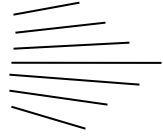




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# VOICE



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The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church  
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001 **MARCH 2024**

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## LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



### **Midweek Lenten Services**

Wednesdays

March 6 ~ March 13 ~ March 20

1:30 & 6:30pm

### **Holy Week Services**

Palm Sunday: Sunday March 24, 8 & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday: March 28, 1:30 & 6:30pm

Good Friday: March 29, 1:30 & 6:30

Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 30, 8pm

Easter Sunday: March 31, 8 & 10:30am

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Office hours are Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Unless there is an activity or event taking place, please use the Broad Street entrance by the mailbox.

In case of emergency or urgent need, our pastor is available at all hours and all days by calling his cell phone. Please use the office phone for other business. Please also remember that Sunday morning and other worship times are not for bringing church business to other members or staff but for focusing upon the Word and gifts of God. "The seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work." - Exodus 20:10

**“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world  
and forfeit his soul?”**

- Mark 8:36

If there is anything at all that we are comfortable with it must surely be buying and selling. I find it hard to believe that any society prior to ours in human history has conducted more financial transactions than us. We buy our food. We buy our clothing. We buy our homes and our furniture. We buy our pets. We even pay for our entertainment and leisure. And for every buyer there must be a seller. In our world you can buy or sell just about anything. As the saying goes, “Everything is for sale if you can find the right price!”.

So we understand perhaps better than most that the purpose of every transaction is profit. I’m willing to pay as much as I am for my groceries (or anything else that I might buy) because my groceries are worth MORE to me than they cost. Otherwise I would hang on to my money. In the same way if I am the seller in a transaction I am willing to part with my possession for a particular price because the dollars I receive are worth more to me than what I am giving up. Otherwise I would hang onto my stuff. Both parties in a fair transaction profit. It is a win-win!

But in March’s memory verse our Lord Jesus cautions us to think about more than material profit when we are conducting our transactions. In this section of scripture He is instructing us to remember that following Him is what brings us life. Being a disciple of Jesus is more important than anything else that we might do with our lives. It does not matter how much profit we accrue with all our buying and selling if it winds up drawing us away from our Lord and His Word. In the end even if we should gain the whole world, piling up everything that we want, accomplishing all of our goals, gaining accolades and praise from everyone we want to impress, if it takes us away from Jesus we have lost and our whole life was a waste.

If we invert this saying we can also realize how gracious our Lord is. I may not profit. I might make bad trades, or not enough trades. I might lose and lose and lose in the eyes of the world. I might forfeit all that I have to bankers and slick dealers and people who make better trades than me. But if I have Jesus then in the end I have everything and more.

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## Accessions & Losses

### Losses:

Scott & Jamie Snow, Tristan Lewis, Jordis Lewis, Jezzabella Snow; Trinity Lutheran Church, Lake Crystal, MN; LCMS; February 6, 2024

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**SPRING**

*Daylight Saving time begins Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2am. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday.*

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Articles for the April 2024 VOICE are due by Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. You may drop-off submissions in the office, or e-mail to: [contact@oslcmandato.org](mailto:contact@oslcmandato.org).

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## Easter Garden

The youth are selling flowers for Easter. The order form is on the last page of this newsletter.

The flowers will be displayed in the chancel Easter morning, and then may be taken home following the 10:30 service, or picked up the following week.

Hurry . . . orders are due by March 10<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will be used to fund youth activities and events. Thank you for supporting the youth of Our Savior's and helping to beautify the Sanctuary for the Resurrection of Our Lord!



## Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending January 31, 2024

### Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$66,774.35	\$66,774.35
Operating Expenses	-\$53,954.39	-\$53,954.39
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	-\$1,020.93	-\$1,020.93
<b>Net for Period<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>\$11,799.03</b>	<b>\$11,799.03</b>

<sup>†</sup>Positive net value indicates we received more than our expenses, a negative number indicates that we have spent more than we have received for that period (deficit).

