

Program for the Week of November 12 – November 19, 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

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
4:00 Mission Service
4:45 Introductory Bells
5:15 Wednesday Class
5:20 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
11:00 Mary Circle @ Pizza Ranch
6:30 Stephen Ministers

Friday:

4:00 The Voice Deadline

Saturday:

Next Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:20 Bible Class
9:20 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:30 Annual Dinner
12:30 Voters' Meeting

“The Passover Promise” is this week’s Sunday School lesson about God’s establishment of the Passover. God, through Moses, threatens one final plague – worse than any previously experienced. Following God’s instructions, the Israelites make careful preparations for the Passover, marking their doorposts with the blood of a lamb prepared for the feast. The final plague takes place at midnight as all the firstborn throughout Egypt die. The Egyptians hand over their valuables, hastening the Israelites away.

About the Cover: The bridegroom is here! Five were prepared with oil in their lamps, but another five were unprepared and left in the dark. Christ’s parable of the ten virgins is a call to vigilance for the Lord’s return. We do not know the hour when He will come back again. However, in our Lord’s Word, we have everything we need to be ready for that day. His Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (see Psalm 119:105). Jesus, the Church’s Bridegroom, has died, risen, and is coming back again for His Church.

TSNT meets tonight, Sunday, November 12th 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.

It's the perfect time to join our Young Adults Bible Study! We are starting a new theme: "I Am: Statements of Our Savior". The new theme kicks off this Monday (November 13) at 7PM in the fireplace room. Come enjoy warm drinks, snacks, and good discussions. Open to high school juniors through young adults. We'd love to have you! Contact Karee with questions: 507.381.3826

Mission Service will meet this Wednesday, November 15th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Health Care Kits from the donations received and other projects like trimming stamps and Gospel bracelets. All are welcome to come and help with projects.

Mary Circle Bible Study will meet Thursday, November 16th at 11am at Pizza Ranch. We'll enjoy lunch and then study "Sent, Go, Proclaim" on page 22 of the Fall *Quarterly*. Guests and visitors are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Gwen at 507-625-3877.

The deadline for the December 2023 issue of The Voice is Friday, November 17th at 4pm. Please drop off any submissions at the church office or e-mail to contact@oslcmandato.org.

Voters' Meeting: All confirmed members, age 18 and older, are invited and encourage to attend the regular scheduled Voters' Meeting on Sunday, November 19th at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary. We will be setting the 2024 budget, electing officers and board members, and hear an update from the Art Committee.

Annual Dinner: Before the Voters' Meeting on November 19th, join the Youth for the Annual Dinner. Soup, salad, and breadsticks will be served. A free-will donation will be collected. All proceeds benefit youth activities.

Next Sunday, November 19th, is Mite Sunday. Bring your mites from home to place in the Large Mite Box in the Narthex. The focus grant for November is #2: A Healing Space for At-Risk Children – Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota - \$100,000. This grant will help with building costs of a new chapel and provide spiritual care to children who have faced severe trauma in their lives, their families, and the Ranch staff. To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/mission-grants.

Trimming your evergreens? We are looking for greens for the December outside Church pots. If you have any to share, please call Rhonda at 389-9726.

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

For You – OSLC Sisters in Christ. All women of Our Savior's are invited to **Our Savior's Advent Event** – Social, Fellowship, Spiritual, at Our Savior's Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 30, beginning at 4:30 pm. Registration sheets will be found on the church bulletin board and in the Narthex. Or call Nancy Benson at 507-345-1015 to register. If you are volunteering to decorate an Advent Event table, please coordinate with Nancy. It will be open seating. Please bring a finger food to share (snacks, cookies, finger sandwiches, crackers and cheese or any treats). **Please Register now!**

Pick up your copy in the Narthex. Reading lists for November: local, LCMS, Synod, and District information for local congregations: 1) Lutheran Witness; 2) MNS District information; 3) Lutheran Layman; 4) Sagacity; 5) Lutheran Women in Mission, *Quarterly*; 6) Lutheran Women on a Mission (WOM) 7) Large print Quarterly; 8) Lutherans for Life; 9) Weekly eNews from the District office; 10) Portals of Prayer. All are available to you in the Narthex or Mission Center. The information is also on the website: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org>

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in November, please contact Gretchen Zellmer, 507-317-2904.

Our Christmas wreaths need updating and the ribbon has been donated. If bow making is your talent, call Pam Borchert, 507-382-0804.

From the Stewardship Committee: Matthew 25:4 – “But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.” Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

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 hear stories from Deaconess Kim Bueltmann (missionary to refugees in Germany), Benjamin Kolodziej (history of LCMS music), and Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor and Rev. Ken Krueger (church worker wellness) on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9am), begin studying 1 Corinthians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), and study Mark 10-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am).

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Transition" features a young boy who reacts to the divorce of his parents and the new reality he now faces. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Keith Grimm, who will present a message titled "Ready, Prepared, and Oiled Up" based on Matthew 25:1-13. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Pick up your copies in the Narthex of all the District Synodical publications. Also use the website: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org>

New 2024 Summer Camp Staff application: Do you know a college-aged Jesus lover? Encourage them to apply for Camp Omega's 2024 Summer Staff! Applications are now open to serve at camp this summer.

On the Line Podcast. On the Line presents daily Lutheran insights, drawing from expert voices, addressing the intersection of Christianity and culture today. Culminating in a detailed weekly long-form interview, the discussions offer listeners a unique blend of intellectual exploration and spiritual insight. Go to MN South District weekly news for the link

St. John's Willow Creek Annual Pancake Dinner, Sunday, November 19th. Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, and beverage will be served from 11am to 1pm. Please join us! A free-will offering will be collected.

One Voice for Public Policy: Go to the website: <https://www.msdistrict.org/public-policy> Read the information from Rev. Fred Hinz. Read the rest of the article by picking up a copy in the Narthex. As the current societal struggle between those who hold a traditional, Judeo-Christian based view of America and those who hold one running counter to those beliefs intensifies, it becomes increasingly obvious that , here in Minnesota, the primary focus of this showdown is our schools, and by extension, our kids. Learn about "wokeism" and an "alien worldview". Learn about what has happened in the Federal Government, The MN State Legislature, The MN Dept. of Education, The MN Governor' office (Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board PELSM), and some independent school districts. And finally "How Should Christians Respond". Don't miss "A Parting Thought".

May 6 & 7, Monday and Tuesday, keep the date for all you over 55 to be at the gathering in Mankato. S.A.G.E.S.

November Pray for Us Calendar is in the Narthex.

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:

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
Psalm 107:1

Weekly Discussion Question:

The world may be full of evil, but in what ways is God good?

Holy Communion: “While it is true that through Baptism we are first born anew, our human flesh and blood have not lost their old skin. There are so many hindrances and temptations of the devil and the world that we often grow weary and faint, at times even stumble. The Lord’s Supper is given as a daily flood and sustenance, so that our faith may refresh and strengthen itself and not weaken in the struggle but grow continually stronger.” (Luther) 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 Matheny
Organist Barb Anderson
Special Music..... Introductory Bells
Elder of the Day[8:00] Tom Benson; [10:30] Lon Whitehead
Acolytes [8:00] Dalton Ling; Jesse Matheny
..... [10:30] Peter Bittner; Jimmy Bittner
A/V Tech Dale Bergemann