

Program for the Week of March 19 – March 26, 2023

Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:15 Bible Class
9:20 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:30 Zac's Farewell Party

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

1:30 Midweek Lenten Worship
2:00 Worship Service on KTV
5:00 Introductory Choir
5:30 Introductory Bells
5:30 Meal
5:30 Brass

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

Thursday:

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

Friday:

6:00 Grief Social

Saturday:

Next 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

About the Cover: As children of light, we have no room for the works of darkness. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). Christ is our light, who—having gone through the darkness of Good Friday, which leads to the morning light of Easter—has scattered the darkness of our sin and given us the light of salvation. His Word is the lamp to our feet and the light to our path (Psalm 119:105).

This week's Sunday School lesson is "A Shepherd Loves." Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd as He promises to lead and guide His sheep. Jesus willingly laid down His life for His sheep, even those who often ignore the voice of the Shepherd. His flock includes "other sheep" (John 10:16), Gentiles not descended from Abraham. David's familiar Twenty-third Psalm describes the work of our Good Shepherd. Discuss, "When do we often hear Psalm 23 spoken?"

Farwell Reception: Today, 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.

Mite Sunday is today. The National focus grant is #19: Sharing Jesus' Love in India, Lutheran Braille Workers - \$100,000 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. Last month your mites contributed \$117.23 toward the goal. Praise God! 2021-2023 Mission Goal of \$2,150,000 has been met and surpassed. On page 15 on the Spring *Quarterly*, the list of 45 proposed Mission Grants 2023-2025 which will be voted on at the convention.

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.

Potluck Dinner & Bible Study: Join us Thursday, March 23rd in the Fireplace room. At 5:30pm we'll share a potluck meal, then at 6:30 we'll study Scriptures together. This month we will learn a bit about the gift of repentance. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Matheny.

Book Club meets next Sunday, March 26th at 4:30pm in the Fireplace Room. We will discuss pages 107 – 131 of *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan.

Palm Sunday, April 2 – Plan to enjoy a hot breakfast cooked by our Sunday School children. Then tour the tables in our Fellowship Hall to learn about different groups at our church. Both will be happening during the Education Hour (9:20 – 10:20).

Prayer Shawl: If you, or someone you know, may find comfort in a Prayer Shawl, please call Marcella B. Eilders, 507-317-4127.

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!

The Spring Quarterly and WOM are available in the Narthex for you.

Seven donated blankets were delivered to The Reach (a shelter for homeless youth), and 30 Health Care Kits and 30 pair of socks were taken to the Crisis Center this month. Thank you to everyone who came to the Mission Service workday to help with this project, and for all the donations received!

“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. For the full agenda, workshop descriptions, presenters, meal information, cost, and registrations form, visit the S.A.G.E.S. webpage on the District website. **“You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of Joy” Psalm 16:11.**

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

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.

Thrivent Members: If you have Choice dollars to designate, the deadline for donating your 2022 Choice Dollars is March 31, 2023.

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.

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. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex to car pool.

From the Stewardship Committee: Psalm 142:5 – “I cry to you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’” The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Who Will Tell Laura”: A family struggles with what to do after their daughter loses her sight in an accident. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Rev. Brent Klein from Trinity Lutheran Church in Northfield, who will present a message titled “Seeing and Blindness” based on John 9:1-7; 13-17; 34-39. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

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 14-16 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Became Flesh" (weekdays at 8am), study Hosea 11-14 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and study Christ's Words in the Sacrament of the Altar on Concord Matters (March 25th at 10am).

Celebrate the Lord of the Nations with LWML in Milwaukee, June 22 – 25. Early registration ends March 14. Real all the details in the winter issue of the *Lutheran Women's Quarterly* or on the LWML website at www.lwml.org. Are you planning on the district bus? transportation@mnslwml.org.

LLL/LHM Convention – Lutheran Layman's League – Lutheran Hour Ministries invites you to the convention on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Martin Luther High School, Northrop. More information will be in the April Voice. Contact: doylebenenson321@gmail.com

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".

Camp Omega Summer 2023 Camps are open for registration. Pick up a schedule from the counter in the Narthex, or go to: www.campomega.org for more information or to register. A life changing summer awaits!

Concordia Classical Academy's March Family Night Out will be held at Noodles & Company on March 28th from 4 - 8 pm. This event is at 1600 Warren St. Ste 15 Mankato, MN. Please show the flyer in person or use the code "GIVING25" when ordering online. 25% of qualifying purchases will be donated to CCA. Please contact the school office to purchase Noodles & Company SCRIP cards. Thank you for your continued support! We really appreciate it.

The **Spring Rummage and Bake Sale** will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School Thursday, March 30th from 4-8 p.m.; Friday, March 31st, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, April 1st, 8 a.m. to noon. Set up will begin on Saturday, March 25. Volunteer workers are most welcome to set up, operate the sale and help with take down. Donations of spring and summer clothing (in good condition), household items, and furniture will be accepted Saturday-Tuesday. Your help is essential to our success! Come help when you can and leave when you wish! Volunteers can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094CACAA2DA2F94-spring1>. For more information go to www.martinlutherhs.com or call 507-436-5249.

Tickets for Concordia Classical Academy's auction are now on sale. Early bird tickets available in March, prices increase April 1st. This year's auction will be held at the Mayo Clinic Event Center on April 22nd, from 5 – 9pm. The first \$10,000 raised will go toward CCA's budget. Any funds raised after that will go toward the Building for the Future campaign. Please visit the website to purchase tickets, www.auctria.events/ccagivetogrow2023.

Tickets are on sale for the **OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction** that will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop on Saturday, April 22nd. Auction preview and social hour will begin at 4:30 p.m. Valet parking service will be available. A dinner of bacon wrapped chicken breast will be served at 6:00 p.m. The Live Auction will follow with many fine items, experiences, and services on the docket. Tickets are \$30 each and must be purchased by April 15th and are available at the ML school office and online at www.martinlutherhs.com. Hundreds of new items, gift certificates, theme baskets and handmade items will be up for bids. Donations are welcome. Pictures and notification of donations are appreciated now with delivery of items to MLHS from April 1 until April 10. Call 507-436-5249.

High School Students: If you are thinking about church work as a vocation, there is an opportunity to attend Christ Academy at Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne. Timothy School (for boys) and Phoebe School (for girls) is a two week experience which immerses students in confessional catechesis, liturgical worship, and fun life together. This event runs June 18th – July 1st. For more information, or to register, go to: www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/.

Concordia Classical Academy is looking for eighth graders and older to help with childcare at the school on the night of their auction. Volunteers will need to be at school by 4:15pm until the last child is picked up on April 22nd. Supper and snacks will be provided. We need at least one 18-year-old volunteer. Please contact Mrs. Cherney at Jenean.chernet@ccamankato.education if you know of anyone interested.

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:

The psalmist asks God to remove any sign of his rebellion against God.
What things might we want erased?

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. Adam M. Matheny
Organist Barb Anderson
Elder of the Day[8:00] Gene Mensing; [10:30] Lon Whitehead
Acolytes [8:00] Lillian Matheny
.....[10:30] Avery Marso; Ella Holub
A/V Tech Matt Brand