### Cash Summary

	Amount	Notes
Checking Account	\$39,194.95	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$202,489.39	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$33,677.49	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<b>\$295,468.95</b>	
Dedicated Accounts	-\$172,601.78	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	-\$4,079.56	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
<b>Available Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$118,787.61</b>	\$106,988.58 last month

### Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$219,994.32
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	4.500%
Pay-off Date	3/2037

### Additional Comments:

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Haeder, Treasurer

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Treasurer's Report December 31, 2023

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-Scholar Fund</u>	<u>Scholar Fund</u>
<b>Beginning Principal</b>	\$10,893.79	\$100.00	\$10,793.79
1995-2022 Gifts Received	\$610,264.57	\$436,160.42	\$174,104.15
1995-2022 Int + Dividend Income	\$356,106.82	\$241,916.89	\$114,189.93
1995-2022 Change in Market Value	(\$42,196.57)	(\$52,660.90)	\$10,464.33
1995-2022 Disbursements	<u>(\$446,150.17)</u>	<u>(\$321,456.10)</u>	<u>(\$124,694.07)</u>
<b>Fund Balances: 27 Year Totals</b>	<b>\$488,918.44</b>	<b>\$304,060.31</b>	<b>\$184,858.13</b>
2023 Gifts–OSLC Members	\$1,350.00	\$1,215.00	\$135.00
2023 Int.+Dividend Income	\$14,508.02	\$13,057.22	\$1,450.80
2023 Change in Mrkt Value	\$41,184.58	\$37,066.12	\$4,118.46
2023 Long Term Capital Gains	\$12,230.91	\$11,007.82	\$1,223.09
2023 Disbursements	(\$26,228.74)	(\$2,728.74)	(\$23,500.00)
<b>Total Fund Balances: 2023</b>	<b>\$531,963.21</b>	<b>\$363,677.73</b>	<b>\$168,285.48</b>

### Assett Summary

Wells Fargo Bank Checking	\$9,708.60
LCMS Foundation Account	<u>\$522,254.61</u>

**Total Balances: 2023** \$531,963.21

### 2023 Disbursements:

Concordia Adopt a Student	\$3,500.00
Concordia Classical Academy	\$12,000.00
Together in Mission	\$2,000.00
Concordia Univ. Chicago	\$2,500.00
Concordia University St. Paul	\$2,500.00
LCMS Colloquy Program	\$1,000.00
Fees – LCMS	<u>\$2,728.74</u>

**Total 2023 Disbursements** \$26,228.74



## Bible Study Circles

March - Lent and Easter  
An hour or so in the Word!  
- WELCOME ALL -

The Lord equips us to serve Him and His people.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16 - All Scripture is breathed out  
by God and profitable for teaching for reproof, for correction, and  
for training in righteousness.

**Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle** gathers together on Thursday,  
March 7, at 9:30am for refreshments, Bible Study begins at  
9:45am. "Five Stones for Service" on page 22 of the Winter  
*Quarterly*. Lessons taught by Christ himself as we study about  
personal gifts and abilities, Fruits of the Spirit, and God's work in  
this our Family of Christ.

**Mary Circle Bible Study** – watch bulletin for date.

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## Book Club



March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

The Our Savior's book club meets from 4:30-6 in the fireplace  
room on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We read  
good books and then discuss them together from our shared  
Lutheran perspective. In March we will continue reading 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  
questions or interest in any of this please speak with Pastor  
Matheny.

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TSNT meets Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>  
& 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fireplace  
room. We will begin with time  
in God's Word, and then play  
games together. All youth in grades 7 - 12 are invited!



# *Music Notes*



*“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High” Psalm 92:1*

## **Special Music Schedule for March:**

March 6: Handbells

March 10: Brass

March 20: Intro Choir

March 29: Vocal Choir

March 31: Vocal Choir, Brass

## **Lent Rehearsal Schedule:**

Intro Bells: 4:45-5:15

Handbells: 5:20-5:50

Intro Choir: 5:20-5:50

Brass: 6:05

Vocal Choir: 7:30 (In the Sanctuary by the Grand Piano)

Regular schedule rehearsals will start again on April 3.

