

Program for the Week of October 8 – October 15, 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

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
6:30 Planning Council
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:

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

Saturday:

Next Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:20 Bible Class
9:20 Sunday School
10:30 Worship

Today in Sunday School, we will study Jacob's family in "A Family Grows." Jacob experiences love at first sight when he meets Rachel at the well. Welcomed into his uncle Laban's household, Jacob agrees to work seven years in order to marry Rachel. When the wedding celebration finally arrives, Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Rachel's older sister, Leah. Realizing the deception, Jacob confronts his uncle, who gives him Rachel's hand for another seven years of service.

About the Cover: Paul had every reason to boast in his flesh and worldly gains. He was revered, respected, and admired for his pedigree and zeal. But he counted it all as loss in comparison to gaining Christ. For Christ first gave His life on the cross to gain Paul. Likewise, Christ has done this for each of us. No individual status or personal achievement can compare to knowing our Lord, who gave His life for us. Everything else is all loss, but Christ is all gain.

This Sunday in October is LWML Sunday. LWML Sunday and LWML can be celebrated any time during the year. Look forward to the coming LWML Prayer Service.

Free Art Work: Pictures of Jesus are available for the taking. Please stop in room 113 (right across from the Fireplace room), to view the pictures and help yourself to any you would like to have. Pictures are available on a first come basis.

Samaritan's Purse This is the last Sunday to bring donations for the shoeboxes. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this Missionary endeavor!

Book Club meets today, Sunday, October 8th from 4:30 – 6pm. We conclude our discussion of F. Scott Fitzgerald's third book, *The Great Gatsby*. Tonight we discuss chapters 7-9.

TSNT meets tonight, Sunday October 8th at 6:30pm in the Fireplace room. We will begin with time in God's Word, and then play some games together. All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited!

Young Adult Bible Study meets Monday, October 9th at 7pm in the Fireplace room. Contact Karee with questions, 507-381-3826, kbless@blc.edu.

Altar Guild members will meet on Monday, October 9th at 7pm in the Library. We will be going over the 2024 parament changing schedule and decorating the chancel area for fall. New members are welcome. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Gretchen at 507-317-2904 or Judy at 507-420-8196.

Men's Bible Study meets Thursday, October 12th from 7:30 – 8:30pm in the Fireplace room. We will begin a study of St. John's Epistles. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

Next Sunday is Mite Sunday. Be sure to bring your filled small mite box to the large mite box in the Narthex. It all adds up! We continue towards the District Goal and the National Goal 2023-2025.

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, October 18th at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together shoeboxes for Samaritans Purse from all the donations we received.

Newsboys Concert - Popular Christian music group Newsboys will be in Mankato Saturday, October 28th and we're looking to take the OSLC youth! Tickets are around \$20-25 and financial assistance is available. Please let Michelle Rottermond know if you're interested in going by October 12th. We're also looking for a second (or more) adult to go with us!

The following is a list for donations for **Health Care kits, Orphan Grain Train** and other ministries we support. (also see the October Voice): Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Individual Kleenex packets, Combs, Gently used wash cloths and hand towels, Travel size shampoo, soap, body wash and body lotion, Portals of Prayer, Ziploc bags in sandwich and gallon size, Old eyeglasses, Cancelled stamps. Orphan Grain Train donations are used for US disasters and overseas containers. Food donations that are given are best used locally. Remember that this is an everyday need. Watch for more information and ask questions. Any donations can be dropped off in the Mission Center.

Thrivent Choice Dollars meeting was held on September 27th. We discussed how to allocate the funds in the Thrivent Choice Dollars directed to Our Savior Lutheran Church. The following was decided by those in attendance; \$750 to Marcella Eilders for Mission Service Supplies; \$500 towards supplies and ink for Cheer card supplies for the shut-in members of our congregation. Out of 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. Any amounts requested over \$250 will need to be held until the next meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Johnson at 507-779-4264.

A Thank you to the Our Savior Thrivent Group for allocating Choice Dollars to Our Savior Mission opportunities to make Christ known. These acts of love bring encouragement and hope to those in need of God's love. **Give God the Glory.**

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

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

This is October – it is the month that we remember October 31, REFORMATION DAY. Your personal notes and cards to the military, sick, homebound and Birthdays bring joy. So send a card, make a call. “By Faith you are saved, it is a gift of God”.

From the Stewardship Committee: Matthew 21:43 – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.” The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, they neglected the heart of God's will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God's grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

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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, "Families Come First" features a man who contends with the demands of his career, promotion, and his vocation as a father. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Kurt Klaus from Messiah Lutheran in Lakeville, who will present a message titled "Taking Stock" based on Philippians 3:5-8. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Congrats! Dr. Phillip Johnson is celebrating 10 years as Assistant to the President, Mission Formation, of the Minnesota South District on Oct. 17. We praise God for his ministry in our district. You are invited to share letters of appreciation for his service. Please send them to christina.krentz@mnsdistrict.org

Christian Literature is available to you here at church. The District News is in the September Lutheran Witness. It is in this insert that you find the information for Minnesota with pictures, details of happenings and things of interest for us here in Mankato. Your copy of The Fall Quarterly and the Fall Minnesota South WOM, "Women on a Mission", are in the Narthex.

One Voice for Public Policy: 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 9:30 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 list is in Mission Center or call 507-327-7082. Gifts of the Heart are fleece tied blankets. (we have delivered several already)

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:

That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:3

Weekly Discussion Question:

What things do you think John had told the people?

Holy Communion: In obedience to God's Word, we celebrate the Lord's Supper frequently. Unlike Baptism, this Sacrament is to be received again and again for the strengthening of our faith. 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.

Holy Baptism: **Aubrey Elizabeth Jahnke**, born August 3, 2023, will be baptized today, October 8, 2023. Her parents are Corey & Stephanie Jahnke. Her sponsors are Scott Taylor and Kelly Menton.

Serving today:

Liturgist & Preacher Rev. Adam Matheny
Organist Susan Klute
Special Music..... Sunday School Kids
Elders of the Day [8:00] Gene Mensing; [10:30] Judd Schultz
A/V Tech Dale Bergemann