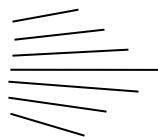




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The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001 **NOVEMBER 2023**

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Sundays, November 5 and 12

What's that about again? You've likely heard of Stephen Ministry but may not remember what the purpose is or who could benefit from it. Check out the table in the narthex or ask one of our trained members for more information, Dan Gaher, Nancy Benson, and Pat Sohre.

We all need a concerned, caring friend at multiple times in our lives. A Stephen Minister can listen and care for you or for someone you know who is going through a tough time. Everyone seems to have advice to give, but often it isn't advice you need – it's care. Stephen Ministers are trained to give this care by listening instead of telling you what to do. They come alongside you, so you're not alone.

To learn more you can also contact Deaconess Lisa Brand at (lisa@oslcmandato.org or 385-2185)

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Office hours are Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Unless there is an activity or event taking place, please use the Broad Street entrance by the mailbox.

In case of emergency or urgent need, our pastor is available at all hours and all days by calling his cell phone. Please use the office phone for other business. Please also remember that Sunday morning and other worship times are not for bringing church business to other members or staff but for focusing upon the Word and gifts of God. "The seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work." - Exodus 20:10

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!”

-Psalm 107:1

“Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise!”

-LSB 394

When we look at our lives what else can we do but sing songs of praise to the Lord? He has given us all that we have. He has given us our bodies and souls, our eyes and ears and all our members. He has given us hands that hold the hands of our loved ones. He has given us a sense of sight to gaze on the incredible works of His hands. He has given us a heart that beats, blood that flows, lungs that fill, muscle fibers that twitch. He has given us time for work, for play, for love, and for joy. He has made our lives to cross with the lives of others. He has given the gift of other people who challenge us, encourage us, dance with us, and mourn with us.

He came to earth to redeem us. He preached for us, performed miracles for us, and fed the multitudes for us. He prayed for us, left His supper for us, suffered for us, and died for us. He rose from the dead for us.

He sent His Spirit to us. He has called us, gathered us, enlightened us, and sanctifies us. He has given us the gift of His Church. His Word, His Sacraments, His people, and His glory are ours.

In light of all this (not to mention the much, much more that I lack space to enumerate here) what can we do but return thanks to our Lord and God for the many and glorious gifts that He has given us? What more fitting action is there than to sing songs of praise to our God? How can we do anything else but to live our whole lives as prayers of thanksgiving to Him?

Planning Council

Minutes of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mankato
October 20, 2023

Members Present: Matt Brand, Dan Gahler, Valerie Elliott, Nancy Benson, Rob Hobbs, Doug Haeder, Missy Schultz, Denise Painter, Judy Hendley, Judd Schultz, and Pastor Adam Matheny.

Members Absent: Bev Clark, Christine Billiar and Steve Annis.

1. President Matt Brand called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
2. Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Matheny.
3. There was no public/congregational presentation.
4. Bible Study: Psalm 3 led by Matt Brand.
5. Additions/Approval of Agenda: Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried.
6. Council Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the September 12, 2023, Planning Council minutes as presented, motion carried.
7. Pastor's Report: Pastor noted will be on vacation in October.
8. Treasurer's Report: Doug Haeder provided summary of reports. Doug noted available cash decrease due to payment for roof repair. Motion made and seconded to approve the report as presented, motion carried.
9. Unfinished Business
 1. 2023 Budget – President Matt Brand noted Boards are to have their draft budgets to Doug Haeder by October 13th, then Planning Council will review in November and make recommendation to the congregation at the November Voter's Meeting.
 2. Capital Improvement Fundraising Update to Congregation – Dan Gahler will provide the update to

the congregation at both services on Sunday, October 15th.

3. Officer and Board Elections – Discussion about recruitment for positions.

10. New Business

1. November Voters' Meeting – Discussion and review of agenda for meeting.
2. November Voters' Meeting Meal – Youth might provide the meal after the meeting.

11. Board Sharing: **Deacons:** Prayer shawls ministry doing well; there is a need for someone to head up the greeter program; appreciation for people signing up for Sunday donuts and Wednesday night meals; No trunk or treat event this year, will have Fall bonfire and leaf clean up; and Sunday school Christmas program on December 17th with one services and snacks after program.