Blessings,

Suzie Gangi

507-341-4173

[suzie@oslcmankato.org](mailto:suzie@oslcmankato.org)



**ATTENTION MEN!** The men of Our Savior gather in the fireplace room on the second Thursday (March 14<sup>th</sup>) from 7:30-8:30 of each month for study together. In March we will continue to study St. John's Epistles. If you are interested in this please speak with Pastor Matheny.



# Communication



## Hurdles Between



## Generations

Even if we have grown up in the same physical country, the changes in how we communicate has resulted in a difference in culture where we may struggle to communicate with and understand one another. We'll discuss some of the effects of these changes and possible ways of bridging the gap. We'll talk about how this relates to expressing our faith and church involvement.

We'd love to hear your ideas and concerns as we work on this together. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Sign-up in the narthex or contact Deaconess Lisa. ([lisa@oslcmankato.org](mailto:lisa@oslcmankato.org) or 385-2185)

**Women's Retreat**  
**Saturday, March 16**  
**from 9:00am – 2:00pm**

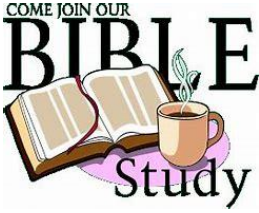
## *Bible Reading Plan - March*

The first words God said to humanity were “be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth”. The concepts of fruitfulness and multiplying are seen throughout scripture. It was a part of God’s covenant in the Old Testament and the role of the early church in the New Testament. It is seen as a command and a promise and a blessing.

You may also notice that more people is not always better. Along with physical multiplication came a multiplication of sin. This sin became so great and grieved God so much that He sent the flood. He later scattered them from the Tower of Babel and then sent them into exile after much warning. Dispersion also spreads our witness.

God’s desire is for many people. He wants all people to be saved. The promise God made to Abraham is not limited by biological family lines, but rather is carried through Christ to others that are joined by faith. Jesus’ last words “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” and “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” match the first words.

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## Young Adult Bible Study

Mondays, March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

Young Adults (late high school college, early-ish workforce) are invited to join us in the Fireplace Room at 7pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

Contact Karee Bless with questions, 507-381-3826, kbless@blc.edu.

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### Prayer Shawl

One more prayer shawl was given out in February. Thank you to all involved in this mission.

If you have experienced a medical issue or the loss of a loved one, contact Marcella, 507-317-4127, to receive a prayer shawl and be wrapped up in the warmth and comfort of the shawl and prayers that have been uplifted on your behalf.

For you knitters and crocheters, there is yarn available to make a prayer shawl, call Marcella.

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### Potluck Dinner & Bible Study

There will be no Pot Luck Bible Study in March since our usual date falls on Maundy Thursday. Blessed Holy Week!

# Mission Service

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be working on various projects and All are welcome to come and join us.



**Orphan Grain Train** news brochures are in the Mission Center. Spring issue 1, Volume 31 shows many projects now and new coming events, or go to: [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org).

- 1) "New Earth" by Pastor Roy Wilke, the founder and President of OGT.
- 2) Construction began on New Servant Center
- 3) Choice Dollars ends March 31 for designating 2023 \$\$'s
- 4) OGT Convention on September 13 and 14, 2024
- 5) Giving Tuesday
- 6) 21 Years of service
- 7) Adopt an orphanage. What a wonderful way to reuse and repurpose things to help others.

**Go First! Conference** – We are excited to invite you to this first-of-its-kind ministry event here in the Minnesota South District, to be held April 19-20. Concordia Academy in Roseville will be ground zero for you to gather with others from your congregation and from across the district. This will be a time for encouragement, for learning, and to celebrate how God continues to be at work in and through congregations and ministries of the Minnesota South District.

Guest registration is very easy. Pastors, teachers, parish professionals, and lay members alike can go to the district's website, [mnsdistrict.org](http://mnsdistrict.org) and click on the GO First! Tab at the top of the page. Input your information and submit! There is no cost for you to attend. All three meals during the course of the event will also be provided free of charge. You are invited to attend and learn and grow and connect with others who are seeking to do the same.

*Submitted by Dr. Phillip Johnson, Minnesota South District Assistant to the President, Mission Formation.*

# Sunday School Spring Quarter

You won't want to miss Palm Sunday, March 24. The 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be cooking up a hot breakfast to eat between services.



