

## Program for the Week of November 26 – December 3, 2023

### **Sunday:**

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Coffee Time  
9:20 Sunday School  
9:20 Bible Class  
10:30 Worship  
11:30 Decorate for Christmas  
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  
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

### **Wednesday:**

2:00 Worship Service on KTV  
4:45 Introductory Bells

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  
4:30 Ladies Advent Event

### **Friday:**

### **Saturday:**

### **Next Sunday:**

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

**About the Cover:** As this Church Year comes to a close, we know a new one is on the horizon. Likewise, Jesus' glorious return with the angelic host on the Last Day will be the setting of this life as we know it and the dawn of a new day where we will be welcomed into the inheritance of the kingdom that has been prepared for us. It has already been secured for those who believe because the judgment against sin has been rendered on Christ's cross. The darkness of Good Friday gave way to the light of Christ's resurrection on Sunday morning.

**The Advent Event** – Our Savior Lutheran Church sisters in Christ have a social time to be together in fellowship. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:30 pm. It will be open seating. Please bring a finger food to share. There will be a closing prayer devotion ending at about 6:15. What a joyful event to prepare for Jesus – the King is coming. For more information contact Nancy Benson at 507-345-1015

**Christmas Decorating:** Join us right after the late service this morning 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!

**Young Adult Bible Study** meets Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Fireplace room. Contact Karee Bless with questions, 507-381-3826, kbless@blc.edu.

**Anyone interested in placing flowers** for our worship services in December, please contact Judy Mensing, 507-387-4908.

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

**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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:suzie@oslcmandato.org)

**S.A.G.E.S. December Board Meeting** will be held by ZOOM on December 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Mark your calendar to attend the Gathering here in Mankato on Monday, May 6 and Tuesday, May 7. Join us.

**New Lutherans for Life.** Save the date! Lutherans for Life, Lifelines will hold a public information event on January 27, 2024, at 9:00 am at Trinity Lutheran Church, Waconia. Rev. Fred Hinz will be there to discuss recent Minnesota government legislative and bureaucratic mandates.

**The Winter Quarterly 2023**, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly is here for you. The theme for this quarter is Equipping Women. The LHMS, The Lutheran Layman Fall Issue is 24 full pages for the Christian family. Highlighting all the information is not enough. Each article prepares the child or adult reader for a new mission adventure. Some examples: Advent Devotions, gospel adventure to Australia, Christmas Radio shows, LHM's Rose Bowl Parade float. Get the websites, radio & TV information. You can engage in the digital mission field. "You have a choice for good programming." The Orphan Grain Train News Winter 2023 contains information about the latest shipments. Their website is: [www.oqt.org](http://www.oqt.org)

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

**November Pray for Us Calendar** is in the Narthex.

**From the Stewardship Committee: Matthew 25:44** – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

**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. Find your favorite programs on demand at [www.kfuo.org](http://www.kfuo.org) or on the KFUE Radio app. This week look ahead to the First Sunday in Advent on The Coffee Hour (November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am), study 1 Corinthians 6-9 on Sharper Iron's "Nothing but Christ Crucified" (weekdays at 8am), and finish the Gospel of Mark and begin the book of Micah 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, "The Gift" features a daughter who struggles with what to do with birthday gift money. The worship service begins at 9:30am. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 pm and Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm. You need to register, but the concert is a free will donation.

**Follow One Voice for Public Policy:** Go to the website: <https://www.msdistrict.org/public-policy>. Read the information from Rev. Fred Hinz. Don't have access? Hard copies are in the Narthex.

**Join Hosanna Lutheran Church** for their Annual Christmas Celebrating, featuring the Celebration Choir and Hosanna Worship Team. A yearly production that includes drama, music, and worship to spread the good news of Jesus birth! December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm\*, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am\* and 11am\*. (\*Livestreamed service). Hosanna Lutheran, 105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato, [www.Hosanna.church/Christmas](http://www.Hosanna.church/Christmas).

**Garms Family** will be at Centennial Lutheran Church, Henderson, MN. on November 30th. They will be giving their Advent concert, Beyond the Creche. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. Concert at 7:00 p.m. Join us for hors d'oeuvres and Christmas treats with the company of friends, neighbors and family. Enjoy the Christmas displays before and after the concert. A free-will offering will be collected for the ministry of the Garms family.

**The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Music Department** will present "The Joy of Christmas in Concert" on Saturday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium in Northrop. The band will give a debut performance of a special piece commissioned exclusively for MLHS written by Kurt Heinecke, Veggie Tales composer. Heinecke will be the guest speaker at the concert and will give insight to the design of the piece. Elementary and high school musicians in band and choir will be under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a free will donation.

**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. To apply, go to: <https://campomega.org/get-involved/employment/summer-camp-counselors/>

**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 and compete. Can you volunteer to be a team leader?

**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 can this verse give a sense of relief?

**Holy Communion:** As the church year draws to a close, the scripture readings remind us of the end of this sinful earth and of the end of our lives. Our lasting treasure is not here, but with Christ in His eternal kingdom! The Lord's Supper, which Christ has given to His church on earth, is a foretaste of that heavenly banquet. 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. Martin Teigen  
Organist ..... Barb Anderson  
Elder of the Day ..... [8:00] Gene Mensing; [10:30] Mike Anderson  
Acolytes ..... [8:00] Madison Kettner; Lillian Matheny  
..... [10:30] Charlotte Doering; Avery Marso  
A/V Tech ..... Matt Brand