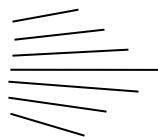




THE

VOICE



The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001 **SEPTEMBER 2023**

Education Sunday – September 10

The school year is upon us. Even if you're not in elementary school any more, the season probably brings back memories of friends or teachers or things you learned.



There's always more to learn about God. We have lots of classes to choose from, so hopefully you can find something that fits you.

Sunday 9:20am – Sunday School for 3 year olds on up

9:20am – Adult Class in the Fellowship Hall

4:30pm – Book Club (2nd & 4th)

6:30pm – Youth TSNT (2nd & 4th)

Monday 6:30am – Early Bird Bible Study

7:00pm – Young Adult Bible Study (2nd & 4th)

Tuesday 1:00pm – Books of the Bible (2nd & 4th)

Wednesday 5:15pm – Relational Topics in the Library

6:45pm – Devotion after the meal

Thursday 9:30am – Ruth/Lydia Circle (1st)

7:30pm – Men's Group (2nd)

6:30pm – Family Potluck at 5:30pm (4th)

Check out the VOICE each month for new topics. You can even use the included Bible Reading Plan at home or with others.

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Office hours are Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Unless there is an activity or event taking place, please use the Broad Street entrance by the mailbox.

In case of emergency or urgent need, our pastor is available at all hours and all days by calling his cell phone. Please use the office phone for other business. Please also remember that Sunday morning and other worship times are not for bringing church business to other members or staff but for focusing upon the Word and gifts of God. "The seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work." - Exodus 20:10

“Know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is
God in heaven above and on the earth beneath;
there is no other.”

-Deuteronomy 4:39

Often times we think of people as being in one of two categories: “religious” and “non-religious”. We think that “religious” people have more in common because they believe in God, whereas “non-religious” people do not. Sure, they might believe in a different sort of God or they might claim to believe in the same God but believe different things about Him but they believe in God nonetheless.

But the fact of the matter is there are no truly “non-religious” people. Everyone worships. The only question that each human being will answer is which god will they serve? Will they serve the god of the Buddhists, the god of the Hindus, or the god of the Mormons? Will they serve the god of money, the god of power, the god of prestige? Will they worship at the temple of the god of sports, or the god of entertainment? Or will they forsake all these false gods in favor of serving the one True God?

The gargantuan number of choices (most of which are not even conscious) which drive us to serve false gods in our culture can be overwhelming. That is why Christians need to be reminded (as Moses reminded the children of Israel) over and over again who the True God is and why we serve Him.

We believe in God the Father, maker of heaven and Earth. We believe in God the Son, the redeemer of the world. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, the one who sanctifies the Church by His Word. We trust in and serve this the one True God because He has created us, redeemed us by His blood, and continues to sanctify us in His church. He is the True God. There is no other.

Planning Council
Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato
August 15, 2023

Members Present: Matt Brand, Dan Gahler, Doug Haeder, Valerie Elliott, Judd, Schultz, Missy Schultz, Nancy Benson, Mel Henderson, Christine Billiar, Steve Annis, Denise Painter, Judy Hendley, and Pastor Adam Matheny.

Members Absent: Bev Clark

1. President Matt Brand called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Matheny.
3. There was no public/congregational presentation.
4. Bible Study: Psalm 139 led by Matt Brand. Next meeting Bible study will be on Psalm 30.
5. Additions/Approval of Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried.
6. Council Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the May 9, 2023, Planning Council minutes as presented, motion carried.
7. Pastor's Report: Pastor reported preparing for the Fall/school year and VBS went well. Also, he and Sarah Bjornstad made visits to the neighbors of the church. Pastor discussed his experience as pastoral delegate to the Synodical Convention and reported it was an encouraging gathering.
8. Treasurer's Report: Doug Haeder provided a summary of reports. Doug noted placement of green cards in pews explaining ways to give and less than 1% increase in the mortgage rate. Motion made and seconded to approve the report as presented, motion carried.
9. Unfinished Business
 1. Sexual Assault Policy, Manual and Forms Revisions - Christine Billiar presented the updated policy, manual and form revisions. Discussion occurred and suggested changes provided. Christine will revise the

items based on the discussion for the Council to review at its next meeting and requested Joe Gangi review it before approval.

