combs, gently used wash cloths, and empty shoe boxes. 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!

Visiting Team: Since December we have made 30 visits, called, and sent cards to our brothers and sisters in Christ. There is still a need for more volunteers. If you are interested in visiting someone once a month, please call Marcella at 317-4127, Judy at 387-4908, or Rhonda at 389-9726. Thank you!

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.

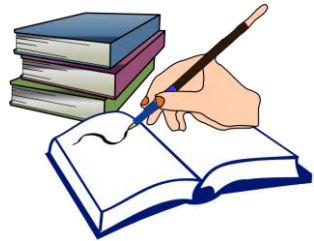


Bible Reading Plan - March

This month we'll look at Jesus the fulfillment. He fulfills Old Testament prophecies and fulfills God's plan for our salvation.

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34-35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lk 22:14-22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lk 24:36-49 |
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Bible Journaling



Rather than just reading God's Word, we'll talk about ways to process it and remember it. Maybe you've thought about trying to read the Bible, but aren't sure how to go about doing it. We'll give you some ideas. Sign-up for inspiration, and we'll even give you lunch. The cost is \$10. (lisa@oslcmankato.org or 385-2185)

Join us for the Women's Retreat
Saturday, March 18
from 9:00am - 2:00pm

Widowed to Widowed

TRUTH

Let the word of LSB 571, “God Loved the World So That He Gave”, guide us during the Lenten month.

1. God loved the world so that he gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
3. God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.
4. Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And justified by Jesus’ blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.
5. If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.
6. Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

“¹⁶ For God so
loved the world, that
he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes
in him should not
perish but have
eternal life.

²¹ But whoever does
what is true comes to
the light, so that it
may be clearly seen
that his works have
been carried out in
God.”

John 3:16, 21

*Thank
you!*

Farewell Reception for Zac Painter

Join us in showing appreciation for Zac's faithful service at Our Savior Lutheran Church. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall after the second service on Sunday, March 19. (about 11:45am)

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 March 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 gift of repentance.

Ask Pastor Matheny if you have any questions. See you there!





LWML Mites

Mites for Missions

Mite Sunday is March 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 March is #19, Sharing Jesus' Love in India, Lutheran Braille Workers - \$100,000. Lutheran Braille Workers is the world's largest non-profit producer of braille, specialized large print, and audio Christian materials. They have provided braille Bibles to India for over 40 years. There are more than 62.6 million people who are Blind or visually impaired and most do not know Jesus or have access to Scripture. This grant will help fund a ministry production center in India to produce and distribute materials, and provide training for staff. For more information, go to: www.lwml.or/2021-2023-mission-grant-19.

The Minnesota South District focus grant is #8: Bible books for Indonesia Muslim Public Schools - \$12,000.

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



Fund
worldwide missions!

Feed your Mite Box!



Spring Cleaning? Downsizing?

We can use any of the following USED items for missions that our church supports:

- Baby: T-shirts, onesies, cloth diapers, receiving blankets, baby caps
- Kids: Bottom of the toy box pieces: plastic animals, figurines, small balls, cars, trucks, jump ropes, yoyos, bracelets, small stuffed animals, beanie babies, and ½ used sticker books
- Bath: Travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap
- Linens: Twin sheets (any fabric), cotton or flannel sheets (full size or larger), pillow cases, hand towels, wash cloths, bath size towels, blankets, and 9 x 9 or larger pieces of fleece or fleece blankets
- Paper: Cancelled stamps, memo pads, shoeboxes, address labels (we cut off your address and use the “pictures” in our sticker bags)
- Crafts: Beads (any quantity, size, shape, or color), bead cords or leathers, broken bracelets or necklaces that contains beads
- School: Pencil cases, sling bags, backpacks
- Medical: Glasses, sunglasses and cases, braces, slings, crutches, canes, and new: dressings, gauze, Ace bandages, face masks

Thank you for bringing in your “extra” items to the Mission Center – they will all be used and distributed.





Palm Sunday

April 2

Children are invited to gather in the chapel 10 minutes before the service to carry in the palm branches. Guests are welcome!

