

## Program for the Week of March 10 – March 17, 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  
9:00 Quilting  
7:00 Young Adult Bible Study

### Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting  
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study  
6:30 Planning Council

### Wednesday:

1:00 Private Confession  
1:30 Midweek Lenten Worship  
4:45 Introductory Bells  
5:20 Introductory Choir  
5:20 Handbell 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  
7:30 Men's Bible Study

### Friday:

1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study  
4:00 The Voice Deadline

### Saturday:

9:00 Women's Retreat

### Next Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

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

**Today in Sunday School,** we will study "Consuming Fire," Elijah challenges the people to stop "limping" between Baal and the true God. Gathering the 450 prophets of Baal, Elijah proposes a test to determine the truth: each side will butcher a bull for sacrifice and call on their god to send down fire. Elijah drenches his offering with water, completely filling the trench around it. Then Elijah offers a simple prayer to the true God, who sends down fire from heaven to consume the offering, the wood, and even the water in the trench.

**About the Cover:** The Lord's judgment against the rebellious people took the form of fiery serpents. But His mercy also took the form of that fiery serpent raised upon a pole for all to see and live. As sinners under God's good Law, our sin brings biting affliction and judgment. But the Son of Man was lifted up upon the cross where God's judgment was poured out against sin. By His Word, we see that the One who was stricken, smitten, and afflicted is our forgiveness, life and salvation.

**Easter Garden:** Today is the last day to get your Easter Garden orders in. Please drop your order form and payment in the box next to the table in the narthex. All proceeds go to supporting youth activities. Thank you for your support.

**Register Today! Communication Hurdles Between Generations** – We'll consider different approaches to communication. What are some of the side effects to changes we've seen? What does the Bible have to say? We'll brainstorm ways to move forward. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Sign-up in the narthex or contact Deaconess Lisa. ([lisa@oslcmandkato.org](mailto:lisa@oslcmandkato.org) or 385-2185) for the Women's Retreat, Saturday, March 16, 9:00am-2:00pm.

**Book Club** meets tonight, March 10<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 – 6p.m. in the Fireplace room. We will begin our discussion of Natalie Babbitt's *Tuck Everlasting*. We will discuss chapters 1-14. If you have any questions, or are interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

**TSNT** meets tonight, Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fireplace room. All youth in 7 – 12 grade are invited to join us for time in God's Word and games. See you there!

**Are you looking for another opportunity to get into God's Word** with your Brothers and Sisters? We invite you to start your work week off with devotion, prayer, and Bible study with Early Bird Bible Study Monday mornings at 6:30am. Everyone is always welcome, but this is a special invitation as we are starting a new study on March 11<sup>th</sup> focusing on the book of Genesis. We meet in the Fireplace Room (come in through the east doors) and wrap up the study at 7:30 for those who need to head off to work. The coffee will be on! If you have any questions, please contact Matt Brand (507-327-5059 or [mattsbrand@gmail.com](mailto:mattsbrand@gmail.com)).

**Young Adult Bible Study:** Late high school, college, early workforce, meet tomorrow, Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm for Bible Study. Contact Karee Bless with any questions, 507-381-3826 or [kbless@blc.edu](mailto:kbless@blc.edu).

**Men's Bible Study** meets Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Fireplace room. We will continue to study St. John's Epistles. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

**Mary Circle Bible Study** will meet Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Fireplace Room. Our study will be "Where Is Your Treasure" on pages 20-21 of the Winter *Quarterly*. Hostess: Gwen Cattrysse, phone 507-625-3877. Guests and visitors are welcome!

**The Voice deadline** for the April 2024 issue is Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please drop off any submissions at the church office, or e-mail to [contact@oslcmandkato.org](mailto:contact@oslcmandkato.org).

**March 17<sup>th</sup> is Mite Sunday.** Our focus for March is Grant #6 “Mobile Kitchen Forged by Fire Services Gulf Coast Region U.S.” - \$85,000. And Grant #8 “Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis” - \$100,000. To learn more about these grants, go to: <https://www.lwml.org/mission-grants>

**Mission Service** will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. This month we will meet from 3:30 – 5pm. We will be putting together baby kits for Global Health Ministries and trimming stamps for Wycliffe. If you have any of the following, please bring them to the Mission Center before March 20<sup>th</sup> for use in the kits: Gently used full size bath towels, onesies or t-shirts, receiving blankets, baby caps, and cloth diapers. Thank you!

