

Program for the Week of May 14 – May 21, 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:

Tuesday:

7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

5:30 Vocal Choir @ Good Shepherd

6:30 Ascension Service @ Good Shepherd

Friday:

1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study

4:00 The Voice Deadline

Saturday:

Next Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Worship

9:00 Coffee Time

9:15 Bible Class

9:20 Sunday School

10:00 Sundaes on Sunday

10:30 Worship

11:45 Voters' Meeting

12:45 Sunday School Teachers

Chancel flowers are provided by the Hermanson-Whitehead family in honor of Jane's 90th birthday.

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Verniel Schuchard in loving memory of Harold.

About the Cover: We are a people of hope oriented to the Lord's promises for our future. Yet there will be times when the world will seek to challenge that hope. Peter calls us to always be ready to give the reason behind it. The reason is none other than Jesus Himself. He has suffered, died, and risen for us. By Baptism, we have been joined to Christ so that no matter what the world brings, we are His, He is ours, and, likewise, we shall rise.

"A Soldier Believes" is the focus of today's Sunday School lesson. In Philippi, Paul and Silas cast the spirit of divination from a slave girl, but her angered owner has the two thrown into prison. Around midnight, Paul and Silas are praying and singing to God when suddenly an earthquake shakes the prison. The jailer, thinking his prisoners have escaped, prepares to take his own life. Paul and Silas interrupt his plan as they share the Gospel with him and his whole family, whom Paul then baptizes. Discuss how God uses events in our lives to give us opportunities to share His Word.

Our Savior's Book Club meets from 4:30 – 6pm in the Fireplace room tonight, Sunday, May 14th. We will begin Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, volume 1, chapters 1 – 14. This book is considered one of the best novels in the English language, and is often featured on lists of best loved books. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

TSNT meets tonight, Sunday, May 14th, at 6:30pm in the Fireplace room. We'll begin with time in God's Word, and then play games together. All youth in 7th – 12th grades are invited.

Young Adult Bible Study will meet Monday, May 8th, at 7pm in the Fireplace Room. Late high school through early-ish work force are invited to join us. Contact Karee at 507-381-3826 or kbless@blc.edu with any questions.

Mission Service will meet this Wednesday, May 17th, at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and help with the projects.

The Vocal Choir will rehearse at 5:30pm on Thursday, May 18th at Good Shepherd, just before the 6:30pm joint Ascension Service.

Ascension Service: Join us for a joint Ascension Service on Thursday, May 18th, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2101 Lor Ray Drive, North Mankato. The service will begin at 6:30pm. Officiants will be Pastor LaPlant and Pastor Matheny. The Our Savior choir will join the Good Shepherd choir for our special music. All are invited to join in worship on the day Jesus ascended into heaven.

Mary Circle Bible Study meets Friday, May 19th, at 1:30pm in the Fireplace room. Our study will be "Covered by God's Grace" on pages 18-19 of the *Winter Quarterly*. Hostess: Julie Schlichting, phone 507-388-7533. Guests and visitors are welcome!

The deadline for the June 2023 issue of The Voice is Friday, May 19th at 4pm. Please drop off any submissions at the church office or e-mail to contact@oslcmankato.org.

Voters' Meeting, Sunday May 21st following the 10:30 service in the Sanctuary. All confirmed members, age 18 and older, are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will hear an update from the Call Committee, and hear from the Trustees on the roof project.

Mite Sunday is next Sunday, May 21st. Bring your Mites from home to place in the large Mite Box in the narthex. The featured National grant for May is #22 – Lutheran Bible Translators Mission Vehicle Fund - \$70,000. Translators travel to remote areas in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone to provide Bibles translated into people's local or heart language. Robust vehicles are needed to travel on the rough, washed-out roads. This grant will help purchase two vehicles to make travel easier. Find out more at: www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-22. The Minnesota South District focus grant is #10 – Twin Cities Blind Fellowship Outreach - \$5,000. This outreach serves those with visual disabilities to a once-a-month fellowship gathering with a meal, Bible study, program activity or entertainment, and a special gift.

Join us for our annual spring backpacking trip June 8-11! We will be hiking a portion of the beautiful Superior Hiking Trail that runs from Duluth to Canada along Lake Superior. Some camping experience is helpful, and being able to hike with a loaded pack a must, but no specific backpacking experience necessary. Don't worry if you don't have the gear, as we have extra to lend. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Matt Brand (mattsbrand@gmail.com) or Lisa Gahler for more details. Looking forward to an adventure!

