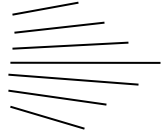




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The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church  
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001

**JUNE 2023**

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## It's Picnic Season!

Please join us  
for the Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Annual Picnic  
Sunday, June 11 at 11:45am

We'll be serving chicken,  
hotdogs, carrots, coleslaw,  
chips, baked beans, and ice  
cream.

We'll be across the street,  
on Franklin school yard, so if  
you can, bring a chair or  
picnic blanket.



You'll also want to stay for Bingo!

If the weather doesn't cooperate,  
we'll be in the Fellowship Hall

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Office hours are Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Unless there is an activity or event taking place, please use the Broad Street entrance by the mailbox.

In case of emergency or urgent need, our pastor is available at all hours and all days by calling his cell phone. Please use the office phone for other business. Please also remember that Sunday morning and other worship times are not for bringing church business to other members or staff but for focusing upon the Word and gifts of God. "The seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work." - Exodus 20:10



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June 24, 2023

Greetings Brother and Sister in Christ!

At the Voter's Meeting on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, I asked the members present their opinion on moving to a summer service schedule of only one worship service on Sunday mornings, followed by summer Sunday School and Bible study. The Board of Elders have had conversations on this topic in the past, and many members have been approaching me as of late inquiring if this was something we would be doing or were considering. Based on the response at the Voter's Meeting, and further discussion with the Board of Elders, we will implement a summer service schedule starting **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. The times for worship, summer Sunday School and Bible study will be as follows:

**9:00 AM - Worship**

**10:20 AM - Summer Sunday School**

**10:20 AM - Bible Study**

This is a summer schedule that will go through Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. After that we will resume our normal schedule of worship, Sunday school and Bible study.

We hope you will find this summer schedule workable and we look forward to a full church on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or talk to me in church.

In His Service

Judd Schultz

Chair, Board of Elders

<sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit who is from God,  
that we might understand the things freely given us by God.  
1 Corinthians 2:12

The day of Pentecost has come and gone, which means that we have settled into the season of Pentecost or the time of the church. This is the long slog of the church year, nearly half of it in total, where things settle down and become less exciting. This season also coincides with the summer season when people very often drift away from regular activities (including church) towards the lake and leisure.

But far be it from us to think that we can or should drift away from God's church and Spirit just because the weather outside has turned nice and there are not so many holidays coming up on the church calendar! For as the apostle says we have not received the spirit of this world, but the Spirit of God! That means that for us we do not list aimlessly from activity to activity just because that is what everyone else is doing, or because that tempts our appetites at any moment. Instead, we have received the Spirit of God! He opens our eyes to see, and our minds to understand, and our hands to act upon the gifts that God has given. Because we have been claimed by God the Holy Spirit in baptism, we are able to see that we are not purposeless organisms that are free to do as they please, but beloved children of the Most High who have been given a mission to make known His salvation to the ends of the earth.

As the days get hot and the weeks get lazy, do not forget the Spirit that you have been given. Remember that you are God's child, and that with that calling comes a life of meaning, purpose, and adventure. A life lived to the glory of God.

Planning Council  
Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato  
April 11, 2023

**Members Present:** Matt Brand, Doug Haeder, Valerie Elliott, Nancy Benson, Rob Hobbs, Christine Billiar, Steve Annis, Denise Painter, Bev Clark, Judd Schultz, Missy Schultz and Pastor Adam Matheny.

