

Program for the Week of November 19 – November 26, 2023

Sunday: *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

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV
10:00 Early Bulletin Deadline

6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Thursday: *Office Closed*

9:00 Thanksgiving Worship
10:30 Fireplace Room Rental

Friday:

Saturday:

11:00 Fireplace Room Rental

Next Sunday:

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:20 Bible Class
9:20 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:30 Decorate for Christmas
4:30 Book Club
6:30 TSNT

Chancel wheat is provided by Pam & Dave Borchert with thankfulness for His daily bread and His love.

Today we recognize Jeff & Kathy Krumwiede as members of our congregation by transfer of membership. Jeff & Kathy will publicly speak their belief in the Faith taught in the Holy Scriptures and confirmed in the Small Catechism. Please greet and welcome Jeff & Kathy as your new brother and sister in Christ.

In today's Sunday School lesson, we learn about how God provides "Food from Heaven." The Israelites arrive in the wilderness with no food, grumbling against Moses and Aaron. God keeps His promise to provide for His people as He daily sends manna (bread) and quail (meat) from heaven for them to gather. The Lord teaches His people to trust as they gather only what they need for one day.

About the Cover: Behold When the master returned, he expected that his property would have been used for its intended purpose. The third servant thought that storing it away was the safest form of management. However, it was given to be invested. Christ has given His Church His valuable Word, not to be stored away but invested in the lives of people. It will always accomplish its intended purpose because God's Word never comes back empty (see Isaiah 55:11). Jesus emptied Himself on the cross for our sake to bring us the richness of His forgiveness, life, and salvation.

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

Today is Mite Sunday. Please place your mites 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

Voters' Meeting: All confirmed members, age 18 and older, are invited and encouraged 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: Join the Youth this morning for the Annual Dinner. Following the late morning service, soup, salad, and breadsticks will be served. Enjoy a good meal before the Voters' Meeting. A free-will donation will be collected. All proceeds benefit youth activities.

Mission Service will meet this Wednesday, November 15th at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Health Care Kits from the donations we have received (thank you!) and trimming stamps. All are welcome to come and help with projects.

Wednesday Night Meals: There will be no meal this Wednesday, November 22nd. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

It appears some women were missed in the letters sent for the **Advent Event**. Know that all the women of Our Saviors are invited. **This is for you– OSLC Sisters in Christ.** We need this social time to be together in fellowship at Our Savior's Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 30th, beginning at 4:30 pm. Registration sheets can 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 – right now. Copies of the letter are in the Narthex for you.**

Thanksgiving Worship: Join us in worship Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30pm and Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23rd at 9am. *"Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name."* Psalm 30:4

Christmas Decorating: Join us next Sunday, November 26th right after the late service to help decorate the church for the season of Advent and Christmas. Lunch will be served when the decorating is completed. Bring the family, all ages are welcome to help!

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

November Pray for Us Calendar is in the Narthex.

New Member Welcome: Please join us Wednesday, November 29 for our 6:00 meal and devotions at 6:45 for a special evening to welcome new members to Our Savior's family. All new members are cordially invited to come and have fellowship with us. We would also like to thank all volunteers who prepare, serve, and cleanup for our meals and Sunday morning coffee and rolls. Please join the Board of Deacon's for Vicky's delicious pork chop dinner and of course dessert!

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

Christmas Eve Ensemble- Anyone who plays (or played long ago) a brass, woodwind, or string instrument, you are invited to join us on Christmas Eve for the Pre-service Orchestra before the 3:00pm and 5:00pm services. Please contact Suzie Gangi if you are interested at 507-341-4173 or suzie@oslcmandato.org

From the Stewardship Committee: Matthew 25:30 – “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

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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, “Senior Citizen” features a man who struggles with purpose and a place in life after retirement. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, who will present a message titled “Using God's Gifts” based on Matthew 25:14-30. 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>

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.

MN State Bible Bowl is April 6, 2024 at 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. Participants will study the book of Acts (ESV). Our Savior Lutheran Church has the 2011 and 2012 trophies, found in the trophy case in the hallway. First we need a team leader saying send me. Then a team of 7-12th grade to study Acts.

AbleLight. 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/>

Sacred Music Recital The Webber – St. John piano and violin duo will be giving a concert at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in North Mankato on December 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Please invite your friends and family for an evening of beautiful music, including familiar and much-loved hymns. A free will offering will be taken to support the work of the school.

Christmas at Bethany. Friday, December 1st, Saturday, December 2nd at 5 pm and Sunday December 3rd at 3 pm. You need to register, but the concert is a free will donation.

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 2 day event focused on 1 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 the Go First! Website for more information and to save the date.

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.

One Voice for Public Policy: Go to the website: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy> Read the information from Rev. Fred Hinz. 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 is important that we understand both views and learn how we as Christians should respond.

S.A.G.E.S. December Board Meeting will be held by ZOOM on December 5th at 10am to 12 noon. We are still in need of representatives from this area for S.A.G.E.S. The Board is excited in their planning for May 6 & 7, Monday and Tuesday, for the Gathering 2024. These meetings bring together LCMS people from across the state, you can imagine the fun ideas that are brought forth. Join Us.

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:

How have you seen God's steadfastness in the Bible?

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper "is appropriately called the food of the soul since it nourishes and strengthens the new man." (Luther) As this food can be taken to one's judgment, the common reception of this food is a confession of doctrinal oneness. 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 Edith Williams
Special Music..... Vocal Choir; Brass
Elder of the Day [8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Mike Blomquist
Acolytes [8:00] Lucas Bjortomt
..... [10:30] Charlotte Doering; Dani Chatleain
A/V Tech Zak Tess