

## Program for the Week of August 11 – August 18, 2024

### Sunday:

8:00 Matins  
8:30 Coffee/Fellowship  
9:00 Divine Service  
10:00 Reception for the Brand's  
4:30 Book Club

9:00 Private Confession  
9:00 Garden Group  
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

### Friday:

1:30 Mary Circle  
4:00 The Voice Deadline

### Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

### Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting  
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study  
6:30 Planning Council

### Saturday:

**Next Sunday:** *Mite Sunday*

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

### Wednesday:

### Thursday:

**Chancel flowers** are provided by Brian and Kathy Johnson with thanksgiving for the blessing of the marriage of Bridgett and Matt Strobel.

**Book Club** meets today, Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in the Fireplace Room. We begin our new book, "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom. This book is the true story of Corrie, a courageous Christian woman who became a militant heroine of the anti-Nazi underground. Tonight, we will discuss chapters 1 – 4. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

**Attention youth, TSNT** is taking a hiatus. Instead, specific monthly fellowship events will be planned. Information will be coming out soon.

**Mary Circle Bible Study** will meet Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Fireplace Room. Hostess: Wanda Schwanke, phone 507-340-6441. Our study will be from the Summer *Quarterly*, "Steadfast in Faith" on pages 18-19. Guests and visitors are welcome.

**The deadline for the August 2024 issue of *The Voice*** is Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Please drop off any submissions at the church office, or e-mail to [contact@oslcmandato.org](mailto:contact@oslcmandato.org).

**Party at the Matheny House!** On Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> gather at the Matheny house (27 Westminster Road in Mankato) for a fellowship meal together. Doors open at 5:30 for fellowship and set up. Prayer at 6:00 before we eat. The Matheny's will provide the meat, bring a side dish to share. We will have some chairs, but feel free to bring your own if you have a favorite. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor or Laura. Hope to see you there!

**Mission Service** will **NOT** meet in August. We will meet again in September. Thank you for all the donations we have received. Hope to see you in September.

**Handbells:** Calling anyone interested in ringing handbells! Our Handbell Group could use a few more members starting this fall and we'd love for you to join us. Basic music reading ability is helpful, but no prior handbell experience is needed - you'll learn all the techniques as you go. For more information, reach out to Joe angi: [jaganqi@gmail.com](mailto:jaganqi@gmail.com)

**Are you contributing to Our Savior Lutheran Church through your Thrivent Choice Dollars?** Please join us in the fellowship hall October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for a meeting to discuss and decide how your contributions will be used at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

**Next Sunday**, August 18<sup>th</sup> is **MITE** Sunday. August Focus on Mite Grants #14 and #17. **Grant #14 Enhancement of Deaf Ministry and Outreach, \$47,000.** Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society (ELMS) Shares the Gospel with the deaf and hard of hearing. It is estimated that 95% of people using American Sign Language (ASL) are unchurched. LWML Mission Grant No. 14 supports the expansion of the Church Interpreter Training Academy that is administered by ELMS. They will increase the number of training sites with the goal of training 100 new interpreters. This grant also supports the ASL translation of three LSB Divine Services and Matins. To learn more, visit: [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-14](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-14) **Grant #17 Nurturing Faith for the Aging with Biblical Resources, \$100,000.** Lutheran Ministries Media – Worship Anew nurtures and strengthens the faith of aging adults by creating biblical resources that address the concerns and difficulties experienced in this stage of life. The grant for \$100,000 will enable Worship Anew to develop and expand the distribution of resources to people throughout the United States. Thank you for your support of this Gospel-filled, encouraging work. To learn more, visit: [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-17](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-17)

**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](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or call the church office, 507-385-2180. Save a life! Donate blood.

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

**Attention members of Our Savior Lutheran Church;** It's that time again to start thinking about potential special projects that are not included in the Church's budget. Please submit any projects, and/or ideas to the office before Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> to be considered by the Thrivent members at the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Feel free to contact Brian Johnson at 779-4264 with any questions.

**Watch our services on YouTube**, livestreamed, or view later at your convenience. Access from our website [www.oslcmankato.org](http://www.oslcmankato.org) or from YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)), search for our channel, oslcmankato.

**The August Pray for Us Calendars** are here for the use of all members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. They are in the Narthex and in the Mission Center.

