

Program for the Week of January 28 – February 4, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday:

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
9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle Bible Study
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

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

About the Cover: Paul shows us that our life of freedom resulting from the Gospel does not entail an individualistic freedom to trample upon the weaker brother. Sometimes, the freedom means abstaining from what is permitted for the sake of the broader family of faith. We have a Lord who willingly gave His own life on the cross for our sake and our brothers and sisters in the faith in order to save us from our sins.

Today's Sunday School lesson, "The Faith-Full Family," tells of Ruth's loyalty to her widowed mother-in-law, Naomi. Returning to Naomi's ancestral home in Bethlehem, Ruth gleanes Boaz's fields to provide food for herself and Naomi. Ruth finds favor with Boaz, who purchases Naomi's land and redeems Ruth from her widowhood. Having married Boaz, Ruth bears a son, Obed, the grandfather of King David.

Book Club meets tonight, January 28th, from 4:30 – 6pm in the Fireplace room. We will continue 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.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle welcomes visitors, sisters that are here at OSLC, members of the Mary Circle that is not meeting this month and friends. Yes, welcome on Thursday, February 1st in the Fireplace room at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments. Then at 9:45 Bible Study begins on pages 20-21 of The Winter Quarterly. Personal Mission Statement?

TSNT meets NEXT Sunday, February 4th, at 6:30pm in the Fireplace room. All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited. *(Note date change!)*

Mission Service met on January 17th and put together 34 Health Care Kits which were delivered to the Connections shelter in Mankato. Twenty-one Gospel Bracelets were also made for MOST Ministries. Thank you to everyone who came to help with these projects and for all the donations given by the congregation so these projects can be completed.

Many thanks for your prayers, cards, and gifts. Special thanks to those who provided, set up, and served refreshments after the service. It was greatly appreciated. – the family of Delilah Burmeister

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 February, please contact Marcella Eilders, 507-317-4127.

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.

From the Stewardship Committee: Mark 1:22 – “And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.” Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don’t like to hear. But that’s just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus’ authority is something we need. We need Him to show us what to believe and how to live, for Jesus’ authority is always connected to his love.

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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, “In Search of Dignity” features two factory workers who struggle to find meaning after they are replaced by machines. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. David Petrich from St. James Lutheran Church in Holland, MN, who will present a message titled “An Unexpected Salvation” based on Mark 1:21-28. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

The January Lutheran Witness has the District News in the centerfold. These include detailed planning for coming events. Plan now to attend the “Walk in Love” convention in Mankato.

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>

One Voice for Public Policy. There is a renewed assault on life. There is a bill coming up to legalize physician-assisted suicide here in Minnesota. Go to the website: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy>. Life Date News Letter from Winter 2023 from Lutherans for Life. There is a copy for you in the Narthex.

January Sagacity is on line and copies are in the Narthex. You can also subscribe to this newsletter for the older adult ministry S.A.G.E.S.

There will be a S.A.G.E.S. Zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 6th at 10 – noon. Anyone wishing to join in , call Trudy 507-327-7082.

S.A.G.E.S. Gathering “Finishing Strong” will be held May 6 & 7 at the Country Inn & Suites in Mankato

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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** - February 25
- **Man up Retreat** - March 16
- **Summer Camp** registration is now open. Early Registration discount if registered by March 1st.

Go to : www.campomega.org for more details.

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:

How can God's Word bring healing?

Holy Communion: When life seems oppressive and burdens weight us down, it is easy to feel alone, unloved and defeated. As the Lord of Life gives us His body and blood in the Lord's Supper, however, we are reminded that we are not alone, that we are deeply loved, and that in Christ we have the victory! 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 Susan Klute
Special Music..... Introductory Choir
Elder of the Day [8:00] Tom Benson; [10:30] Mike Blomquist
Acolytes [8:00] Elijah Matheny
..... [10:30] Tobin Gangi; Darren Hoppe
Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Kurt Anderson
A/V Tech Gene Mensing