

## Program for the Week of September 3 – September 10, 2023

### **Sunday:**

9:00 Worship  
10:20 Bible Class

**Monday:** *Office Closed*

### **Tuesday:**

8:30 Circuit Pastors  
5:15 Board of Education  
6:00 Board of Elders  
6:30 Board of Deacons  
7:00 Board of Trustees  
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

### **Wednesday:**

2:00 Worship Service on KTV  
6:00 Jr. Confirmation Parent/Student

### **Thursday:**

8:30 Garden Committee  
9:00 Private Confession  
9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle  
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  
4:30 Book Club  
6:30 TSNT

**Chancel flowers** are provided by Lori Ellanson.

**About the Cover:** The people of Judah did not want to hear about the Lord's Word through Jeremiah. Like a journey through a dry valley, Jeremiah bore the reproach of God's people for speaking the truth. Yet he was sustained by the Lord. God is at work to sustain the one who speaks His true Law and bring the one who hears it to repentance. In all things, God is leading His people to Christ, the One who bore the reproach of the work on the cross and, above all, won for us forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**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.

**A/V Update:** You may have noticed that in the recent months our services have not been live-streamed and are not available on YouTube. The wires that transmit internet have been removed in anticipation of the roof repair. Without internet, we are not able to live-stream services. Also, technology is always changing and like all computers, suffer obsolescence. The technical team is working hard to operate, maintain, and improve this equipment, employing outside resources to assist as is prudent. It may be some weeks yet, before we are able to provide livestreaming again. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

**The Board of Deacon's is seeking volunteers:** To serve coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings; To prepare, serve and/or clean-up for Wednesday night meals (the sign-up sheets are in the Fireplace room); and Greeters for Sunday mornings and special services throughout the Church year. More information is in the September Voice or call Denise at 507-380-0507. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can serve.

**Help! We need your help in visiting our congregational members.** Are you able to visit one member once a month? To volunteer, please call: Rhonda, 507-389-9726, Judy, 507-387-4908, or Marcella, 507-317-4127.

**Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle** is Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in the Fireplace room. Meet at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments. Bible Study begins at 9:45. Our study from the *Summer Quarterly*, "Here Am I, Sent Me!" is on pages 20-21. We are assured that Jesus is always with us as we follow His call (command) to Proclaim (Go and Tell).

**Mission Service** met on August 16<sup>th</sup>, to make Gospel bracelets for MOST Ministries, roll bandages for Global Health, and put together Healthcare kits. 27 kits were delivered together with men/women's socks to the Connections Shelter in Mankato. Thank you to everyone who came to help with all the projects! Thank you for all the donations so we can continue to do the projects!!

**Are you contributing to Our Savior Lutheran Church** through your Thrivent Choice Dollars? Please join us in the Fireplace Room September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for a meeting to discuss and decide how your contributions will be used at OSLC.

**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](mailto:mattsbrand@gmail.com)) or Lisa Gahler for more details. Looking forward to an adventure!

**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.

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

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

**Christian Literature** does not take a vacation! Every day brings new publications, e-mails, and 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. **The Fall Quarterly has arrived.** Pick up your copy, or copies, in the Narthex or Mission Center. Even young people will enjoy reading the Sagacity!

**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 at 507-317-4127.

**Remember the "Promised Rest" Retreat** on Saturday, September 16 at Camp Omega. Website for more information is: [www.mnslwml.org/2023\\_district\\_retreat](http://www.mnslwml.org/2023_district_retreat).

**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

**From the Stewardship Committee: Matthew 16:26** – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” He who dies with the most toys ... is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.

**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](http://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 finish the book of Acts and begin 1 Peter on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), study Leviticus 7-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), and hear the 3<sup>rd</sup> episode in our Leadership series with Bishop Jamison Hardy on The Coffee Hour (September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am).

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "The Sound of Doors Closing" features a man suffering with a mid-life crisis and the effect it has on his family. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Peter Adelsen from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in West Salem, Wisconsin, who will present a message titled "Through Sufferings, We Receive the Promise" based on Jeremiah 15:15-21. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Willow Creek, 2023 Mission Festival:** Join us Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am for Worship, Potluck and Presentation by Hesham Shehab. At age 13, he was recruited by the Muslim Brotherhood, and later fought against Christians in the Lebanese Civil War of 1975. During the time he was attending the American University of Beirut for pre-medical studies, he was converted to the Christian faith, and now serves as a pastor in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and shares the love of Christ with Arabs and Muslims. To hear more about Hesham's conversion and ministry, please join us! A freewill offering will be taken to help fund Rev. Shehab's ministry.

Please join us for an **Adult Bible Study** at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School. MLHS is offering an adult Bible study for the Gospel of Luke. We will read and discuss Luke through the eyes of "Wikipedia." Principal Paul Steinhaus will lead this "class." The class will meet every Thursday (when school is in session) from 10:15-11am starting Sept 7th. Please RSVP your interest in participating to: [paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com](mailto:paulsteinhaus@martinlutherhs.com).

**Interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat** that provides the space to rest in God's Word, time to spend in prayer and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend *Vocatio: Retreat* — a three-day retreat geared toward college students and second-career men and women who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain. Registration is free and includes lodging and meals. To register, scan the QR code, visit [www.csl.edu/vocatio-retreat](http://www.csl.edu/vocatio-retreat) or Google "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary."



**The Immanuel Lutheran Church is having an Ice Cream Social** on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00pm. Menu: Barbeques and Hot Dogs, Egg Salad Sandwiches, Ham Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Pie, Cake, Ice Cream and Beverages. Immanuel is located 3 miles east of Courtland on County Road 25. Come and join us! This is a Free-Will offering event. Everyone is welcome!

**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 comfort do you have in knowing God is Lord of heaven and earth?

**Holy Communion:** At His baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus identified completely with us sinful beings and took His first public step toward the cross. As He did so, the Holy Spirit anointed Him, and the Father was well pleased! The Baptism of our Lord thus tells us that the Holy Trinity is unmistakably for us and determined to work out our redemption. The Lord's Supper tells us that God is still unmistakably for us and has, in fact, worked out our redemption. Here the very body and blood with which Christ earned our forgiveness is present for us to eat and drink. 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 ..... Barb Anderson  
Elders of the Day ..... Tom Benson; Judd Schultz  
Sacristan ..... Gary Rabenhorst  
A/V Tech ..... Gene Mensing