

Program for the Week of April 28 – May 5, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV
4:45 Introductory Bells
5:15 Enough For Now Class

6:00 Meal

6:45 Devotion

7:00 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession

9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

7:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Worship

9:00 Coffee Time

9:20 Sunday School

9:20 Bible Class

10:30 Worship

Chancel flowers are provided in honor of our Confirmands.

“**A Fiery Marvel**” is the title of today’s Sunday School lesson. Despite King Nebuchadnezzar’s directive to bow before his golden statue, three faithful Israelites ignore the order. In a burning rage, the king orders Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be tossed into a flaming furnace heated seven times hotter than usual. To the king’s astonishment, four men appear in the furnace, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego emerge unharmed – not even smelling of fire. Realizing the power of God, Nebuchadnezzar promotes these faithful men and praises the true God.

About the Cover: Without someone to assist him, the Ethiopian eunuch could not clearly envision the figure God’s Word painted in Isaiah. But the Holy Spirit used Philip to lead him to Jesus, in whom the full picture of the Scriptures comes together. Christ’s generous love and sacrifice is for the sake of the whole world as He delivers forgiveness of sins through Word and Sacrament.

Confirmation Reception: Come to the Fellowship Hall following the early service for a Continental breakfast and to greet and celebrate our Confirmands. Eleven young men and women have completed two years of instruction and will profess their Christian faith as confessed by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod during the 10:30 service. We welcome them into communicant membership.

Book Club meets tonight, April 28th, from 4:30 – 6p.m. in the Fireplace room. We will continue our discussion of *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. We will discuss pages 59 - 130. If you have any questions, or are interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

TSNT meets tonight, Sunday, April 28th. 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!

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.

The Courtyard Committee will be thinning out the hostas. Free hostas will be available by the front planters on a first come, first served basis. Also available will be two Blue False Indigo plants – you dig! Please contact Gretchen to arrange, 507-317-2904.

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.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at its new day this week. Join us Thursday, May 2nd at 7pm in the Fireplace Room. We will be kicking off our new study, “Praying with Psalms”. Contact Karee Bless with any questions, 507-381-3826.

Mission Service is continuing to collect used clean towels (any size), washcloths, clothing (men's, women's, or children's), shoes and socks. Also blankets and quilts. There are tubs for your donations in the Narthex. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Red Cross Blood Drive – donated blood, worked at the check-in table and canteen – to make it a success. The goal was 26 units, and we collected 30 units. Lives will be saved thanks to you!

Our Saviors, This community continues to amaze us with its generosity and you are no exception! What started with a few dedicated people in 2010 serving families in need at Franklin Elementary has grown to serving 1200 area students in the last year! Thank you for caring so much for our area youth. We would love to show you where your dollars go. Please consider getting signed up for a fall pack session or contact me if you are interested in a quick tour. We love sharing our work with our supporters. Stay Awesome! - Heather Bierer and Feeding Our Communities Partners (FOCP).

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in May, please contact Judy Mensing, 507-420-8196.

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 at 5:15pm, and the workshop will run from 6-8pm. More information to come soon. (This activity in in place of traditional VBS).

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), the latest issue of Lutheran Layman, Lutheran's for Life, and 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 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

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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, "The Main Event" features a boxer who is hit by a car and becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful 8-year-old girl. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Terry Grzybowski from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River, who will present a message titled "Blessed to Be a Blessing" based on Acts 8:26-40. 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. Psalm 71 for Seniors: v.17-18 Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.

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.

Your MNS District Mission gifts at work: Woodbury Lutheran Wakota Ridge Campus. We invite you to pray for Woodbury Lutheran – Wakota Ridge Campus in your prayers, that those who lead and serve would be strengthened in their efforts to reach people with the good news of Jesus. To support this and other district missions, please go to www.mnsdistrict.org/donate.

April Mission Grant focus, #15: Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals, Trinity HOPE, \$58,082: A common phrase in Haiti says, "An empty stomach has no ears!" The phrase simply means that the poverty-stricken Haitian children cannot retain or understand what they have been taught. The LWML Mission Grant for Trinity HOPE will provide meals for children in a Lutheran school in Haiti. When the children receive the hot meal, they are reminded that their food is provided through the love of Jesus Christ. They can grow both physically and spiritually. To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-15.

Everyone is invited to the "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord" Spring Music Concert presented by Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop on Saturday, May 11th at 7pm. Young musicians in elementary band and high school band and choir will be performing under the direction of Mr. Phil Schult. Admission is a free will donation.

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 has Christ’s death and resurrection accomplished for you?

Holy Communion: “To say that one takes and receives the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament is not speaking incorrectly; for where Christ is, the forgiveness of sins is. Here are His body and blood according to His Word” (Luther). 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
Special Music..... Introductory Choir; Vocal Choir; Brass
Elder of the Day [8:00] Gaylen Lenz; [10:30] Lon Whitehead
Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Kevin Hermanson
A/V Tech Zak Tess