

## Program for the Week of July 2 – July 7, 2023

### **Sunday:**

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

### **Monday:**

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

### **Tuesday:**

*Office Closed*

7:00 Worship Service on KTV

### **Wednesday:**

2:00 Worship Service on KTV

### **Thursday:**

8:30 Gardening Committee

9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

### **Friday:**

3:00 Wedding Rehearsal

### **Saturday:**

3:00 Wernsing/Fogal Wedding

### **Next Sunday:**

9:00 Worship

10:00 Coffee Time

10:20 Bible Class

10:20 Sunday School

4:30 Book Club

6:30 TSNT

**Chancel flowers** are provided by Brian & Kathy Johnson in joyful celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Additional flowers** are provided by Bill & Nancy Mason in joyful celebration of their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

**In Sunday School this morning** we see that sometimes we may mean well but it doesn't turn out. Peter had not intended to deny Jesus or fall asleep when praying in Gethsemane. His exuberance caused him to cut off the servant's ear but that wasn't right either. Jesus still loved him, prayed for him, and had further plans to use him. The same goes for us, also.

**About the Cover:** We are easily astonished by Jesus' words of sword instead of peace. The apparent severity of Jesus' words reveals the dividing line that cuts through earthly bonds of this life, even that of family. Peace with God will mean enmity with the world. But this shows us the importance of what He has come to bring to all who believe in Him. He alone brings forgiveness, life, and salvation. In Him, we are members of the eternal family of God.

**Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle** is Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> in the Fireplace room at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments with 9:45 Bible study. "Proclaiming Christ Simply and with Urgency", on page 17 of the Summer Quarterly.

**Sunday Morning Coffee:** Volunteers are needed to pick up rolls from Cub Food East and make coffee for Sunday morning coffee time. Please sign up in the Fireplace room.

**Anyone interested in placing flowers** for our worship services in July, please contact Marcella Eilders, 507-317-4127.

**Summer Special Music!**- Volunteers are needed! During the summer months, our music groups take a break. We need volunteers to play or sing during the summer months. If you have any interest in providing special music, please contact Suzie Gangi.

**LCMS National Convention** will be July 29 – Aug 3, 2023 in Milwaukee, WI. Watch for the Convention Bible Study, “We Preach Christ Crucified” based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-25.

**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.

**Lutheran Witness:** The June/July 2023 edition is available in the Narthex. This contains the MN South District News insert, or you can get a copy on the District Website.

**Pick up your copy** of One Voice for Public Policy in the Mission Center.

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

**Van load of donations** given to Orphan Grain Train this month. Blankets, quilts, sheets, pillow cases, mattress pads, bath towels. Medical equipment: crutches, cane, bath chair, rolled bandages, medical slings, and medical boots. Also a bag of canned goods. All supplies will be used first in the United States for disaster relief, and used in other countries as shipping containers are filled. Thank you for all the donations!

**Whatever Your Age!** This is **YOUR** invitation to represent the older adult ministry of Minnesota South District. The next S.A.G.E.S. Board meeting is in Arlington at Peace Lutheran Church on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am. Come with Trudy as a guest.

**What's Your 80:** 1942 – 2022 is 80 years of God's Grace for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We have been encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others by 80 of something, remembering events from the last 80 years, or sharing legacy concepts for carrying forth the LWML mission. What was your 80 or are you still planning on 80 something? For more ideas visit: [lwml.org/80](http://lwml.org/80) and "take a picture". Some 80's were: 80 pairs of socks, 80 stuffed animals, 80 cents, 80 dollars, 80 diaper wipes, 80 Kleenex , 80 Bible passages, 80 cookies, ok now – what's your 80?

**Now is the time** to look forward to the 2024 LWML Minnesota South District Convention. The following officers will be on the ballot for the 2024 convention: VP of Christian Life, VP of Human Care, VP of Servant Resources, Treasurer, Nominating Committee Members – one from each conference, and two Pastoral Counselors. Additional information and nominating form is found in the Summer WOM Women on a Mission 2023.

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

**LWML Convention:** PROCLAIM – PROCLAIM – PROCLAIM = TELL EVERYONE WHAT HE HAS DONE. Each of us are called to tell everyone what He has done. Our mites have been working at home and away in 83 countries with 460 mission grants. For the 2023-2025 biennium 31 mission grants were selected with a mission goal of \$2,350,000.

**From the Stewardship Committee:** Mark 10:42 – “And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” The tithes and offerings you give to the Lord's work in His church go toward supporting all manner of discipleship. They provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach and conduct the Sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord. The Lord is pleased with this work, and He wants to bless you through your support of it

**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 Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), study 2 Samuel 16-19 plus a new Free Text Friday on Matthew 18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and worship with us in Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center (weekdays at 10am).

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Some People Need Help" features an amputee from a Veteran's hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Martin Schoenfeld from Rose of Sharon Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, who will present a message titled "Not Only Peace but a Sword – Yet Great Gain" based on Matthew 10:34-42. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**Ladies Register now for the Fall Retreat:** "Promised Rest". Registration is now open for the Fall Women's Retreat! Join us Saturday, September 16 at the new Omega Lodge at Camp Omega in Waterville. Get all the registration and hotel details at [www.mnslwml.org/2023\\_district\\_retreat](http://www.mnslwml.org/2023_district_retreat). Space is limited, so sign up today.

**From the Stewardship Committee: Romans 6:13** – "Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness." Everything we have — even our own existence, our very selves — is a gift from God to be used for His purposes. God has called you to be His own and has given you tasks to perform in home, in church and in society. How will you serve Him today?

**Spring Lutheran Layman magazine** is for all ages and contains Gospel Adventures, new LHM learn courses, Addiction Booklet, Nurturing Your Faith, Changing Lives Globally, and more! Pick up your copy in the narthex.

**Mental Health Webinar:** Lay leaders have an important role in caring for their church workers. In this webinar held on **Thursday, July 20 at 10 am**, you will learn about available mental health resources for your church workers when they need help. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/231633792591058>

**Camp Omega Golf Benefit:** will be held on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact Russ Schwichtenberg at 507-384-7947 if interested.

**The NEW Website for Deaf Outreach** is: [www.DeafOutreach.org](http://www.DeafOutreach.org). There is a Jesus Signs Workshop held July 17 -21, 2023. The name of the Deaf Outreach is Mark732. [JesusSignsImmersion@gmail.com](mailto:JesusSignsImmersion@gmail.com) 608-436-9600

**Summer Reading Program** – Concordia Publishing House Reads (CPH Reads) is a summer reading program that challenges participants to read books about Jesus and find hope in God's Word. All ages are invited to participate in the program, which started May 31 and concludes on August 11, and all who complete the challenge are eligible for a chance to win prizes! Go to: Concordia Publishing House for more information.

**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:**

Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.  
Matthew 18:4

**Weekly Discussion Question:**

What kinds of things make someone great? How might it be different in the kingdom of heaven?

**Holy Communion:** According to God's Word, the entire congregation declares a mighty sermon when it receives the Lord's Supper. It declares the central truth of our faith, that Christ gave His body and blood for our 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..... Sarah Bjornstad, violin  
Elders of the Day ..... Randy Burmeister; Mike Blomquist  
A/V Tech ..... Gene Mensing