Endowment: Next quarterly meeting is in late October and have received contributions for the fund. **Elders:** With Christmas Eve on Sunday this year will have Divine service at regular times and Carol services at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm and discussion about elimination of Thanksgiving Day services.

12. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm. Next meeting is November 14, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Elliott
Secretary,
OSLC Planning Council



*Articles for the December 2023
VOICE are due by Friday, November
17th at 4pm. You may drop-off
submissions in the office, or e-mail
to: contact@oslcmandato.org.*

Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending September 30, 2023

Income and Expense Summary

| | Current Month | Y-T-D |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income | \$31,955.02 | \$386,139.40 |
| Operating Expenses | -\$47,529.95 | -\$395,366.52 |
| LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment | -\$1,002.07 | -\$10,044.93 |
| Net for Period[†] | -\$16,577.00 | -\$19,272.05 |

[†]Positive net value indicates we received more than our expenses, a negative number indicates that we have spent more than we have received for that period (deficit).

Cash Summary

| | Amount | Notes |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Checking Account | \$48,916.01 | Daily checking account Pioneer Bank |
| Savings Account | \$150,872.05 | Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank |
| Joyful Response | \$10,550.16 | Joyful Response deposits and loan payments |
| Library Fund | \$20,107.12 | Certificate of Deposit |
| Accounts Receivable | \$0.00 | |
| Total Cash Assets | \$230,445.34 | |
| Dedicated Accounts | -\$144,856.22 | Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities |
| Other Liabilities | -\$3,127.41 | Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc. |
| Available Cash Balance | \$82,461.71 | \$107,289.19 last month |

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Current Balance | \$224,044.05 |
| Monthly Payment | \$1,845.99 |
| Interest Rate (Variable Annually) | 4.500% |
| Pay-off Date | 4/2037 |

Additional Comments: Available cash balance is reduced significantly from last month, due in part to the large partial payment on the roof repair.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Haeder, Treasurer

Accessions & Losses

Losses:

Clark & Jane Diel; Resurrection Lutheran Church, Mankato, LCMC; September 27, 2023

Dale & Stacy Thorson; Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mankato, LCMS; October 10, 2023

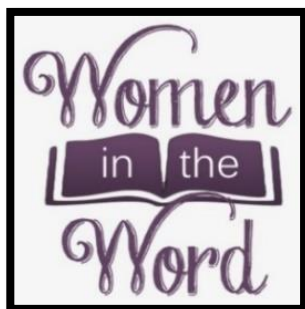


Aubrey Elizabeth Jahnke

Date of Birth: August 3, 2023

Baptism Date: October 8, 2023

Parents: Corey & Stephanie Jahnke



Bible Study Circles

- WELCOME -

The Fall Quarterly theme is "Supporting Missions". Feeding the child of God with His daily Word is comforting and strengthening. Devotions, Worship, Bible Study, prayer keeps us rooted in the Word.

Eden Keefe, our LWML National President has an article on page 29, "Celebrating the Lord of the Nations! Being purposeful and purpose-filled."

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle is Thursday, November 2nd in the Fireplace room at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments with 9:45 Bible study. "Mission of Love" lesson on pages 20 and 21 of the Fall Quarterly. Read in the Quarterly, "Be a Missionary No Matter Where You Are."

Mary Circle Bible Study: Watch the bulletin for date. Guests and visitors are welcome!



Music Notes



“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High” Psalm 92:1

Wednesday Night Rehearsal Schedule

Intro Bells 4:45-5:15

Handbells 5:20-5:50

Intro Choir 5:20-5:50

Brass: 5:55-6:10

Choir 7:00 in the Sanctuary by the Grand Piano

November Special Music Schedule:

November 5: Intro Choir

November 12: Intro Bells

November 19: Brass, Vocal Choir

November 22: Handbells

Advent and Christmas Special Music - Do you play an instrument or sing? We are looking for volunteers to fill our services with special music. There is so much good Holiday music to play! Please contact Suzie Gangi if interested.

Kids Recital- We'll have our annual kid's recital before the Christmas program on Sunday December 17th! Kids who are learning an instrument or would like to sing a song can participate. Please talk to Suzie Gangi if you're interested.

Suzie Gangi

507-341-4173

suzie@oslcmankato.org

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 107:1

The end of the year is fast approaching. The leaves are changing and will soon be falling and the season of Thanksgiving will soon be here. **On Saturday, November 4th from 3:30-5:30 PM** Our Savior's will once again be asking for your help in cleaning up around the outside of the church and other properties that can use our assistance.