**Members Absent:** Dan Gahler, Judy Hendley

1. President Matt Brand called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.
2. Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Matheny.
3. There was no public/congregational presentation.
4. Built on the Rock (Review) Discussion about the themes in the case study and applications to our congregation. Next meeting will begin study of Psalm 81.
5. Additions/Approval of Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried.
6. Motion made and seconded to approve the March 14, 2023, Planning Council minutes as presented, motion carried.
7. Pastor's Report: Pastor reported Holy Week services went well. Council members expressed their appreciation for the services.
8. Treasurer's Report: Doug Haeder provided a summary of reports. Rob Hobbs inquired about a different type of savings account at Pioneer Bank that might have a higher interest rate, Doug will research. Motion made and seconded to approve the report as presented, motion carried.
9. Unfinished Business
  1. Mt. Olive School Request - President Matt Brand reported Mt Olive was provided with a floor plan of the building and are currently reviewing the information.
  2. Custodian Position - Steve Annis reported Bob Baker has started as the new custodian. Additionally, the retirement contribution issue was resolved.
  3. Capital Improvement Fundraising - Discussion to modified goal amount from \$170,000 to \$47,000, which

would be used for repair to the roof, improvement of parking lot and outside doors replacement.

4. Call Committee - Judd Schultz reported will reach out to District President if we will be receiving a seminary graduate. If so, then will have a watch party for the call service.

#### 10. New Business

1. May Voter's Meeting Date and Agenda - Meeting will be May 21<sup>st</sup> after the second service and call committee update will be on the agenda. Let President Matt Brand know if any boards have items for the agenda.

11. Board Sharing: **Trustees:** Core samples of the roof will be taken this week and researching having the internal doors be keyless entry. **Endowment:** Participated in Rally Sunday; next quarterly meeting end of April; and looking at having adopted seminary student participate in a service at the church his senior year (next year). **Education:** Good response and interest in different studies on Rally Sunday; Continue to be a need for second adult volunteers for Sunday School; Mini VBS will be June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM; and Confirmation on April 30<sup>th</sup> with brunch at 9:00 AM. **Deacons:** Rally Palm Sunday went well with good conversation and fellowship; Faith night at the Moondogs June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:05 PM; Blood drive on April 24<sup>th</sup>, all shifts are covered; and Confirmation Sunday brunch on April 30<sup>th</sup>; and Congregational picnic/bingo on June 11<sup>th</sup>. **Elders:** Ezekiel, seminary student from Fort Wayne, will be here this summer to gain work experience; plan in place in case of absent guest pastor; discussing next steps if church not selected to receive a seminary graduate; will have gospel procession through the Easter season; and our congregation is invited and encouraged to join Good Shepherd for the Ascension Service.

12. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. Next meeting is May 9, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie Elliott  
Secretary  
OSLC Planning Council

Planning Council  
Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato  
May 9, 2023

**Members Present:** Matt Brand, Dan Gahler, Doug Haeder, Valerie Elliott, Nancy Benson, Rob Hobbs, Christine Billiar, Steve Annis, Denise Painter, Judy Hendley and Pastor Adam Matheny.

**Members Absent:** Bev Clark, Judd Schultz, and Missy Schultz

1. President Matt Brand called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Matheny.
3. There was no public/congregational presentation.
4. Bible Study: Psalm 81 led by Matt Brand. Next month bible study will be on Psalm 146.
5. Additions/Approval of Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried.
6. Motion made and seconded to approve the April 11, 2023, Planning Council minutes as presented, motion carried.
7. Pastor's Report: Pastor reported confirmation went well. Pastor planning to meet with District President about church not receiving a seminary graduate to determine if there are changes we can make to improve our odds of placement in the future.
8. Treasurer's Report: Doug Haeder provided a summary of reports. Doug provided information about the different type of savings account at Pioneer Bank that might have a higher interest rate, but there are concerns about the requirements for that type of account. Motion made and seconded to approve the report as presented, motion carried.
9. Unfinished Business
  - a. Mt. Olive School Request - Dan Gahler provided an update that Mt. Olive school found another space to use.
  - b. Roof Project Update - Steve Annis provided an update, after results from the core sample and visual

