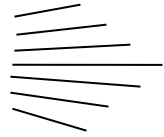




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VOICE



The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001 **SEPTEMBER 2024**

September 8, 2024 is Education Sunday!

Little Lambs

(3 yr – K) and kids from 1st – 6th grade
will meet in the sanctuary each Sunday at 9:25am

Youth Bible Study

(7th – 12th grade)
will begin at 9:25am in the youth room, upstairs
(the first Sunday meet in the sanctuary)

A special music education event will happen on September 8th at the beginning of class. Everyone will meet in the sanctuary the first day. This is an opportunity for the kids and youth to see all the music options the church has for them to participate in.

We look forward to seeing everyone for a new year exploring God's Word and educating the youth on the Biblical truths our church was founded upon.

Also, on September 8th, our summer worship schedule ends and we resume our normal schedule, Divine Service at 8am and 10:30am.

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Office hours are Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Unless there is an activity or event taking place, please use the Broad Street entrance by the mailbox.

In case of emergency or urgent need, our pastor is available at all hours and all days by calling his cell phone. Please use the office phone for other business. Please also remember that Sunday morning and other worship times are not for bringing church business to other members or staff but for focusing upon the Word and gifts of God. "The seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work." - Exodus 20:10

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

-Romans 15:7

You have been welcomed by God. That is where September’s memory verse begins. You have been welcomed by God into His household. He sent His Son for you. He suffered and died for you. He sent His Spirit to you in your baptism. He continues to absolve your sins. In all of those things He has brought you into His home, fed you and nourished you, and given you a warm place to stay. God has welcomed you

Since God has welcomed you into His home, now he expects you to welcome others, and most especially your brothers and sisters that the Lord has also welcomed. As summer comes to a close we have many people to welcome at Our Savior: new confirmation and Sunday School students, new Bible Study participants, new college students joining us for the first time, new members, our brothers and sisters who have to some degree “taken the summer off”, and maybe most especially the Koopman family. Since God has welcomed you, go out of your way to welcome these brothers and sisters in our midst. Say “good morning”, sit by them and have some coffee and a doughnut before Bible class, volunteer as a mentor or second adult in their classroom, introduce yourself. All of these things go a long way to welcome people into God’s household.

Your welcoming follows on God’s welcoming and it all serves one purpose according to the Apostle Paul: to glorify God. This all works because as you are welcomed and as you therefore welcome others we are all built up in unity. As we welcome one another into our lives and our homes we are united in the new life that God gives. We love and serve our neighbors because God has loved and served us and the result is a multiplication of love and service that explodes to God’s glory.

Meet the Koopmans!

Pastor John Koopman, the oldest of five children, was born and raised in Milbank, South Dakota, working on his parents' fruit and vegetable farm. While a child his parents homeschooled him and his siblings. Pastor went to college at Concordia University Nebraska in order to enroll in their pre-seminary program, graduating in 2012. After college, pastor attended seminary at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. While in Nebraska, pastor met his wife Brittany at Concordia.

Brittany grew up the youngest child of three children in Brownstown, Indiana. Both of her parents were Lutheran school teachers, and her father was the church organist. Vowing to never marry a pastor, Brittany attended North Central College in Naperville, IL for two years before transferring to Concordia, Nebraska. While in college Brittany was a vocal music major, singing soprano. Shortly after graduating college John proposed to Brittany, and that November, while John was attending seminary, the two were married.

Their oldest son, David, was born June 5, 2016, shortly after seminary graduation while still living in Ft. Wayne. On July 31st, 2016 pastor was ordained and installed at the dual parish of St. Paul, Emmetsburg, and Peace, West Bend in northwest Iowa, where he served for 8 years before receiving the call to Our Savior's in Mankato.

Pastor and Brittany have six children, David (8), Gideon (6), Lydia (4), Phineas (3), Elizabeth (1), and the youngest is yet to be born (as of this writing)! The children all like to do what children do best: play! When asked what they want to be when they grow up, David says he wants to be a pastor, Gideon a mailman, Lydia a princess, Phineas also a mailman, and Elizabeth is undecided. To help them prepare to be pastors, mailmen, and princesses, the children are being homeschooled.

