

Program for the Week of September 17 – September 24, 2023

Sunday:

8:00 Worship

9:00 Coffee Time

9:20 Sunday School

9:20 Bible Class

10:30 Worship

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting

7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

Men's Boundary Waters Trip thru 9/24

2:00 Worship Service on KTV

4:00 Mission Service

4:45 Introductory Bells

5:15 Wednesday Class

5:15 Handbell Choir

5:20 Introductory Choir

5:55 Brass

6:00 Meal

6:45 Devotion

7:00 Jr. Confirmation

7:00 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Worship

9:00 Coffee Time

9:20 Bible Class

9:20 Sunday School

10:30 Worship

1:00 Fireplace Room Rental

4:30 Book Club

6:30 TSNT

Chancel flowers are provided by Sharon Anderson in honor of her son, Mitchell Marso, on his birthday (September 10), and in honor of Avery Marso on her Baptism birthday (September 26).

Today in Sunday School we learn how God provided "A Merciful Substitute." God had blessed Abraham with the son he had waited for his entire life; yet now God asks the seemingly impossible – sacrifice your son to Me. By faith, Abraham takes Isaac to the mountain, trusting God, who was able to raise his son from the dead. Abraham completes the test, and God provides the sacrifice.

Mite Sunday Today. The information for the 31 new Mite Grants will begin in October. Please bring your mites and put them in the big Mite box in the Narthex. THANK YOU

About the Cover: The brothers who took Joseph, threw him into a pit, and sold him into slavery were now in his hands. However, Joseph embraced his brothers with tears of joy and forgiveness. Even when their fears were renewed after the death of their father, Joseph comforted them. Though our sin drove the nails into Jesus' hands on the cross, God meant it for good as Jesus died to bring forgiveness and life for us. Thus, Jesus brings us true and lasting comfort as He welcomes us with His nail-pierced hands.

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.

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: Vel Brunner. Guests and visitors are welcome!

Mission Service is this Wednesday, September 20th at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and work on the projects.

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

Your copy of The Fall Quarterly is in the Narthex. Enjoy the reading of these missions.

Our Savior Endowment Fund Provides Scholarships: The Endowment Board approved \$12,000 in scholarship funds for 7 student members of Our Savior Lutheran Church who are attending Concordia Classical Academy (CCA) in North Mankato. The board also approved \$5000.00 in scholarship funds for 2 post-secondary members attending LCMS institutions in preparation for careers in full time church work. Please consider making an offering/donation to the Endowment Fund, as you are able, to support our students, missionaries, etc. in the years to come.

Mission Service: Only three weeks left to give items for the Samaritans Purse shoeboxes. Please bring your gifts to the Narthex. Every shoebox given to a child comes with the Gospel in their own language. Be a missionary. Romans 10:14 "How can they hear without someone preaching to them, and how can they believe in one of whom they have not heard?"

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.

Our Savior's gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following memorials:

- \$395 Capital Improvements in memory of Mary Eckhardt
- \$10,550 Capital Improvements; \$20 Music Fund; \$20 Undesignated; \$19.53 Endowment Fund in memory of Arlene Wangen.
- \$15 Undesignated in memory of Kathryn Beyer
- \$55 Capital Improvements in memory of Diane Reasner

Keep reading Christian Literature that is available to you here at church. The summer Lutheran Layman is filled with activities for children and adults.

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>

Fall LWML Crow River Conference Rally hosted by the McLeod Zone, will be October 7. Registration starts at 9 am 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. Sign-up list in Mission Center or call 507-327-7082 Text of message.

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: Romans 14:7 – "For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself." We just don't belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

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 the book of Joshua on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), study The Cause of Sin in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (September 23 at 10am), and study Leviticus 18-22 on "The Holiness of God" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am).

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Look to the Mountain" – A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down-and-out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Elliott Malm from Grace Lutheran Church in Dodge Center, who will present a message titled "Catechized in the True Faith" based on Matthew 6:24-34. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Gloria Sauck Prayer Calendars are on the LWML Bulletin Board.

Orphan Grain Train 2022-2023 Shipment Summary:

- 274 full container shipments of donated relief supplies and food were shipped within the United States and internationally
- 155 53-foot full semi-loads were distributed to domestic locations
- 119 40-foot full shipping containers went to 23 different countries overseas
- Humanitarian aid and food were shipped to 38 states and 71 countries
- More than \$44.1 million worth of donated humanitarian aid, food, and disaster relief assistance was distributed
- Total of 140,817.60 volunteer hours were given
- More than 5.4 million Mercy Meals, Kids Against Hunger meals, Manna Packs, and Harvest Meals were shipped worldwide
- 27 regional OGT locations from California to Connecticut collecting and distributing food and reusable goods worldwide

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:

What can you do to remind yourself of God's work?

Holy Communion: Thank the Lord and sing His praise! With deep thanksgiving for the gift of forgiveness received with our Savior's body and blood, we also express our deep desire to celebrate the sacrament according to God's Will. 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 [8:00] Dave Hendley; [10:30] Mike Holub
Sacristan [8:00] Kurt Anderson; [10:30] Mark Senne
A/V Tech Matt Brand