In addition to the traditional fall clean-up we are trying to find other ways for people of all ages and abilities to give back and show their thanks and praise to God. Cookie baking, cookie decorating, prayer-shawl construction, and card making will also be happening during this time. (The cookies will be delivered around the neighborhood)

So please come if you can:

- participate in raking and leaf removal
- sit at a table and watch kids make mess with sprinkles
- read a recipe and give directions
- knit or crochet (and maybe want to teach others)
- learn to knit or crochet
- play with kids in the nursery
- color or write
- sit and talk with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ of all the reasons we have to thank our wonderful God

As always, we will have dinner and a bonfire to follow! Contact the Board of Education with any questions.

Please join us for
Serve and Share Saturday!



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5th. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to be Saturday night.

Men's **Bible Study**



ATTENTION MEN! The men of Our Savior gather in the fireplace room on the second Thursday (November 9th) from 7:30-8:30 of each month for study together. In November we will continue to study St. John's Epistles. If you are interested in this please speak with Pastor Matheny.



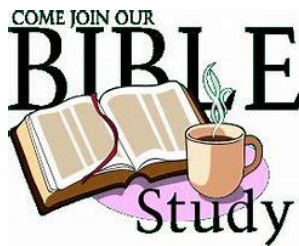
Book Club



The Our Savior's book club meets from 4:30-6 in the fireplace room on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We read good books and then discuss them together from our shared Lutheran perspective. If you have questions or interest in any of this please speak with Pastor Matheny.



TSNT meets Sundays November 12th and 26th at 6:30pm in the Fireplace room. We will begin with time in God's Word, and then play games together. All youth in grades 7 - 12 are invited!



Young Adult Bible Study

Mondays, November 13th and 27th

Young Adults (late high school college, early-ish workforce) are invited to join us in the Fireplace Room at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Contact Karee Bless with questions, 507-381-3826, kbless@blc.edu.



Dear Friends and Family in Christ,
Thank you for remembering me with beautiful cards and wishes on my 84th birthday. Your thoughtfulness was sincerely appreciated.

Your sister in Christ,
Vonnie Kelling

Mission Service

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, November 15th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Health Care Kits from the donations received. Thank you for all the items given to make this possible! Prayers are a top priority.

Thank you for Thrivent Choice Dollars to supplement our other donations and our hands on work and preparations. Thank you also for supplying gas money to deliver 28 boxes of Bibles and Christian materials to Love Packages in Butler, IL.

Several new projects for the District include:

- The New Freedom Store works with various local ministries such as homeless shelters, halfway houses and other local agencies. We invite you to pray for the New Freedom Store in your personal prayers, that those who lead and serve would be strengthened in their efforts to reach people with the good news of Jesus.
- Pray for Us Posters are in the narthex each month.
- Go First Ministry Conference will be held at Concordia Academy in Roseville, MN on April 19-20, 2024. All are invited to experience the encouragement and inspiration of this two day event focused on one or more of the Go First! Areas of Life Together, Soul Care, International Outreach or Collaboration. Time with brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, learning, growing, and being encouraged in your life of service. Please visit <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/go-first-initiative> for more information and to save the date.

Questions that have been asked: Anyone interested in a trip? Visit Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa? Visit Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, Nebraska? Go on a Mission Trip? Any other ideas, requests, offers to help or organize an activity, call Trudy at 507-327-7082.





Congregational
Meeting

Voters' Meeting
Sunday, November 19th
12:30pm in the Sanctuary

All Confirmed members, age 18 and older, are invited to participate in the regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting. Please join us as we discuss the business of the church, setting the 2024 budget and electing officers and board members. We will also hear an update on the roof repair and discuss the Sanctuary Art Project.

Annual Dinner



Before the meeting, join the Youth for the Annual Dinner. Soup, salad, and breadsticks will be served immediately following the 10:30am service. A free-will donation will be accepted. All

proceeds will benefit youth activities.



LWML Mites

Mites for Missions

Mite Sunday at Our Savior is the 3rd Sunday of the month. November 19th.

Bringing Christ to the people in the world, beginning at home, proclaiming Salvation. "Tell Everyone what He has done."