While pastor didn't really care to work on the farm when he was a child, he now enjoys raising a garden as an adult. He's looking forward to planting apples, grapes, rhubarb, peaches, and every manner of vegetable at the new house in Mankato. Aside from the garden, what with a large, young family, the Koopmans enjoy spending time together and going on outdoor adventures, taking walks in the park, and otherwise doing activities together as a family.

The end of the summer looks like it will be rather action packed for the Koopmans, with the birth of the 6th baby, finishing up ministry in Iowa, packing up the house and moving to Mankato, beginning ministry at Our Savior's, meeting many new people and starting new habits and routines. In the midst of all of that hubbub and bustle, and chaos and mess, the Koopmans are overjoyed to join their family to yours.

Your brother in Christ (and soon to be your pastor),
Pastor Koopman

Accessions & Losses

Accessions:

Gary & Priscilla Fladland, St. John Lutheran Church, North Branch, MN; LCMS; July 26, 2024

Losses:

John & Irene Erdman, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, North Mankato; LCMS; July 26, 2024

Aaron Erdman, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, North Mankato; LCMS; July 26, 2024

Trisha Nelson, Theodore [age 4], Tessa [age 3]; Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mankato; LCMS; July 31, 2024

Joan Martens; Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mankato; LCMS; July 31, 2024

Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending July 31, 2024

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$54,362.97	\$324,410.55
Operating Expenses	-\$50,056.57	-\$346,323.19
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	-\$1,115.19	-\$13,317.57
Net for Period[†]	\$3,191.21	-\$35,230.21

[†]Positive net value indicates we received more than our expenses, a negative number indicates that we have spent more than we have received for that period (deficit).

Cash Summary

	Amount	Notes
Checking Account	\$6,430.90	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$205,537.35	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$13,768.83	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	
Total Cash Assets	\$245,844.20	
Dedicated Accounts	-\$168,514.66	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	-\$5,571.17	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$71,758.37	\$68,567.16 last month

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$207,697.68
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	5.625% (Aug. 2024-Jul 2025)
Pay-off Date (Pay-off Amount)	4/2037 (\$30,556.92)

Additional Comments:

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Haeder, Treasurer

Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Treasurer's Report June 30, 2024

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Non-Scholar Fund</u>	<u>Scholar Fund</u>
Beginning Principal	\$10,893.79	\$100.00	\$10,793.79
1995 to 2023 Gifts Received	\$611,614.57	\$437,375.42	\$174,239.15
1995 to 2023 Int + Dividend Inc.	\$370,614.84	\$254,974.11	\$115,640.73
1995-2023 Change in Mrkt Value	\$11,218.92	(\$4,586.96)	\$15,805.88
1995 to 2003 Disbursements	(\$472,378.91)	(\$324,184.84)	(\$148,194.07)
Fund Balances: 28 Year Totals	\$531,963.21	\$363,677.73	\$168,285.48
2024 OSLC Member Gifts	\$1,704.53	\$1,534.08	\$170.45
2024 Int. + Dividend Inc.	\$7,937.12	\$7,143.41	\$793.71
2024 Change in Mrkt Value	\$13,880.76	\$12,492.68	\$1,388.08
2024 Long Term Cap.Gain	\$5,956.24	\$5,360.62	\$595.62
2024 Disbursements	(\$1,447.58)	(\$1,447.58)	\$0.00
Total Fund Balances: 2024	\$559,994.28	\$388,760.94	\$171,233.34
Wells Fargo checking	\$17,418.54		
LCMS Foundation	\$542,575.74		
Total balances: 2024	<u>\$559,994.28</u>		

2024 Disbursements:

Concordia Adopt a Student	\$	-	
Concordia Classical Academy	\$	-	
Together in Mission	\$	-	
Concordia Univ. Chicago	\$	-	
Concordia Univ. St. Paul	\$	-	
LCMS Colloquy Program	\$	-	
Fees – LCMS	\$	1,447.58	
Total 2024 Disbursements		<u>\$1,447.58</u>	

Tuesday Bible Study

Bible Study on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month will continue as scheduled. Please join us at 1pm on September 9th in the Fireplace room as we begin a new study. This is a great opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship.

