

Program for the Week of September 1 – September 8, 2024

Sunday:

8:00 Matins
8:30 Coffee/Fellowship
9:00 Divine Service
1000 Bible Class

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday:

8:30 Circuit Pastors
5:15 Board of Education
5:30 Board of Trustees
6:00 Board of Elders
6:30 Board of Deacons

Wednesday:

6:30 Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
9:00 Garden Group
9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle
10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday: Office Closed

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee/Fellowship
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
4:30 Book Club

Holy Baptism: Ezra Lawrence Bless, born August 7, 2024, will be baptized today during the 9am service. His parents are Michael & Karee Bless. His sponsors are Caleb & Audrey Schilling.

Please note – the church office will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday *and* on Friday for a vacation day.

Early Bird Bible Study will not meet on September 2nd as it is Labor Day. We will continue our study in Genesis, chapter 15 on September 9th. Join us at 6:30am in the Fireplace room. Use the east parking lot entrance.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle meets Thursday, September 5th at 9:30am for fellowship, drink and treat. The Bible study begins at 9:45am. The study is “Growing in Christ” on pages 20 & 22 of the *Summer Quarterly*. Take time to read the other stories all about Stephen Ministry, shopping (and more). Hymns are LSB 691 “Fruitful Trees” and 643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessings”. **See you on September 5th at 9:30 to begin the new school year with you the new class participants.**

Quilting: We begin our 2024-2025 year on Monday, September 9th. Join us in the Quilting Room (#124/126, in the Library hallway). We sew tops, middles, and backs together and then they are tied. Everyone is welcome to join us, no sewing experience necessary. The quilters are always accepting cotton materials and sheets in the Mission Center. If you have any questions, please contact Julie at 507-388-7533.

Sunday School and Sunday Morning Youth Study start next Sunday, September 8, at 9:25 AM. We'll start by meeting in the sanctuary.

Stephen Ministers: Beginning September 19th at 6:30pm, all are invited to attend as we study "The Gift of Empathy". We will meet in the Library.

National Youth Gathering, Endure, is July 19 – July 23, 2025 in New Orleans. Planning is beginning. We will have an informational meeting on September 15th at 11:30am (following the 2nd service) in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who is interested. Youth who will be 14 by the gathering date through age 20 are eligible to attend. Lunch is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Prince at 507-521-0690 or e-mail j_r_prince_3@hotmail.com.

Youth Event! 7th – 12th graders – join us at the WowZone for an evening of fun on Sunday, September 15th from 6 – 8pm! We'll bowl, play a game of laser tag, and eat pizza. Meet at the WowZone. Please bring \$10-\$15 to chip in if you are able. Contact Michelle Rottermond or Zak Tess with any questions.

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

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 4th to be considered by the Thrivent members at the October 7th meeting. Feel free to contact Brian Johnson at 779-4264 with any questions.

To all who donated blood for our American Red Cross Blood Drive in August. Your life saving gift is critically needed. Thank you for your selfless donation.

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

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

The VOICE, your copy of Our Savior Newsletter was mailed to you last week. This is helpful to coordinate your schedules.

Pastor Koopman Installation Service! You are invited to the Installation Service of Rev. John H. Koopman as our Associate Pastor on Sunday, September 15th at 4pm in the sanctuary. Join us as we welcome Pastor Koopman and his family to our church and our community. Reception following.

Watch 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.

September Pray for Us Calendars are in the narthex and Mission Center. You may download a copy for your use at home devotion. www.lcms.org/prayforus or request a copy at 888-843-5267

From the Stewardship Committee: Deuteronomy 4:6 – “Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’” There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us, so all His Word is meant to bless us. We may have to suffer for upholding the Word of God, as St. John the Baptist did. But the cross the Lord has for us to bear will be far better than any we would create for ourselves.

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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, “Like Father Like Son” features a father, whose example leads to his son making questionable choices at school. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jason Krause from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Richfield, who will present a message titled “Listen!” based on Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

A copy of Sagacity Newsletter of S.A.G.E.S. for July, August & September is in Narthex, or online at www.mnsdistrict.org. This is fun reading for all ages. ** Needed – a volunteer or 2 from Our Savior to serve as representatives. **Also needed from Arlington Circuit representatives for the Board.**

Providing Artillery Support For The Church Militant On The Front Lines... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Ethics of IVF, A Christian Approach to Death & Burial, The Movie "Alien: Romulus," "A Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod" and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, New Ulm, is seeking an experienced individual(s) to direct the adult choir and bell choir. These positions are part time. Pay is negotiable. Please call: 507-202-2873 (Holly)

MNS District Information website: www.mnsdistrict.org

Orphan Grain Train Dedication & Convention, Friday, September 13th at New Servant Center, 606 W. Phillip Ave., and Saturday, September 14th at Midtown Event Center, 1102 Riverside Blvd., Norfolk, NE. Includes meetings. For more information go to: www.ogt.org

Immanuel Lutheran Church is having an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, September 11th, from 4:30 – 7pm. Menu includes: Barbeques & hot dogs, egg salad sandwiches, ham sandwiches, baked beans, potato chips, pie, cake, ice cream, and beverages. (Gluten free products available). Immanuel is located 3 miles east of Courtland on County Road 25. Come and join us! This is a free-will offering event. Everyone is welcome!

Youth Apologetics Day – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Morristown, September 7th, 2024 9am-2pm – free lunch. What is apologetics? How can it be done faithfully and in love? Who is the task for? Youth ages 12-18 are welcome to join Dr. David Thompson, head of the Center for Apologetics and Worldviews, and Rev. Weslie Odom, Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Morristown, for a day of learning and discussion. RSVP for lunch count at pastorweslieodom@gmail.com

Pastors' Wives Retreat October 4-5, 2024. Hometown Inn and suites, 331 E. Enterprise Dr., Belle Plaine. Encourage all MNS clergy wives and fiancées (active or retired) to attend! Registration questions: Darlene Fretham: darlenefretham@gmail.com; 612-715-4029

Arlington Zone Fall Rally, Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 9am to noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 512 5th Street, Gaylord, MN. Flyers and information will be with next Sunday's bulletin.

Pro-Life Convocation – Speaking Up for Life in Minnesota, Saturday, September 21 from 9am to 3pm. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2500 7th Ave. NE, Owatonna. Catered lunch for \$10. RSVP and reservations needed by Sept. 11. Register at: <https://goodshepherdowatonna.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2397242>

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:

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God. – Romans 15:7

Holy Communion: The Eucharist is one of the names for the Lord's Supper, and it means "Thanksgiving". There is every reason to lift our hearts in thanksgiving as the exalted Lord comes to us with His body and blood for our forgiveness! Jesus also gives us reason to live by every word that God speaks. 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: The Law was written by the finger of God (Exodus 31:18). Forty years later, as the people of ancient Israel were about to enter the Promised Land, Moses pointed again to that Law, reminding them to listen to and do the Lord's rules and statutes that they may live. However, the ancient Israel, like the whole world, failed to keep God's Law, for sin has produced death under the Law (Romans 7:13). However, God has also given us the Gospel—pointing finger of John the Baptist that directs us to Jesus, who kept the Law perfectly, died in our place, and forgives us as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

Serving today:

Liturgist & Preacher Rev. Adam Matheny
Organist [8:00] Joel Maunula; [9:00] Susan Klute
Elder of the Day Mike Anderson
Assistant Usher Kevin Hermanson
A/V Tech Gene Mensing