November we focus on Grant #2 of the 31 voted at the convention for 2023-2025: A Healing Space for At-Risk Children, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota, \$100,000. A specialized chapel has been designed to provide hope and healing for at-risk children, ages 10 to 18, in the care of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Bismarck, ND, campus. Children at this facility have faced severe trauma in their lives, and need healing that only Jesus can give. This mission grant will help with the building costs of the new chapel and provide spiritual care for these children, their families, and the Ranch staff. To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/mission-grants.

There are District Mite Grants still to be paid before the 2024 Convention. The District Goal is \$270,000. There are 13 Mission Grants. (More information available in the WOM – Women on a Mission).

Would you like to submit a **Mission Grant proposal?** The directions for submitting a proposal are in the Summer 2023 WOM.

Potluck Dinner & Bible Study

Our Pot-Luck Bible Study will not meet in November, since our normal meeting day falls on Thanksgiving Day. Happy turkey day, everyone!



Join us in worship to begin
your Thanksgiving
celebration

Thanksgiving Eve,
Wednesday November 22rd,
6:30pm

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday,
November 23rd, 9am



There will be no meal on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 22nd. The following week, November 29th will be our regular schedule, meal at 6pm, devotion at 6:45pm.

During Advent, beginning December 6th, the meal will begin at 5:30pm with Mid-week Advent services at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join us for a good meal and good fellowship. A free-will donation will be accepted (with a donation of \$3 per person suggested.)

Please check the sign-up sheets in the fireplace room to see how you can help with Wednesday Meals or Sunday Coffee Time. Pick up donuts Sunday morning, plan/prepare a meal, furnish deserts, help with dishes and clean-up. Please contact a Board of Deacons member if you have any questions.



DECORATE the Church

Join us Sunday, November 26th to decorate the church for the season of Advent and Christmas. We will begin decorating immediately following the 10:30am service. All ages are welcome to help! Lunch will be served when the decorating is completed.



Prayer Shawl

One prayer shawl was distributed last month. Thank you to all who have donated yarn, and those who have made shawls. They are a blessing and a great source of comfort to the recipients.

If you would like a prayer shawl or want to make one, please contact Marcella, 507-317-4127.

Ladies Advent Event

Thursday afternoon, November 30th

Watch the bulletin for details

Bible Reading Plan - November

As we've been focused on our mission statement, "We Live To Make Christ Known", we're going to look into the title Christ. We may sometimes think of Christ as Jesus' last name, but it actually means Messiah which means anointed one. We looked into anointing last month. This month as you read "Christ" think "anointed one" or promised one. Paul in his letters used Christ more than the name Jesus. They had been waiting for the One who was to come. Could Jesus of Nazareth be him?

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Bethesda is now under a new name, "Ablelight." As a recognized disability services provider, it is still anchoring to their historical Christian values and mission of mercy. They chose the name Ablelight to demonstrate the light of Christ's love to people of all abilities. Their work is serving people with disabilities.

Learn more at: <https://ablelight.org/>

Widowed to Widowed

PEACE

And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7

“Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” LSB 917

1. Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.
2. Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.
3. Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.
4. Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

Other LSB hymns: Peace Like a River, 763, v.1; Go My Children, 922, v.2; Forth In Peace of Christ, 920, v.1 & 5; Comfort, Comfort Ye My People, 347, v.1.

Ladies of Our Savior

The fall quarter of *The Quarterly* is under the theme of supporting missions. Our editor-in-chief Sheila Lutz has posed some Q & A: Define missions?, where does your mind go when you hear, “you should go on a mission trip”?, how can I help with missions even when I don’t like to/can’t travel elsewhere? Find the answers inside the cover of the *Quarterly*.

All articles, pictures, shopping, Bible Studies support missions. She is also asking you to share your story. The theme for 2024 summer is Growing in Christ’s Love. How does speaking the truth and working together help us grow?

God has blessed Our Savior Lutheran Church with awesome women serving their Savior and making Him known. Thanks be to God. Beginning within their families and prayer. The fruit of their labor for the Lord extends outward.

Coming events to plan for

- April 13 Zone Rally
- June 20-22, 2024 MN South District Convention in Mankato

Podcasts – LWML President Eden Keefe

Get the LWML App

Welcome to Bible Studies and all activities!



Young at Heart / S.A.G.E.S.

