

## Program for the Week of July 9 – July 16, 2023

### Sunday:

9:00 Worship  
10:00 Coffee Time  
10:20 Bible Class  
10:20 Sunday School  
4:30 Book Club  
6:30 TSNT

### Monday:

6:30a Early Bird Bible Study  
6:30p Young Adult Bible Study

### Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting  
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study  
5:15 Board of Education  
6:00 Board of Elders  
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

### Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV

### Thursday:

8:30 Gardening Committee  
9:00 Private Confession  
10:00 Bulletin Deadline  
7:30 Men's Bible Study

### Friday:

### Saturday:

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**In our Sunday School lesson today** Peter enters the empty tomb. He had seen many amazing things but wasn't expecting this. What thoughts or feelings may have come to mind? What memories might have resurfaced?

**About the Cover:** In the midst of unrest among nations, Jesus has come to speak peace. His peace is not like what the world promises. His peace is eternal and secured by His cross and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus continues to speak peace to the nations through His Church through His Word and Sacraments. His yoke is easy, and His burden is light (Matthew 11:30).

**Book Club** meets tonight, July 9<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 – 6pm in the Fireplace Room. Tonight we will discuss volume 3, chapters 1-9 of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

**TSNT** meets tonight, July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the Fireplace Room. We will begin with time in God's Word, then play games together. All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited.

**Young Adult Bible Study** meets Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Fireplace Room. Contact Karee Bless with questions, 507-381-3826, [kbless@blc.edu](mailto:kbless@blc.edu).

**Men's Bible Study** meets Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 8:30 in the Fireplace Room. We will continue our study of Song of Solomon. If interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

**Next Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, is Mite Sunday.** The National focus grant for July is #24 – Reaching the Homebound with God’s Word - \$100,000. With an aging population facing health issues that prevent them from attending church, accessibility to the faithful teaching and understanding of the Bible as taught in our creeds and Lutheran Confessions is important. The broadcast of Worship Anew by Lutheran Media Ministries provides a clear, accessible Gospel message. For more information, go to [www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-24](http://www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-24). The focus grant for the Minnesota South District is #12: International Outreach – Hope Lutheran High School – Winona - \$20,000. This international program is complete with housing for four years, resident directors, and house supervisors.

**Mission Service** will meet on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and help with projects. We continue to collect for **Orphan Grain Train. Gospel Bracelets** are needed for Mission Vacation Bible Schools. If you are interested in making these at home, please call Trudy. **Supplies needed:** Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, travel size shampoo, body wash, and lotion, gently used hand towels and washcloths. Please bring to the Mission Center. Thank you.

**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.

**Our Men's Group Boundary Waters trip** is coming up in just over two months - September 20-24! We would love to have you join us for canoeing, fishing, hunting, camaraderie, and a variety of ways to challenge you both physically and mentally as well as reflect on God's wonderful creation. To reserve a spot, or if you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Matheny or Matt Brand.

**From the Stewardship Committee:** Matthew 11:28 – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose — His light yoke is not a burden to bear, but a joy!

**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 “New Obedience” in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matter (July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am), study 2 Samuel 20-24 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and continue studying 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, "Jeremy" deals with the relationship between a mother and a mentally challenged son who lives in a home. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Thomas Peterson from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes, who will present a message titled "Getting Your Rest" based on Matthew 11:25-30. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**News Release** of Lutheran Women's Missionary League 2023 Convention. The convention welcomed over 3,500 people to their 40<sup>th</sup> biennial convention in Milwaukee June 22-25, under the theme "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations". The Lutheran Women in Mission voting body adopted a \$2,350,000 mission goal for the 2023-2025 biennium, which will fund 31 mission grants. A list of the mission grants are in the Mission Center. The other totals for the mission walk, golf, 4 offerings, etc. are still coming in and we will report them as soon as we get the totals.

**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.

**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.

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

**DeafOutreach.org.** Bringing people to see Jesus. **Jesus Signs Workshop:** Week long immersion, July 17-21. See bulletin board by Fellowship Hall for more information.

**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>

**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 11<sup>th</sup> with performance by Garrett Steinberg at Grace Lutheran Church, 110 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Mankato. Visit [www.agosiouxtrails.org](http://www.agosiouxtrails.org) 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:**

How might the world look different from a child's perspective?

**Holy Communion:** Luther said of the Lord's Supper, "This Sacrament is the Gospel". The wonder is that it is not only the Gospel received (forgiveness of sins), but also the Gospel proclaimed (the Lord's death). As we make this common proclamation, we also acknowledge that oneness in doctrine is witnessed to by those receiving the sacrament together. 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:** **Owen Timothy Enz**, born June 14, 2023, will be baptized today, July 9, 2023. His parents are Leighton & Jennifer Enz. His sponsors are Cody Bahr and Kalley Christen.

**Theodore James Starke**, born December 29, 2022 will be baptized today, July 9, 2023. His parents are Daniel & Elizabeth Starke. His sponsors are Dylan Hockert and John & Dallas Starke.

**Serving today:**

Liturgist & Preacher ..... Rev. Adam M. Matheny  
Organist ..... Edith Williams  
Special Music..... Kathy Schiffman, vocal solo  
Elders of the Day ..... Randy Burmeister; Mike Anderson  
A/V Tech ..... Dale Bergemann