

Program for the Week of April 21 – April 28, 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
9:00 Quilting
12:00 Blood Drive

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

1:30 Endowment Board
2:00 Worship Service on KTV
4:45 Introductory Bells
5:15 Enough For Now Class
5:20 Final Introductory Choir
Rehearsal

5:50 Brass
6:00 Meal
6:45 Devotion
7:00 Jr. Confirmation-Photos
7:00 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
5:30 Potluck Meal/Bible Study

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:20 Sunday School
9:20 Bible Class
10:30 Worship – *Confirmation*
11:30 Fireplace Room Rental
4:30 Book Club
6:30 TSNT

Today in Sunday School, we will study “The Restoring King.” Josiah becomes king of Judah at only eight years old. During the eighteenth year of his reign, Josiah begins the restoration of the temple. When they clean the temple, Hilkiah, high priest and Josiah’s faithful teacher, discovers the Book of the Law. Hearing the words of the Law, Josiah tears his clothes in repentance and directs Hilkiah to inquire of the Lord concerning the people. The Lord responds, telling Josiah that because of his penitent heart He will hold back the disaster from Josiah’s kingdom.

About the Cover: The Good Shepherd does not withhold His own life for His sheep. He laid down His life on Good Friday as a sacrifice for our sins in order to take it up again on Easter Sunday. He did it all of His own authority for us. Therefore, we know that when He takes our lives up like the Good Shepherd that He is, we are in good hands that will carry us safely to eternal life.

This is Mite Sunday – We want to make you aware of three Grants that have been focused on this month. Grant #7 Upheld by God’s Hand, Mental Health Outreach (LCMS Life Ministry). Grant #8 Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO). Grant #9 Equipping Young Leaders (LCMS Youth Ministry). Posters are in the Narthex and Mission Center.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Our Savior’s is sponsoring a Blood Drive tomorrow, Monday, April 22nd from noon to 5pm. There are a few spots still available. Schedule your donation now at www.redcrossblood.org or on the app. Sponsor code: OSLCMankato. 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. This week we are starting our new book. We hope you will join us in the library Wednesday at 5:15pm, as we laugh, learn, and support one another.

Potluck Dinner & Bible Study: Join us for a potluck meal at 5:30pm on Thursday, April 25th. At 6:30 we’ll look at the life of St. Mark in the scriptures

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

Youth from 5th – 12th grade and their parents are invited to attend a meeting after the Wednesday night meal (7pm) on Wednesday, May 1st. We want to know how to help you be active in the church, what you are looking for in youth activities (Bible Study, service opportunities, fellowship, etc.), and begin planning for the National Youth Gathering in 2025. Even if you aren’t old enough to be in the youth group now, we still want your input on how we can best serve you in the future.

Bible Study Circles - Welcome All – Ascension – You are my witnesses. With the Joy of Jesus as your guide, go with the Quarterly Theme of Serving Others. “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle meets Thursday, May 2nd with refreshments at 9:30. Bible Study at 9:45. Come. The lesson will be “Take My Life” based on the hymns #783 and #784 (with different melodies) and can be found in the Spring Quarterly on page 17. Learn about His Gifts to us to use to serve Him and His people.

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

Mark your calendars for something new! Join us July 29-31 for **Wisdom's Workshop**. Three evenings to study God's word together and use our hands and minds to create something spectacular. Dinner will be served and 5:15pm, and the workshop will run from 6-8pm. More information to come soon. (This activity is in place of traditional VBS).

Dear Family in Christ, A special "Thank You" to all my church family for remembering me on my 87th birthday. It was wonderful receiving very special greetings on such a special day. Your sister in Christ, Jean Fiskey

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!

For You in the Narthex and/or in the Mission Center: April Lutheran Witness, MN South Insert, Large Print and Spring Quarterly, April Sagacity, New Mite Grant Sheet (Pick top 8), One Voice, Etc.

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.

From the Stewardship Committee: John 10:14 – "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord'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 for 24/7 on-demand listening. Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week study Isaiah 63-66 and Lutheran Service Book 487 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), study Proverbs 8-12 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and hear about Love Fulfilling the Law in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (April 27 at 10am).

Piano Recital by Micah Holten "A Night with the Classics and Romantics". Mother's Day – May 12th at 6:30pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Gaylord. Free-will offering to benefit Heather Zellman for Deaconess Internship Tuition.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "No Place to Hide" features a pastor, having to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Thomas Petersen from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes, who will present a message titled "Secure in the Shepherd's Care" based on John 10:11-18. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

S.A.G.E.S. Gathering "Finishing Strong" is very special with its encouragement, fellowship and information for older adults. A time to relax, enjoy the banquet and entertainment. For more information go to: <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.

2024 LWML MNS District Convention "Walk in Love" 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 is extended to you to attend. Please invite and encourage your congregation members to attend this spiritually uplifting convention. Missionary speakers, Mission Goal, Mission Grants and humorous interrupter, and so much more. You can give your choice of 8 Mite Grants for 2024-2026 to the delegates.

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.

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

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.

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:

How does Christ's resurrection impact your view of God's promise?

Holy Communion: Both the Gospel and the Sacrament of the Altar contain one and the same gift – forgiveness of sins. This gift no one can give except the Lamb of God who was slain for the sins of the world. 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..... Handbell Choir
Elder of the Day [8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Judd Schultz
Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Kurt Anderson
A/V Tech Matt Brand