

Program for the Week of March 17 – March 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
3:30 Mission Service
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:

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

6:00 Young Adult Game Night

6:30 Stephen Ministers

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Worship

9:00 Coffee Time

9:20 Rally Day

9:20 Sunday School

10:30 Worship

4:30 Book Club

6:30 TSNT

In today's Sunday School lesson, "Healing Waters," Syrian commander Naaman travels to see the prophet Elisha, hoping to find a cure for his leprosy. Taking along letters of introduction from the king of Syria, silver and gold, and new clothing, Naaman travels first to the king of Israel. Fearing reprisal from the Syrians, the king sends Naaman away. Naaman is directed to Elisha's house, where a messenger tells him to go wash in the Jordan seven times. Despite his initial resistance, Naaman washes, and his flesh is transformed like that of a little child.

About the Cover: In humility, Jesus has been exalted as our High Priest. He intercedes for us with the Father as the one who can sympathize with our weakness, though He Himself is without sin (see Hebrews 4:15). We have confidence that our prayers are heard because He is both our perfect High Priest forever and the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

March 17th 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. This grant will help international students to ensure those living in every region of their nations will hear and learn the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. To learn more about these grants, go to: <https://www.lwml.org/mission-grants>

Mission Service will meet this Wednesday, March 20th, from 3:30 - 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects! 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 21st 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 4th – 6th grade Sunday School students will be cooking breakfast on March 24th. 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.

Rally Sunday next week! Between services on March 24th, have a hot breakfast prepared for us by the 4th – 6th grade Sunday School students, then make your way to the Fellowship Hall and visit with the various groups at Our Savior's showcasing their activities.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Our Savior's is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Monday, April 22nd from noon to 5pm. Schedule your donation now at www.redcrossblood.org or on the app. Sponsor code: OSLCMankato. You may also contact the church office (507-385-2180) or schedule in person on Rally Day, visit the Board of Deacons table. Help save lives, donate blood!

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 29th.

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, requested and ready-more January 2024 issues, 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.) Camp Omega Summer Camp flyer, Letter from District President, Registrations and sign-ups for coming activities.

From the Stewardship Committee: Mark 10:45 – “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example of self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.

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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, “Holy Land Tour part 1” is a video tour of locations in Jesus’ earthly ministry, led by South Dakota pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jonathan Wessel from Grace Ev. Lutheran Church in Augusta, WI, who will present a message titled “Are You Listening?” based on Mark 10:32-45. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Registration opens tomorrow, March 18th, for Kinship Radio’s 2024 Day for Women. The event includes speakers, mini sessions, lunch, and worship music. Cost is \$40. More information at www.kinshipradio.org. Come sit together. Call Rhonda at 507-389-9726.

Join Concordia Classical Academy on Saturday, April 20th from 5-9pm for an evening of fellowship and fundraising at their 17th 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 5th. 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 or 507-317-3819.

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. Lutheran Hour Rally at 6:30pm

To All Ladies of Our Savior: Plan on April 13th 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. Sign up in the Narthex to car pool.

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. Agenda, Vendor list, 23 Breakout sessions offered. 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. **Our Savior members, call Julie at 507-388-7533 or Trudy at 507-327-7082 for more information.** 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 a Delegate Alternate. 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. **Time to vote on new Mite Projects.** The projects are listed, pick your top eight for our delegate, Bev Annis, to vote on at convention.

Stitches Through Time: Quilt Show 9am – 3pm Saturday, April 6th, 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:

For what are you willing to sacrifice?

Holy Communion: Jesus knew He would soon be crucified! He chose His words with great care. As we receive His gift today, give ear to His words, for they are sure and certain! As we receive His gift, we also give ear to the concern for confessional oneness which the Bible sets forth for those communing together. 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
Elder of the Day [8:00] Gaylen Lenz; [10:30] Lon Whitehead
Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Kevin Hermanson
A/V Tech Matt Brand