

Program for the Week of September 24 – October 1, 2023

Sunday:

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:20 Sunday School
9:20 Bible Class
10:30 Worship
1:00 Fireplace Room Rental
4:30 Book Club
6:30 TSNT

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study
9:00 Quilting
7:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
7:00 Thrivent Choice Meeting
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
5:20 Introductory Choir
5:55 Brass
6:00 Meal
6:45 Devotion
7:00 Jr. Confirmation
7:00 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

Fall Backpacking Trip thru Oct 1

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
5:30 Potluck Meal/Bible Study

Friday:

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 Tom & Theresa McLaughlin in loving memory of Jerry & Lucille Weimert.

This week's Sunday School lesson is "A Servant's Mission." Abraham tasks a faithful servant with finding a wife for Isaac from Abraham's homeland. The servant prays for a sign and waits at a well outside the city of Nahor. Rebekah appears, offering to draw water for both man and beast – the sign the servant had asked for. Rebekah invites the servant to come to her family home. Having received gifts from Abraham, Rebekah's family sends her to Isaac with their blessings.

About the Cover: By all appearances, the situation looked dark for Paul, but the light of the Lord's Gospel still shines into the dark confines of prison. The Gospel cannot be bound (see 2 Timothy 2:9). Furthermore, Paul's suffering was a means by which God was spreading the Word that Jesus has conquered sin, death, and the devil for the sake of all people. The darkness of this world cannot overcome the Word (see John 1:5).

Book Club meets today, Sunday, September 24th from 4:30 – 6pm. We continue our discussion of F. Scott Fitzgerald's third book, *The Great Gatsby*. Tonight we discuss chapters 4-6.

TSNT meets today, Sunday, September 24th 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 Monday, September 25th. Join us in room 124/126 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. Contact Julie, 507-388-7533, with any questions.

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.

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.

Potluck Dinner & Bible Study: Join us from 5:30 – 7:30pm in the Fireplace room on Thursday, 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 epistle of Jude together. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Matheny.

Mission Service: Only two 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?"

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

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle is Thursday, October 5th in the Fireplace Room. Come at 9:30 for refreshments and fellowship. Bible Study 9:45-11, the lesson "Age to Age" will be from the Fall Quarterly, pages 18 and 19.

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 is available to you here at church. The District News is in the Lutheran Witness. Your copy of The Fall Quarterly and the Fall Minnesota South WOM "Women on a Mission", are in the Narthex.

Fall LWML Crow River Conference Rally hosted by the McLeod Zone, will be October 7th. Registration starts at 9 am and program at 9:30 am 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 in Mission Center or call 507-327-7082

For your 2024 Calendar: 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.”

Ladies of Our Savior attended the “Promised Rest” Retreat at Camp Omega on Saturday, September 16th. Author and speaker Michelle Diercks led us in her Bible Study Promised Rest. Gifts of the Heart donations were to benefit Camp Omega (paper products etc). We received coloring pages that went with her study. Michelle is the host of Peace in His Presence Podcast and a new Podcast coming called “Season Mamas”! Sign up for a devotional email (michellediercks.com) designed to encourage you to pause, reflect and receive peace as you rest in the promise of God.

31 Mission Grant Goals have been adopted for the 2023-2025 “biennium”.

From the Stewardship Committee: Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God — and surely one of the foundations of God’s being is His generosity.

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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, “Home Free” features a family who learns the real meaning of love, and that it comes free. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Terry Grzybowski from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River, who will present a message titled “Let Your Manner of Life be Worthy of the Gospel” based on Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

September Pray for Us Calendar is in the Narthex. It is for all LCMS members with a personal prayer for each day.

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”.

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

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:

There is only one God. What about Him amazes you?

Holy Communion: From the beginning – “Let us give thanks”, to the end – “We give thanks to You, Almighty God”, the communion liturgy is one of deep thanksgiving! Christ's body and blood are in the sacrament to give the communicant the most personal and highest possible assurance of the forgiveness of sins! That is indeed reason for thanksgiving! 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. Stefan Wismar
Organist Edith Williams
Special Music..... Introductory Choir
Elders of the Day[8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Mike Anderson
Sacristan.....[8:00] Kurt Anderson; [10:30] Dave Hendley
A/V Tech [8:00] Gene Mensing; [10:30] Dale Bergemann