

## Program for the Week of April 14 – April 21, 2024

### Sunday:

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Coffee Time  
9:20 Sunday School  
9:20 Bible Class  
10:30 Worship  
11:45 Special Voters' Meeting  
4:30 Book Club  
6:30 TSNT

### Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study  
9:00 Quilting  
1:30 Garden Committee

### Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting  
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

### Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV  
4:00 Mission Service  
4:45 Introductory Bells  
5:15 Pew Sisters Class

5:20 Introductory Choir  
5:20 Final Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
5:50 Brass  
6:00 Meal  
6:45 Devotion  
7:00 Jr. Confirmation  
7:00 Vocal Choir

### Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession  
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

### Friday:

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

### Saturday:

### Next Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

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9:00 Coffee Time  
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**Today's Sunday School lesson,** "The Praying King," tells the account of Hezekiah. When Hezekiah becomes king over Judah, he removes the altars and idols. Having conquered Israel, the king of Assyria attacks Judah, mocking Hezekiah and God. Reassured by the prophet Isaiah, Hezekiah appeals to God to uphold and protect His people. Isaiah responds by prophesying the defeat of Sennacherib's army. That night, the angel of the Lord strikes down 185,000 of the Assyrians.

**About the Cover:** The world tried to write an end to the Author of life with the implements of death. But a hammer, nails, and a crown of thorns have been used by God in His greater plan to bring us salvation. Christ has been raised from the dead to never die again (see Romans 6:9). Death cannot be the end of the Author of life. Because we are in Him, our end is only life.

**Special Voters' Meeting today at 11:45am in the Sanctuary.** 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

**Book Club** meets tonight, April 14th, from 4:30 – 6p.m. in the Fireplace room. We will begin our discussion of *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. We will discuss pages 1-58. If you have any questions, or are interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

**TSNT** meets tonight, Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited to the Fireplace room from 6:30 – 8:30pm for some time in God’s Word and games. See you there!

**The Garden Committee** will meet Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm for Courtyard clean-up. Everyone is welcome to help. Bring your gloves, rakes, garden clippers, and hoes. No experience needed!

**Mission Service** will meet this Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Healthcare kits, trimming stamps, and making Gospel bracelets. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

**Mary Circle Bible Study** meets Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Fireplace room. Our study from the Spring *Quarterly* is on page 16, Baptized, Equipped, Serving. Hostess: Julie Schlichting, phone 507-388-7533. Guests and visitors are welcome!

**Articles for the May 2024 Voice** are due by Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. You may drop off submissions in the office or e-mail to: [contact@oslcmankato.org](mailto:contact@oslcmankato.org).

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon to 5pm. Schedule your donation now at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://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!

**Enough for Now** – In this life we often want more than what we have. Maybe it’s more time or more money or more chocolate. As we cover various topics, we’ll learn how God is the ultimate place for satisfaction. Next week we are starting our new book. We hope you will join us in the library Wednesday, April 24 at 5:15pm, as we laugh, learn, and support one another.

**Clarence Bye** is celebrating 80 years of life on April 18<sup>th</sup>. As a church family, let’s shower him with cards. His address is: Clarence Bye, 112 Whispering Pine Ct, #3, Mankato, MN 56001-6287.

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

**Prayer Shawl:** If you, or someone you know, may find comfort in a Prayer Shawl, please call Marcella B. Eilders, 507-317-4127.

**Our Savior's Worship Service** is livestreamed on our website [www.oslcmankato.org](http://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.

**Mission Service** delivered 32 baby layettes, 2 bags of pillowcases, 6 blankets, crutches, misc. medical supplies, and 2 boxes of rolled bandages to Global Health Ministries in Fridley. Also delivered 5 baby blankets to Options Pregnancy Center in Mankato. Thank you for all the donations!

**From the Stewardship Committee: 1 John 3:2** – “Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection, but in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

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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, “Alibi” features a father who tries to reconnect with his estranged son after the death of his mother. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Vue Lee, Assistant to the President of the Minnesota South District – Missions, who will present a message titled “Chosen” based on 1 John 3:1-7. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

**Pick up your news items:** Spring WOM has LWML Convention, New Mite Grant choices, and S.A.G.E.S. Registration forms.

**2024-2026** Time to vote for the new Mite 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.

**GO-First! Ministry Conference**, April 19 – 20, 2024. Concordia Academy, 2400 Dale Street, Roseville, MN. For more information go to: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org>

**Call Day 2024!** Join Concordia Seminary, St. Louis for two special services. Tuesday, April 23, when second-year students receive their vicarage or deaconess internship assignments at 3pm, and concluding students receive their pastoral and diaconal calls at 7pm. The services are in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus, and will be livestreamed at [www.csl.edu/callday](http://www.csl.edu/callday).

**Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW)** Assignment and Call Services: The Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Assignment Service is on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. The Candidate Placement Service is Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Visit the Call Day 2024 webpage at [www.ctsfw.edu/callday](http://www.ctsfw.edu/callday) for livestream access, placement lists, and photos from both events.

**S.A.G.E.S. Gathering** - tomorrow is the last day to register (April 15<sup>th</sup>). This Gathering is very special with its encouragement, fellowship, and pertinent information for all adults. A time to relax, enjoy the banquet and entertainment, all for 75\$. The registration forms are in the Narthex or online: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages> The Gathering is May 6th and 7th at Country Inn & Suites, Mankato. It begins at noon on the 6th and ends in the afternoon on the 7th. Our Savior Lutheran Church has many couples over the age of 50. Register and enjoy this fellowship with other LCMS participants. The April 24<sup>th</sup> issue of Sagacity is online and in the Narthex.

**2024 LWML MNS District Convention** in Mankato at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, June 20-22. Bev Annis and Vicky Senne are Our Savior Delegates. Gifts from the Heart for Orphan Grain Train can be brought to Church anytime up to the convention. An invitation letter has been received from Lisa Kamrath, LWML Minnesota South District President. An invitation is extended to you to attend the 30th Biennial Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Minnesota South District Convention. We will be meeting together at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, Minnesota, on June 20-22, 2024. Please invite and encourage your congregation members to attend this spiritually uplifting convention. Our theme is "Walk in Love." Four Missionary speakers, Mission Goal, Mission Grants and special speakers and humorous interrupter.

**The Immanuel-Lites and Men's Club** from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Courtland, are having their Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday, April 21, from 11am to 1pm. Menu includes: Pork Chop(s) or Hot Dog, German Potato Salad, Potato chips, Corn, Applesauce, Dinner roll, Ice Cream, and Beverages. Cost: one chop - \$12; two chops - \$15, hot dog - \$3. Din in or pick-up take-out meals are available.

**OH! What a KNIGHT! Dinner Auction**, Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Join us at this fun evening which benefits Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop. Tickets are \$30, purchase by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Call now to reserve your seat, 507-436-5249. Social hour at 4:30, catered dinner at 6pm. See auction preview pictures at [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com).

**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:**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. – 1 Corinthians 15:20

**Weekly Discussion Question:**

What does Christ's resurrection tell you about who He is?

**Holy Communion:** The Lord's Supper is a miracle in bread and wine! By the Word of Christ, His very body and very blood are really present in this gift. By the Word of God, there is also a doctrinal oneness testified to by the common reception of communion. 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 ..... Susan Klute  
Special Music ..... Introductory Choir  
Elder of the Day ..... [8:00] Tom Benson; [10:30] Mike Holub  
Assistant Usher ..... [8:00] Gary Rabenhorst  
A/V Tech ..... Dale Bergemann