

Program for the Week of March 26 – April 2, 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:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study
9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
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
6:30 Midweek Lenten Worship
7:30 Jr. Confirmation
7:30 Vocal Choir
8:00 Handbell Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: *Palm Sunday*

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:15 Rally Day
9:20 Sunday School
10:30 Worship

Chancel flowers are provided by Lori Ellanson in loving memory of her mother, Judy Murilla.

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

About the Cover: While the sight of the grave may give us the impression that the Lord's people are sealed off from life, not even the grave is too great for our Lord to overcome. Just as the Creator breathed life into earth to form Adam, so He is able to open the graves in order to breathe resurrection life into His people on the Last Day. So also, even today, not even the graveyard of our sin is able to keep us from breathing new life through forgiveness in Christ.

This week in Sunday School, students will study "A Living Truth." The women who witness Christ's burial are the first to witness His resurrection. With great joy, they run to tell His disciples that Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Discuss, "How can we as a family spread the word of Christ's resurrection?"

Today is the last day to order Easter Garden flowers. 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 your support.

Book Club meets today, March 26th from 4:30 – 6pm in the Fireplace room. We will discuss pages 107-131 of *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

TSNT meets tonight, Sunday, March 26th 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!

Young Adult Bible Study meets Monday, March 27th at 7pm in the Fireplace room. Contact Karee Bless (507-381-3826, kbless@blc.edu) if you have any questions.

Quilting meets tomorrow, Monday, March 27th 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.

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.

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).

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle meets Thursday, April 6th in the Fireplace room at 9:30am for fellowship time and refreshments, Bible study begins at 9:45am. Our study will be "God's Chosen People" on pages 16-17 in the LWML Spring Quarterly. We welcome all guests!

Help is needed for the LWML Table on April 2nd. Contact Trudy, 507-327-7082.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in April, please contact Bev Clark, 507-380-9492, or Bev Annis, 507-278-3093.

"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. The Workshop titles are: 1) History in Songs; 2) Talking about Jesus without talking about Sin; 3) Effective Communication Strategies; 4) Trends in Fraud & Identity Theft; 5) Over the Counter Hearing Aids; and 6) Elder Law. Register now, the deadline is April 15th.

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, the WOM, and the Lutheran Layman Magazine are available in the Narthex for you.

S.A.G.E.S. Board meeting on April 4th at the District Office. Call Trudy for a ride, 507-327-7082.

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.

Celebrate the Lord of the Nations with LWML in Milwaukee, June 22 – 25. Information: www.lwml.org, or the Spring Quarterly.

Help for preparing decorations for S.A.G.E.S. is needed. Contact Trudy, 507-327-7082.

Kinship Radio Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, May 6th at Hosanna Lutheran Church. Registration opens Monday, March 27th. Register at: kinshipradio.org Call Rhonda at 389-9726 if you have any questions.

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. The April Voice has more information.

Lutheran Church Servant Events program registration is now open for a full summer of Servant Events in 2023. At its heart, the Servant Events program provides youth with a way to participate in the work of spreading the Gospel. <https://reporter.lcms.org/2023/volunteer-in-2023-register-for-a-summer-servant-event/>

Bible Bowl is April 1st. **LCEF Essay** is due April 1st.

From the Stewardship Committee: Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

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 studying the book of Judges on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), study John 16-18 on Sharper Iron’s “The Word Made Flesh” (weekdays at 8am), and hear the final Lenten organ recital and midweek worship service from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis at 11am on March 29th.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Holy Land Tour – Part 1”; A video tour of locations in Jesus’ earthly ministry, led by Rev. Nabil Nour, a South Dakota pastor who grew up in Israel. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, who will present a message titled “For This Jesus Deserved Death” based on John 11:17-27, 38-53. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

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”.

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.

Concordia Classical Academy, in North Mankato, is looking to call a full-time principal for the 2023-2024 school year. We are looking for someone who has experience at the elementary level and is a practicing Christian who supports the values of the LCMS. Please contact Jenean Cherney or Joe Holtmeier for more information about this position. Jenean can be reached at 507-388-4336 or jenean.cherney@ccamankato.education. Joe may be reached at 507-327-5775 or jholtmeier@holtmeierinc.com.

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:

What do you think is God's answer to this request?

Holy Communion: Jesus knew He would soon be crucified! He chose His words with great care. As we receive His gift today, give ear to His words, for they are sure and certain! As we receive His gift, we also give ear to the concern for confessional oneness which the Bible sets forth for those communing together. 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
Special Music..... Introductory Bells
Elder of the Day[8:00] Mike Holub; [10:30] Judd Schultz
Acolytes[8:00] Lucas Bjortomt; Darren Hoppe
.....[10:30] Lucas Kitzmann; Endre Anderson
A/V Tech Zak Tess