Bible Study Circles

- (Your Name) is welcomed –
Come ~ Enjoy ~ Bring a friend
Jesus loves (Your Name)

The summer theme is “Growing in Christ’s Love”

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study Circle meets on September 5th, Thursday at 9:30. Fellowship, drink and treat. The Bible study begins at 9:45 to 11. The September Bible 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). Get ideas for activities you may enjoy. Hymns are LSB 691 “Fruitful Trees” and LSB 643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessings”.

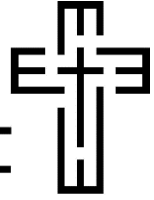
Mary Circle Bible Study will meet Friday, September 20th at 1:30pm in the Fireplace room. Our study will be “Growing in Christ” on page 20 of the Summer Quarterly. Hostess: Julie Schlichting, phone 507-388-7533. Guests and visitors are welcome.

September to Remember – www.lwml.org/givingday

Make an impact on others and remember someone who has influenced your life by donating to The Mission Goal (from the last page of the quarterly). Giving Day – September 10.

ENDURE

HEBREWS 12:1-3



2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans

We invite you to an informational meeting for those who are interested in the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering. This opportunity is for all youth who will be 14 by the date of the gathering (or entering 9th grade) and are not yet 21 by that date. The LCMS Youth Gathering is July 19, 2025 – July 23, 2025 in New Orleans. This is an exciting opportunity for youth and adults that are in fellowship with The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. They discover they are not alone. It also creates a strong bond as they spend time praising and serving with one another.

The meeting will be on September 15, 2024 at 11:30 (after the second service) in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Rhonda Prince at 507-521-0690 or by email: j_r_prince_3@hotmail.com. The website is also a great resource (lcmsgathering.com) especially the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

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, if you are able, to pitch in. Contact Michelle Rottermond or Zak Tess with any questions.



Articles for the October 2024 VOICE are due by Friday, September 20th at 4pm. You may drop-off submissions in the office, or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org.



Beginning Thursday, September 19th at 6:30pm, all are invited to attend as we study “The Gift of Empathy”. We meet in the Library the third Thursday of each month.



Our Savior Endowment Fund Provides Scholarships

The Endowment Board approved \$10,600 in scholarship funds for seven student members of Our Savior's who are attending Concordia Classical Academy (CCA) in North Mankato. The board also approved \$7,500 in scholarship funds for three post-secondary members attending LCMS institutions in preparation for

careers in full time church work.

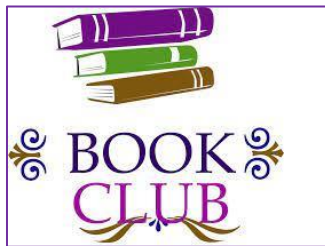
Please consider making an offering/donation to the Endowment Fund, as you are able, to support our students, missionaries, etc. in the years to come.

Young Adult Bible Study Update

First of all – HUGE thank you to everyone that has come and supported the Young Adult Bible Study for the past two year. We have truly loved connecting with all of you.

Due to some new life adventures for core members and general attendance, we have decided it is best to pause the group at this time.

If anyone is interested in self-study materials in the meantime, or would like to keep the group's momentum, feel free to contact Karee Bless at 507-381-3826. Stay tuned for future updates on the group's return.



The Our Savior's book club meets from 4:30-6 in the fireplace room on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We read good books and then discuss them together from our shared Lutheran perspective.

This month we will continue Corrie Ten Boom's *The Hiding Place*. On September 8th we'll discuss chapters 9-12, and on September 22nd, we'll conclude with chapters 13-15.

If you have questions or interest in any of this please speak with Pastor Matheny.



Music Notes



“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High” Psalm 92:1

Wednesday Night Rehearsal Schedule

Intro Choir- 4:45-5:15

Handbells 5:45-6:15

Intro Bells- 5:15-5:45

Choir- 7:00-7:30

Brass- 5:25-5:45

Rehearsals begin again on September 11. We need your help to make our groups great! Please consider joining a group.

Any questions or suggestions, please reach out to Suzie Gangi, suzie@oslcmankato.org 507-341-4173

Intro Choir: A mixed-aged choir for anyone 3rd grade to adults, families are welcome! You will learn the basics of music and singing in parts. Led by Sue Klute and Lisa Gahler.

Intro Bells: For anyone 3rd grade to adults who would like to learn the basics of music and ringing. Anyone younger than 3rd grade with prior music experience is also welcome. Led by Edith Williams.