2. Capital Improvement Fundraising Update to Congregation - Denise Painter will provide the update to the congregation on Sunday, August 20th.

10. New Business

1. Officer and Board Election - The spreadsheet noting officers and board member terms was reviewed.
2. 2023 Budget - President Matt Brand noted Boards are to have their draft budgets to Doug Haeder by October 13th. The budget will be presented for approval at the November congregational meeting.

11. Board Sharing: **Deacons:** VBS meals went well; preparing for fall; sign-up sheet available for Sunday morning pick up of donuts; and Pastor and Sarah's visitation to neighbors went well. **Trustees:** Cleaning chairs with custodian and volunteers; continue to work on phone system; landscaping in courtyard completed; and will clean carpets after completion of roof project. **Endowment:** Scholarships allocated; sent support to missionary Vance Becker; unable to provide tuition support to Minnesota Valley Lutheran, WELS affiliated, due to By-Laws; and question about allocation of monies to the Concordia Classical Academy building project, the Board has not received a request. **Elders:** Good response to survey about service time(s); working on Board recruitment and budget; and working with ushers. **Education:** VBS had attendance of 23, not as high as last year and preparing for start of Sunday School.

12. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM. Next meeting is September 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Elliott
Secretary, OSLC
Planning Council

Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending July 31, 2023

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$41,164.27	\$319,005.60
Operating Expenses	-\$39,943.73	-\$305,376.91
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	-\$1,159.64	-\$6,888.39
Net for Period[†]	\$60.90	\$6,740.30

[†]Positive net value indicates we received more than our expenses, a negative number indicates that we have spent more than we have received for that period (deficit).

Cash Summary

	Amount	Notes
Checking Account	\$69,503.31	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$50,175.84	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$154,634.05	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	
Total Cash Assets	\$294,420.32	
Dedicated Accounts	-\$183,100.01	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	-\$3,127.41	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$108,192.90	\$107,840.34 last month

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$226,044.44
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	3.625%
Pay-off Date	5/2036

Additional Comments:

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Haeder, Treasurer

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Treasurer's Report June 30, 2023

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-Scholar Fund</u>	<u>Scholarship Fund</u>
Beginning Principal	\$10,893.79	\$100.00	\$10,793.79
1995-2022 Gifts Received	\$610,264.57	\$436,160.42	\$174,104.15
1995-2022 Int+Div. Income	\$356,106.82	\$241,916.89	\$114,189.93
1995-2022 Chg in Mrkt Val	(\$42,196.57)	(\$52,660.90)	\$10,464.33
1995-2022 Disbursements	<u>(\$446,150.17)</u>	<u>(\$321,456.10)</u>	<u>(\$124,694.07)</u>
Fund Balances: 27 Year Totals	\$488,918.44	\$304,060.31	\$184,858.13
2023 OSLC Member Gifts	\$1,350.00	\$1,215.00	\$135.00
2023 Int.+Dividend Income	\$7,099.99	\$6,389.99	\$710.00
2023 Change in Mrkt Value	\$19,587.44	\$17,628.70	\$1,958.74
2023 Long Term Capital Gains	\$12,230.91	\$11,007.82	\$1,223.09
2023 Disbursements	(\$1,364.17)	(\$1,227.75)	(\$136.42)
Total Fund Balances: 2023	\$527,822.61	\$339,074.07	\$188,748.54

Asset Summary

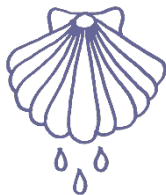
Wells Fargo Bank Checking	\$15,260.63
LCMS Foundation Account	<u>\$512,561.98</u>

