

## Program for the Week of April 30 – May 7, 2023

### **Sunday:** *Confirmation Sunday*

- 8:00 Worship
- 9:00 Confirmation Reception
- 9:15 Bible Class
- 9:20 Sunday School
- 10:30 Worship

### **Monday:**

- 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study
- 12:00 S.A.G.E.S. Gathering

### **Tuesday:**

- 8:00 S.A.G.E.S. Gathering
- 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:**

- 2:00 Worship Service on KTV
- 5:15 Introductory Bells
- 5:15 Find Your People Class
- 6:30 Vocal Choir
- 7:30 Handbell Choir

### **Thursday:**

- 10:00 Bulletin Deadline
- 1:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle Bible Study

### **Friday:**

### **Saturday:**

### **Next Sunday:**

- 8:00 Worship
- 9:00 Coffee Time
- 9:15 Bible Class
- 9:20 Sunday School
- 10:30 Worship
- 11:45 Sunday School Teachers

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

**About the Cover:** We ought not think that our lives as God's people will be without suffering. We should expect it. However, on the other side of Christ's resurrection, our view of suffering has been forever changed. When the Lord works endurance and faith through suffering, it is a gracious thing to be counted as such by those belonging to Christ. He died and rose so that we may place all our confidence in Him. "He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

**This week, Sunday School students will study "A Servant Speaks."** The Twelve select Stephen as one of the first seven deacons in the Early Church. Synagogue leaders twist Stephen's words, falsely accusing him of blasphemy. Stephen's testimony before the high priest recalls Israel's rejection of God's promise and their rejection of Jesus, the promised Savior. When Stephen says he sees a vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God, the enraged officials cast Stephen out of the city and stone him. As a family, consider discussing, "How does the death of Stephen affect the other believers?"

**Anyone interested in placing flowers** for our worship services in May, please contact Judy Mensing, 507-420-8196.

**Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle** meets Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fireplace room at 1:30pm for fellowship and refreshments, before our study begins at 1:45pm. We welcome all guests. Our study will be “Alive in God’s Word” on pages 18 & 19 of the Spring Quarterly. Discuss the words of the hymn, “God’s Word is Our Great Heritage” (LSB 582).

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

**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. The large print Quarterly is here to make it easier for studying and reading for sight impaired people.

**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.

**Delivered locally in April:** 21 pairs of socks and 21 Healthcare kits to the Reach (Homeless shelter for teens), 22 pairs of socks and 22 Healthcare kits to The House of Hope (Chemical dependency facility), and 8 bath towels and 26 knit baby caps to Options Pregnancy Center. Thank you for all the donations so these gifts could bse delivered within our community.

**All Our Savior ladies:** The Quarterly has 45 new Mite Projects to be voted on before the LWML Convention. They are listed on page 15 of the Spring Quarterly and there will be individual copies you may pick up in the Narthex. Each person may pick out eight of her favorite Mite Mission projects, and list them on a sheet of paper to be given to our delegate. Also, we will be voting on National Officers and you have the opportunity to give the names you prefer to our delegate. There will be a box for your responses in the Mission Center. Our Arlington Zone Delegate is Beverly Evans-Peterson ([budach429@gmail.com](mailto:budach429@gmail.com)), our Arlington Zone President is Vivian Grisham ([vgrisham123@gmail.com](mailto:vgrisham123@gmail.com)), more next week.

**“Joyfully Aging” Gathering**, Monday at noon to Tuesday at 2:30, May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gathering at Country Inn & Suites, 1900 Premier Drive, Mankato. Remember there is no restaurant for lunch, so eat at your favorite place before you come. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

**Celebrate the Lord of the Nations** with LWML in Milwaukee, June 22 – 25. Information: [www.lwml.org](http://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.

**District Retreat:** Mark your calendar now, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at the new Omega Lodge at Camp Omega.

**From the Stewardship Committee: 1 Peter 2:21** - “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.” Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”

**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 study the end of 1 John through 3 John on Sharper Iron’s “The Love of God” (weekdays at 8am), study 1 Samuel 3-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and study the Preface to the Book of Concord on Concord Matters (May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am).

**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”.

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Aftermath” features a father who tries to make things right with his daughter after a life of bad choices. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jim Bender from Trinity Lutheran Church in Hudson, WI, who will present a message titled “Shepherded. Beyond our Wants. Beyond our Fears.” based on John 10:1-10. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

**Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School** would like to extend a sincere thank you to all donors, attendees, volunteers, and bidders who helped make the OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction such a successful event. The auction and exit basket, together, raised over \$75,000 total! Thank you for your support of your Lutheran high school. May God bless us all as we work together to prepare students for discipleship until Christ’s return.

**Fred Hinz, Public Policy Advocate**, wrote on April 21 in One Voice for Public Policy, about A Great Opportunity. You probably are aware of the Parental Empowerment/School Choice that has been in the legislature in 2023. This is very important for parents and their children’s education. Read the One Voice for Public Policy in the Mission Center, and if you have questions, contact Fredric Hinz at [fred.hinz@mnsdistrict.org](mailto:fred.hinz@mnsdistrict.org) or 507-317-9634.

**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:**

How can you share the good news of the resurrection with others?

**Holy Communion:** Both the Gospel and the Sacrament of the Altar contain one and the same gift – forgiveness of sins. This gift no one can give except the Lamb of God who was slain for the sins of the world. 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 ..... Susan Klute  
Special Music..... Introductory Choir with the Vocal Choir  
Elder of the Day ..... [8:00] Dave Hendley; [10:30] Judd Schultz  
Acolytes ..... [8:00] Lillian Matheny  
..... [10:30] Avery Marso; Ella Holub  
A/V Tech ..... [8:00] Gene Mensing; [10:30] Dale Bergemann