Young at Heart is Our Savior older adult ministry and

Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving

(S.A.G.E.S.) is the District older adult ministry

LHM Lutheran Hour Ministries

LLL Lutheran Layman's League



S.A.G.E.S.



(S.A.G.E.S. = Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving)



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Highlighting the Activities prepared for our readers:

- The Lutheran Layman Magazine – Spiritual growth for children and adults
- Rose Bowl Parade – Petal Pushers, for more info: www.petalpushers.org
- This is the Life (DVR on Sunday), for more info: www.mainstreetliving.com, select the “Twin Cities” tab
- S.A.G.E.S. October-December Sagacity is on-line, copies in the narthex. Sagacity is a quarterly publication to encourage and connect older adults with God and each other. Email: minnesotasouthsages@gmail.com to be added to the newsletter distribution list.
- 2024 Gathering is May 6 and 7. Older Adult Ministry – Encourage the “older adults” 55+ to enjoy these years by experiencing the workshops. Mark your calendar. Bring your parents, bring your older adults.

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www.mnsdistrict.org/sages



Thrivent Choice Dollars meeting was held on September 27th. We discussed how to allocate the funds from the Choice Dollars directed to Our Savior Lutheran Church.

The following was decided by those in attendance:

- \$750 to Marcella Eiders for Mission Service supplies
- \$500 for Cheer card supplies and ink, for shut in members of our congregation

From 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 as needed until our next meeting. Any amounts requested over \$250 will need to be held until our next meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Johnson at 507-779-4264.



“Our comfort and motivation do not derive from laws. We neither live only according to the body nor labor for this world alone. No matter who holds office or how they decide and lead, the Lord our God reigns.”

Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans for Life
A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life
www.lutheransforlife.org

Thank You

Dear friends at Our Savior,

Thank you for your recent generous gift to support God's work of training church workers here at Matongo. Your help in this ministry is greatly appreciated. We are now about halfway through the fall semester. Students have been taking mid-term exams. I have some new students and some upper-level students. The older ones are showing progress in what they are able to do, and the newer ones are discovering what is involved in being a college student. We are thankful that we are all healthy and safe here. God's blessings also to you and all you do.

Rev. Vance Becker

Theological Educator, Neema Lutheran College, Matongo,
Kenya, LCMS International Mission



The Book of Acts (ESV)

April 6, 2024

Concordia University St. Paul

Team and individual competitions for students in grade 7-12 who attend an LCMS church in the Minnesota South or North districts.

Registration deadline is March 18, 2024. Cost is \$40 per team. Contact Rev. Rudy Mauer, 507-381-5394 or RudyMauer@aol.com, or go to the website www.mnbiblebowl.org for more information.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

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NOVEMBER 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|----------|
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| <p>Sunday Matins is aired at 9:00am each Sunday on KTOE 1420AM Our Savior's Worship service is aired Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday at 2pm on KTV (Public Access).</p> | | | 4:45 Intro Bells 5:20 Handbell Choir 5:20 Intro Choir 5:55 Brass 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir | 9:00 Private Confession 9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle 10:00 Bulletin Deadline | 3:30 Serve & Share Saturday | |
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| Daylight Saving Time ends 8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:20 Sunday School 9:20 Bible Class 10:30 Worship | 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study | 8:30 Circuit Pastors 5:15 Board of Education 6:00 Board of Elders 6:30 Board of Deacons 7:00 Board of Trustees | 4:45 Intro Bells 5:20 Handbell Choir 5:20 Intro Choir 5:55 Brass 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir | 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 7:30 Men's Bible Study | | |
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| Mite Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:20 Sunday School 9:20 Bible Class 10:30 Worship 11:30 Annual Dinner 12:30 Voters' Meeting | 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study | 10:00 Staff Meeting | 10:00 Early Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Worship | <u>Thanksgiving Day</u> | Office Closed 9:00 Thanksgiving Worship 10:30 Fireplace Room Rental | |
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| 8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:20 Sunday School 9:20 Bible Class 10:30 Worship 11:30 Christmas Decorating & Lunch 4:30 Book Club 6:30 TSNT | 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Young Adult Bible Study | 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study | 4:45 Intro Bells 5:20 Handbell Choir 5:20 Intro Choir 5:55 Brass 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir | 9:00 Private Confession p.m. Ladies Advent Event | | |

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