- inspection, the Trustees recommendation is the based bid for a new roof from Schwickert's. Discussion occurred about funding the project.
- c. Call Committee Update - Pastor reported the committee is meeting to discuss how to proceed in light of the church not receiving a seminary graduate.
  - d. Community Building and Care - Item was tabled until the next meeting.
10. New Business
- a. May Voter's Meeting Date and Agenda - The draft agenda was reviewed.
  - b. Sexual Assault Policy, Manual and Forms Revisions - Christine Billiar reviewed the policy, manual and form revisions. Discussion occurred and suggested updates provided. Christine will revise the items based on the discussion for the Council to review at its next meeting.
11. Board Sharing: **Deacons:** There will be no donuts on 5/28; Wednesday night meals for next year will be scheduled theme night; Congregational picnic/bingo on 6/11 and Faith night at the Moondogs on 6/4. **Education:** Last of Sunday school will be 5/21 with sundaes being served; and mini VBS will be 6/5 from 5:30pm-7:00pm. **Trustees:** Working on the roof project. **Endowment:** Change the name of the "General Fund" to "Non-Scholarship Fund" to distinguish between the church's general fund and the Endowment's general fund; after review of investment positions with LCMS foundation will stay with current funds; gave \$2000 to Together in Mission/Johanna Heidorn; and scholarship applications are due 7/25 for 2023-34 academic year .
12. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM. Next meeting is June 13, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie Elliott  
Secretary  
OSLC Planning Council



## Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending April 30, 2023

### Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$61,354.73	\$207,684.34
Operating Expenses	-\$43,097.39	-\$180,950.41
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	-\$1,149.20	-\$4,576.08
<b>Net for Period<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>\$17,108.14</b>	<b>\$22,157.85</b>

<sup>†</sup>Positive net value indicates we received more than our expenses, a negative number indicates that we have spent more than we have received for that period (deficit).

### Cash Summary

	Amount	Notes
Checking Account	\$125,662.33	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$136,162.10	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	-\$81.57	
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<b>\$281,849.98</b>	
Dedicated Accounts	-\$155,605.91	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	-\$2,252.41	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
<b>Available Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$123,991.66</b>	\$106,744.52 last month

### Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$229,512.90
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	3.625%
Pay-off Date	5/2036

**Additional Comments:** Financial results are similar to, but slightly better than, last year at this time. Please bring any questions concerning the financial report to my attention. Thank you to all who bring offerings to support our ministry.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Haeder, Treasurer

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Treasurer's Report March 31, 2023

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non Scholar Fund</u>	<u>Scholar Fund</u>
<b>Beginning Principal</b>	\$10,893.79	\$100.00	\$10,793.79
1995-2022 Gifts Received	\$610,264.57	\$436,160.42	\$174,104.15
1995-2022 Interest + Dividend Income	\$356,106.82	\$241,916.89	\$114,189.93
1995-2022 Change in Market Value	(\$42,196.57)	(\$52,660.90)	\$10,464.33
1995-2022 Disbursements	<u>(\$446,150.17)</u>	<u>(\$321,456.10)</u>	<u>(\$124,694.07)</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$488,918.44</b>	<b>\$304,060.31</b>	<b>\$184,858.13</b>
2023 Gifts–OSLC Members	\$1,350.00	\$1,215.00	\$135.00
2023 Int.+Dividend Income	\$2,954.69	\$2,659.22	\$295.47
2023 Change in Mrkt Value	\$23,124.50	\$20,812.05	\$2,312.45
2023 Long Term Capital Gains	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2023 Disbursements	(\$675.71)	(\$608.14)	(\$67.57)
<b>Total Fund Balances: 2023</b>	<b>\$515,671.92</b>	<b>\$328,138.44</b>	<b>\$187,533.48</b>

### Assett Summary

Wells Fargo Checking	\$15,260.63
LCMS Foundation	<u>\$500,411.29</u>

**Total Balances: 2023** **\$515,671.92**

### 2023 Disbursements:

Concordia Adopt a Student	
Concordia Classical Academy	
Together in Mission-J.Heidorn	
Concordia Univ. Chicago	
Concordia University St. Paul	
Fees – LCMS	\$675.71