Brass: Anyone who plays a brass instrument. The group plays several times throughout the year for worship and special services. Led by Lisa Gahler.

Handbells: is geared for those who are comfortable reading music and have a basic knowledge of handbells. For us to have a group this year, we need a few more members. Please consider joining us! Led by Joe Gangi

Vocal Choir: Is for those who are comfortable singing in a group and in parts. They meet in the sanctuary by the grand piano. Led by Judd Schultz.



One prayer shawl given out this month. Anyone wishing to knit or crochet a prayer shawl, call Marcella at 507-317-4127.

Also, anyone needing a prayer shawl for comfort, please call.

Potluck Dinner & Bible Study

There will be no pot-luck Bible study in September due to the men's BWCA trip. Please plan to join us for our regular meeting in October!



QUILTING

Quilting will begin September 9, 2024 in the Quilting Room, located on the main floor in the Library hallway. We meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 9am.

Tops, middles, and backs are sewn together and then tied. Come join us, everyone is welcome! See you in September.

Contact Julie with any questions, 507-388-7533.

Ladies of Our Savior

Lutheran Women in Mission

September 2024 eNews is available on-line at www.mnslwml.org.

In the Narthex “**Quarterly News**” for each of you.

Information for National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska on June 26-29, 2025. “Growing in God’s Grace”, 2 Peter 3:18: “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity”.

Volunteers (your name here) needed to bring ideas and offer to plan activities. Serve the Lord with Gladness.

Arlington Zone Fall Rally is September 28th at Gaylord.

Life Date from Lutherans for Life are for you. Copies are available on the counter in the Narthex, and in the Mission Center. www.lifenews.com.

Ideas and Volunteers needed for the coming Ladies Event at Our Savior.

Thanks to God for every wonderful lady serving the Lord in gladness for your prayers, visiting, gifts, acts of kindness, forgiveness, cooking, baking, and the list goes on and on . . .



Mission Service

Mission Service includes one hour of hands on activity on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. This month we will meet on September 18 at 4pm to 5 pm in the church fellowship hall. Volunteers use this time to finish projects, getting items ready for delivery, make kits with the donated items, make rolled bandages, cut stamps, prepare Orphan Grain Train deliveries and more (no experience needed) A working fellowship time. Thank you for coming to help.

Ablelight – Developmental Disabilities (Bethesda)
www.ablelight.org

Orphan Grain Train – Donations welcome. There is a Dedication & Convention, Friday, September 13th at New Servant Center, 606 W. Phillip Avenue and Saturday, September 14th at Midtown Event Center, 1102 Riverside Blvd., Norfolk, NE 68701. Includes meetings. What about an overnight trip to Norfolk? Coordinator needed. Call Trudy at 507-327-7082. For more information go to: www.ogt.org

POBLO – People of the Book Lutheran Outreach Ministries. Remember them in prayer.

The District website is: www.mnsdistrict.org for all the district information.



Young at Heart / S.A.G.E.S.

Young at Heart is Our Savior older adult ministry and

Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving

(S.A.G.E.S.) is the District older adult ministry (50+)

LHM Lutheran Hour Ministries

LLL Lutheran Layman's League



S.A.G.E.S.



(S.A.G.E.S. = Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving)

Young at Heart: ALL Our Savior Seniors. Looking forward to a Fall Activity. “Cornhole Competition” sit or stand, Fellowship. Put other ideas you have in the Idea Box in the Narthex. “Fellowship time with Hymn Sing/Song sing”.

S.A.G.E.S. New officers installed on August 6, 2024 with Vice President Pat Urban, Secretary Ernie Freudenburg. Mark priority 2025 – May 5th Monday – 6th Tuesday Gathering XXXV. Dr. Reed Lessing as presenter “Overcoming Life’s Sorrows.”

Next S.A.G.E.S. Board Meeting by Zoom on October 1, 2024 from 10 am – 12 pm.

S.A.G.E.S. need volunteers as representative for at least 3 circuits and/or LCMS member volunteer from local church.

Rose Parade Petal Pushers – Building off the parade theme of *Best Day Ever!* The 2025 Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) float entry is titled “Behold! Jesus the Savior is Born” and marks the 74th time the ministry has been part of the parade. As the only Christian float in the Rose Parade, the LHM float carries on a mission of providing a Gospel witness to viewers everywhere, from along the parade route to televisions worldwide. The coloring pages for the coloring competition will be in the Mission Center.