All children, including guests are invited to the chapel 10 minutes before either, or both, services to carry in palm branches.

The Sunday School lessons for this quarter will focus on the time of the kings and during the exile. As always, we would love to have you as a 2<sup>nd</sup> adult. You can refresh your learning!

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## Rally Sunday March 24



This is a great time to learn more about the various group activities at our church. We'll have tables set up in the Fellowship Hall for you to explore between services. You can ask questions or just say thank you!

Maybe you have an idea and would like to find others to join you. Let the Board of Deacons know if you would like table space.



## LWML Mites

### Mites for Missions

Mite Sunday is March 17<sup>th</sup>.

March Mite Grant #6 “Mobile Kitchen Forged by Fire Services Gulf Coast Region U.S.” - \$85,000. Forged by Fire Services prepares food for communities following natural disasters. They will come into a community with their trailer of supplies; set up their tent and kitchen. Grant money will purchase a mobile kitchen trailer. The trailer will allow for faster setup, protection from weather changes, and require less space. When serving, Forged by Fire Services strives to connect local LCMS congregations within the communities and shares the mercy and grace of Christ, one plate of food at a time. To learn more, visit [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-6](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-6).

District Mite Grants for the biennium will close on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Pray, praise, and give thanks for all God’s gifts.

Children and adults may have mite boxes at home for small coins to big paper money. Mite boxes are available in the Narthex and Mission Center.

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## *Easter Breakfast*

Plan to have breakfast here Easter morning between services. The youth will be cooking and serving as usual. Watch for the bulletin board for how you can donate.



## Mission Needs

Your USED treasures are needed and appreciated for missions that our church supports:

- Baby: T-shirts, onesies, cloth diapers, receiving blankets, baby caps
- Kids: Bottom of the toy box pieces: plastic animals, figurines, small balls, cars, trucks, jump ropes, yoyos, bracelets, small stuffed animals, beanie babies, and ½ used sticker books
- Bath: Travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap
- Linens: Twin sheets (any fabric), cotton or flannel sheets (full size or larger), pillow cases, hand towels, wash cloths, bath size towels, blankets, and 9 x 9 or larger pieces of fleece or fleece blankets
- Paper: Cancelled stamps, memo pads, shoeboxes, address labels (we cut off your address and use the “pictures” in our sticker bags)
- Crafts: Beads (any quantity, size, shape, or color), bead cords or leathers, broken bracelets or necklaces that contains beads
- School: Pencil cases, sling bags, backpacks
- Medical: Glasses, sunglasses and cases, braces, slings, crutches, canes, and new: dressings, gauze, Ace bandages, face masks

Thank you for bringing in your “extra” items to the Mission Center – they will all be used and distributed.





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.

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## *Ladies of Our Savior*

Lent, Confirmation, Easter, Journeying through the ups and downs on the way. Jesus is our strength. He is suffering in our place. Thanks be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for forgiveness and Promise of Eternal Life.

Thank you all for His light shining through you to others.

Plan on April 13, Saturday Rally at St. John, Arlington. Yes, even the "Walk in Love" Convention here in Mankato on June 20-22. . .

Walk in Love





## Young at Heart / S.A.G.E.S.

Young at Heart is Our Savior older adult ministry and  
**Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving**  
(S.A.G.E.S.) is the District older adult ministry  
LHM Lutheran Hour Ministries  
LLL Lutheran Layman's League



S.A.G.E.S.



(S.A.G.E.S. = Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving)



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[www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)

S.A.G.E.S. – The January-March Sagacity is available online. Sagacity is a quarterly publication to encourage and connect older adults with God and each other. Email: [minnesotasouthsages@gmail.com](mailto:minnesotasouthsages@gmail.com) to be added to the newsletter distribution list.

### Gathering XXXIV (2024) Finishing Strong, Psalm 71 for Seniors (Psalm 71: 71-18)

Monday & Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
Country Inn and Suites, Mankato  
Dr. Dean Nadasdy, Presenter

There will be six workshops, banquet and entertainment. Register for "S.A.G.E.S. Gathering" beginning at 9am on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> for Our Savior members by first calling Julie at 507-388-7533 or Trudy at 507-327-7082 before sending in your registration. Your volunteer help is needed for the decorations. Thank you.