Our Savior's gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following memorials:

- \$120 for Courtyard beautification in memory of Beverly Lenz
- \$50 Endowment Fund in memory of Paul Westhoff

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 5 circuit groups received new volunteer representatives. Thanks and praise to God. They are: Pamela Hunter from Prior Lake, Paul & Carla Puckett from Mayer, Evan and Suzie Schiller for Pipestone, Vern and Carol Strusz from Medford, and Stan and Kathy Tordsen from near Rochester. Our next Board meeting is June 6, at the district office in Burnsville, followed by a catered/carry-out lunch. We are still in need of more volunteers. Come to the meeting, you may want to be the next volunteer. Welcome.

Thank you for the donations of leather for Gospel Bracelets. We are still accepting pony beads and leather. Please leave in the Mission Center.

Thank you for the inquiries on "what do you do with cancelled stamps". Does anyone else have questions, please be sure to ask. Mission Service

Our Savior Ladies attended the April LWML Spring Rally in Arlington. We were greeted with a beautifully designed Rally Welcome. We heard the history of POBLO from Nader Alaraj and how we in Minnesota are and can be involved in outreach. Then we were served a delicious lunch. Plan to attend the next retreat and rally offered to you.

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 8 of your favorite projects and put your picks in the box in Mission Center. These will be given to our zone delegate.

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.

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

Christian Reading Materials are for you, the Spring Quarterly, the large print Quarterly, the WOM, the Lutheran Layman Magazine, the April Sagacity, coloring pages and other new materials are available in the Narthex and 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.

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

District Retreat: Mark your calendar now, September 16th, at the new Omega Lodge at Camp Omega.

From the Stewardship Committee: John 14:15 – “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Jesus is clear; our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well: “Her sins, which are many, are forgiven – for she loved much” (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins, which causes love to well up in us and thereby keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is “love.”

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 Revelation 2-3 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), study 1 Samuel 13-16 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and questions surrounding the Augsburg Confession's authority on Concord Matters (May 20th at 10am).

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, “Alibi” features a father who tries to reconnect with his estranged son after the death of his mother. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Terry Grzybowski from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River, who will present a message titled “Share Your Hope with Gentleness and Respect” based on Acts 17:16-31. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

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 that 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.

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".

All are welcome to join Concordia Classical Academy for its groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, May 21st at 10:30am. Following the graduation service, we will have a short time of fellowship and then continue to the groundbreaking ceremony. We hope you can join us!

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Science Department has greenhouse plants for sale at \$2 per pot. All plants will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Tomatoes: Beefstake, Jubilee or Yellow; Peppers: Thai, Chili, Cyan, Pinata, Poblano, Jalapeno or Bell; Celery; Cauliflower; Kale; and Broccoli. Flowers: Marigold, Alyssum, Dahlia, Moss Roses, Johnny Jump Ups, Columbine, Shasta Daisy, 4 o'clocks, Pansy, and Painted Daisy. The greenhouse would appreciate donations of used plastic pots and trays. For more information call 507-436-5249 or stop in during school hours.

Apologetics and Worldviews Conference at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. *A Culture of Deception? Equipping Christians with Truth & Love in Tumultuous Times*, Wednesday, June 21 (7-9pm) and Thursday, June 22 (10:30am – 2:30pm) in person or anywhere via livestream video. You are invited to this free event. Topics: Equipped with Words and Works of Love in an Angry and Frightened World; Equipped for the Worldview Battlefield in the Classroom and the Workplace; and Equipped to Steer Difficult Conversations toward Truth and Gentleness and Respect. For more information, visit: www.blc.edu/apologetics2023.

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:

For sin will have no dominion over you,
since you are not under law but under grace.
Romans 6:14

Weekly Discussion Question:

What would it be like to be "under law"?

Holy Communion: "Not every vow is called a testament, but only a last irrevocable will of one who is about to die, whereby he bequeaths his goods, allotted and assigned to be distributed to whom he will" (Luther). In the Lord's Supper, Christ bequeaths to us His body and His blood and His forgiveness. 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..... Sunday School Children
Elder of the Day [8:00] Gene Mensing; [10:30] Lon Whitehead
Acolytes [8:00] Dalton Ling; Hunter Farris
..... [10:30] Dani Chatleain; Garett Chatleain
A/V Tech Dale Bergemann