

Program for the Week of April 7 – April 14, 2024

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
7:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
6:30 Planning Council
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

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
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
7:30 Men's Bible Study

Friday:

Saturday:

Next 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

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Betty Mace in loving memory of Stacy.

About the Cover: Great power characterized the apostles' preaching of Jesus' resurrection. The source of that great power did not come from them but from the One who sent them to speak with His authority. For this great power flows from the great grace of Jesus that was upon them all. Likewise, we today can do nothing apart from the grace of Jesus, who was crucified and raised for us.

Today in Sunday School, we will study "Enduring Exile." Despite constant warnings, the Israelites continue in their idolatry. Because of this, God allows the king of Assyria to capture the Israelites and carry them into exile. The king resettles Samaria with other peoples, who bring with them their own false gods. When wild lions begin killing these immigrants, the king sends for an Israelite priest, hoping to appease God. But the people continued to sacrifice to idols – confusing the worship of the Lord with worshiping false gods. This is the beginning of the Samaritans.

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

Young Adult Bible Study: Join us Monday, April 8th at 7pm in the Fireplace room for Bible Study. Contact Karee Bless with questions, 507-381-3826 or kbless@blc.edu.

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 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.

Men's Bible Study meets in the Fireplace room on Thursday, April 11th from 7:30 – 8:30pm. We will continue our study of St. John's Epistles. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, April 17th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

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!

Camp Omega: April 19-20 Confirmation Camp – Info at camp website – please register. Camp Staff will lead the group. Seeking Youth Servant Leaders age 15 and older. Camp Omega needs male and female counselors for Summer 2024. Encourage college-aged Christ followers to apply. There is a week of leadership training. Register now for summer camps and family gatherings.

May 1st Applications for the LCEF "Take Heart" Scholarship closes. Lcef.org/scholarship

Book Club will be next week, April 14th, from 4:30 – 6p.m. in the Fireplace room. We will begin our discussion of *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. This novel is about a father and his son who travel on foot to the southern coast, seeking a warmer climate in which to live out their days post apocalypse. It is a story of survival, moral conflict, and redemption. Join us! We will talk about pages 1-58. If you have any questions, are interested, or want a copy of the book, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

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.

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 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. S.A.G.E.S. Registration forms. Go First special invite.

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.

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.

From the Stewardship Committee: John 20:19 – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

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 58-61 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), study Proverbs 3-6 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and continue studying Good Works on Concord Matters (April 13 at 10am).

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Break Up" features a divorced couple struggling with direction in their lives after meeting again. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Terry Grzybowski from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River, who will present a message titled "Easter Hope" based on John 20:19-31. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

April "Pray for Us" calendar is in the Narthex.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

S.A.G.E.S. Gathering 34 titled “Finishing Strong” Psalm 71 for Seniors, will be held **May 6-7** at Country Inn & Suites, Mankato. Featured presenter is President Emeritus of the MN South District Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. Six workshops, banquet, and entertainment. Sagacity January – March issue has the registration. It is in the Narthex or on-line: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages> Your volunteer help is needed. Thank you.

2024 LWML MNS District Convention in Mankato at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, **June 20-22**. Our Savior needs another Delegate. 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. Here is an excerpt from her letter, (which will be posted in the Mission Center): 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.” Our convention message is: As we “talk the talk” may we be encouraged to “walk the walk”. As God’s beloved children, sharing the love of Christ with others.

- 4 Missionary speakers: Jon Kuehne, Gary Theis, Rev. Vance and Linda Becker
- The Mission Goal and Mission Grants
- Special speakers and humorous interrupter

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. 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. 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 \$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:

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 reassurance do you have because of Christ's resurrection?

Holy Communion: In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise, His very body and blood are really present; and thereby we come into immediate contact with the exalted Christ! As we do so, witness is also given to oneness in doctrine by 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 Edith Williams
Elder of the Day [8:00] Gaylen Lenz; [10:30] Mike Anderson
Assistant Usher [8:00] Kevin Hermanson
A/V Tech Gene Mensing