

Program for the Week of August 27 – September 3, 2023

Sunday:

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

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study
7:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV
6:00 Mentor Meeting

Thursday:

8:30 Garden Committee
9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

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

Chancel flowers are provided by Pam and Dave Borchert in honor of our volunteers who take care of the courtyard, long planters, and entry pots. For beautiful colors and T.L.C. Thanks “garden gals”; Gretchen Zellmer, Cindy Hobbs, Rhonda Rastedt, Karen Fischer, and Bev Clark.

Additional flowers are provided by Orville & Renee Ziebarth in joyful celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Betty Mace in loving memory of Stacy.

This week is the last week of Summer Sunday School. They’ve learned through Peter about following Jesus. Peter’s been arrested again but freed by an angel, so he can keep tilling people about Jesus.

About the Cover: While the whole world can marvel at the splendor of the creation with its vibrant color and life, it is through the Christ, the Word alone, that we come to know its Maker. In the Word made flesh, the One through whom all things were made (see John 1:3, 14), we have forgiveness, life, and salvation. Because we know Christ, we can delight even more in the beauty of creation because it is a gift.

TSNT meets tonight, Sunday, August 27th, at 6:30pm in the Fireplace Room. We’ll begin with time in God’s Word, then play some games together. All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited!

Young Adult Bible Study meets Monday, August 28th at 7pm in the Fireplace room. Everyone in late high school – college – early workforce is invited to join us. Contact Karee Bless, 507-381-3826, kbless@blc.edu with any questions.

The Board of Deacon's is seeking volunteers: To serve coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings; To prepare, serve and/or clean-up for Wednesday night meals (the sign-up sheets are in the Fireplace room); and Greeters for Sunday mornings and special services throughout the Church year. More information is in the September Voice or call Denise at 507-380-0507. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can serve.

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.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle is Thursday, September 7th in the Fireplace room. Meet at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments. Bible Study begins at 9:45. Our study from the Summer *Quarterly*, "Here Am I, Sent Me!" is on pages 20-21. We are assured that Jesus is always with us as we follow His call (command) to Proclaim (Go and Tell).

Mission Service met on August 16th, to make Gospel bracelets for MOST Ministries, roll bandages for Global Health, and put together Healthcare kits. 27 kits were delivered together with men/women's socks to the Connections Shelter in Mankato. Thank you to everyone who came to help with all the projects! Thank you for all the donations so we can continue to do the projects!!

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.

Join us for our annual fall backpacking trip September 28 - October 1! 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 can borrow as necessary. 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!

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.

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

A/V Update: You may have noticed that in the recent months our services have not been live-streamed and are not available on YouTube. The wires that transmit internet have been removed in anticipation of the roof repair. Without internet, we are not able to live-stream services. Also, technology is always changing and like all computers, suffer obsolescence. The technical team is working hard to operate, maintain, and improve this equipment, employing outside resources to assist as is prudent. It may be some weeks yet, before we are able to provide livestreaming again. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

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

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. The Fall *Quarterly* has arrived. Pick up your copy, or copies, in the Narthex or Mission Center. Even young people will enjoy reading the Sagacity!

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 16:27 – “For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.” St Paul talks about rewards on the Last Day in 1 Corinthians 3, and Jesus says more about this “repaying” in Matthew 19:27–30. Bottom line: your good works can't buy you heaven, but in Christ your good works do matter. They are pleasing to your Heavenly Father, and they will be rewarded. In other words, your sacrifices for the Lord's kingdom are not in vain and do not go unnoticed by your Father. This should encourage you in your faithfulness.

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 begin studying Leviticus on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), study Acts 22-26 and a special Free Text Friday on Baptism on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and study Church Ceremonies and Governance on Concord Matters (September 2nd at 11am).

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

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode is "Stranger at the Door" – Having given up a baby for adoption 22 years before, a man shows up on her steps saying he is looking for his mother. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jacob Eichers from Faith Lutheran Church in La Crosse, WI, who will present a message titled "We Already Know Who You Are!" based on Matthew 16:13-20. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

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

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

Come have fun at the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School All-School Reunion on Saturday, September 2nd - Party in the Parking Lot at 5:00 p.m.! Bring your significant other, lawn chairs, and get ready for a fun time. Alumni parents are also invited! Food and beverage trucks will be available for purchase. Fat City All Stars band will start at 7:00! The \$10 tickets can be purchased at martinlutherhs.com under Special Events > All-School Reunion. Join us in celebrating 40 years!

Please join us for an **Adult Bible Study** at Martin Luther Jr/Sr 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.

Interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that provides the space to rest in God's Word, time to spend in prayer and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend *Vocatio: Retreat* — a three-day retreat geared toward college students and second-career men and women who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain. Registration is free and includes lodging and meals. To register, scan the QR code, visit www.csl.edu/vocatio-retreat or Google "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary."



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:

What can you do when you feel attacked?

Holy Communion: In Matthew 28:18-20, the Risen Christ gave His church the great commission. Included in that commission were these words, "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you . . . ". The church's historic practice of close communion had its basis in the desire to honor these words of the Savior. In love, it is also our desire not to omit this portion of the great commission. 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 Edith Williams
Elders of the Day Randy Burmeister; Lon Whitehead
Sacristan Kurt Anderson
A/V Tech Zak Tess