Camp Omega Dates: Man Up Retreat March 15-March 16.  
All camp dates on the brochure, available in the narthex.

The Lutheran Laymen's League Convention will be on April 13, 2024 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Bloomington.

[www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) • [www.mnsdistrict.org/sages](http://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages)



## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Remember, you have until the end of March to direct your Thrivent Choice monies to a charity of your choosing. We hope you will consider directing your monies to Our Savior Lutheran Church. Please talk with your Thrivent Representative to see how you can direct your available Thrivent Choice Dollars, or visit <https://www.thrivent.com/> under “My Thrivent” to get started.

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*We were made for light and life. God's Word and Sacraments cast darkness aside in our lives; they draw us closer to Him and make us strong unto salvation . . . cling to the promises of Christ. May we recognize that we are blessed For Life even when we are surrounded by darkness, and may we in our darkest seasons, through the work of the Holy Spirit, lean toward the Son for light and hope.”*

- Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life

A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

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## Concordia Classical Academy's

# *Sparkle & Shine Dinner Auction*

April 20, 2024 ~ 5 – 9pm

Save the Date! You won't want to miss this evening of fellowship and fundraising for CCA, North Mankato. Tickets will be on sale March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for more information.



*Together, we can save a life*

Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Noon – 5pm  
Our Savior’s Fellowship Hall

Online scheduling is available. Schedule now at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or on the free Blood Donor app available in the App Store or Google Play Store. You can also contact the church office at 507-385-2180 to schedule. Save a Life - Donate Blood!

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**Concordia Seminary**  
**Vocatio: Retreat**  
**April 14 - 16**

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, scan the QR code, visit [csl.edu/vocatio-retreat](http://csl.edu/vocatio-retreat) or Google “Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary.” Hurry! Registration closes March 29.



Minnesota

# STATE BIBLE BOWL 2024

The Book of Acts (ESV)

Concordia University  
St. Paul  
April 6, 2024

Students in grades 7 -12 who attend an LCMS church or school in the MN North or South district can compete.

Team competition (3 or 4 players) is a verbal fast-paced

quiz format with a double elimination. The Individual competition is a written 50 question, multiple-choice test.

Registration: 8:30 – 9:00am ~ Team Competition: 9am  
Individual Competition: Right before lunch. Wrap up in the afternoon. Registration deadline is March 18<sup>th</sup>. Only \$40 per team!

For more information, go to [www.mnbiblebowl.org](http://www.mnbiblebowl.org), or contact Rev. Rudy Maurer at 507-381-5394, [RudyMaurer@aol.com](mailto:RudyMaurer@aol.com).

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Martin Luther Jr/Sr. High  
School,  
315 Martin Luther Drive,  
Northrop

Invites you to their upcoming  
activities and events:

- Region IV Lutheran Elementary Fine Arts and Science Festival, Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Students from seven schools are participating. Individual performances begin about 8am. Large group music performances will be

held following judging competition. Guests are welcome to join this free event celebrating the God-given talents of our students in Art, Music, Science, Creative Writing and Speech. Concessions will be available.

- Soup and Sandwich Lunch on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Serving from 10:30am – 1pm. Soups: Chicken Noodle, Cheesy Potato, Chicken Griller, and Chili. Egg Salad and Cheese Spread sandwiches served on Crimp Bread from Kiehl's Bakery in Lakefield. Desserts: Cupcakes, Bars, and Greg's Homemade Ice Cream. Cost is a free-will donation to benefit Student Tuition Aid. Matching funds are provided by Thrivent Action Team Dollars. Carry-out orders are available.
- Spring Rummage and Bake Sale will be held April 11-12-13. Hours are Thursday, 4 – 8pm; Friday, 8am – 8pm, and Saturday, 8am – noon. If you would like to donate items or help, go to: [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com) for more information.
- OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 4:30pm for social hour, hors d'oeuvres, and auction preview. Everyone is invited to wear red in recognition of the Ruby Anniversary of MLHS. A catered dinner of bacon wrapped chicken breast, garlic mashed potatoes, cashew lettuce salad, honey glazed carrots, roll, and Michelle's cupcakes will be served at 6pm. Tickets are \$30/person. To purchase tickets and see pictures of the Silent and Live Auction items go to: [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com).

