

Program for the Week of May 26 – June 2, 2024

Sunday:

8:00 Worship
9:00 Coffee Time
9:20 Bible Class
10:30 Worship
4:30 Book Club
6:30 TSNT

Monday: *Office Closed*

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
4:30 Board of Trustees
7:00 Worship Service on KTV

Wednesday:

2:00 Worship Service on KTV

5:15 Enough For Now Class

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
9:00 Garden Group
10:00 Bulletin Deadline for June 2nd
AND June 9th

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Matins
8:30 Coffee/Fellowship
9:00 Divine Service
10:00 Bible Class
10:00 Summer Sunday School

Chancel flowers are provided by Vern & Mona Koehler in celebration of their 75th wedding anniversary.

About the Cover: God brings us salvation out of the overflowing abundance of grace poured out upon us: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is God in three persons – Three in One and One in Three. Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father pours out the Holy Spirit upon us to believe and receive all that our triune God has to give us (see Acts 2:33). In Holy Baptism, God's powerful Word of promise is spoken over us with the pouring of water as the triune name is placed upon us.

Book Club meets tonight, May 26th, from 4:30 – 6p.m. in the Fireplace room. We will conclude our discussion of *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. We will discuss pages 173-end. If you have any questions, or are interested, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

TSNT meets tonight, May 26th from 6:30 – 8pm. Join us for time in God's Word and games. All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited!

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!

The Garden Group is meeting each Thursday at 9:00am (weather permitting). If you would like to help keep the front planters and the courtyard looking nice, please join us. Bring your gloves, hoes, and shovels. Come when you can.

Early Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for the June 2nd AND June 9th bulletins are Thursday, May 30th at 10am. Please drop off submissions for both weeks at the church office or e-mail to contact@oslcmandato.org. Thank you.

Next Sunday, June 2nd, we begin our Summer Schedule: 8am – Matins; 8:30 – Coffee/Fellowship; 9:00 – Divine Service, with Bible Class and Summer Sunday School following the service.

Sunday Bible Study: A household consists of people of all ages. Starting in June, Sunday Bible study may look a little different as we are asking people of **all** ages and entire families to be "built together". Join us after the service as we read a different story each week and use this as a wonderful opportunity to discuss the Bible with the younger people of our congregation and your family. We understand that the littlest of children may make it hard for some to participate and so we are still offering a more traditional Sunday School class for the youngest kids. *"For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."* Ephesians 2:18-22

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle meets on Thursday, June 6th with refreshments at 9:30am. Bible Study at 9:45am. The lesson will be "Giving and Receiving", page 18 and 19 in the Spring Quarterly. Learn of God's model of Giving and Receiving

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.

The Courtyard is in bloom! Stop and smell all the fragrances. Enjoy the beautiful colors. We had 100% return on all our new plantings. Thanks again to all who donated, including Versteeg Landscaping.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in June, please contact Marlys Snelson, 507-340-4235.

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

For You: WOM Women on a Mission. The Minnesota South District (LWML) Women on a Mission Newsletter. The Summer 2024 issue is in the Narthex for you to take. FYI includes President's letter, Counselor encouragement, "Our Rescuer and Strength", details of Mite donations and more.

The mite goal for the LWML, Minnesota South District has been met! We have exceeded our mission goal of \$270,000 for the 2022-2024 biennium. Your generosity enables the LWML Minnesota South District to fully fund our 13 mission grants. Thanks be to God.

Orphan Grain Train Dedication & Convention 2024. Friday, Sept. 13 at New Servant Center, 606 W. Phillip Ave. and Saturday, Sept 14 at Midtown Event Center, 1102 Riverside Blvd., Norfolk, NE 68701 For more information go to: www.ogt.org. The quarterly meeting for the MN South Orphan Grain Train will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at Grace Lutheran Church in Rochester, (800 E. Silver Lake Dr. NE) at 3 pm.

Thank you for the 40+ boxes packed and delivered for the Convention Collection to Gifts of the Heart for Orphan Grain Train, O.G.T. We are continuing to collect used clothing, shoes, socks, towels, blankets, sheets and medical supplies until the end of May. Any size clothing and shoes. Thank you!

Some other things for You in the Narthex, are Joyful Living and Broadcaster.

From the Stewardship Committee: John 3:6 – "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." In Holy Baptism we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense: the total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God's math works differently (as we might expect from the Trinity!). A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

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 Ezra 6-10 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), study Proverbs 22-24 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and study the Lord's Supper in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (June 1 at 10am).

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Return Trip" is a modern-day story of a prodigal daughter. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Chaplain Craig G. Muehler, Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces in St. Louis, MO, who will present a Memorial weekend message. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Walk in Love. Ephesians 5:1-2: *Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.* There will be 4 convention offerings: 1) LWML MN South Endowment Fund 2) Immanuel Lutheran School, Lakefield 3) LWML Misson Grants 4) Crystal Women's Clinic. The Worship Service at 7:30 on Friday, June 21st is open to the public.

Mission Grant #10 – LCMS Office of Pastoral Education \$100,000. In the last 14 years, the LCMS has experienced a 59% decrease in the pre-seminary Concordia University enrollment. Therefore *Set Apart to Serve* seeks to encourage and form new pastors and church workers to teach the saving faith to God's people, passing on the Christian faith from one generation to the next until our Savior's return.

Friends and family are cordially invited to the Thirty-ninth Baccalaureate & Commencement Service for the Class of 2024 at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop, on Sunday, May 26th at 2pm in the Lutheran Activity Center.

The Play It Again Golf Benefit for the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Music Department will be held on Saturday, June 15th at Interlaken Golf Course in Fairmont with a 1pm shotgun start. Registration can be completed at 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.

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".

Camp Oz – Grief Camp for Kids: October 5 at Kiwanis Camp Patterson on Lake Washington. Free daylong grief camp for children in grades 1 – 12 who have experienced the death of someone in their life. Mayo Clinic Health System offers Camp Oz for free. Camp participants can make new friends who have also experienced loss. Go to: <https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/classes-and-events/camp-oz> for more information or call 507-594-2989 with questions. Register by September 27th.

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:

How can we look more to Christ's leading as we make decisions in life?

Holy Communion: On Trinity Sunday we are reminded of the mystery and the glory of God. His thoughts are above our thoughts as far as the heavens are above the earth (Isaiah 55:8,9). We cannot know His mind or be His counselor (Romans 11:34). Accordingly, we receive in faith His counsel that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the one true God. We also receive in faith His counsel that the very body and blood of Christ are present under the bread and wine for our forgiveness. 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] Tom Benson; [10:30] Lon Whitehead
Assistant Usher [8:00] Gary Rabenhorst
A/V Tech Zak Tess