The 4th – 6th Grade Sunday School class will be cooking up a hot breakfast to enjoy following the 8:00am service. Kids can start gathering in the kitchen after 7:45am. We'll need help from parents for clean-up.

Palm Sunday, April 2



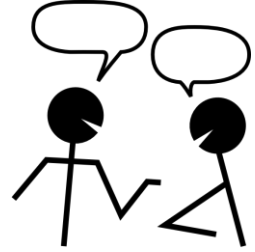
If you've been curious about different groups or ways to get involved at church, come check out the tables in the Fellowship Hall between services.

You can ask questions, offer to participate, or just say thank you. It is so easy for activities or people to go unnoticed. Let's speak up!

Find Your People

Building Deep Community in a Lonely World

We can all benefit from closer relationships. The author of this book gives practical ideas and an encouraging push as we navigate our way to deeper friendships. God made us to be in community. Be part of the discussion Wednesday nights beginning April 12 at 5:15pm in the library. You could even invite someone to join you!



VBS 2023



August 7 – 11

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

There is great opportunity for Volunteers and Representatives for the Minnesota South Older Adult Ministry. Come shadow a board member. Prayerfully consider your call to serve on S.A.G.E.S. Board.

“Gathering XXXIII”, May 1st and 2nd. 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. The registration and details are now available. Pick up a copy of the schedule and registration form in the narthex.

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.

LLL Convention ~ Saturday, April 15th at Martin Luther High School in Northrup.

Lutheran Layman news.
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.

Ladies of Our Savior

March 2023

LWML Mission Statement: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

- 1) Proclaiming Christ – “Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples!” (Psalm 96:30)
- 2) Support Missions – “And he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation’.” (Mark 16:15)
- 3) Equip women – “Now may the God of peace . . . equip you with everything good that you may do his will.” (Hebrews 13:20-21)
- 4) Serving others – “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another.” (1 Peter 4:10a)

Information taken from the Winter 2022 Women On a Mission (WOM)

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).



Lenten Devotions

The Lutheran Hour Ministry Lenten Devotion booklet, “Man of Sorrow, People of Joy” paints a revealing picture of Jesus as He winds His way to the cross. Using Matthew’s Gospel as its source, we see Jesus as a teacher,

healer, comforter, and Savior. Our Good Shepherd’s crucifixion and resurrection now make joy and true life available to His followers – to those who through faith entrust their lives to Him.



Read, listen, e-mail, or print at lhm.org/lent. Copies will be available in the narthex.

Electronic Giving

Our Savior’s is pleased to offer the following E-giving options to have your church offering automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. All options offer easy, convenient one-time or recurring gifts.

- **Joyful Response® Electronic Offering Program**
Complete the form on the adjacent page and attach a voided check or savings deposit slip and turn in to the church office.
- **Give+ Online** Go to the church web-site, www.oslcmankato.org, on the home page click on the “Contribute Online” button.
- **Give+ Mobile** Download “GivePlus Church” at the App Store or Google Play Store on your smart phone or tablet to get started.

Be Kind and Do Good

These are basic words you may even use with a small child, but sometimes we forget to do them ourselves.

*Be **kind** to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Eph 4:32)*

*See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to **do good** to one another and to everyone. (1 Thess 5:15)*

Kindness and goodness often went together and in the Old Testament often described God. Other words in their definitions included useful and gentle. What can you do that would be helpful to someone? In what situations could you show gentleness?

These are things we can do for or to another. They are not dependent on whether the person deserves those actions. We pass on the undeserved kindness that we ourselves have received. We don't act as the world does, but rather as our merciful Father would.

Here are some other examples from the New Testament:

You will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. (Luke 6:35b)

So that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (Eph 2:7)

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience (Col 3:12)

And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. (2 Tim 2:24-25a)

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy (Titus 3:4-5a)



Lutherans
For Life

“The God who chose to give us life at the moment of fertilization is the same God who chose to rescue us and redeem us and give us salvation.

