

Program for the Week of July 21 – July 28, 2024

Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Matins
8:30 Coffee/Fellowship
9:00 Divine Service
10:00 Bible Class
10:00 Summer Sunday School
11:45 Special Voters' Meeting

Monday:

Wisdom's Workshop Registration Due
6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday:

Thursday:

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

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Matins
8:30 Coffee/Fellowship
9:00 Divine Service
10:00 Bible Class
10:00 Summer Sunday School
6:15 Pool Party

About the Cover: Five loaves and two fish were all that could be found. But with Jesus' blessing, a meager meal for a few people is a satisfying supper for five thousand men with twelve basketfuls to spare. Jesus was showing Himself to be the Shepherd who feeds His people. Jesus does not give us the Lord's Supper to satisfy our stomachs, but feed us with the abundance of His body and blood, given and shed for us.

A Special Voters' Meeting will take place this morning, Sunday, July 21st at 11:45am (following the morning Bible study) for the purpose of issuing a Call for a second Pastor.

Today is Mite Sunday. The July focus grants are #13 – Water and the Word, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, \$80,000, and #16 – Care for Street Children of Western Keyna, Capstone Ministries, \$50,000. To learn more, visit: www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-13 and www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-16.

Wisdom's Workshop: Woodworking Edition. Kids 3 years of age to beginning 6th grade are invited to VBS Monday through Wednesday, July 29th – July 31st, 6:00 – 8:00pm. Please register by July 22nd at: www.oslcmankato.org/vbs. We will learn basic woodworking skills as we grow in the wisdom and understanding found in God's Word. There is no cost to participate. Supper is served each night starting at 5:15pm. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

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.

Potluck Dinner & Bible Study: Join us Thursday, July 25th at 5:30pm to enjoy a potluck meal together. At 6:30pm we'll read God's Word together. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Matheny.

Once again, we will be hosting a church night at Spring Lake Pool (weather permitting). Our Savior's has reserved the pool on Sunday, July 28th from 6:15-8:15 PM with concessions available for the first hour. Invite your friends and family for an evening of fun!

Our Savior's 7th-12th Grade Youth are invited to the Rottermond house (128 Cougar Dr, Mankato) Sunday, August 4th from 6:30-8:00pm for dinner and yard games- for sure a cornhole tournament (with prizes!!). We'll also have an opportunity to review some Bible study material options to use in class this fall. Please RSVP via text or email so I know how much food to make. Look forward to seeing you there! 507-317-8338 mjrottermond@hotmail.com

Our Savior's is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Friday, August 23 from noon to 5pm. You may schedule your donation appointment now on the Blood Donor App or on-line at www.redcrossblood.org, or call the church office, 507-385-2180. Save a life! Donate blood.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in July, please contact Marcella Eilders, 507-317-4127.

Shut in card volunteers: Looking for volunteers to send out cards in August, and December of 2024 and January .2025 Sign up sheet is on the LWML bulletin board in the courtyard hallway. Thank you Dolly Blomquist blomdart@hickorytech.net, 388-4594 (please leave a message).

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

Please note . . . KTV Public Access is no longer in operation. Our Savior's worship service will not be broadcast on Tuesday and Wednesday on the local channel. You can still watch on our services on YouTube, livestreamed, or view later at your convenience. Access from our website www.oslcmankato.org or from YouTube (www.youtube.com), search for our channel, oslcmankato.

For You now: Summer Quarterly is in the Narthex. The summer theme is "Growing in Christ's Love", Ephesians 4:15-19. The June/July **Lutheran Witness** has the Minnesota South news insert. **The Lutheran Layman** and **Sagacity** are available in the Narthex. The Sagacity is also available on-line at: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages>.

A Divided Nation – A letter from Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford is posted on the Bulletin Board, and can be found on the district website, www.mnsdistrict.org, and in the Lutheran Witness insert.

Visit the District Website: www.mnsdistrict.org for all the district information.

From the Stewardship Committee: Ephesians 2:13 – “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” What all of mankind’s efforts, works and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did: We have peace with God, and we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others in our vocations in home, church and society.

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 hear stories from around the Synod (including our history series on the Puritan Movement) on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9am), study Luke 12-16 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and study Zechariah 9-13 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am).

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “The Cup” features the dilemma a trucker faces when a good friend dies trying to protect him. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, who will present a message titled “Sheep Without a Shepherd” based on Mark 6:30-44. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Looking Forward To Sunday Morning... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to weekly studies of the Biblical texts, prayers and hymns of the day. Pastor Sean Daenzer of LCMS Worship leads us through the three-year lectionary. Pastor Will Weedon of “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever” leads us through the one-year lectionary. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or a podcast provider.

S.A.G.E.S. District Board Meeting will be at Peace Lutheran in Arlington, 514 Freedom Drive on August 6th at 10 am – noon with lunch served. The new officers will be installed. Please consider being a representative either from your church or on SAGES Board. Volunteers are important.

God's Mission Here Newsletter for LCMS National Mission has highlights in the June/July issue that may be of use to you... because God's Mission is right where you are.

Arlington Zone LWML Board meets August 28, 2024.

The LCMS Pray for US July calendar is in the Narthex. Prayers for (your) each of us in the LCMS congregation (family).

Pastors' Wives Retreat: "Visual Prayer 101 – Telling the Story of God's Faithfulness." October 4-5, 2024. Retreat location: HomeTown Inn and Suites, 331 Enterprise Drive, Belle Plaine. For more information contact Darlene Fretham, 612-715-4029, or email darlenefretham@gmail.com.

Growing in God's Grace 2 Peter 3:18. 41st Biennial Convention, Omaha, Nebraska, June 26-29, 2025. Yes, 2025. Prepare now (save by making yourself a little mite box for Omaha 2025) Do you or a friend desire to be a nominee for ballots?

District Mission Gifts at Work. Anyuak Lutheran Mission. The Anyuak Lutheran mission is committed to welcoming and assisting new immigrants, especially those from Ethiopia and South Sudan, assimilate to life in America. To support this and other district missions, please go to: www.mnsdistrict.org/donate

The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents its annual Summer Noontime Organ Recitals at 12:10pm on Tuesdays. The series continues July 23rd at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South 2nd Street, with a performance by Kaleb Schmidt. The recitals are free and open to the public. A free will donation will be collected. For more information, visit www.agosioxtrails.org.

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.

Lutheran Night at the Twins. Monday, August 12 with Kansas City Royals. For more information contact Ryan Thomson 612-659-3582

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:

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; Profuse are the kisses of an enemy.
Proverbs 27:6

Weekly Discussion Question:

How do you discern someone's intention?

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper is God's intrusion into our lives! As Lutherans, we humbly acknowledge the mystery of the real presence of Jesus' body and Jesus' blood for our forgiveness. Here Jesus comes to us in a way He has not promised to do elsewhere! As we celebrate this Sacrament, we also humbly acknowledge the Bible's concern for doctrinal oneness by those who receive it 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 [8:00] Joel Maunula; [9:00] Susan Klute
Special Music..... Clarinets: Edith Williams, Susan Klute,
..... Mary Bittner, Catherine Bittner
Elder of the DayMike Blomquist
Assistant Usher..... Kevin Hermanson
A/V Tech Matt Brand