**Join us for an evening of fellowship, pizza, and friendly competition at the young adult game night!** Confirmation and high school students as well as young adults are invited to join us March 21<sup>st</sup> from 6–9PM in the fellowship hall (enter from the back lot). Free pizza and loads of board games to enjoy! All you need to do is sign up in the narthex or chapel and show up! Questions? Contact Karee Bless at 507-381-3826.

**Hot Breakfast on Palm Sunday:** Our 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School students will be cooking breakfast on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Plan to come early or stay late as they will begin serving about 9am. They enjoy taking this opportunity to use their abilities to serve at their church. You can even check out the Rally Day tables in the Fellowship Hall after you eat.

**Easter Breakfast:** The youth will be serving breakfast Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate some of the needed supplies, please pick a tulip off the bulletin board and bring the items to the church kitchen by Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Mission service** met on February 21<sup>st</sup> and put together 44 Healthcare kits. Twenty were given to the Crisis center in Mankato and 24 were taken to The Union Street Shelter in St. Peter. Thank you to everyone who came to help put the kits together and to those who donated the supplies to make this possible!

**Kitchen Cleaning** on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> went very well because of the 15 hard working volunteers. Great deep cleaning and fellowship. The Board of Deacons thank you all!

**To our church family:** We thank you for your prayers, and love, and gifts. Your support during this difficult time has been a great comfort. We love you all, and know the Lord will bless each one of you. Thank you ~ Nancy & Bill Mason

**Anyone interested in placing flowers** for our worship services in March, please contact Cindy Hoffrogge, 507-340-1942.

**Pick up or read your News in the Narthex and Mission Center.** Spring Quarterly, S.A.G.E.S. Registration Special Edition, Sagacity Jan-Mar, Portals of Prayer (Used Portals of Prayer can be put in the Mission Center to be reused. Thank you.) One Voice for Public Policy, Life Date news from Lutheran for Life, the March Voice (mailed to each home – save for all March church activities), Jambo – the Becker newsletter, MNSLWML March e-News includes letter from Gift Planning Services, the Winter 2024 Lutheran Layman (24 pages of news education about Making Christ Known.)

**From the Stewardship Committee: Ephesians 2:10** – “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn’t doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord’s free salvation given to us to the good works He’s prepared for us, everything is a gift of God’s grace.

**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](http://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 study Isaiah 43-46 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), study Deuteronomy 22-26 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), enjoy a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship service on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am), and continue studying Good Works in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (March 16 at 10am).

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Aftermath” features a father who tries to make things right with his daughter after a life of bad choices. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Brenden Harris from St. Paul’s and St. John Lutheran Churches in Fall Creek, WI, who will present a message titled “Lord to Whom Shall We Go?” based on James 1:17. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

**Registration for Kinship Radio’s 2024 Day for Women** opens March 18<sup>th</sup>! The event will be held at Hosanna Lutheran Church on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Speakers, mini sessions, lunch, and worship music! Cost is \$40. More information can be found at [www.kinshipradio.org](http://www.kinshipradio.org).

**St. John Lutheran Church of Good Thunder** is having their *Annual All You Can Eat Pancake Supper* on Sunday, March 10, serving from 4 – 7pm. The menu includes pancakes, sausage patties, applesauce, and beverages. It is a free-will donation. (Please use Sherman Street entrance.)

**Camp Omega Events: Man up Retreat** – March 16; **Summer Camp** registration is now open. Remember to pick up your **Camp Omega Summer Camp 2024** flyer in the Narthex. Go to: [www.campomega.org](http://www.campomega.org) for more details.

