

Program for the Week of May 12 – May 19, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study
9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV
4:00 Mission Service

5:15 Enough For Now Class

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
6:30 Stephen Ministers
7:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Friday:

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

Saturday:

10:00 Youth Hiking @ 7-Mile

Next Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:20 Sunday School
9:20 Bible Class
10:00 Sundaes on Sunday
10:30 Worship
11:45 Voters' Meeting

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Don & Karen Fischer in joyful celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

In today's Sunday School lesson, "Return to Rebuild," after returning from exile, the children of Israel gather to begin rebuilding the temple. They start making sacrifices as soon as the altar is rebuilt, even though the temple foundations await repair. Ezra reads from the Book of the Law as the people humble themselves before the Lord. When the labors of rebuilding are complete, the Levites assign men to regular service in the temple.

About the Cover: The eternal life God gives us is full and abundant. That first Easter morning has opened to us a new horizon of eternal life. Christ has overcome the devil, the world, and our sin to give us life by believing in Him. God has taken care to give us His Word and Sacraments so that we may have life by believing in His name.

Book Club meets tonight, May 12th, from 4:30 – 6p.m. in the Fireplace room. We will continue our discussion of *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. We will discuss pages 131-172. If you have any questions, or are interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

TSNT meets tonight, May 12th from 6:30 – 8pm. Join us for time in God’s Word and games. All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited!

The May Our Savior VOICE was sent to your homes. Be sure to save all the information and the calendar for the activities for your family at Church.

Mission Service will meet this Wednesday, May 15th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

Young Adult Bible Study meets Thursday, May 16th at 7pm in the Fireplace Room. We will continue our study on “Praying with Psalms”. If you have any questions, contact Karee Bless at 507-381-3826.

Mary Circle Bible Study meets Friday, May 17th at 1:30pm in the Fireplace room. Our study will be “Take My Life” on page 17 of the Spring Quarterly. Hostess: Vel Brunner, phone 507-387-7341. Guests and visitors are welcome!

The Voice Deadline: Articles for the June 2024 issue of The Voice are due by Friday, May 17th at 4pm. Please drop off submissions in the church office or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org.

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!

Calling all youth: Come enjoy a morning out in nature. We will meet at 7-Mile Park on **Saturday May 18th at 10am** to go hiking and play some outdoor games. Bring the family for a fun event. We’ll enjoy a picnic lunch following the hike.

Voters’ Meeting on Sunday, May 19th at 11:45am in the Sanctuary. Agenda items include an update from the Call Committee, and an update on the Art Project. All Communicant members, age 18 and older, are welcome and encouraged to participate.

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.

Family Camping: A group campsite has been reserved at Jay Cooke State Park June 27th – June 30th. Our entire church family is invited. Enjoy hiking and biking trails, both Mountain biking and paved trails, white water rafting, or visit the Duluth area. Please sign up in the Narthex. Contact Michelle Rottermond, 507-317-8338, with any questions.

Pastor Russ & Hope Grabau are moving to 259 Winona Street, NE, Chatfield, MN 55923 on Friday, May 17th. A Thrivent Action Team is providing the trailers, pizza, and pop. If you would be able to help load furniture anytime from 10am to 1pm at 543 Garfield Avenue, lower North Mankato, that day it would be great. It has been a great joy to worship with you at Our Savior's.

Next Sunday, May 19, is Mite Sunday. Bring your home mites to the Large Mite Box in the Narthex. Thank you so very much. This month there are three Mite Grants to focus on: #10, 11, and 15. To learn more, go to: <https://www.lwml.org/mission-grants>

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

Student Scholarships Available: Our Savior Endowment Fund has scholarship money available for students in our congregation who will be attending CCA this fall. Scholarship money is also available for post secondary student members of our congregation who plan to pursue a career in full time church work. Application forms need to be completed and submitted to the church office by July 15, for the upcoming academic school year. Forms are available in the church office. Please contact Rob Hobbs, chairperson of the Endowment Board, at 507-340-6313, if you have questions or need more information.

I would like to thank the members of my church family who reached out to me with cards, letters, and prayers in recognition of the opportunity I had to take part in the 25th Honor Flight Twin Cities on Monday, May 6th. Your prayers were answered, we had a beautiful day and the rain held off until we were back at the airport getting ready to depart DC. Thanks, also, to my Guardian, Nathan, for accompanying me on this special trip. It was a very emotional day for the 85 Veterans, their guardians, and other support staff on the trip. We had a planeload of 185. I encourage any Veteran to go to: www.honorflighttwincities.org or www.honorflighttwincities.org to apply. It brings closure as needed. Thanks again and God bless you all. - Mel Hendrickson

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

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: All publications as listed in *The Voice* and added new: Broadcaster, Hopeful Living, District e-news, LWML e-news.

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) on Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday at 2pm.

Finishing STRONG – S.A.G.E.S. Thank you for your attendance, help, and especially the prayers for the S.A.G.E.S. Gathering (Older adult ministry 50+). Singles, couples, make plans now for 2025, first Monday and Tuesday in May. Thanks for the use of instrument for the organist, and for the closing devotion by Pastor Matheny.

From the Stewardship Committee: Acts 1:11 – “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended, and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach our stewardship and how we care for the things of this world.

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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, “A Will to Live” – A man leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital, then has his will contested by relatives. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Michael Michalk from Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Mound, who will present a message titled “My Joy Fulfilled in My People” based on John 17:13. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

“Walk in Love” 2024 LWML MNS District Convention in Mankato at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, June 20-22. This is the last week to give your 8 choices for the new grants to the delegates. Registrations can still be made – forms can be found in the WOM magazine in the Narthex.

District Mission Gifts at Work – Camp Omega. We invite you to pray for this mission. To support this go to: www.mnsdistrict.org/donate.

Tonight is the 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.

The 2024 Awards and Recognition Celebration will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr. High School, Northrop, on Sunday, May 19th at 4pm. Students will receive awards, scholarship announcements will be made and Seniors will be recognized. www.martinlutherhs.com

Everyone is invited to a Farewell Open House for Principal Paul Steinhaus and his family on Sunday, May 26th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School in Northrop. Please join us in wishing them the best as they move back to Wisconsin.

Concordia Seminary Vocatio:High School: High schoolers are invited to visit campus! A week long summer retreat that encourages 9th - 12th grade students to explore the many aspects of the Seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation. Register by May 24th. Cost is \$100. Learn more at: <https://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit/vocatio-high-school>.

The Sixth Annual Apologetics and Worldview Conference, June 20th at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. “Defending the Gospel of God” The Apologetics of Jesus, Paul, and the Historical Reliability of the New Testament Records. The day begins at 10am with Dr. Adam Francisco, LCMS, presenting “Defending the Historical Reliability of the Gospels”.

Join Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, as they celebrate their graduates during 2024 Commencement exercises on Friday, May 17th. The Theological Diploma Service is at 10am, and the Commencement ceremony is at 7pm. Livestreaming begins one-half hour before the start time at www.csl.edu/live.

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:

And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:22-23

Weekly Discussion Question:

What does a body do?

Holy Communion: On the night before He tasted death by crucifixion, Jesus did not say, "This is myself", but "This is my body" and "This is the new testament in my blood". By His promise, His true body and true blood are really present in a manner which He bids us to eat/drink for the remission of sins. 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..... Introductory Handbells
Elder of the Day[8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Mike Anderson
Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Kurt Anderson
A/V Tech Dale Bergemann