LLL Lutheran Laymen's League – Four issues per year, filled with Christian activities. Activities are posted on the Bulletin Board for all ages when available.

Beautiful Feet Mission Conference, Concordia University, St. Paul, will host the 2024 Beautiful Feet Mission Conference Nov. 7-9.

LHM Mobile App. Access Lutheran Hour Ministries' Daily Devotions and sermons from The Lutheran Hour®, Season-themed devotions during Advent and Lent. Inspirational Scripture-based messages at your fingertips every day. Available everywhere you download app!

www.lhm.org • www.mnsdistrict.org/sages



Watch Our Savior's Sunday Worship

Our Savior's Sunday 8am and 10:30am (summer at 9am) worship is livestreamed. Go to: www.oslcmankato.org and click on the "Livestreaming & Videos" menu item. From there you can go directly to YouTube to watch the service, view the Order of Service, and keep up with church activities in the Bulletin Announcements.

Please Note: KTV Public Access is no longer in operation. Our services will no longer be broadcast on Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon. Please access YouTube to view our services livestreamed or at your convenience.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

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

Attention Members of OSLC: It's that time again to start thinking about potential special projects that are not included in the church budget. Please submit any projects and/or ideas to the church office before Friday, October 4th to be considered by the Thrivent members at the October 7th meeting.

Feel free to contact Brian Johnson at 507-779-4264 with any questions.

Mites



Lutheran Women in Mission

LWML Mites for Missions

Children and adults, new Mite box for you in the Narthex. Bring Mites from home and put in big box at church on

Mite Sunday, September 15, 2024.

September focus: Grant #18 – Zoe's Home – A Maternity and Parenting Home - \$75,000. This grant will ensure housing, food, clothing, transportation, life skills education, and staffing for Zoe's Home, a ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton, Missouri. Zoe's Home will enable women at risk of seeking an abortion or losing their parenting custody a place to overcome their current life situations. To learn more, visit www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-18.

There are 13 District Mission Grants for 2024-2026 and 31 National Grants for 2023-2025.

From the Stewardship Committee: *Stewards, Called to Forgiveness*

Human beings were created and redeemed to be stewards. Bearing the image of God (Gen. 1:26–28), the steward was created to reflect the Creator within creation. In a way, stewards are simply mirrors. Mirrors cannot do anything to the image that is placed in front of them.

A mirror was the first item in creation that embodied the computer term GIGO. “Garbage in, Garbage out.” In a computer, if you enter good data, you get a good result. You enter bad data; you will get a garbage result.

In photography, you can run an image through a filter, which can remove imperfections. Myriad apps allow for the option to cut people out, add people in and change backgrounds all in an attempt to make the perfect image. Mirrors cannot do that. They do not provide anything new. Mirrors are created to reflect, not process, an image. They simply reflect the person standing in front of them.

Stewards are like this. Created to reflect, a steward will reflect the God in front of them. The steward will either reflect a godly stewardship that holds that God is the owner of all things (Ps. 24:1) and is the One to whom they are accountable, or they will reflect the god of self and see the created order as something to be possessed, used, and in far too many cases, abused. It is not a question of IF the steward reflects, it is really a question of WHO is being reflected.

For this reason, the *Lutheran Service Book* has included a necessary hymn worthy of meditation: “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788). Its first verse reads:

Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,
For songs of praise for food and harvest press,
While of Your richer gifts we're unaware.

This is a fitting call to repentance for every steward. Our thankfulness is so often shallow. We get comfortable with the overflowing blessings we have entrusted to us by the Lord. These trusts are so many that the steward often forgets the One who entrusts them. Worse, with so many physical trusts evident, the steward loses sight of the greatest trust: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The failed steward sees so much plenty that they lose sight of the treasure: Jesus!

So, we confess our shallow thankfulness. In absolution, the imperfections of the failed steward are wiped away and a new image is sent into the world. We release our hold on stuff. We rethink our relationship with the created order and recall that it is all to be used FOR JESUS! This keeps the richer gifts in view, for us and for those we know and love who need Jesus.

Block Party 2024

Tuesday, September 10th

Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mankato

Join Hosanna for their 2024 Block Party.