Total Balances: 2023 \$527,822.61

2023 Disbursements:

Concordia Adopt a Student	
Concordia Classical Academy	
Together in Mission-J.Heidorn	
Concordia Univ. Chicago	
Concordia University St. Paul	
Fees – LCMS	\$1,364.17

Total 2023 Disbursements \$1,364.17



HOLY BAPTISM

Addalyn Dorothy Felske

Born: June 30, 2023

Baptized: August 6, 2023

Parents: Bryan & Breanna Felske

Accessions & Losses

Accessions:

Ivan & Donna Borchardt, St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
Amboy, LCMS; August 7, 2023

IN LOVING 
Memory

Diane Marie Reasner

November 17, 1948 ~ August 11, 2023

Mary Margaurite Eckhardt

June 12, 1939 ~ August 14, 2023

Kings

We're back in the Old Testament again. Kingdoms rise and fall dependent on the true King of Kings. We'll learn to trust God all the more as we explore the books of 1 and 2 Kings.



Join us in the Fireplace Room at 1:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. We're starting our next series on September 12.



“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High” Psalm 92:1

Wednesday Night Rehearsal Schedule

Intro Bells- 4:45-5:15

Intro Choir- 5:20-5:50

Brass- 5:55-6:10

Choir 7-7:30 in the Sanctuary by the Grand Piano

Handbells 7:30-8:00

Rehearsals begin again on September 13. We need your help to make our groups great! Please consider joining a group. Any questions or suggestions, please reach out to Suzie Gangi.

Intro Bells: For anyone 3rd grade to adults who would like to learn the basics of music and ringing. Anyone younger than 3rd grade with prior music experience is also welcome. Led by Edith Williams.

Intro Choir: A mixed-aged choir for anyone 3rd grade to adults, families are welcome! You will learn the basics of music and singing in parts. Led by Sue Klute and Lisa Gahler.

Vocal Choir: Is for those who are comfortable singing in a group and in parts. They meet in the sanctuary by the grand piano. Led by Judd Schultz.

Handbells: is geared for those who are comfortable reading music and have a basic knowledge of handbells. Led by Joe Gangi

Brass: Anyone who plays a brass instrument. The group plays several times throughout the year for worship and special services. Led by Lisa Gahler.

Blessings,
Suzie Gangi

suzie@oslcmandato.org

507-341-4173

Greetings from the Board of Deacons:

Summer has flown by and now we are preparing for our fall activities.

On Sunday, September 10, Our Sunday morning worship returns to 2 services, 8:00 and 10:30. As well as the first Fall Sunday School begins. Adult Bible class continues as well as serving coffee and rolls. The sign-up for serving is in the Fireplace Room. Thank you to all who served throughout the summer months.

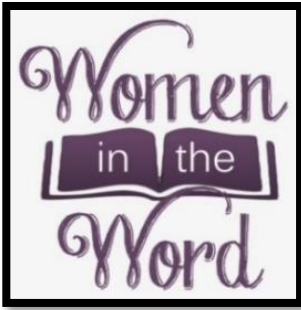
On Wednesday, September 13, our meal, Devotions, Jr. Confirmation and choirs begin.



A sign-up sheet for the meals is also in the Fireplace Room. Opportunities include food prep, serving, bringing desserts, and clean-up. We've also added a list of suggested meals. Just like at home, sometimes deciding what to make is the hardest decision! This is a wonderful time for fellowship and mid-week devotion.

Thank you for all who have contributed to making this a special evening.

If you have questions please contact Denise Painter, 507-380-0507



Bible Study Circles

- WELCOME -

September is a good time to begin your new Bible Study for the coming year. Stay in the Word, educating yourself through devotions, worship, and Bible study. Pray!! We invite you to come

and study with us in our Circles here at Our Savior.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle is Thursday, September 7th in the Fireplace room at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments with 9:45 Bible study, "Here Am I, Send Me!" is found on pages 20-21 of the Summer *Quarterly*. Matthew 28:19-20 is the Great Commission. We are assured that Jesus is always with us as we follow His call (command) to Proclaim (Go and Tell). "Let His Work our Pleasure Be", v4 of LSB Hymn 826. Review LSB 825, "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying".