**Total 2023 Disbursements** **\$675.71**

## **Accessions & Losses**

### **Accessions**

Rev. Dennis & Janet O'Neill, Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Ortonville, MN; LCMS; May 18, 2023

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

**Steven Allen Baker**

September 6, 1958 ~ April 28, 2023

**Robert J. Sens**

June 5, 1938 ~ May 6, 2023

**Roger M. Schwanke**

December 24, 1953 ~ May 16, 2023

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# **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Olivia Anderson  
Jay Chatleain  
Carter DeVlaeminck  
Sophie Farris  
Teresa Kiewiet  
Abby Larson  
Jordis Lewis  
Macy Nagel





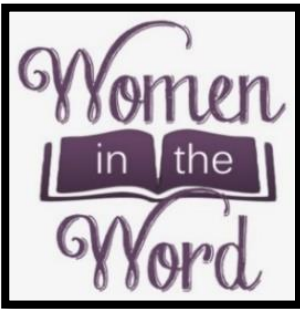
*“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High” Psalm 92:1*

**Volunteers Needed!**- as our groups take a break for the summer, we’re looking for volunteers to play during the summer. If you have any interest in providing special music, please contact Suzie Gangi.

Blessings,  
Suzie Gangi

[suzie@oslcmandato.org](mailto:suzie@oslcmandato.org) , 507-341-4173

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## **Bible Study Circles**

- Welcoming You -

May ended with the Great Pentecost Celebration, and now we go forward with the Holy Spirit filling us with the Joy of Jesus. Make Christ known in singing “Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise, tell everyone what He has done.”

**Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle** is Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> in the Fireplace room at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments with 9:45 Bible study, “Chosen for a Purpose” on page 20 of the Spring *Quarterly*. (A time to know our Biblical sisters, like Ruth and Esther.) Visitors, Guests, you all come.

**Mary Circle Bible Study** meets Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Fireplace room. Our study is on pages 16-17 of the Spring *Quarterly*, “God’s Chosen People”. Guests and visitors are welcome. Hostess is Doris Emich, phone 507-225-3548.

Summer: in your moment of relaxation enjoy the *Quarterly* stories.



# Peter – Following Jesus

What does following Jesus look like? In summer Sunday School kids will learn through the ups and downs in the life of Peter. We'll learn not just about our identity but also trusting, being humble, and offering a courageous and generous

love. We're using a different format with planning, acting, and reflecting times. Join us downstairs each Sunday beginning June 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:20-10:20am.

The far room in the basement will be set up for acting out the events. We'll use stage blocks for places like a mountain or temple steps. We'll use a door frame for a house and a blue corner for the Sea of Galilee. The classroom before that will be used as a work room to make plans and props. We'll have a low table and adult table to accommodate different children. The initial room is open to allow movement and a carpet for sitting and discussing together. Come check it out!



*Articles for the July 2023 VOICE are due by Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. You may drop-off submissions in the office, or e-mail to: [contact@oslcmandato.org](mailto:contact@oslcmandato.org).*

# Mini VBS



Squeeze in a little learning fun before summer break. Join us Monday night, June 5, beginning with supper at 5:30pm. We'll have activities for 3 year olds on up. Kids are encouraged to bring a special adult to share the evening. We'd be trilled to have some youth helpers, too. Talk to Deaconess Lisa

## Full VBS – August 7-11

At VBS we'll be focusing on water stories, especially how are sins are washed away. The registration form is included in this newsletter (pages 19-20). We'd love to have you help with anything from decorations to snacks to being a group leader. We're looking for both youth and adult volunteers. Come join the fun!



ATTENTION MEN! The men of Our Savior gather in the fireplace room on the second Thursday (June 8<sup>th</sup>) from 7:30-8:30 of each month for study together. In May we will continue our study of Song of Solomon together. If you are interested in this please speak with Pastor Matheny.



