

Program for the Week of January 21 – January 28, 2024

Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:20 Sunday School
9:20 Bible Class
10:30 Worship
11:45 Voters' Meeting
12:30 Chili Cook-Off

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday:

1:30 Endowment Board
4:45 Introductory Bells
5:15 Pew Sisters
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
5:30 Potluck/Bible Study

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

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

About the Cover: Even after boarding a ship for Tarshish to avoid the Lord's call, being rescued in a great fish, and preaching to the people of Ninevah, Jonah was reluctant, the Lord was not. Today, Christ gives us new eyes to see all people as those for whom He has died – including us! May the Lord grant us repentance and faith to receive the benefits of what He has accomplished.

Today in Sunday School, we will study "The Weakened Judge." God grants Samson great strength to defeat the enemies of God's people. Seeking to overcome Samson, the Philistines bribe Delilah to find the source of Samson's strength. Samson deceives Delilah each time she tries to uncover the secret, but he finally reveals the key to his power. Shorn and blinded by the Philistines, Samson is brought to entertain thousands of revelers at the Feast to Dagon. Identifying the house's supporting pillars, Samson prays, and God grants him power to bring down the temple, killing everyone.

Annual Voters' Meeting & Chili Cook-off: Join us for our Annual Voter's meeting this morning. The meeting will begin approximately 11:45 in the Sanctuary. The Annual Chili Cook-off and Bible Trivia follow the meeting.

Today is Mite Sunday. Grant 4: Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment – Lutheran Braille Workers - \$100,000. District Mite Grants 2022-2024. District total \$202,500.00, 25% mites to National \$67,500. 2022-2024 Mission Grant Goal \$270,000. The District had 13 mission grants, 8 have been paid in full: Ft. Wayne, IN, Food Co-op, Mission Central, International Students Concordia Seminary, Bible Books for Indonesia's Muslim Public Schools, Twin Cities Blind Fellowship Outreach, Concordia Classical Academy, North Mankato, Hope Lutheran High School, Winona, and Nigerian Seminary Tuition Assistance. The other 5 are still to be paid.

Potluck Dinner & Bible Study: Join us Thursday, January 25th at 5:30pm to enjoy a potluck meal together. At 6:30pm we'll study God's Word together. This month, we'll be talking about the Epiphany. See you there!

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle will meet on Thursday, February 1st in the Fireplace Room. Meet at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments, with Bible Study at 9:45.

If you would like to meet a new friend and visit, the visiting group would like you to join them on this needed mission. Please contact Rhonda at 507-389-9726.

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.

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 – Equipping Women is for you in the Narthex. 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: Mark 1:14-15 – "Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'" To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper 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 hear Mental Health Monday and the third episode in the LCMS History Series on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 8am), and study all of Colossians and the beginning of Lamentations 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, "Live Option" features a 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother who disagree on the future of her child. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jim Lamb from Lutheran Family Service in Fort Dodge, IA and Sioux Falls, SD, who will present a message titled "The Trinitarian Value of Human Life" based on Isaiah 43:1. 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. Hard copies are in the Narthex whenever they are newly available.

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 Missions - a new prayer guide for January. 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>. Find information in the Lutheran Laymans' League Newsletter

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.

Singles Gather in Iowa. The young adults arrived from Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Oklahoma at Camp Okoboji in NW Iowa on October 20-22. Rev. Dr. Keith Schweitzer facilitated the weekend. Plans were made to meet again in the spring of 2024. Singles you may want to check this out. Information available from the district office: www.mnsdistrict.org

Life Date News Letter from Winter 2023 from Lutherans for Life. There is a copy for you in the Narthex.

Lutherans for Life. Lifelines will hold a public information event, Wonderfully Made, on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 9:30 am at Trinity Lutheran Church, Waconia (Door J on the east side of the building). Rev. Fred Hinz will be there to discuss recent Minnesota government legislative and bureaucratic mandates. This is a free event. Contact: Corinne Allen, Lutherans for Life, Lifelines: narrfarm@aol.com or 612-599-0021.

Go First! Conference will be held on April 19-20. If you have questions about this conference, contact Phillip Johnson at phillip.johnson@mnsdistrict.org or call 952-223-2161. This is for people all over MN South District.

Camp Omega Events: Camp Omega Plunge will be held on February 25, 2024; **Man-up Retreat** will be held on March 16, 2024. **Summer Camp** registration is now open. Early Registration discount if registered by March 1st. Go to: www.campomega.org for more information.

MN South LLL Convention will be held on April 13, 2024

S.A.G.E.S. Gathering will be held on May 6-7, 2024, at Country Inn & Suites in Mankato.

ISM News is for International Student Ministry

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:

Who do you go to for wise words?

Holy Communion: Epiphany means “manifestation” or “appearance”. It is a season which highlights many of the epiphanies of God in human flesh (to the wise men, at His Baptism, His miracles, His transfiguration). It is a season which also sets forth Christ as the light of the world and mission outreach to all peoples. As Christ manifests Himself today in the Lord’s Supper, His forgiveness empowers us to walk in His light and witness of Him to a world sitting in darkness. 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 Edith Williams
Special Music..... Vocal Choir
Elder of the Day [8:00] Gaylen Lenz; [10:30] Lon Whitehead
Acolytes [8:00] Madison Kettner; Lillian Matheny
..... [10:30] Izzy Prince; Avery Marso
Assistant Usher.....[8:00] Gary Rabenhorst
A/V Tech Matt Brand