## LCMS Stewardship Ministry: *Cherish What God Has Given*

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The one time this pattern is not followed is with the Sixth Commandment.

“You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other” (SC I).

Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God’s fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God’s purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity.

## 2024 EASTER GARDEN ORDER FORM

Plant(s) purchased...

Type of Plant	Quantity	Cost	Total Cost
Easter Lily (6")	#	x \$22.00	\$
Cyclamen (6")	#	x \$22.00	\$
Regal Geranium (6")	#	X \$20.00	\$
Tulip (6")	#	x \$18.00	\$
Gerbera Daisy (4")	#	x \$13.00	\$
Kalanchoe (4")	#	x \$13.00	\$
Begonia (4")	#	x \$13.00	\$
<b>Totals</b>	#		\$

- In Memory of...
- In Honor of...
- In Appreciation of...
- Sponsored by...

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(name of the person to put on the plant)

Name and phone number of purchaser (in case we need to verify):

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(name)

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(phone)

**Please make checks payable to *Our Savior's Youth*.**

- I do not wish to take my plant home. Please find a suitable home for it.

Please drop off your order form with payment at the church office,  
or in the payment lock box in the narthex

**LAST DAY TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**

*You may pick up your plant(s) Easter Sunday after the 10:30 service, or the following week. Please pick up by Friday, April 5<sup>TH</sup>*

*\*Note\* The office is closed Easter Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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# Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:20 Sunday School 9:20 Bible Class 10:30 Worship	6:30 Early Bird Bible Study	8:30 Circuit Pastors 5:15 Board of Education 5:30 Board of Trustees 6:00 Board of Elders 6:30 Board of Deacons	1:00 Private Confession 1:30 Midweek Lenten Service 4:45 Introductory Bells 5:20 Handbell Choir/IntroChoir 5:30 Meal 6:00 Private Confession 6:05 Brass 6:30 Midweek Lenten Service 7:30 Jr. Conf / Vocal Choir	9:00 Private Confession 9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle 10:00 Bulletin Deadline		
<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> <b>Easter Garden Orders Due</b> 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	6:30 Early Bird Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Young Adult Bible Study	10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 Planning Council	1:00 Private Confession 1:30 Midweek Lenten Service 4:45 Introductory Bells 5:20 Handbell Choir/IntroChoir 5:30 Meal 6:00 Private Confession 6:05 Brass 6:30 Midweek Lenten Service 7:30 Jr. Conf / Vocal Choir	9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 7:30 Men's Bible Study	4:00 The Voice Deadline	9:00 Women's Retreat
<i>Mite Sunday</i> 8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:20 Sunday School 9:20 Bible Class 10:30 Worship	6:30 Early Bird Bible Study	10:00 Staff Meeting	1:00 Private Confession 1:30 Midweek Lenten Service 4:00 Mission Service 4:45 Introductory Bells 5:20 Handbell Choir/IntroChoir 5:30 Meal 6:00 Private Confession 6:05 Brass 6:30 Midweek Lenten Service 7:30 Jr. Conf / Vocal Choir	9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Stephen Ministers		
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Time 9:00 Rally Sunday 9:20 Sunday School 9:20 Bible Class 10:30 Worship 4:30 Book Club 6:30 TSNT	6:30 Early Bird Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Young Adult Bible Study	10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study	4:45 Introductory Bells 5:20 Introductory Choir 5:20 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 10:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 1:30 Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship	<i>Good Friday</i> 1:30 Good Friday Worship 6:30 Good Friday Worship	Easter Garden / Breakfast Set up 8:00 Easter Vigil
<i>Easter Sunday</i> 8:00 Easter Worship 9:00 Easter Breakfast 10:30 Easter Worship	1	2	3	4	5	6

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