

Program for the Week of April 16 – April 23, 2023

Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:15 Bible Class
9:20 Sunday School
10:30 Worship

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV
4:00 Mission Service
5:15 Introductory Choir
5:15 Find Your People Class
5:50 Introductory Bells
6:00 Meal

6:45 Devotion
7:00 Jr. Confirmation
7:00 Vocal Choir
7:30 Handbell Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
6:30 Daring to Hope Class

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Worship
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9:15 Bible Class
9:20 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
4:30 Book Club
6:30 TSNT

Chancel flowers are provided by Kurt & Jeanne Anderson in joyful celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Betty Mace in loving memory of Stacy.

About the Cover: Hope in the Lord is no ordinary hope based upon human desires in an uncertain future. Christian hope is a living hope because Christ is living. He was raised to never die again. Even in the midst of hardship, we hold fast to our Savior all the more as He continues to sustain us in the sure, certain, and living hope found in Him alone.

The Sunday School lesson this week is “An Ascending Truth.” During His last days on earth, Jesus instructs His disciples, preparing them for the challenges that lie ahead. Gathering His disciples on the Mount of Olives one last time, Jesus physically ascends to heaven. Two angels repeat Christ’s promise to return in the same way He ascended into heaven. Discuss, “What great commission does Jesus give His followers?”

Mite Sunday is today, April 16th. The focus grant for April is #21 – Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus - \$100,000. Find out more at: www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-21. The Minnesota South District focus grant is #9: Student Tuition Assistance, Martin Luther High School, Northrop - \$20,000. Last month your mites contributed \$49.17 toward the goal.

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

Mission Service will be this Wednesday, April 19th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects!

Mary Circle Bible Study meets Friday, April 21st 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!

Looking for another opportunity to get into God's Word? Early Bird Bible Study meets Monday mornings at 6:30am to start your work week off with devotion, prayer, and Bible study. Everyone is always welcome, but this is a special invitation as we are starting a new study on April 24th focusing on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. We meet in the Fireplace Room (come on in through the east doors off the back parking lot) and wrap up at 7:30 for those who need to head off to work. The coffee will be on! If you have any questions, please contact Matt Brand (507-327-5059 or mattsbrand@gmail.com).

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!

Are you looking for an opportunity to help those who have been impacted by the recent severe weather in the south? A disaster relief mission is "in the works"! Call Kris Bjornstad at 369-8705 or email at fysherofmen@gmail.com if you might be interested in participating in a mission within the next two to four weeks. No pre-requisites needed!

The Spring Quarterly, the WOM, the Lutheran Layman Magazine, the April Sagacity, and other new materials are available in the Narthex for you. There are coloring pages for you in the Mission Center.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: It's that time again to start thinking about our children or grandchildren attending Camp Omega or other religious based camps. Thrivent Choice Dollars here at Our Savior Lutheran Church can offer scholarships up to \$250 per child to help defray the costs of these camps. Feel free to con act Brian Johnson at 779-4264 with any questions.

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

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.

This is for You, who are born before 1973, or any age! **“Joyfully Aging” Gathering XXXIII** news and registrations are here in the Narthex. Dr. Rich Bimler is the featured presenter for the **Monday and Tuesday, 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. Yes, but call Trudy today, the 16th, if you are still planning to go.

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

S.A.G.E.S. Board is praying for volunteers as representatives of the Board. See how the Lord is calling you to represent the older adults of Minnesota South District. To volunteer and get information call President Vehling at 651-501-5611.

Help for preparing decorations for S.A.G.E.S. is needed. We will be working on the posters, centerpieces, and other decorations on Thursday, April 20th at 1:30pm at 711 Grayhawk Circle. Contact Trudy, 507-327-7082.

From the Stewardship Committee: 1 Peter 1:3-4 – “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” We have an inheritance waiting for us, a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting. They come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the kingdom that will not fade away.

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 1 John 1-2 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), study Judges 14-18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and hear about the Table of Duties on Concord Matters (April 22 at 10am).

Two Free Tickets available for the Riverblenders annual show at Hosanna Lutheran Church on April 29th at 1pm. If interested, contact Rhonda at 507-389-9726.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Gates of Glory": Thomas recounts his experience with doubt and belief as he meets the risen Jesus. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Elliot Malm from Grace Lutheran Church in Dodge Center presenting the message. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Concordia Classical Academy's 2023 Give to Grow Dinner Auction is quickly approaching. We hope that you can join us on April 22nd for a fun evening of fundraising and fellowship. Tickets are on sale through April 8th. Tickets may be purchased online, by returning a registrations form to the school, or by calling the school office at 507-388-4336. To register online visit: <https://auctria.events/ccagivetogrow2023>.

The Immanuel-Lites and Men's Club from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Courtland, are having their Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday, April 16, from 11am – 1pm. Menu includes: Pork Chop(s) or Hot Dog, German Potato Salad, Corn, Applesauce, potato chips, dinner roll, Ice Cream, and beverages. Cost: 1 chop - \$15, 2 chops - \$15, hot dog - \$3. Dine in or pick-up take-out meals are available.

Concordia Classical Academy's final Family Night Out is Tuesday, April 25th at Bakers Square from 10 am - 7 pm. When you mention CCA, Bakers Square will donate 20% back to CCA. Thank you for your support all year long!

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".

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:

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
1 Corinthians 15:20

Weekly Discussion Question:

What joy do you have in knowing you will also be raised?

Holy Communion: In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise, His very body and blood are really present; and thereby we come into immediate contact with the exalted Christ! As we do so, witness is also given to oneness in doctrine by those who receive the Sacrament 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
Pianist Suzie Gangi
Elder of the Day [8:00] Mike Holub; [10:30] Lon Whitehead
Acolytes [8:00] Madison Kettner; Carson Kettner
..... [10:30] Olivia Naumann; Izzy Prince
A/V Tech Matt Brand