# Book Club



The Our Savior's book club meets from 4:30-6 in the fireplace room on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We read good books and then discuss them together from our shared Christian perspective. If you enjoy books, or if you would like to learn to enjoy them more then this is the group for you as our discussion will help you to better understand what you have read and offer new and fresh perspectives that you likely won't have considered on your own.

In June we will continue Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* which is often featured on best loved books lists and is considered one of the best novels in the English language. For our June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting we will discuss volume 2 chapters 1-10 and for our June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting we will discuss volume 2 chapters 11-19. If you have any questions please speak with Pastor Matheny.

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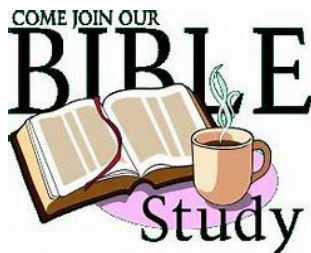
## **Student Scholarships Available**

Our Savior Endowment Fund has scholarship money available for students in our congregation who will be attending CCA this fall. Scholarship money is also available for post-secondary student members of our congregation who plan to pursue a career in full time church work. Application forms need to be completed and submitted by July 15, for the upcoming academic school year. Forms are available in the church office. Please contact Rob Hobbs, chairperson of the Endowment Board, for more information at 507-340-6313.



TSNT meets Sundays June 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fireplace room. We will begin with time in God's Word, and then play games together. All youth in grades 7 - 12 are invited!

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## Young Adult Bible Study

Mondays, June 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

Young Adults (late high school college, early-ish workforce) are invited to join us in the Fireplace Room at 7pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

Contact Karee Bless with questions, 507-381-3826,  
[kbless@blc.edu](mailto:kbless@blc.edu).

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There will be no Potluck Bible Study in June. Watch your July Voice for our July plans.



## Public Policy

The Public Policy Advocate for Minnesota South District is Fred Hinz. Contact him with your questions at: [fred.hinz@mnsdistrict.org](mailto:fred.hinz@mnsdistrict.org) or 507-317-9634.

You can read One Voice Blog, get reading recommendations, and sign-up to receive Minnesota public policy news and updates at: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy>.

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## Prayer Shawl

Two prayer shawls were given out in April and four in May. The recipients know their church family is thinking of them and praying for them.

If you or someone you know would like a Prayer Shawl for comfort, please call Marcella at 507-317-4127.



## Quilting

A special Thank You to everyone that donated cotton fabric and sheets, and to all the ladies that came to pin, sew, and tie.

This year we completed 42 quilts and have distributed the following:

- 3 to LWML Convention
- 5 to Florida Disaster Relief Trip
- 10 to Crisis Center
- 5 to Orphan Grain Train
- 9 to House of Hope
- 6 to Connections Shelter

The quilters will begin the new season on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month upstairs in the Youth Room. Anyone is welcome to come join us to enjoy fellowship and working together for a good cause, supplying blankets to people in need.

We are accepting cloth materials and sheets during the summer, which can be left in the Mission Center.

Have a great summer and see you in the fall.

# Mission Service

**Volunteers welcome!**

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

Continue to pray without ceasing.

We are still collecting cancelled stamps.

Gospel Bracelets tell the story of Salvation and are used for Vacation Bible Schools throughout the world. We work on these during Mission Services, but they can also be done as a home project. If interested, please contact Trudy at 507-327-7082.



Ask questions? Such as “what do you do?”, “Is there anything I can do to help?”, Have you ever thought of helping \_\_\_\_\_?”, “Are there any specifics to pray for?”

A Questions on an LCMS abbreviation: Do you know what the abbreviation ISM, Inc. stands for?

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## Watch Our Savior’s Sunday Worship

Our Savior’s Sunday 8am and 10:30am worship is livestreamed. Go to: [www.oslcmankato.org](http://www.oslcmankato.org) and click on the “Livestreaming & Videos” menu item. From there you can go directly to YouTube to watch the service, view the Order of Service, and keep up with church activities in the Bulletin Announcements.

