

Program for the Week of January 14 – January 21, 2024

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

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday:

4:00 Mission Service
4:45 Introductory Bells
5:15 Pew Sisters 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
6:30 Stephen Ministers

Friday:

2:00 Burmeister Memorial Service
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
11:45 Voters' Meeting
12:30 Chili Cook-Off

About the Cover: Though “the word of the LORD was rare in those days” (1 Samuel 3:1), the startling call of Samuel in the middle of the night shows that the Lord will not remain silent forever. He will speak. In Christ Jesus, He has spoken definitively in “these last days” (Hebrews 1:2). If we need to hear the Lord speak today, we need only turn to the places where He has promised to do so: His Word and Sacraments.

The account of Deborah serves as today's Sunday School lesson, “The Palm-Tree Judge.” Judge Deborah urges Barak to gather 10,000 troops to go up against Sisera's army of 900 iron chariots. When the battle turns against Sisera, he flees on foot, seeking refuge in Jael's tent. Snoozing beneath a rug, Sisera meets his end at the hand of Jael as she pegs him through his temple to the ground.

Book Club meets tonight, January 14th, from 4:30 – 6pm in the Fireplace room. We will begin our discussion of Chaim Potok's *My Name is Asher Lev*, which is the story of an artistically inclined Hasidic Jew growing up in New York City. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

TSNT meets tonight, January 14th, at 6:30pm in the Fireplace room. All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited.

Today is the deadline to sign up to join Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville on the bus to the 2024 Minnesota March for Life. The bus will leave from Trinity at 10:30am on Monday, January 22nd and return approximately 2:30pm. If you are interested in participating, please sign up in the narthex so we can organize a group from Our Savior's to carpool to Janesville and share their bus. We will leave promptly at 9:45 from the east parking lot.

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, January 17th at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Healthcare kits, trimming stamps, and making bracelets for MOST Ministries. Every welcome!

Annual Voters' Meeting & Chili Cook-off: Join us next Sunday, January 21st for our Annual Voter's meeting. The meeting will begin approximately 11:45 in the Sanctuary. The Agenda and packet is available on the counter in the Narthex this morning. Following the meeting is the very popular and much anticipated Chili Cook-off. Come and taste the entries and vote for your favorites. If you would like to contribute a pot of chili, bring your best traditional or non-traditional chili to the kitchen before or after the 10:30 service. Stick around after we eat for Bible Trivia.

LWML Mites: Next Sunday is Mite Sunday, January 21st. Grant #4: Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment – Lutheran Braille Workers - \$100,000. This grant will provide LBW the opportunity to produce 50 – 100 Braille and specialized large print Scripture – based topical materials to help meet the spiritual and emotional needs of people who are visually impaired. Adding these materials to their library would make them available for outreach and evangelism at no cost. District Mite Grants are found in the WOM (Women on a Mission) newsletter.

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

Thrivent Choice Dollars: Remember, you have until the end of March to direct your Thrivent Choice monies to a charity of your choosing. Please visit <https://www.thrivent.com/> under "My Thrivent" to get started, or talk to your Thrivent Representative.

Thank you for the rental of Our Savior Lutheran Church for my family. Thanks be to God for providing room for us to celebrate the Birthday of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you, from the Wiechmann family, and especially Ruthann for being able to celebrate with family and friends.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church in November and un-decorate last week for the Advent and Christmas season. Your work is very much appreciated by all who come to worship and prepare their hearts and minds for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

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

The Winter Quarterly 2023, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly is here for you. The theme for this quarter is Equipping Women. Come to the Bible Studies.

Pick up your copies in the Narthex of all the District Synodical publications. The LHMS, The Lutheran Layman Winter Issue, and Portals of Prayer. Please bring your used Portals of Prayer to the Mission Center. They will be used in kits. Use the website: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org>.

From the Stewardship Committee: 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 – “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty and 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. 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 continue studying 2 Corinthians on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), finish studying Ephesians and begin Philippians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and worship with us in Daily Chapel (weekdays at 10am).

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, “The Priceless Book” – Money and health troubles on the farm lead a father to God's Word for comfort. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. David Petrich from St. John's Lutheran Church in Holland, MN, who will present a message titled “A Happy Invasion of Privacy” based on John 1:43-51. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

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

FYI – The District eNews December 26 issue (find on-line, or a copy in the Mission Center) articles of interest: 1) Go First; 2) District Mission Gifts; 3) Camp Omega – Plunge 2/25/24, Man Up Retreat 3/15 – 3/16/2024; 4) MN South Convention LLL 4/13/2024. Mark your calendars for these dates.

Lutheran Women in Mission – a new prayer guide for January when you are feeding your mite box. Copy in Narthex entitled January.

Lutheran Hour Ministries – Materials for Gospel Adventures Awesome Australia are available now. Register today to gain access to the curriculum, videos, and everything else needed for this year’s interactive experience. Go to:

<https://www.gospeladventures.org/australia.asp>

National Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrup on January 21—27, 2024. The theme is “Connected” based on John 15:1-5. Early bird student enrollment discounts for the 2024-2025 school year will apply until February 1st. All students are welcome to enroll and be blessed by what Christ in the curriculum gives. Call 507-436-5249.

All families are invited to The Children’s Winter Carnival sponsored by the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop National Honor Society and Student Council on Sunday, January 21st from 1 – 3pm. Cost is \$5/child or \$15/family. Parents are free. There will be games, prizes, bouncy house, snacks, and a parent lounge.

Everyone is welcome to a fascinating history presentation on the Civil War by Arn Kind at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop, on Tuesday, January 23. (Snow date is January 25.) History will come to life through this interactive lesson. Times are 9 – 11:15am for grades 5-8 and noon to 2:15pm for grades 9-12. The event is sponsored by the MLHS Parent/Teacher League. For more information go to www.martinlutherhs.com.

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:

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing. - Proverbs 12:18

Weekly Discussion Question:

What can you do if you regret the words you have said?

Holy Communion: Our Lord's first miracle was water made into wine at Cana. One of His last miracles before He was crucified was wine made into His blood that yet remained wine in the upper room. By His promise, we do, in reality, receive His body and blood in Holy Communion. 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 M. Matheny
Organist Barb Anderson
Elder of the Day [8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Judd Schultz
Acolytes [8:00] Lucas Bjortomt; Caleb Rottermond
..... [10:30] Charlotte Doering; Dani Chatleain
Assistant Usher [8:00] Kevin Hermanson
A/V Tech Dale Bergemann