Dinner 5 - 6pm

Music 6 - 8pm

Games 5 - 8pm

Hayrides · Photo Booth · Free Will Meal · Blue Wagon Rides
Yard Games · Live Music · Face Painting · And More!!!



“Let us never forget and continue to trust in God as our only resource when we face difficult life issues. Continue to pray for our country as some leaders continue to pursue making laws that jeopardize precious lives and challenge God’s plan for life. Let us put our trust in God, not man.”

Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations
Lutherans For Life

A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life ~

www.lutheransforlife.org



Opening Service and Installation September 8

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), will open its 179th academic year with a special service on Sunday, September 8th at 2pm (CST) in Kramer Chapel. The service, which will be livestreamed, will include the installation of the Rev. Dr. Jon S. Bruss as CTSFW’s 17th president. The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) will serve as preached, and Rev. Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch, president of the LCMS Indiana District, will preside over the installation. Bruss will deliver a brief address after he is installed.

To view the livestream, visit the Daily Chapel page at www.ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel.

2024 Theological Convocation

Sponsored by the Minnesota South District

Friday, September 20 ~ 9am - noon

Glory of Christ Lutheran Church

4040 County Road 101 North, Plymouth

Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford is facilitating the convocation. Two speakers from the MNS will present perspectives and responses on *Worship Theology and Practice*.

Pastors, lay people, and the general public are invited. Lunch is provided. There is no charge, but please register to have a count for materials and lunch preparation. Register at:

<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/theological-convocations-2024> or use the QR code.



Speaking Up for Life in Minnesota

Pro-Life Convocation

Saturday, September 21 ~ 9am - 3pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2500 7th Ave NW, Owatonna

The Christian Church firmly believes in the sanctity of human life. For, as Scripture teaches, human beings are made in the image of God and the will of God is to promote life and see it defended from all danger. In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature passed laws that defy God's Word. Join us for this event and learn how you might speak up for life in Minnesota! Catered lunch for \$10 with RSVP. Register online by September 11th at: <https://goodshepherdowatonna.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2397242>

Sponsored by LCMS Minnesota South District Faribault Circuit and the LCMS Life Ministry.



The Issues, Etc. Journal is available. In this latest edition, Pastor Will Weedon poses the question, “If one truly believes that Jesus is among us when we gather in His name, than won’t we show that in how we worship? The answer to this question explains why Lutherans practice reverence on Sunday mornings.

To read the journal, go to:

<https://podcast.issuesetc.org/summer2024.pdf>

Listen to the radio show and podcast (produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL) at www.issuesetc.org, or on the LPR App

Electronic Giving

Our Savior’s is pleased to offer the following E-giving options to have your church offering automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. All options offer easy, convenient one-time or recurring gifts.

- **Joyful Response® Electronic Offering Program**
Complete the form available on our web-site and attach a voided check or savings deposit slip and turn in to the church office.
- **Give+ Online** Go to the church web-site, www.oslcmankato.org, on the home page click on the “Contribute Online” button. Scan the QR code to go directly to our giving page.
- **Give+ Mobile** Download “GivePlus Church” at the App Store or Google Play Store on your smart phone or tablet to get started.



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Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:00 Matins 8:30 Coffee/Fellowship 9:00 Divine Service 10:00 Bible Class	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 8:30 Circuit Pastors 5:15 Board of Education 5:30 Board of Trustees 6:00 Board of Elders 6:30 Board of Deacons	4 6:30 Jr. Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting	5 9:00 Private Confession 9:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	6	7
8 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 4:30 Book Club	9 6:30 Early Brid Bible Study 9:00 Quilting	10 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study 6:30 Planning Council	11 4:45 Introductory Choir 5:15 Introductory Bells 5:25 Brass 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir	12 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	13	14
<i>Mite Sunday</i> 15 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 11:30 NYG Meeting 6:00 Youth @ WowZone	16 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study	17 10:00 Staff Meeting	18 4:00 Mission Service 4:45 Introductory Choir 5:15 Introductory Bells 5:25 Brass 5:45 Handbell Choir 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Jr. Confirmation 7:00 Vocal Choir	19 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Stephen Ministers	20 1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study 4:00 The Voice Deadline	21
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Sunday Matins is aired at 9:00am each Sunday on KTOE 1420AM

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