**Join Concordia Classical Academy** on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm for an evening of fellowship and fundraising at their 17<sup>th</sup> annual dinner auction. This is a black-tie encouraged, adult-only event at Mayo Clinic Event Center at 1 Civic Center Plaza. The event includes dinner, silent and live auctions, games throughout the evening, and new this year is live music by Generation Gap. Tickets must be purchased by April 5<sup>th</sup>. The funds raised will support CCA in continuing to use God's Word in a Christ-centered education to assist families in training students for Christina lives on earth and for eternity. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://auctria.events/CCASparkleandShine>, by filling out a ticket form, or by contacting Jenean Cherney at [jenean.cherney@gmail.com](mailto:jenean.cherney@gmail.com) or 507-317-3819.

**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](http://csl.edu/vocatio-retreat) or Google "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary." Registration closes March 29.

**Lutherans for Life:** Students in Grades 6 – 8 and 9 – 12, check out the Essay Contest on "Life Shines in Darkness." Go to: <https://lutheransforlife.org/2024-lutherans-for-life-essay-contest/>

**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).

**To All Ladies of Our Savior:** Plan on April 13<sup>th</sup> Rally at St. John, Arlington. Registration at 8:30am, Rally at 9:15am, ending with lunch at 11:30am. Virginia Lo will be the guest speaker, her topic is Sanctity of Life. Gifts from the heart for First Choice Pregnancy Center in New Ulm. Their wish list includes: Baby wash/soap, Unscented sensitive baby wipes, unscented dye-free laundry soap, diapers (Pampers and Huggies), Muslin blankets for swaddling, swaddle sacks (0-3 months, 3-6 months), infant sleepers (all sizes up to 3T, shower gel, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant for our moms, maxi pads or Depends for post-partum times. RSVP to Eunice Bremer by April 6, 507-964-2583. Sign up in the Narthex to car pool.

**Time for Conferences, Gatherings, Conventions.** Many offerings are in the future months. They need registrations early for planning purposes. Register now!

- **Go First! Conference**, April 19 – 20 at Concordia Academy in Roseville. Register now. [www.mnsdistrict.org](http://www.mnsdistrict.org), click on the GO First! Tab at the top of the page. Agenda, Vendor list, Breakout sessions, and Registration information is in a folder in the Mission Center.
- **S.A.G.E.S. Gathering 34** titled “Finishing Strong” Psalm 71 for Seniors, 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. Six workshops, banquet, and entertainment. Register beginning Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am. **Our Savior members, call Julie at 507-388-7533 or Trudy at 507-327-7082 before sending in your registration.** Sagacity January-March issue has the registration. It is available in the Narthex or on-line (<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages>). Your volunteer help is needed. Thank you.
- **2024 LWML MNS District Convention** in Mankato at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, June 20 – 22. Our Savior needs another Delegate and a YWR (Young Woman Representative). Gifts from the Heart for Orphan Grain Train can be brought to church anytime up to the convention: new or gently used clean shoes – all sizes child through adult; new or gently used clean socks – all sizes child through adult; quilts, blankets, or comforters – any sizes, cash donations to pay for shipping. The average cost to ship a box of donated goods is \$11, the average cost to sponsor a full shipping container overseas is \$9,000. For more information go to: [www.mnslwml.org/2024\\_district\\_convention](http://www.mnslwml.org/2024_district_convention).

**Stitches Through Time:** Quilt Show 9am – 3pm Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Centennial Lutheran Church, 701 Locust St, Henderson. Free admission, food shelf donations accepted. Salad luncheon for a free will donation serves from 11am – 1pm. Quilts made by local quilters will be on display.

**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:**

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?  
-Mark 8:36

**Weekly Discussion Question:**

What things are most important to you?

**Holy Communion:** “I certainly love it with all my heart, the precious, blessed supper of my Lord Jesus Christ, in which he gives me His body and blood to eat and drink orally, with the mouth of my body, accompanied by the exceedingly sweet and gracious words: Given for you, Shed for you (Luther). While this gift is individually received, testimony is also given that those communing together share doctrinal unity. 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..... Brass  
Elder of the Day .....[8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Mike Holub  
Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Kurt Anderson  
A/V Tech ..... Dale Bergemann