

Program for the Week of March 12 – March 19, 2023

Sunday:

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

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
6:30 Planning Council
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

1:30 Midweek Lenten Worship
2:00 Worship Service on KTV
4:00 Mission Service
5:00 Introductory Choir
5:30 Introductory Bells

5:30 Meal
6:30 Midweek Lenten Worship
7:30 Jr. Confirmation
7:30 Vocal Choir
8:00 Handbell Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
6:30 Daring to Hope Class

Friday:

1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study
4:00 The Voice Deadline

Saturday:

9:00 Women's Retreat

Next Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

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11:30 Zac's Farewell Party

Chancel flowers are provided by Tom & Theresa McLaughlin in celebration of the family's March birthdays: Tom McLaughlin, William Tauer, and Mathew Tauer.

About the Cover: St. Paul tells us that Christ was the spiritual Rock from which Israel drank in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:4). The woman at the well soon found out that this same Rock was standing before her, offering her the true thirst-quenching water. Once we have partaken of Christ, there is no need to thirst after the things of this world. He thirsted on the cross in our place to fill us with His forgiveness and life.

“A Prayer Lesson” is the title of this week's Sunday School lesson. With Jesus' disciples, we, too, implore, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). Jesus teaches His disciples – and all humankind – the prayer used throughout the Church to this day. Jesus follows His instruction with a parable illustrating how our heavenly Father unfailingly hears all our prayers. As a family, challenge one another to recite the Lord's Prayer from memory.

Book Club meets today, Sunday, March 12th in the Fireplace room. We will continue our discussion of *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. We will discuss pages 70 – 107. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

TSNT meets tonight, Sunday, March 12th from 6:30 – 8pm in the Fireplace Room. We'll begin with time in God's Word, and then play some games together. All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited. See you there!

Quilting meets tomorrow, Monday, March 13th from 9am – noon upstairs in the Youth Room. No experience necessary, all are welcome to come help. If you have any questions, please contact Julie at 507-388-7533. We will always accept cotton materials and sheets. Please leave any donations in the Mission Center. Thank you.

Young Adult Bible Study meets Monday, March 13th at 7pm in the Fireplace room. Contact Karee Bless (507-381-3826, kbless@blc.edu) if you have any questions.

Mission Service will meet this Wednesday, March 15th, at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Wednesday Night Meals are served from 5:30 – 6:15pm during Lent. All are welcome to come enjoy a good meal before our Midweek Lenten Service at 6:30pm. Suggested minimum donation of \$3.00 per person to cover the costs.

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

The deadline for the April 2023 issue of The Voice is Friday, March 17th at 4pm. Please drop off any submissions at the church office or e-mail to contact@oslcmandato.org.

Bible Journaling is this coming weekend! You can sign-up in the narthex or talk to Deaconess Lisa. All ages are welcome. Maybe you've thought about reading the Bible or would like help trying to understand it. Maybe you could benefit from talking with others. Sign-up for inspiration, and we'll even give you lunch. The cost is \$10. The retreat will take place here on Saturday, March 18 from 9:00am-2:00pm.

Farwell Reception: Next Sunday, March 19th, we'll have an opportunity to thank Zac for his faithful service here at Our Savior's. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall after the second service. Join us as we show our appreciation to Zac for his excellent care of our church building and grounds.

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and well wishes for my eye surgery. The surgery went well and recovery is also going well. Gene Mensing

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in March, please contact Kathy Johnson, 507-469-4591.

Mite Sunday is next Sunday, March 19th. The National focus grant is #19: Sharing Jesus' Love in India, Lutheran Braille Workers - \$100,000. A 13-year old blind boy from India says, "Thank you for sending me a braille Bible. I knew when I was reading Jesus' name because I could feel His love travel up my arm and to my heart. "India has the second highest population of blind and visually impaired people. Mite offerings for support of Lutheran Braille Workers production and distribution center in India allows more people to touch the Word of God and receive the light of Christ in their hearts. For more information go to: www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-19. The Minnesota South District focus grant is #8: Bible books for Indonesia Muslim Public Schools - \$12,000.

LWML Spring Rally: Saturday, April 15th at Peace Lutheran Church, 514 Freedom Drive, Arlington. Registration begins at 9am, cost is \$5. Guest speaker: POBLO International, Nader & Georgette Alaraj. Love offerings will be monetary gifts toward POBLO.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Our Savior's is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Monday, April 24th from noon to 5pm. Scheduling is available on the website: www.redcrossblood.org, or the Blood Donor app available in the App Store and Google Play store. Sponsor code: oslcmankato. Or, call the church office, 507-385-2180, to schedule your donation time. The need for blood is critical and each donation can save up to three lives. Be a hero, donate blood!

"Joyfully Aging" Gathering XXXIII news and registrations are here in the Narthex. Dr. Rich Bimler is the featured presenter for the May 1st & 2nd Gathering at Country Inn & Suites, 1900 Permier Drive, Mankato. Joyfully Aging workshops, music, fellowship, and Banquet with entertainment are also included. "You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of Joy" Psalm 16:11.

Easter Garden: Order forms are available in the Narthex. Please drop your order form and payment in the locked box next to the table. All proceeds help fund youth events and activities. Thank you for helping the youth and beautifying the church Easter morning. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 26th. Your plants may be taken home after the late service Easter morning.

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, March 15th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with projects.

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.

Celebrate the Lord of the Nations with LWML in Milwaukee, June 22 – 25. The LWML is blessed to have Jan Struck and Abby Goehring entertain participants with a little LWML humor. These two women have a habit of interrupting LWML President Debbie Larson during the proceedings. Come and enjoy the comic relief these women share. You will be energized and inspired through laughter. If you are planning on riding the bus, contact Deb Vinkemeier at: 612-720-7264. For the Gifts from the Heart and Convention offerings, see the list in the Mission Center.

The Spiritually Vibrant Home Workshop is on March 18th at Trinity Lutheran in Janesville from 8:30 – 3:00 or KJLY (107.1) at 6pm. You can also listen any time on your computer at: www.lhm.org, click on “Hear This Week’s Sermon”.

New brochures in the Mission Center: Orphan Grain Train, e-News from the District, and e-News from LWML.

Essay Contest: Deadline is April 1st, 6th to 8th grade students – did you remember to finish your essay? <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/events/2023/4/1/lfl-essay-contest-deadline>

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: Exodus 17:3 – “But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’” Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care 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 study John 13-14 on Sharper Iron’s “The Word Made Flesh” (weekdays at 8am), hear a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on March 15th at 11am, and study Hosea 6-10 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, “Dangerous Moment”: An affair on a business trip leads to tension at home. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Brent Klein from Trinity Lutheran Church in Northfield, who will present a message titled “The Power of Forgiveness” based on John 4:5-30, 39-42. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

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:

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

Weekly Discussion Question:

Why might we ask God to act based on His steadfast love?

Holy Communion: “I certainly love it with all my heart, the precious, blessed supper of my Lord Jesus Christ, in which he gives me His body and blood to eat and drink orally, with the mouth of my body, accompanied by the exceedingly sweet and gracious words: Given for you, Shed for you (Luther). While this gift is individually received, testimony is also given that those communing together share doctrinal unity. 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. Stan Aufderheide
Organist Susan Klute
Special Music..... Introductory Choir
Elder of the Day [8:00] Dave Hendley; [10:30] Mike Blomquist
Acolytes [8:00] Tobin Gangi; Nathan Full
.....[10:30] Addisyn Wellner; Greta Johnson
A/V Tech Dale Bergemann