

Program for the Week of August 20 – August 27, 2023

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

9:00 Reasner Visitation
11:00 Reasner Funeral
2:00 Worship Service on KTV

Thursday:

8:30 Garden Committee
9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
5:30 Potluck Meal/Bible Study
6:30 Stephen Ministers

Friday:

10:30 Eckhardt Funeral

Saturday:

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 Mark Wellner in honor of Alexa Wellner on her 17th birthday.

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

About the Cover: Throughout the Old Testament Scriptures, God proclaimed that He would bring people from all nations to His holy mountain, Zion. God's grace and mercy makes strangers into citizens. "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13). Now, for all who are in Christ, there are only citizens of His heavenly kingdom.

Earlier this summer we studied Pentecost. Today in Sunday School we'll hear about Peter's vision and the Holy Spirit coming to the Gentiles. There is much we have to rejoice about!

Potluck Dinner & Bible Study meets Thursday, August 24th from 5:30 – 7:30 in the Fireplace room. We share a potluck meal from 5:30 – 6:30, and then we'll study the Scriptures together from 6:30 – 7:30. This month we will study the parable of the Sower. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Matheny.

Help! We need your help in visiting our congregational members. Are you able to visit one member once a month? To volunteer, please call: Rhonda, 507-389-9726, Judy, 507-387-4908, or Marcella, 507-317-4127.

Mite Sunday. There are 31 projects for the 2023-2025 Mission Mite goal. When you bring your pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters and put them together with others they are mighty mites. Your Mites put into Big District mite box then go to District and National goals and are put to use immediately. Thank you for every penny. Must also thank those who added the purple \$5's and checks (and their own Thrivent Choice \$'s.)

Are you contributing to Our Savior Lutheran Church through your Thrivent Choice Dollars? Please join us in the Fireplace Room September 26th at 7pm for a meeting to discuss and decide how your contributions will be used at OSLC.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in August, please contact Theresa McLaughlin, 507-388-7647, or Cindy Hobbs, 507-243-3232.

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

Christian Literature does not take a vacation! Every day brings new publications, e-mails, and websites for us to stay in God's word. Our Savior Lutheran Church provides copies for you and other places you can find the information. Pick up your copy, or copies, in the Narthex for Mission Center. Even young people will enjoy reading the Sagacity!

Operation Christmas Child – Samaritans Purse: It is Shoebox time! The display in the narthex has individual shoeboxes for you to take and fill OR tubs for you to donate single items. There are also brochures that list items to put in the boxes. Mission Service will be putting together shoeboxes from all the supplies gathered. Examples of items requested: school supplies, personal care items, and toys. God is using the shoeboxes as a tangible expression of His love for a child in desperate need. Each child also receives the Gospel message in their own language. Thank you for sharing in this work.

Do you like to knit or crochet? Would you like to make a prayer shawl to give someone comfort? We are in need of more prayer shawls. Four more have been given out. Call Marcella at 507-317-4127.

From the Stewardship Committee: Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

District Retreat “Promised Rest”, Camp Omega Lodge, Saturday, September 16, Camp Omega. There is still room to register.

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Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "The Cup" features a trucker and the dilemma he faces when a good friend dies trying to protect him. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, who will present a message titled "The View from Under the Table" based on Matthew 15:21-28. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Arlington Zone LWML Board meeting is Wednesday, August 30th at 7pm. It will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Arlington. Address: 38597 State Highway 19, Arlington, MN 55307

2023 LWML Convention Offering Report. We rejoice to report the following funds collected as of July 31, 2023:

1. **LWML Mission Goal** – 2023-2025: \$60,617.42
2. **We are Called to Care** in Plano, IL: \$38,083.20
3. **Wolf River Lutheran High School**, Shawano, WI: \$40,843.82
4. **Milwaukee Area Crisis Pregnancy Centers**, Concordia Gospel Outreach: \$29,519.46
5. **Mission Pledge Walk** – pledges received online and in-person: \$121,333.02

Join Concordia Seminary, St. Louis for the opening of our 185th year! The opening service will be livestreamed at www.csl.edu/live on Friday, August 25 at 10:30am.

Announcement from Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School: Principal Paul Steinhaus has notified us that the 2023-2024 school year will be his last one at MLHS. He will be moving back to Wisconsin after graduation. The Board of Directors will be beginning the call process in September. If anyone has a name that they would like to submit please contact one of those on the Call Committee: Greg Sokoloski, Chairman; Pastor Timothy Chase; Garrett Schock; Stephanie Zellmer, Tom Taylor, Rebecca Oerman or Marge Thiesse. Your prayers are appreciated. May God bless and guide this process.

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:

But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
Psalm 3:3

Weekly Discussion Question:

If you are attacked and have the Lord as your shield,
what can you expect the outcome to be?

Holy Communion: Close communion is the historic practice of the church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denomination are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity is central to the common reception of this sacrament. 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
Elders of the Day Dave Hendley; Mike Holub
Sacristan Mark Senne
A/V Tech Matt Brand