

Program for the Week of September 10 – September 17, 2023

Sunday:

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:20 Sunday School
9:20 Bible Class
10:30 Worship
4:30 Book Club
6:30 TSNT

5:15 Wednesday Class
5:45 Brass
5:50 Introductory Bells
6:00 Meal
6:45 Devotion
7:00 Jr. Confirmation
7:00 Vocal Choir
7:30 Handbell Choir

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study
9:00 Quilting
10:00 Beyer Visitation
11:00 Beyer Funeral
7:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV
5:15 Introductory Chior

Thursday:

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

Friday:

1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study
4:00 The Voice 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 Doris Emich in loving memory of Ron.

Sunday Matins is sponsored by the Klaustermeier family in joyful celebration of Elton and Gloria's 65th wedding anniversary.

Today we recognize Leonard & Susan Sembach as members of our congregation by transfer of membership. Leonard & Susan will publicly speak their belief in the Faith taught in the Holy Scriptures and confirmed in the Small Catechism. Please greet and welcome Leonard & Susan as your new brother and sister in Christ.

Today in Sunday School, we will study God's covenant with Abram in "A Sign and a Promise". God reassures Abram of His promise to bless the earth through Abram's offspring. God changes his name from Abram ("exalted father") to Abraham ("father of many nations") and institutes circumcision as the sign of His continued covenant with Abraham. Despite Abraham and Sarah's advanced age, God promises they will have a son of their own.

About the Cover: Like the piercing shofar trumpet blast that made the people tremble before Mount Sinai (see Exodus 19:16), Ezekiel was called to sound forth the warning of God's Law. God gives the warning of His Law before the final judgment to lead us to repentance and faith in the Gospel of Jesus' death and resurrection for our forgiveness. God sounds the "note of judgment" so that we might hear and join in singing the notes of "gladness," "pardon," and "triumph" in Christ (LSB 511).

The school year is upon us! Our fall quarter of Sunday School will begin on September 10 and this year we'll be going through the Old Testament. Fortunately we have two teachers in a number of our classrooms, but we still need you as 2nd Adults in the Youth class and the 1st & 2nd Grade classroom. Talk to Deaconess Brand or sign-up in the narthex if you can help.

Book Club meets today, Sunday, September 10th from 4:30 – 6pm. We begin our discussion of F. Scott Fitzgerald's third book, *The Great Gatsby*. The story of the mysteriously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan. It is an exquisitely crafted tale of America in the 1920's. We start tonight with chapters 1-3.

TSNT meets today, Sunday, September 10th at 6:30pm in the Fireplace room. All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited to join us for time in God's Word and games.

Quilting meets for the first time for the 2023 – 2024 year on Monday, September 11th. Join us upstairs in the Youth Room at 9am for fellowship and working together for a good cause. Tops, middles, and backs are sewn together, then tied. No sewing experience is required.

Young Adult Bible Study meets Monday, September 11th at 7pm in the Fireplace room. Contact Karee Bless with any questions, 507-381-3826, kbless@blc.edu.

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!

Men's Bible Study will meet in the Fireplace room on Thursday, September 14th from 7:30 – 8:30pm. We will continue our study of Song of Solomon. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

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: Vell Brunner. Guests and visitors are welcome!

The deadline for the October 2023 issue of The Voice is Friday, September 15th at 4pm. Please drop off any submissions at the church office or e-mail to contact@oslcmandato.org.

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

Mite Sunday is September 17th. Please bring your mites and put them in the big Mite box in the Narthex. At the LWML 2023 Nation Convention, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch was chosen to receive funding for *A Healing Space for At-Risk Children*. This facility will provide Christ-centered hope and healing in a dedicated space for traumatized children to recover from childhood traumas. Part of the thank you received from the Ranch states: "Please accept our humble thanks. Although you will never know the hundreds of children your grant will bless, we know and He knows." The list of 31 Grants for 2023-2025 is on the Narthex counter. Take a copy.

The Fall Quarterly is here! Pick up your copy in the Narthex.

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, September 20th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making Gospel Bracelets for MOST Ministries, trimming stamps for Wycliffe and rolling bandages for Global Health. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

Samaritans Purse – Operation Christmas Child: "Every shoebox gift is an opportunity to reach a child with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's about telling children around the world and their families that God loves them. He hasn't forgotten them. We're taking the Good News to the ends of the earth and doing it through a shoebox." Franklin Graham, President of Samaritans Purse. See the display in the narthex to take a shoebox and fill it up, OR donate single items. Please share in this amazing opportunity. Isaiah 49:6.

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.

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, emails and on 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 or Mission Center. Even young people will enjoy reading the Sagacity!

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

One Voice for Public Policy: “Connecting the Dots Just Got Easier” see the website to read Rev. Fred Hinz’s blog. <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy>

Gloria Sauck Prayer Calendars are on the LWML Bulletin Board.

Fall LWML Crow River Conference Rally hosted by the McLeod Zone, will be October 7. Registration starts at 9am and program at 9:30am 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”. RSVP by October 2. We will plan on car-pooling.

Spring Arlington Zone Rally will be hosted by St. John’s, Arlington on Saturday, April 13, 2024. The theme will be “Sanctity of Life.”

MN South District Convention will be June 20-22, 2024 in Mankato. The theme will be “Walk in Love.”

From the Stewardship Committee: Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish* — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!

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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, “Tina” featuring two lonely people, a woman and child, come together through Jesus. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Brent Klein from Trinity Lutheran Church in Northfield, who will present a message titled “When Your Brother Sins Against You” based on Matthew 18:1-20. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

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:

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

Weekly Discussion Question:

How does knowing this affect your view of today?

Holy Communion: The Eucharist is one of the names for the Lord's Supper, and it means "Thanksgiving". There is every reason to lift our hearts in thanksgiving as the exalted Lord comes to us with His body and blood for our forgiveness! Jesus also gives us reason to live by every word that God speaks. 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 [8:00] Gene Mensing; [10:30] Mike Blomquist
Sacristan [8:00] Kevin Hermanson; [10:30] Dave Hendley
A/V Tech Dale Bergemann