

Program for the Week of March 31 – April 7, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Office Closed

Tuesday:

8:30 Circuit Pastors
5:15 Board of Education
5:30 Board of Trustees
6:00 Board of Elders
6:30 Board of Deacons
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

10:00 Early Bulletin Deadline
2:00 Worship Service on KTV
4:45 Introductory Bells
5:15 Pew Sisters Class

5:20 Introductory Choir

5:20 Handbell Choir

5:50 Brass

6:00 Meal

6:45 Devotion

7:00 Jr. Confirmation

7:00 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession

9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Worship

9:00 Coffee Time

9:20 Sunday School

9:20 Bible Class

10:30 Worship

About the Cover: On the first Easter, the morning sun helped to put an end to mourning. For it revealed that Christ's tomb is empty. "He is not here," the angel says (Mark 16:6). Jesus was laid in the place of death, but He did not stay there. Neither will the grave be able to hold all who believe in Him on the Last Day. Though there is much to cause mourning in this life, we know that it is all fleeting because of that first Easter morning. Christ is risen!

Call for Special Voters' Meeting: On April 14th, there will be a Special Voters' Meeting. The sole topic of this meeting is to discuss changing Pastor Matheny's current call here at Our Savior's to Senior Pastor. The Board of Elders and the Church Council feel that it would be prudent to discuss and clarify Pastor Matheny's position here at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Once established, this will allow the Call Committee to be clear in their call documents as to what position we are calling for. Respectfully, Dan Gahler – Council President

Early Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for the April 7th bulletin is **Wednesday, April 3rd** at 10am. Please drop off any submissions at the church office, or e-mail to contact@oslcmandato.org. Thank you.

Pew Sisters – Yes, after Easter we're going to look into a couple more chapters before starting our new book. Here's the plan: April 3 – chapter 4, April 10 – chapter 7, and April 17 – chapter 9. These will even help get you ready for "Enough For Now: Unpacking God's Sufficiency" which is our new book beginning April 24. As before, plan on 5:15pm, Wednesday in the library.

Orphan Grain Train: There will be two tubs in the Narthex for Orphan Grain Train donations. One for used clean shoes of any size - child to adult. The other for used clean clothing of any size - child to adult. We will be collecting these items during the month of April. Thank you!

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). Help save lives, donate blood!

Join the youth this morning for Easter breakfast. Between the morning services the youth will be serving egg bakes, fruit, and muffins. A free-will donation will be collected. Donations will be used to support youth activities and events. 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.

Join us for family camping! We have a group campsite reserved at Jay Cooke State Park June 27th-30th. There is plenty to do at this state park and surrounding area- hiking, biking trails (both Mountain biking and paved trails), white water rafting, or visiting the Duluth area! "Family camping" just means all ages are welcome- singles are welcome too! Please let us know if you're interested by signing up on the sheet in the narthex. Contact Michelle Rottermond with questions 507-317-8338.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in April, please contact Bev Clark, 507-380-9492, or Bev Annis, 507-340-0273.

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers, cards, and hugs over the past few months. We appreciate each one. Blessings to you from The Gangi Family

Our Savior's Worship Service is livestreamed on our website www.oslcmankato.org or from our YouTube channel also named oslcmankato. The weekly Sunday service is broadcast on the local Public Access channel, KTV (Spectrum Cable channel 181, Consolidated Communications channel 7), on Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday at 2pm.

Pick up your news items: Spring WOM has LWML Convention. New Mite Grant choices. Vote and give to Bev Annis. S.A.G.E.S. Registration forms. Go First special invite.

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.

April “Pray for Us” calendar is in the Narthex.

From the Stewardship Committee: John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament’s Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord’s Day of the New Testament (Sunday). For the Lord has made all things new: In rising from the dead as the new Adam, He has begun a new week for a new creation. We are also made new in Him — a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our risen Lord’s grace. Especially after the sort of year we’ve had since last Easter, it sure is good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh!

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 for 24/7 on-demand listening. Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week study Isaiah 54-57 and Lutheran Service Book 457 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), continue studying Good Works in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (April 6th at 10am), and worship with us this Easter week in Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center at 10am. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Three Days” – The disciples’ reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus’ death and resurrection. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Dr. Steven Turner, President of the Iowa District West of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, who will present a message titled “Jesus Lives! What does this mean?” based on Mark 16:1-8. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

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. Car pool sign-up 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.

S.A.G.E.S. District Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd from 10 – noon at the District Office. This is a good time to prayerfully consider serving the older adults in the Minnesota South District. Visit the meeting. “Gathering” coming in May. Register now! Registration form in the Narthex, includes all information.

Lutheran Laymen’s League Convention: “Energizing Mission” Ps. 89:1 “I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever with my mouth. I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.” Saturday, April 13th at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 9201 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington. Registration 9:30am; Convention 10am; Banquet 5pm; Lutheran Hour Rally 6:30-8pm.

Celebration Event for Everyone, April 19th at 7pm: Evening of the GO-FIRST Conference. Choir volunteers will practice on Friday, April 19th from 11-11:30am in the music room at Concordia Academy, 2400 Dale St., Roseville. GO-FIRST is for all members. Sessions with new ideas and good ways of implementations in the congregation or group.

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.

Are you looking for a reason to dress up and spend an evening with friends from Concordia Classical Academy? Well, the upcoming Sparkle & Shine Dinner Auction is just what you're looking for. The CCA dinner auction is the biggest fundraiser of the year. This year's auction is April 20th from 5-9 pm. The funds raised at this year's auction will go to the general budget, technology improvements, music equipment, and the scholarship fund. Our goal is to raise at least \$80,000 and have 200 attendees. We need you to meet this goal. We encourage you to attend this adult-only event. But, we also encourage you to invite others, so they can learn more about CCA & be a part of this special evening. This is not only a fundraising opportunity, it is also a time to be in fellowship with other families and supporters of CCA. Tickets are available for \$50 through the end of March and then \$60 from April 1-5. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://auctria.events/CCASparkleandShine>. Childcare will be available for those attending the auction. Please direct any questions to Jenean Cherney at jenean.cherney@gmail.com or 507-317-3918.

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:

Where do you place your hope?

Holy Communion: In the early church, the celebration of the Lord's Supper was viewed as a continuation of the RESURRECTION appearances of the Risen Savior. It was viewed much the same as Jesus saying to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Stop doubting and believe" (John 20:27). As Jesus promised, we believe that He is really present in this Sacrament with His very body and His very blood for our forgiveness. We also believe that oneness in doctrine is Biblically affirmed for those who receive the Sacrament 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
Special Music..... Vocal Choir; Brass
Elder of the Day [8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Mike Blomquist
Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Kurt Anderson

A/V Tech [8:00] Gene Mensing; [10:30] Dale Bergemann