Mary Circle Bible Study meets Friday, September 15th at 1:30pm in the Fireplace room. Our study will be "From Age to Age" on pages 18-19 of the Fall *Quarterly*. Hostess: Vel Brunner. Guests and visitors are welcome!



Articles for the October 2023 VOICE are due by Friday, September 15th at 4pm. You may drop-off submissions in the office, or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org.

Men's Bible Study



ATTENTION MEN! The men of Our Savior gather in the fireplace room on the second Thursday (September 14th) from 7:30-8:30 of each month for study together. In September we will continue our study of Song of Solomon together. If you are interested in this please speak with Pastor Matheny.



Book Club



The Our Savior's book club meets from 4:30-6 in the fireplace room on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We read good books and then discuss them together from our shared Christian perspective. If you enjoy books, or if you would like to learn to enjoy them more then this is the group for you as our discussion will help you to better understand what you have read and offer new and fresh perspectives that you likely won't have considered on your own.

In September we will begin a new book! Watch the bulletin for the scheduled readings, and feel free to speak with Pastor Matheny if you have any questions.

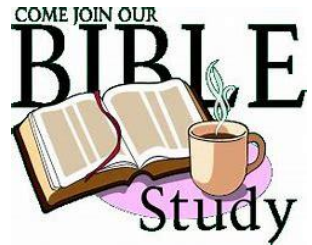
youth activities

TSNT meets Sundays
September 10th and 24th at
6:30pm in the Fireplace
room. We will begin with
time in God's Word, and then play games together. All
youth in grades 7 - 12 are invited!

Young Adult Bible Study

Mondays, September 11th and 25th

Young Adults (late high school college, early-ish workforce) are invited to join us in the Fireplace Room at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.



Contact Karee Bless with questions, 507-381-3826, kbless@blc.edu.



The Greeter's schedule is being prepared to begin on Sunday, September 10, as we return to our 8 and 10:30 services. Thank you to all who have volunteered already, but we still need more people to fill out the schedule.

Greeters welcome members and guests as they enter the Narthex on Sunday mornings and special services throughout the church year. If you are interested please contact Denise Painter, 507-380-0507, or contact the church office at 507-385-2180.

Thank you to all who have been voluntarily greeting and opening doors all summer to welcome everyone to Our Savior's for worship and fellowship.



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!



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 Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Check it out...

Our Savior's Library



“Love the Lord your God with all your mind.”

Book Review by Karen Fischer

Series: Ordinary Women of the Bible – Fiction by Guideposts
Donated by Jean Fiskey and Vonnie Kelling

The Life Giver – Shiphrah’s Story

by Carolyn Cosette

A story of a woman of faith and how her faith carried her through life.

As a young girl of 11, she was stolen from her family by traders to be sold as a slave.

Her faith gave her courage and strength to meet the challenges ahead.

For saving the lives of his wife and newborn son, her master freed her from her slavery.

Now where would she go and what would she do?

Friendly reminder: Please check your shelves at home to see if you might still have an Our Savior's book to return.

For questions please contact Mary Henry, mary@dennishenry.com or Dolly Blomquist at 507-388-4594. Please leave a message.

Thank you, Our Savior's Library Guild

Mission Service

Volunteers welcome!

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, September 20th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We have been making Health care kits and delivering them to local shelters and ministries. The following is a list of supplies that are always needed to complete the kits:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- individual Kleenex packets
- combs
- gently used wash cloths and hand towels
- travel size shampoo, soap, body wash and body lotion
- Portals of Prayer
- Ziploc bags in sandwich and gallon size.

