

Program for the Week of February 18 – February 24, 2024

Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

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

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting

Wednesday:

1:00 Private Confession
1:30 Midweek Lenten Worship
4:00 Mission Service
4:45 Introductory Bells
5:20 Handbell Choir
5:20 Introductory Choir
5:30 Meal
6:00 Private Confession

6:05 Brass
6:30 Midweek Lenten Worship
7:30 Jr. Confirmation
7:30 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
5:30 Potluck/Bible Study

Friday:

1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study

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

Chancel flowers are provided by Tom & Theresa McLaughlin in celebration of granddaughters birthdays, Amelia on January 21st and Erin on February 20th. May they always grow in the grace of the Lord.

About the Cover: Immediately after Jesus passed through the waters of His Baptism, the Spirit sent Him out into the wilderness, where He was tempted. Jesus lived Israel's passage through the Red Sea and their temptation in the desert with one crucial difference. Jesus did not stumble, grumble, or crumble under the turmoil of temptation. Because He is faithful – all the way to the cross – the same Spirit helps us in our weakness and times of temptation to rely on Jesus alone.

Today is Mite Sunday. Thank you for your mission mites. Mite Grant #5 for Disaster Response Team – Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, Texas, \$50,000, is our February focus. The closings of the biennium for Minnesota South is April 30. Pray we meet the goal of \$270,000 for the mission projects in 2022-2024. Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks!

Potluck Dinner and Bible Study meets Thursday, February 22nd at 5:30pm in the Fireplace Room. We'll share a potluck meal together, then at 6:30 we'll read God's Word together. We'll be talking about the martyrdom of St. Polycarp. See you there.

Mission Service will meet this Wednesday, February 21st at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Gospel Bracelets for MOST Ministries, trimming stamps for Wycliffe, and making Healthcare Kits to be delivered locally. All are welcome to come and help! Thank you.

Mary Circle Bible Study will meet Friday, February 23, at 1:30pm in the Fireplace Room. Our study will be "Equipped" from the Winter Quarterly on pages 18-19. Hostess: Theresa McLaughlin, phone 507-388-7647. Guests and visitors are welcome.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in February, please contact Marcella Eilders, 507-317-4127.

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

Hey men, save the date! We invite you to join us for our annual fall Boundary Waters canoe trip this September 25-29. The trip will include canoeing, fishing, hunting, camaraderie, and a variety of ways to challenge you both physically and mentally as well as reflect on God's wonderful creation. If you have questions, or wish to reserve a spot, please talk to Pastor Matheny or Matt Brand.

We are accepting names from the congregation for our Call List of Pastors. There is a nomination form in the bulletin and there is an online fillable form on our website, www.oslcmankato.org. Click on "About", and then click on "Documents". The form must be filled out completely and you must put your name on it. According to the District, nominations that do not include the name of the person nominating will not be accepted. Completed forms can be turned into the church office. Nominations will be accepted through Sunday March 3rd. All completed nomination forms will be sent to the District Office and then we will receive our Call List for the Call Committee to review. Thank you!

From the Stewardship Committee: Mark 1:13 – "And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him." God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of His temptation in the wilderness. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father's provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

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the history of LCMS Black Ministry on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9am), continue studying Galatians 5-6 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), study Deuteronomy 9-12 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and enjoy a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on February 21 at 11am.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Dangerous Moment" – An affair on a business trip leads to tension at home. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. David Baumgarn from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Onalaska, WI, who will present a message titled "Light is Meant to be Shared" based on James 1:17. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Pick up your News in the Narthex: February Lutheran Witness, has the District News, **Winter Quarterly 2023**, the **LHMS, The Lutheran Layman Winter issue, Portals of Prayer** (Please bring your used Portals of Prayer to the Mission Center. They will be used in kits), **One Voice for Public Policy, The January Sagacity** is here now – note, The Gathering Registration issue will be coming soon. (Sagacity is the Newsletter for older adult ministry S.A.G.E.S.), **Life Date News Letter** from Lutherans for Life. You received **The Voice**, Our Savior Newsletter in the mail, save it for your February information.

Coming dates: Feb 25, Zone Board at St. Johns, Arlington at 2pm – needed 2 ladies of Our Savior to volunteer to attend this meeting; April 13, Zone Rally, Sanctity of Life, Arlington; June 20-22, Convention, Mankato "Walk in Love". Eph 5: 1-2. The February Voice has more detailed information on the "Ladies of Our Savior" page about the Convention and the Young Women Representative. https://mnslwml.org/young_women

S.A.G.E.S. Gathering 34 titled "Finishing Strong" will be held May 6 – 7 at Country Inn & Suites, Mankato. Featured presenter is President Emeritus of the MN South District, Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. Workshop choices are: A) "Talking about Jesus without talking about sin"; B) "Make the most of your Doctors Visit"; C) "Embracing life's chapters – living well, dying well"; D) "The lighter side of being Lutheran: our God brings joy"; E) "History in songs"; F) "Trends in fraud & Identity theft: a new age of scams"; G) "For all the world to see". The registration forms are available on the District website, www.mnsdistrict.org or in the Sagacity. .

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. Also remember to pick up your Camp Omega Summer Camp 2024 flyer in the Narthex. Go to: www.campomega.org for more details.

Go First! Conference, April 19 – 20 at Concordia Academy in Roseville. Register now. www.mnsdistrict.org, click on the GO First! Tab at the top of the page.

Interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that provides the space to rest in God's Word, time to spend in prayer and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend *Vocatio: Retreat* — a three-day retreat geared toward college students and second-career men and women who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain. Registration is free and includes lodging and meals. To register, visit csl.edu/vocatio-retreat or Google "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary." Registration closes March 29.

Join us Sunday, February 18th at 3pm for "The Ashes Go on Singing"—A Hymn Festival on the Hymns of Martin Luther! Led by the St. Louis Lutheran Chorale, *Laudamus*, and an orchestra of brass, strings, woodwinds and organ, this hymn festival will celebrate five centuries of singing the hymns of Martin Luther. Peter Reske, senior editor of music/worship at Concordia Publishing House, will provide narration. This event will take place following the annual Prevallet Hymn Writing Workshop the previous day. The festival is at the Chape of St. Timothy and St. Titus and also will be livestreamed at www.csl.edu/live.

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:

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. – 1 Peter 4:13

Weekly Discussion Question:

Sharing in someone's suffering doesn't typically cause us to rejoice.
How can it be different with Christ?

Holy Communion: "During its administration, the body of Christ is given to you in particular with the bread, and the blood with the wine; while you in particular are told that His body was given for you and His blood was shed for you. This is done so that you do not doubt, but appreciate this sacrifice as your very own, because it is placed into your mouth and made your own, to eat and drink for yourself only" (Luther). At the same time that we individually receive His gift, we testify together that we are united in doctrine. 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
Special Music..... Handbell Choir
Elder of the Day [8:00] Tom Benson; [10:30] Lon Whitehead
Acolytes [8:00] Lucas Bjortomt; Caleb Rottermond
..... [10:30] Garett Chatleain; Dani Chatleain
Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Gary Rabenhorst
A/V Tech Dale Bergemann