And He did it by sending His Son, Jesus, to experience every stage of human life so we could be forgiven and given life everlasting with Him!” *Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life – lutheransforlife.org*

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Thrivent Choice Dollars

Remember, you have until the end of March to direct your Thrivent Choice monies to a charity of your choosing. We hope you will consider directing your monies to Our Savior Lutheran Church. Please talk with your Thrivent Representative to see how you can direct your available Thrivent Choice Dollars, or visit <https://www.thrivent.com/> under “My Thrivent” to get started.



Concordia Publishing House now has a Large Print edition of the hymnal, the *Lutheran Service Book*. If you would like a copy for your home use, it is available for purchase at: <https://www.cph.org/lutheran-service-book-large-print-edition>. The cost is \$49.99 plus tax and shipping.

A sample is available to view on the Church Information bulletin board near the church office.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Lenten Discipline: Denying the Self

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts — the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God which pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh, but to learn to say no to them. And it does this

in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

Fasting is a good example of this outward training. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. But you have learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above to discipline the desires of your body.

Another example is almsgiving. An increase in giving to the church and its mission during Lent is also a form of outward training. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying “no” to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you’ve learned just how powerful your flesh is — it leads you instead of you leading it. You’ve learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. (1 Tim. 6:6–10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://www.lcms.org/stewardship)

2023 EASTER GARDEN ORDER FORM

Plant(s) purchased...

Type of Plant	Quantity	Cost	Total Cost
Easter Lily (6")	#	x \$22.00	\$
Cyclamen (6")	#	x \$20.00	\$
Tulip (6")	#	x \$18.00	\$
Gerbera Daisy (4")	#	x \$13.00	\$
Kalanchoe (4")	#	x \$10.00	\$
Begonia (4")	#	x \$10.00	\$
Totals	#		\$

- In Memory of...
- In Honor of...
- In Appreciation of...
- Sponsored by...

(name of the person to put on the plant)

Name and phone number of purchaser (in case we need to verify):

(name)

(phone)

Please make checks payable to *Our Savior's Youth*.

- I do not wish to take my plant home. Please find a suitable home for it.

Please drop off your order form with payment at the church office,
or in the payment lock box in the narthex

LAST DAY TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH

*You may pick up your plant(s) Easter Sunday after the 10:30 service, or the following week. Please pick up by Friday, April 14TH *Note* The office is closed Easter Monday, April 10TH.*

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<p>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).</p>			<p>1:30 Lenten Worship 5:00 Introductory Choir 5:30 Introductory Bells 5:30 Meal 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:30 Jr Conf / Vocal Choir 8:00 Handbell Choir</p>	<p>9:00 Private Confession 9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle Bible Study 10:00 Bulletin Deadline</p>		
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<p>8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:15 Bible Class 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Artwork visit to Waterville</p>		<p>8:30 Circuit Pastors 5:15 Board of Education 6:00 Board of Elders 6:30 Board of Deacons 7:00 Board of Trustees</p>	<p>10:00 Early Bulletin Deadline 1:30 Lenten Worship 5:00 Introductory Choir 5:30 Intro Bells / Brass 5:30 Meal 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:30 Jr.Conf. / Vocal Choir 8:00 Handbell Choir</p>	<p>9:00 Private Confession 7:30 Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>6:00 Grief Social</p>	
<p><i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> 12</p> <p>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</p>	<p>9:00 Quilting 7:00 Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 Planning Council</p>	<p>1:30 Lenten Worship 4:00 Mission Service 5:00 Introductory Choir 5:30 Introductory Bells 5:30 Meal 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:30 Jr.Conf / Vocal Choir 8:00 Handbell Choir</p>	<p>9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Daring to Hope Class</p>	<p>1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study 4:00 The Voice Deadline</p>	<p>9:00 Women's Retreat</p>
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<p><i>Mite Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:15 Bible Class 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Zac's Farewell Party</p>	<p>6:30 Early Bird Bible Study</p>	<p>10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>1:30 Lenten Worship 5:00 Introductory Choir 5:30 Intro Bells / Brass 5:30 Meal 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:30 Jr.Conf / Vocal Choir 8:00 Handbell Choir</p>	<p>9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 5:30 Potluck Meal / Bible Study</p>	<p>6:00 Grief Social</p>	
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