

## Program for the Week of March 5 – March 12, 2023

### Sunday:

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Coffee Time  
9:15 Bible Class  
9:20 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
11:30 Lunch/Artwork Field Trip

### Monday:

### Tuesday:

8:30 Circuit Pastors  
5:15 Board of Education  
6:00 Board of Elders  
6:30 Board of Deacons  
7:00 Board of Trustees  
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

### Wednesday:

10:00 Early Bulletin Deadline  
1:30 Midweek Lenten Worship  
2:00 Worship Service on KTV  
5:00 Introductory Choir  
5:30 Introductory Bells

5:30 Brass  
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  
7:30 Men's Bible Study

### Friday:

10:30 Salzwedel Funeral  
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:** All the Scriptures testify to Christ, and Christ alone, as the Savior of the world. John specifically tells us that his Gospel account was written so that we might believe (John 20:31). In the most well-known verse of the Bible, we have this central message of all the Scriptures put most succinctly: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

**In this week's Sunday School lesson,** "A Mercy-Full Message," Jesus tells the famous parable of the Good Samaritan, who risks his own life to help a Jewish man whose peril was ignored by his own countrymen. In telling the parable, Jesus answers the questions "Who is my neighbor?" for His followers as He challenges us to "go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). As a family, you could discuss ideas to help those in need in your community.

**Congregation Field Trip today!** This morning, after the 10:30 service, we will have lunch together and then car pool to Trinity Lutheran Church in Waterville to view the artwork in their sanctuary, which was completed by the same artist we are in conversation with about a possible project for our sanctuary. Members of their congregation will be available to answer our questions.

**Early Bulletin deadline:** Please have all submissions for the March 12 bulletin to the church office by 10am on **Wednesday**, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Drop off or email to: [contact@oslcmandato.org](mailto:contact@oslcmandato.org). 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.

**Men's Bible Study** meets Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 8:30pm in the Fireplace room. We'll continue our study of the Smalcald Articles. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Matheny.

**Grief Social** – Experiencing loss can leave us feeling isolated. 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. 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.

**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 26<sup>th</sup>. Your plants may be taken home after the late service Easter morning.

**Daylight Saving Time** begins Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday night.

**Book Club** meets next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Bible Journaling** – Rather than just reading God's Word, we'll be talking 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. The retreat will take place here on Saturday, March 18 from 9:00am-2:00pm.

**Thank you** to the 13 willing and skilled volunteers who helped clean the kitchen on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Everything is so clean and organized now. It was a fun day of working together. Reminder to anyone who is making meals, the food items in the totes is available for your use. Feel free to include it when you are planning your meal. – The Board of Deacons

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Our Savior's is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5pm. Scheduling is available on the website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Gathering at Country Inn & Suites, 1900 Premier 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.

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

**Our Savior's Worship Service** is livestreamed on our website [www.oslcmankato.org](http://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. Early registration ends March 14. Read all the details in the winter issue of the *Lutheran Women's Quarterly* or on the LWML website at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org). Are you planning on the district bus? [transportation@mnslwml.org](mailto:transportation@mnslwml.org).

**From the Stewardship Committee: John 3:16** – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” This is perhaps the most well-known and beloved verse in the New Testament, for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life, including our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.

**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](http://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 hear a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis, study John 12 on Sharper Iron's “The Word Made Flesh” (weekdays at 8am), and begin studying the book of Hosea 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, "Prescription TLC": injuries after a plane crash cause a couple to seek God for comfort and healing. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Tom Evans from Emanuel Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, who will present a message titled, "How Do You Feel Today? Condemned or Loved?" based on John 3:16-17. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**The Spiritually Vibrant Home Workshop** is on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran in Janesville from 8:30 – 3:00. Go to: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/missionformation> for more information or to register.

**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](http://www.lhm.org). Click on "Hear This Week's Sermon".

**LCEF Take Heart Scholarship** is available to all 16-18 year old high school seniors who have a YI account with LCEF. Scholarships available up to \$3000, and the due date for submission is May 7<sup>th</sup>. Go to: <https://lcef.org/scholarship/> for more information.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, or to register, go to: [www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/](http://www.ctsfw.edu/ctsfw-events/).

**St. John Lutheran Church of Good Thunder** is having their Annual All You Can Eat Pancake Supper on Sunday, March 12, serving from 4pm – 7pm. The menu will include pancakes, sausage patties, applesauce, and beverages. It is a free-will donation. (Please use the Sherman Street entrance.)

**Tickets for Concordia Classical Academy's auction** are now on sale. Early bird tickets available in March, prices increase April 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's auction will be held at the Mayo Clinic Event Center on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](http://www.auctria.events/ccagivetogrow2023).

**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:**

Have mercy on me is a request for kindness to an inferior.  
When have you asked for or given mercy?

**Holy Communion:** Those who take part in the Lord's Supper actually consume bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:17, 11:27ff). But more than that, they also receive a miracle in bread and wine; for therein Christ placed His true body and true blood (1 Corinthians 10:16). 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  
Elder of the Day ..... [8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Judd Schultz  
Acolytes ..... [8:00] Carson Kettner; Madison Kettner  
..... [10:30] Olivia Naumann; Izzy Prince  
A/V Tech ..... Dale Bergemann