Watch Tuesday at 7pm or Wednesday at 2pm on the Public Access Channel KTV (Consolidated Communications channel 7, Spectrum Cable channel 181).





## Vacation Bible School 2023

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
August 7-11, 6:00-8:00 pm

### REGISTRATION FORM

We welcome children age 3  
through those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Child's Name

Age/Grade

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Please place my child in the same group as: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list allergies, medical issues, or special needs we should know:

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Please also complete both release forms on the back.

EMERGENCY RELEASE

*I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.*

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*Parent Signature*

*Date*

PHOTO RELEASE

*We occasionally publish pictures of our events in print and electronic publications. We will never publish names, phone numbers, or email addresses.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we give permission for photos of our child to be published.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, we do not give permission for photos of our child to be published.

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*Parent Signature*

*Date*



## Bible Reading Plan - June

Jesus is often addressed as teacher. He was the promised teacher who is wiser than Solomon. They try to trick Him but fail. He is a teacher that serves rather than exalts Himself. He warns of bad teaching, and people falling for it. He calls others to teach His Word.

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## Widowed to Widowed

### GRACE

Amazing: By Grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth. God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth; His death did for our sins atone, and we are saved by Grace alone.

Words of Hymn 566, verse 2.

**F**or all have

sinned and fall short of the Glory of God, and are justified by His Grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:23-24

Also Ephesians 2:4-9 and Titus 3:47



## LWML Mites

### Mites for Missions

Mite Sunday is June 18<sup>th</sup>, third Sunday. This is the day to bring your pocket change and small at-home mite box to the big mite box at church. Every age is encouraged to share their change with a mission for the Lord. Most of us are aware of the mite goal for 2021-22 being fulfilled and we are now choosing proposed mite grants for 2023-2025. There are 45 listed grants (sheets are in the narthex) for you to pick your favorite eight grants. Put your vote sheet in the box in the Mission Center. They will be given to the Zone Delegate. More about our focus in June.

The National focus grant for June is #23 – Showing God’s Love in the International District, Albuquerque, NM – God Cares About You Mission - \$98,000. Leaders and volunteers are reaching out with the Gospel message to the multicultural population living in the International District in Albuquerque. God Cares About You Mission distributes food and clothing, hosts after school programs, and shares the Gospel message. The ministry provides hope for this life and for eternity. This mission grant will help to expand their services. To learn more about the mission and how you can support them through mite offerings, go to: [www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-23](http://www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-23).

The Minnesota South District focus grant is #11: Growing & Sowing for Christ! (Concordia Classical Academy, North Mankato), \$20,000: This grant provides additional and upgraded curriculum materials and additional desks needed for the 100% increased enrollment.

Thanks be to God for His Blessings!

## Young at Heart / S.A.G.E.S.

Young at Heart is Our Savior older adult ministry and  
**Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving**

(S.A.G.E.S.) is the District older adult ministry

LHM Lutheran Hour Ministries

LLL Lutheran Layman's League



S.A.G.E.S.



(S.A.G.E.S. = Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving)

Report from the S.A.G.E.S. Gathering: The S.A.G.E.S. Gathering was a time of JOYFULLY AGING. Other good news to share is that five circuit groups received new volunteer representatives. Thanks and praise to God! They are: Pamela Hunter from Prior Lake, Paul & Carla Puckett from Mayer, Evan & Suzie Schiller from Pipestone, Vern & Carol Strusz from Medford, and Stan & Kathy Tordsen from near Rochester.

S.A.G.E.S. next Board meeting is June 6, at the district office in Burnsville, followed by a catered lunch. We are still in need of more volunteers. Come to the meeting, you may want to be the next volunteer. Welcome!