Bring your old eye glasses, cancelled stamps, blue and white pony beads, and all donations to the Mission Center.

A personal project you may want to be a part of is The New Freedom Store.

The New Freedom Store is an outreach ministry of Jehovah

Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Paul. It supports a number of local ministries including homeless shelters and halfway houses as well as other Christian charities. A main focus is the needs of those coming out of the state correctional system who have the desire to serve others. The New Freedom Store distributes food, gift cards, Bibles, hygiene kits, quilts, blankets, and men's clothing. These gifts are given freely, not only to prisoners but to anyone in need.

Contact: Dr. Jim Seemann at 1075 Burgess Street, St. Paul, MN 55103 or seemann@csp.edu.



Potluck Dinner & Bible Study

Do you like bread? How about the Bread of Life? At our potluck Bible study you can have both! Join us from 5:30-7:30 in the Fireplace room on September 28th for food, fellowship, and time in God's Word. We'll share a potluck meal from 5:30-6:30 and then from 6:30-7:30 we'll study the Scriptures together.

This month we will study the epistle of Jude together. Ask Pastor Matheny if you have any questions. See you there!



Prayer Shawl

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, 507-317-4127.

Another thank you received for a prayer shawl . . .

Thank you so much for the beautiful Prayer Shawl. That is such a wonderful gift of love. Thank you to all the people who make these wonderful gifts of love. Every time I look at it I think of your kindness. Thank you again.

If you, or someone you know, would like a prayer shawl let Marcella know. God Bless.

THE SIX CONVERSATIONS

Pathways to Connecting in an Age of Isolation and Incivility

The author, Heather Holleman, is hoping for a conversation revival. Conversation, a basic part of life, seems to have slipped to the side. In our fast past, short comment, social media influenced lives we seem to have lost some skills. As tensions mount it gets even trickier. Conversations affect our relationships both old and new as loneliness is on the rise.



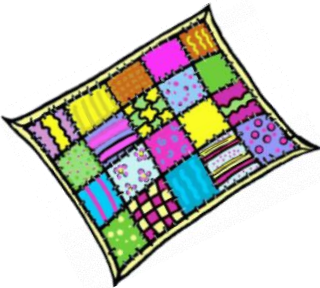
Let's lean on one another as we learn or relearn how to have great conversations and build links to strengthen our sense of community. We'd love to have you join us in the library at 5:15pm on Wednesdays beginning on September 13. Let Deaconess Lisa know if you would like a book. (lisa@oslcmandato.org or 385-2185)

Bible Reading Plan - September

Last month we took a closer look at the title of “Son of God”. This month will learn about the “Son of Man”. Jesus often used this phrase to describe Himself. We hear about His coming suffering, but there’s quite a bit about His returning. John in particular uses this title with expressions of being lifted up.

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Quilting



September 11, 2023 will be our first day of quilting for the 2023 – 2024 year.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month upstairs in the Youth Room at 9am.

Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship and working together for a good cause.

Tops, middles, and backs are sewn together, then tied.

See you September 11th!

Widowed to Widowed

TRUST

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” LSB 729

In God have I put
my trust:
I will not be afraid
of what man can do
unto me.
-Psalm 56:11

1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.

4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

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LWML Mites

Mites for Missions

Mite Sunday is September 17th. The 2023-2025 biennium 31 mission grants were selected with a mission goal of \$2,350,000. Copies of the 31 mite grants are in the Mission Center.

When you bring your pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters and put them together with others they are mighty mites. Your Mites put into the Big District Mite Box are put to use immediately for District and National goals. Thank you for every penny! Must also thank those who added the purple \$5's and checks (and their own Thrivent Choice \$'s.)

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

The Minnesota South District Grants continue to be paid for 2022-2024.



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. On the table are brochures that list items to put in the box and a label for your shoebox.