**Anyone interested in placing flowers** for our worship services in August, please contact Theresa McLaughlin, 507-779-9294, or Cindy Hobbs, 507-995-9894.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries** is releasing a brand new resource for veterans entitled “*Called to Serve – Utilizing our Gifts as Veterans*”. This is a 5 session small group Bible Study, to help veterans discover and share their God-given gifts with their families, churches, workplace, and communities. Go to [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) for more information.

**Arlington Zone LWML – CHANGE** - The Board will meet on August 28, 2024 at Immanuel, Gaylord, MN at 7 pm.

**Visit the District Website:** [www.mnsdistrict.org](http://www.mnsdistrict.org) for all the district information.

**The July, August, September Sagacity Newsletter** of S.A.G.E.S. is now online and copies are in the Narthex.

**August District News** is on the website (<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/publications>) or in the Lutheran Witness insert. It includes President Woodfords Talking Points, “*Caught between two eras*”, Minnesota Convention News, Pastors’ Wives Retreat, The Outstanding Educators, Standing Up for Life, School TAG Grants and the LLL Convention Report.

**From the Stewardship Committee: Ephesians 4:28** – “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.” God gives us honest work to do so that we can be a blessing to others. That’s how so many of God’s blessings go: He gives to us so that we in turn can be a blessing to others. He graciously calls us into the midst of His own work in the world.

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Tina” features two lonely people, a woman and a child, who come together through Jesus. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Shawn Ethridge from St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Fulda, who will present a message titled “A Journey Too Great” based on 1 Kings 19:1-8. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

**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](http://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 Ephesians 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), finish studying 1 Thessalonians and begin 2 Thessalonians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and Order in the Church in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (August 17 at 11am).

**Lutheran Identity Series**... How has God the Holy Spirit sustained the Lutheran confession during persecution, wars, false teachings and cultural accommodation? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently interviewed Dr. Gene Edward Veith, author of the new book "Embracing Your Lutheran Identity." You can listen to this multi-part series at [issuesetc.org/lutheranidentity](http://issuesetc.org/lutheranidentity).

**Camp Omega Golf Benefit** on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Check in 10 am at the Brooktree Golf Course, 1369 Cherry St., Owatonna, MN. Register and payment to Camp Omega (22750 Lind Ave., Waterville, MN 56096) by August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**New Pro-Life Convocation** – Speaking Up for Life in Minnesota. Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 am– 3:00 pm. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2500 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Owatonna. Sponsored by LCMS Minnesota South District Faribault Circuit and LCMS Life Ministry. Register online by September 11 at:

<https://goodshepherdowatonna.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2397242>

**Money Talks (Stewardship Workshop)**. Tuesday, August 20, 2024 from 2-5 pm. Registration \$25 for on Campus or online, Concordia University, St. Paul. Contact Jane Wilke at 651-641-8393, [jwilke@csp.edu](mailto:jwilke@csp.edu)

**Orphan Grain Train Dedication & Convention**, Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at New Servant Center, 606 W. Phillip Ave, and Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at Midtown Event Center, 1102 Riverside Blvd, Norfolk, NE. Includes meetings. What about an overnight trip to Norfolk? Coordinator needed. Call Trudy at 507-327-7082. For more information to to: [www.oqt.org](http://www.oqt.org).

**The Sioux Trails Chapter** of the American Guild of Organists presents its annual Summer Noontime Organ Recitals at 12:10pm on Tuesdays. The series concludes August 13<sup>th</sup> at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, with a performance by Christine Schulz. The recitals are free and open to the public. A free will donation will be collected. For more information, visit [www.agosiouxtrails.org](http://www.agosiouxtrails.org).

**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:**

Whoever despises the word brings destruction on himself,  
but he who reveres the commandment will be rewarded.  
Proverbs 13:13

**Holy Communion:** Close communion is the historic practice of the church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denomination are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity is central to the common reception of this sacrament. 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.

**About the Cover:** Elijah feared for his life and was on the run. However, the Lord miraculously sustained him for forty days and forty nights. It was not mere cake and water but the Lord's promises attached to that food. Jesus, the Bread of Life, gives us the bread which sustains unto eternal life by believing in Him. In the Lord's Supper, we are sustained for our daily lives of faith, not by mere food, but by the power of Jesus' words that deliver His very body and blood in, with, and under this bread and wine.

**Serving today:**

Liturgist & Preacher ..... Rev. Adam M. Matheny  
Organist ..... [8:00] Joel Maunula; [9:00] Susan Klute  
Elder of the Day ..... Randy Burmeister  
Assistant Usher..... Kevin Hermanson  
A/V Tech ..... Dale Bergemann