

Program for the Week of July 23 – July 30, 2023

Sunday:

9:00 Worship
10:00 Coffee Time
10:20 Bible Class
10:20 Sunday School
4:30 Book Club

Monday:

6:30 Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV

6:30 Sunday School Teachers

Thursday:

8:30 Garden Committee
9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
1:30 Endowment Board
5:30 Potluck/Bible Study

Friday:

Saturday: *LCMS Synod Convention Begins*

Next Sunday:

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In Sunday School this morning, God pours out His Holy Spirit and people speak about Jesus. Others believe and are added to His kingdom. The same thing happens today. Maybe we don't see fire or hear the wind, but we see the waters of baptism or hear people proclaim their faith.

About the Cover: The enemy seeks to undermine the Lord's harvest by sowing weeds that sap vitality from His crops. The devil is the enemy of this world who seeks to bar God's life-giving Word from His people. Yet the Lord has not given up on the harvest. His patience is greater than the enemy's deceit and will not jeopardize the full harvest of those in Christ Jesus, the Savior of the world.

Book Club meets tonight, July 23rd, from 4:30 – 6pm in the Fireplace Room. Tonight we will discuss volume 3, chapters 10-19 of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

Young Adult Bible Study meets Monday, July 24th at 7pm in the Fireplace Room. Contact Karee Bless with questions, 507-381-3826, kbless@blc.edu.

VBS is just around the corner. Don't forget to register your kids, sign-up to help, or invite someone to participate. You can stop at the table in the narthex or contact Deaconess Lisa Brand (lisa@oslcmandkato.org)

The 68th Regular Convention of The LCMS will be held from July 29th to August 3rd in Milwaukee. Please pray for blessings on the Convention. You can watch the livestream at: www.lcms.org/convention/livestream. Also, stay tuned on social media: www.facebook.com/lcmsconvention and www.Twitter.com/lcmsconvention. Listen to interviews at www.kfuo.org. Subscribe to the LCMS news at: www.lcms.org/reporter-signup.

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

We are bringing back a favorite! The Vacation Bible School students will be filling birthday bags for the Echo Food Shelf. If you would like to contribute the items needed are: medium size birthday gift bags, cake mix, canned frosting, birthday candles, party plates, plastic forks, and party favors. Items can be placed by the display in the narthex through August 8. Thank you.

Check out the library – need a rainy day activity? (Now is a good time to pray for rain from heaven.) We have more puzzles added to the puzzle shelf. Pick out a good one! And, of course, we have books. We have a nice variety of interesting books to read. Be sure to check out the FREE cart while you're there. A little reminder . . . Be sure to check if you might have some books that need to be returned to the library. Questions? Dolly Blomquist, 388-4594. Please leave a message. Thank you.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study meets August 3rd at 9:30 in the Fireplace Room.

S.A.G.E.S. Older Adult Ministry, MN South District will meet at Peace Lutheran, Arlington, MN. August 1st, 10 am to noon followed by lunch. This is your call to join me, Trudy Wiechmann, Representative. 507-327-7082

WS Transportation (420-4503 or 388-0708) will provide rides to services for our members who call and arrange pick up times. This benefit is not limited to weekend services only. You may arrange a ride for a mid-week services and activities, such as choir practice, any of our meetings and other special services, i.e. Lenten services. Please call one-half to one hour ahead of time. This benefit is provided by the Taxi Fund.

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 http://www.mnslwml.org/2023_district_retreat. Space is limited, so sign up today. Forms are available in the narthex.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League 2023 Convention. Your August Voice will contain all of the new information that we have from the Convention. Wanting to hear any of the speakers or anything that happened at the Convention, they are available on the website: www.LWML.org/2023-convention

From the Stewardship Committee: Romans 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

A Note for you about the KFUE.ORG: Our Savior members, please check out the article for all the different ministry media. 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 celebrate Bach Week with us on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9am), study Acts 5-8 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and spend Time in the Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am).

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, “Amazing Grace” features a man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life and must learn not to forsake his Christian faith. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Kent Borglum from St. John's Lutheran Church in Montevideo, who will present a message titled “Realities of Life in This World” based on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Electronic Giving: Our Savior's offers several electronic giving options, the Joyful Response® Electronic Giving Program, *Give+ Online*, and *Vanco Mobile*. You may easily make one-time donations, or set up recurring donations right from your checking or savings account. Click the “Contribute Online” button on the church's website, www.oslcmankato.org, or download the “Vanco Mobile Faith” app from the App Store or Google Play Store on your smart phone or tablet. Please contact the church office if you have any questions, 385-2180.

Summer Noontime Organ Recitals presented by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Tuesdays at 12:10pm. Recitals are free and open to the public. A free-will donation will be accepted. The series continues on July 25th with performance by Craig Hirschmann at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South 2nd Street, Mankato. Visit www.agosiouxtrails.org for more information.

Would You Like To Receive the Minnesota South District e-News? Go to: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/publications#weekly-eneews> to sign up.

The 2024 LWML Minnesota South District Convention needs nominations for the ballot. Needed are: VP of Christian Life, VP of Human Care, VP of Servant Resources, Treasurer, Nomination Committee Members – one from each conference and two Pastoral Counselors. Additional information and nominating forms are found in the Summer WOM Women on a Mission 2023.

Stay informed with Christian Literature – pick up your copies. Lutheran Witness, Public Policy, Summer Quarterly, the large print Quarterly, the WOM, the Lutheran Layman Magazine, July Sagacity, Public Policy, coloring pages, and other new materials are available in the Narthex and the Mission Center.

Lutheran Schools Book Club: We are going to embark on a quarterly book club in which we will read a book each quarter (12 weeks) of the calendar year. Each book will be hosted by a Lutheran School. The first book will be “Gods and Kings” by Lynn Austin and hosted by Martin Luther High School. The first book will be “assigned” from September – November. Future books will be announced. We will host discussions at the mid-way point in mid October and a final discussion in late November: specific dates to be determined. Please RSVP your interest in participation and/or any questions you may have to: paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com.

Adult Bible Study at Martin Luther High School: MLHS is offering an adult Bible study for the Gospel of Luke. We will read and discuss Luke through the eyes of “Wikipedia.” Principal Paul Steinhaus will lead this “class.” The class will meet every Thursday (when school is in session) from 10:15-11am starting Sept 7th. Please RSVP your interest in participating to: paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com.

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:

In what ways do you tend to exalt yourself?
How can you be reminded to take a different approach?

Holy Communion: Christ has not left us to run back and forth throughout creation, searching here and there to find Him. By His own promise, the Word made flesh still comes to us personally with His body and His blood in the Lord's Supper. 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.

Holy Baptism: Emilia Anne Stevensen, born June 6, 2023, will be baptized this morning, July 23, 2023. Her parents are Hunter & Julia Stevensen. Her sponsors are Brandon Krueger and Alex James.

Serving today:

Liturgist & Preacher Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Organist Susan Klute
Elders of the Day Dave Hendley, Lon Whitehead
A/V Tech Zak Tess