Mission Service will be putting together shoeboxes from all the supplies gathered. Examples of items requested:

- School Supplies: Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, pencil cases, erasers
- Personal Care: Toothbrushes, washcloths, hair brushes, socks, flip flops, sunglasses
- Toys: Stuffed animals, Beanie Babys, jump ropes, small plastic animals or figurines, toy cars
- Things to make and do: coloring books, art kits, playdoh

A quote from Franklin Graham (President of Samaritan's Purse): "We've got a responsibility to take the message of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Every shoebox gift is delivered in Jesus' name to give a child in need of a glimpse of God's love." You can help do that!

If you have any questions, please call Rhonda at 507-389-9726.

Young at Heart / S.A.G.E.S.

Young at Heart is Our Savior older adult ministry and

Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving

(S.A.G.E.S.) is the District older adult ministry

LHM Lutheran Hour Ministries

LLL Lutheran Layman's League



S.A.G.E.S.



(S.A.G.E.S. = Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving)

LLL = The local LLL has not met. Some attendance has been at District events. Participation includes the LLL. New for all at church, something for all ages. Children especially are included. Many websites and resources for the Christian. We can all be actively involved in LHM.

Our concern now is to use the money wisely, close the bank account and disperse finances to and for the purposes intended. Future donations can be given to Our Savior Lutheran Church. S.A.G.E.S. donations can go directly to S.A.G.E.S.



www.lhm.org
www.mnsdistrict.org/sages

Ladies of Our Savior *September 2023*

Stay in the Word, educating yourself through devotions, worship and Bible study, Pray! Thanks be to God for putting you here at Our Savior. We are so blessed to have you here proclaiming the GOOD NEWS with all your talents. Some updates to keep you posted and mark your calendars.

Retreat “Promised Rest”, Saturday, **September 16th** at Camp Omega. Website for more information is: www.mnslwml.org/2023_district_retreat

Our 30th Biennial Minnesota South **District** Convention is being held **June 20-22, 2024** at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, **Mankato**. The theme for the convention is Ephesians 5:12. **Needed now** are **nominations** for the following officers: Vice-President of Christian Life, Vice-President of Human Care, Vice-President of Servant Resources, Treasurer, Nominating Committee members (one from each conference) and two pastoral counselors. Mail or email your nominations to Kathy Kohner, Nominating Committee Chair, 1245 49th Avenue, Winona, MN 55987. Email: nominatingchair@mnslwml.org, cell phone: 507-450-0138. Nominating forms are in the Mission Center.

Bethesda - AbleLight - FYI

Bethesda - now AbleLight. For helping those with developmental disabilities. There are needs for more staff, wheelchairs, volunteers, faith connections, education, career placement, and community support. For information, go to www.ablelight.org for purpose, programs, and activities for your state.

The **Gloria Sauck** summer **letter** to read is on the LWML Bulletin Board.

Stay updated with **Public Policy**.

Youth test their Bible knowledge. Did you read the Bible Bowl article in the June/July Lutheran Witness? 25 youth made up seven teams. The competitors studied “The Life of Moses”. Rev. Rudy Maurer quote “Everyone in the Word is a Winner!”

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Would you like to submit a **Mission Grant proposal?** The directions for submitting a proposal are in the Summer 2023 WOM.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Stewardship in the First Commandment

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect our belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



“We are made holy by the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ, ours by faith in His life, death, and resurrection. Yet we are holy in another sense, too. We have been set apart, called out, by a holy God for God’s holy purposes—to love God and our neighbor, to serve, to make disciples. We have been set apart to serve as spouses, parents and grandparents, citizens, workers.”

Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •

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Sunday Matins is aired at 9:00am each Sunday on KTOE 1420AM						
3	<u>Labor Day</u> 4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Time 10:20 Bible Class	Office Closed	8:30 Circuit Pastors 5:15 Board of Education 6:00 Board of Elders 6:30 Board of Deacons 7:00 Board of Trustees	6:00 Jr. Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting	8:30 Garden Committee 9:00 Private Confession 9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle 10:00 Bulletin Deadline		
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