

Program for the Week of October 1 – October 8, 2023

Sunday:

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:20 Sunday School
9:20 Bible Class
10:30 Worship

5:20 Introductory Choir
5:55 Brass
6:00 Meal
6:45 Devotion
7:00 Jr. Confirmation
7:00 Vocal Choir

Monday:

Fall Pastors' Conference, Lakeville
6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday:

5:15 Board of Education
6:00 Board of Elders
6:30 Board of Deacons
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV
4:45 Introductory Bells
5:15 Wednesday Class
5:15 Handbell Choir

Thursday:

8:30 Garden Committee
9:00 Private Confession
9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:20 Bible Class
9:20 Sunday School
10:30 Worship

Chancel flowers are provided by the Schuchard family in joyful celebration of Verniel's 95th birthday. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

The account of Esau and Jacob serves as today's Sunday School lesson, "Twin Troubles." When Isaac is sixty years old, Rebekah gives birth to very different twin boys – Esau and Jacob. Isaac ignores God's promise to Jacob and favors Esau. Esau's hunger gets the best of him as he sells his birthright for a bowl of stew. Rebekah enables further deception as she plots with Jacob, her favored son, so that he receives Isaac's blessing. When Esau vows to kill Jacob, Rebekah sends Jacob away for his own safety.

About the Cover: Our life as the children of God is a pure and beautiful gift. Christ has loved us by dying on the cross for our sins, putting our interests above His own. Because of Christ, we also are free to put the interests of others before our own. In turn, the Lord has placed the beautiful gifts of love and service into our hands so we can share them with our neighbors.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle is Thursday, October 5th in the Fireplace room at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments with 9:45 Bible study. "From Age to Age", lesson on pages 18 and 19 of the Fall Quarterly.

Altar Guild members will meet on Monday, October 9th at 7pm in the Library. We will be going over the 2024 parament changing schedule and decorating the chancel area for fall. New members are welcome. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Gretchen at 507-317-2904 or Judy at 507-420-8196.

Thrivent Choice Dollars meeting was held on September 27th. We discussed how to allocate the funds in the Thrivent Choice Dollars directed to Our Savior Lutheran Church. The following was decided by those in attendance; \$750 to Marcella Eilders for Mission Service Supplies; \$500 towards supplies and ink for Cheer card supplies for the shut-in members of our congregation. Out of the remaining money, the Thrivent Group, consisting of Brian Johnson, Julie Schlichting, and Janet Timm, will be able to provide funds up to \$250 to organizations within Our Savior Lutheran Church. Any amounts requested over \$250 will need to be held until the next meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Johnson at 507-779-4264.

Samaritans Purse – Operation Christmas Child. Please take a shoebox and fill it up or donate a single item. Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, October 18th to put together the shoeboxes from the donations given. Please bring your gifts to the Narthex. Be a missionary – help us send the boxes so children can hear the Gospel. Thank you.

A heartfelt thank you to all of you in this wonderful congregation who were friends with mom, laughed with her, sang with her, and lifted her up in prayer. Her church family. We will not forget you! God bless you all! – The family of Arlene Wangen

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in October, please contact Laura Matheny, 812-604-5168, or Samantha Tess, 507-217-0354.

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

Philippians Conference at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Rochester, on Sunday, October 1st from 4-8:30 pm. Registration required at www.holycross-church.org

S.A.G.E.S. Board meeting on October 3rd at Camp Omega at 10 am to noon, followed by lunch. Would be wonderful to have 1-2 more representatives go to the meeting, “to check it out to see if it is something they would like to be a part of”.

Congrats! Dr. Phillip Johnson is celebrating 10 years as Assistant to the President, Mission Formation, of the Minnesota South District on Oct. 17. We praise God for his ministry in our district. You are invited to share letters of appreciation for his service. Please send them to christina.krentz@mnsdistrict.org

From the Stewardship Committee: Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...” Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

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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, “Like Father Like Son” features a father whose example leads to his son making questionable choices at school. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Brent Klein from Trinity Lutheran Church in Northfield, who will present a message titled “Is the Building Worth It?” based on Jeremiah 15:15-21. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Christian Literature is available to you here at church. The District News is in the September Lutheran Witness. It is in this insert that you find the information for Minnesota with pictures, details of happenings and things of interest for us here in Mankato. Your copy of The Fall Quarterly and the Fall Minnesota South WOM, “Women on a Mission”, are in the Narthex.

One Voice for Public Policy: See the website to read Rev. Fred Hinz’s blog. <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy>

Fall LWML Crow River Conference Rally hosted by the McLeod Zone, will be October 7. Registration starts at 9 am and program at 9:30 at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lester Prairie. Speaker is Joel Landskroener, Executive Director of Mayer Lutheran High School. The theme will be “Why Lutheran schools are Essential”. We will plan on car-pooling. Sign up list is in Mission Center or call 507-327-7082. Gifts of the Heart are fleece tied blankets. (we have delivered several already)

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:

That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:3

Weekly Discussion Question:

What confidence does it give you that most of the Bible is written by eyewitnesses of the events?

Holy Communion: When Jesus said, "Do this", in giving the Lord's Supper, He used a verb form which means, "Keep on doing this!", or, "Do it again and again!" As we keep on doing what He has here commanded us to do, we also want to keep on witnessing to the truth of His Word. 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 Matheny
Organist Barb Anderson
Elders of the Day [8:00] Tom Benson; [10:30] Lon Whitehead
A/V Tech Gene Mensing