Take time to read the Minnesota South District news of May 9<sup>th</sup>, Volume 23, Issue 19. It is in the Mission Center.

Lutheran Hour Ministry and Lutheran Layman's League – watch for coming news of a summer get together.



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## *Ladies of Our Savior*

### *June 2023*

Celebrate the Lord of the Nations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven, He sees all the children of man. Psalm 33:12-13. Join us in worship and fellowship! 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 22-25, 2023.

Our Arlington Zone President is Vivian Grisham, [vgrisham12@gmail.com](mailto:vgrisham12@gmail.com), phone: 507-237-5264 (land line), 612-269-3892 (cell).

Our Circuit Delegate is Beverly Evans-Peterson [Budach429@gmail.com](mailto:Budach429@gmail.com).

The new 45 LWML Projects are to be voted on before the convention in June. A page with the projects is in the Narthex. You can pick eight of your favorite projects and put your picks in the box in the Mission Center. These will be given to our Zone Delegate.

Lutheran World Relief: Perhaps some of you are already aware that it was concluded by National LWML that LWML will no longer actively partner with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) due to the fact the LWR does not evangelize. Our LWML organization takes great pride in spreading the gospel and sharing God's word as we provide financial and material support to organizations who also include God's word in their mission. Although LWML is no longer actively partnering with LWR, it was concluded that our zones and societies are still free to send supplies to LWR.

Minnesota South District Retreat – mark your calendars now for September 16<sup>th</sup> at the new Omega Lodge at Camp Omega (a one day retreat).

## LCMS Stewardship Ministry: *What Do You Want?*

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we *actually* suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

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## Electronic Giving

Our Savior's is pleased to offer the following E-giving options to have your church offering automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. All options offer easy, convenient one-time or recurring gifts.

- **Joyful Response® Electronic Offering Program**  
Complete the form on the adjacent page and attach a voided check or savings deposit slip and turn in to the church office.
  - **Give+ Online** Go to the church web-site, [www.oslcmankato.org](http://www.oslcmankato.org), on the home page click on the "Contribute Online" button.
  - **Give+ Mobile** Download "GivePlus Church" at the App Store or Google Play Store on your smart phone or tablet to get started.
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## Annual Summer Noontime Organ Recitals

The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents its annual Summer Noontime Organ Recitals at 12:10pm on Tuesdays, In June the series begins at Grace Lutheran Church, 110 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, with performances by:

- Kaleb Schmidt on June 13<sup>th</sup>
- David Mertesdorf on June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Chad Winterfeldt on June 27<sup>th</sup>

The recitals are free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.agsiouxtrails.org](http://www.agsiouxtrails.org).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>Sunday Matins</b> is aired at 9:00am each Sunday on KTOE 1420AM <b>Our Savior's Worship</b> service is aired Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday at 2pm on KTV (Public Access).				9:00 Private Confession 9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle 10:00 Bulletin Deadline for June 4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:15 Bible Class 9:20 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:05 Moondogs Game	6:30 Early Bird Bible Study 5:30 Mini VBS  Sue on vacation	8:30 Circuit Pastors 5:15 Board of Education 6:00 Board of Elders 6:30 Board of Deacons 7:00 Board of Trustees	5:15 Wednesday Class	9:00 Private Confession 7:30 Men's Bible Study  Backpacking Trip		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 Worship 10:20 Bible Class 10:20 Sunday School 11:45 Church Picnic 4:30 Book Club 6:30 TSNT  Backpacking Trip June 8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 Early Bird Bible Study  6:30 Young Adult Bible Study  Lisa @ Deaconess Conference	10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Planning Council		9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study 4:00 Voice Deadline 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	4:00 Schwartz/Krieger Wedding
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Mite Sunday  9:00 Worship 10:20 Bible Class 10:20 Sunday School	6:30 Early Bird Bible Study  Pastor Matheny vacation		4:00 Mission Service	10:00 Bulletin Deadline		
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