

Program for the Week of March 24 – March 31, 2024

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

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

Wednesday:

7:00 Jr. Confirmation

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
1:30 Maundy Thursday Worship
6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday:

1:30 Good Friday Worship
6:30 Good Friday Worship

Saturday:

3:00 Easter Breakfast Prep
8:00 Easter Vigil

Next Sunday:

8:00 Worship
9:00 Easter Breakfast
10:30 Worship

“Unwilling Prophet” is the title of this week’s Sunday School lesson. Jonah, a reluctant prophet, tries to flee God’s calling to declare His message to Nineveh. Attempting to escape by boat, Jonah finds himself cast into the sea, swallowed by a great fish, praying for deliverance, and spit up on the beach three days later. The people of Nineveh receive and respond to the message Jonah delivers, repenting of their sins before God. Angered at God’s mercy, Jonah heads out of the city to sulk. There, God reminds Jonah who is in control.

About the Cover: On Palm Sunday, Jesus’ procession to glory is not what this world expected. Like looking into the piercing rays of the sun, we stand awestruck by the glory of Christ’s crucifixion for our sins. He was lifted up upon the cross and died in order to bring us life. The intense light of His Word through the cross reveals our sin, but it also reveals our one and only Savior.

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! Between services today, enjoy 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!

Book Club meets tonight, March 24th, from 4:30 – 6p.m. in the Fireplace room. We will continue our discussion of Natalie Babbitt's *Tuck Everlasting*. We will discuss chapters 15-25 (the end). If you have any questions, or are interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

TSNT meets tonight, Sunday, March 24th at 6:30pm in the Fireplace room. Join us for time in God's Word and games. All youth in grades 7th – 12th are invited.

Young Adult Bible Study meets tomorrow. Join us Monday, March 25th at 7pm for Bible Study. Contact Karee Bless with any questions, 507-381-3826 or kbless@blc.edu.

Wednesday Night Meal: There will not be a meal during Holy Week, Wednesday, March 27th.

Join the youth next Sunday for Easter breakfast. Between the morning services the youth will be serving egg bakes, fruit, and muffins. A free-will donation will be collected. If you picked a tulip off the bulletin board, please bring your donation to the kitchen by Friday, March 29th. Thank you for your support!

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle will meet on Thursday, April 4th, to study "Baptized, Equipped, Serving" on page 16 of the Spring Quarterly. Come for refreshments at 9:30, followed by Bible Study at 9:45. All women of all ages are welcome.

Mission Service met on March 20th and put together 32 baby layettes for Global Health Ministries. Also taking medical supplies and blankets to GHM. The group also trimmed stamps for Wycliffe. Thank you to everyone who came to help with the projects and for all the donations received so these projects could be completed. Supplies needed for further projects: Gently used full size bath towels, hand towels, baby caps, onesies, t-shirts, receiving blankets, and pillowcases. Also deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

Thank you to my church family for the many prayers, cards, texts, calls, and visits. It certainly helps in healing to have all the caring and encouragement. I am doing well after my knee replacement. God bless your day – He certainly blesses mine. – Marcella Eilders

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 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 Lutherans 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: Zechariah 9:9 – “Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is; He does this to bring us from death to life, to make us His own people, and show us an example of self-giving love that we should follow.

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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 2” 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. James Norton from Bethlehem and Zion Lutheran Churches in Fall Creek, WI, who will present a message titled “Does the Cross Make Sense?” based on 1 Corinthians 1:18. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

One Voice For Public Policy: Rev. Fred Hinz has a new blog entry, “Pushed to the Margins”. Read it on the MN South District website (<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy>) or pick up a printed copy in the Narthex.

2024-2026 Time to vote for the new grants. They are listed in the WOM, individual lists are in the Narthex, or the website. Pick your top 8 choices to give to Bev Annis, our delegate to the convention.

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.

YOU HAVE THE DETAILS OF THE COMING CHRISTIAN EVENTS.

April 6, from 9-3 Quilt Show and luncheon. Centennial Lutheran Church, 701 Locust St., Henderson.

April 6, MN Bible Bowl, at Concordia, St. Paul.

April 13, LLL Convention daytime, at St. Michael LC in Bloomington and evening Lutheran Hour Rally at 6:30

April 13, Arlington Zone Rally, "The Sanctity of Life", held at St. John, Henderson. Rally is from 8:30 to noon.

April 19-20, Go-First Conference, from noon Friday until noon Saturday. It will be held at Concordia Academy in Roseville, Mn. Register now: www.mnsdistrict.org
Click on the GO FIRST tab at the top of the page. About 40 Breakout sessions offered. This is a district event for ALL LCMS members.

April 19, Concordia Christian Academy – Black Tie Event 5-9 at the Mankato Event Center

May 6-7, S.A.G.E.S. Gathering, "Finishing Strong". Begins Monday at noon until Tuesday at 2:30. Will be held at Country Inn and Suites, Mankato.

June 20-22, LWML Convention. www.mnslwml.org/2024_district_convention,
Will be held at Mankato Event Center.

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:

Who's opinion matters the most to you?

Holy Communion: On the Sunday before His death (Palm Sunday), Jesus is hailed as King and Lord; and palm branches carpet the path of His humble entrance into Jerusalem. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus still enters our lives with humble means; and He is still Lord and King. It is not too great a thing for Him to be present with His flesh and blood for our forgiveness! 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
Elder of the Day [8:00] Tom Benson; [10:30] Judd Schultz
Assistant Usher [8:00] Gary Rabenhorst
A/V Tech Zak Tess