

## Program for the Week of September 15 – September 22, 2024

### **Sunday: Mite Sunday**

8:00 Divine Service  
9:00 Coffee/Fellowship  
9:25 Sunday School  
9:25 Bible Class  
10:30 Divine Service  
11:30 NYG Meeting  
4:00 Installation Service  
5:00 Reception  
6:00 Youth @ WowZone

### **Monday:**

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study

### **Tuesday:**

10:00 Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday:**

4:00 Mission Service  
4:45 Introductory Choir  
5:15 Introductory Bells  
5:30 Brass  
5:45 Handbell Choir

6:00 Meal  
6:45 Devotion  
7:00 Jr. Confirmation  
7:00 Vocal Choir

### **Thursday:**

9:00 Private Confession  
10:00 Bulletin Deadline  
6:30 Stephen Ministers

### **Friday:**

1:00 Mary Circle Bible Study  
4:00 The Voice Deadline

### **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

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

**Mite Sunday.** September focus: Grant #18 – Zoe’s Home – A Maternity and Parenting home -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](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-18). Our District Mites go to the 13 Grants that have been chosen.

**National Youth Gathering,** “Endure” is July 19 – 23, 2025 in New Orleans. Anyone who is interested in attending and learning more, meet today at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided. Any questions, please contact Rhonda Prince at 507-521-0690, or e-mail: [j\\_r\\_prince\\_3@hotmail.com](mailto:j_r_prince_3@hotmail.com).

**Youth Event!** 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders – join us at the WowZone from 6 – 8pm today for an evening of fun! 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.

**September is here** which means Our Savior's welcomes back our Wednesday evening meals, devotions, rehearsals, and classes. The Board of Deacons is asking for volunteers to prepare, serve and clean-up for these meals. Also for Sunday morning coffee and rolls. The sign- up sheets have a new home on the bulletin board inside the door to the Fireplace room. (So we have room on the table for the yummy desserts). The meals are always delicious and a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Denise Painter, 507-380-0507.

**Mission Service** meets this Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

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

**Mary Circle Bible Study** will meet Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Fireplace Room. Guests and visitors are welcome to join as we study "Growing in Christ" on page 20 of the Summer *Quarterly*. Hostess: Julie Schlichting, phone 507-388-7533.

**75th Anniversary of Our Savior Lutheran Church** – Back in 1950, papers were filed to formally form Our Savior Luther Church. Next year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> year of blessings that God has continued to bestowed on our congregation and its ministry. 75 years is something that we should celebrate and are creating a committee to discuss ideas. The Church Council had a few, but felt that it would be better to have other congregational input. If you would like to join in on the fun and brainstorming ideas, please contact Council President Dan Gahler.

**The deadline for the August 2024 issue of *The Voice*** is Friday, September 20<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).

**Operation Christmas Child is here!** Ordinary shoeboxes are filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items. Every child also receives the Gospel message in each box. Please see the display table in the narthex to donate items – or, take a box to fill!

**A Congregational Treasurer** will need to be elected in November for a two year term beginning January 2025. An individual may serve a maximum of 2 two year terms as Treasurer. This work involves accounting for the expenditure of money from the treasury, approval of payroll, and compiling an annual budget for congregational approval, based on proposed budget figures submitted by the Boards of Deacons, Education, Elders and Trustees. If you are interested in serving the congregation as Treasurer, or if you know someone who may be interested, or if you have questions about this, please call Doug Haeder at (952)374-9667.

**Save the Date!** Women's Advent Event, Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm.

**Our Savior's** gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following memorials:

- \$285 A/V System in memory of Bonnie Bequette

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Lutheran Layman magazine** – be sure to pick up a copy in the Narthex. Filled with resources for every member of your family, such as: Kids booklets: order or download yours today at [lhm.org/kids/books](http://lhm.org/kids/books). Learn about the Pasadena Rose Bowl Parade and the trips that you can enjoy.

**The Fall Quarterly** is here for **all** the ladies of Our Savior. Fall theme: The Lord is Near. "When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Psalm 34: 17-18. Also the **FALL WOM**, Women on a Mission, the District Newsletter is here.

**Theological Convocation**, sponsored by the Minnesota South District, on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon, with lunch following, will be held at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth. The topic is *Worship Theology and Practice*. Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, the MN South District President will facilitate. Pastors, lay people, and the general public are invited. There is no charge, but please register to have a count for materials and lunch. Please register at: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/theological-convocations-2024>.

**From the Stewardship Committee: Mark 9:24** – “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’” Haven’t we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, and He still blesses the man. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

**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 continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am) and Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and join us for more stories of KFUE’s 100-year history on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9am). Remember to mark your calendars for KFUE Radio’s Centennial Celebration broadcast, October 12 at 10am.

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Conspiracy of Silence” features a husband and wife who come to grips with a terminal illness. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jason Krause from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Richfield, who will present a message titled “The Tongue That Rules Them All” based on James 3:1-12. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

**Daily Lutheran Chapel Service...** You can listen to LIVE chapel services weekdays at 9 a.m. Central from Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne, IN. You can listen live at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) and on-demand at [issuesetc.org/kramerchapel](http://issuesetc.org/kramerchapel).

**A copy of Sagacity Newsletter** of S.A.G.E.S. for July, August & September is in the Narthex, or online at [www.mnsdistrict.org](http://www.mnsdistrict.org) . This is fun reading for all ages.

**Needed – a volunteer** or 2 from Our Savior to serve as representatives for the older adult ministry. Also needed from **Arlington Circuit S.A.G.E.S. representatives for the Board.**

**Burger Bash!!** St. John’s Willow Creek Youth Group is serving burgers with all the fixings, chips, potato salad, and dessert on Sunday, September 22 from 11am – 1pm. 13148 499<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vernon Center. Proceeds go towards the new air conditioner in the church. Road 25. Come and join us! This is a free-will offering event. Everyone is welcome!

**Information for National LWML 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”.

**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](mailto:darlenefretham@gmail.com); 612-715-4029

**One Voice for Public Policy** – The “2024 Lutheran Voter Guide”, has changed its name to the “2024 Lutheran Citizenship Guide”. This year we have chosen to broaden the focus of our comments. Pick up a copy in the Narthex. Learn why school choice is sweeping the nation, what it takes to achieve school choice, how each Minnesota student could receive \$7,000 to attend *any* school of choice, and what you can do to establish Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) in our state. Informational meetings will be held in Minneapolis, September 20 at Minnehaha Academy, at 6pm or in St. Cloud, September 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Cloud River’s Edge Convention Center at 6pm. Tickets are \$10

**Arlington Zone Fall Rally**, Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 8:30 am to noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 512 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gaylord, MN., \$5 registration. **F.L.A.M.E.S.** “Who we are as Christians, and Who God is calling us to become.” Rev. John Reinke, speaker, [DeafOutreach.org](http://DeafOutreach.org). Gifts from the Heart for the deaf will be the older (those no longer in print) Concordia Self-study Bible, Gift cards for gasoline (no preferred brand) and also monetary gifts. Please come with a friend to gather for a time to praise our great God, learn about His plans to use us to expand His Kingdom, and enjoy each other’s company and conversation over a delicious meal. Call or text Trudy by September 21, 507-327-7082. DeafOutreach =Hearing loss. Hearing is very important. Do you hear everything? Hearing + Scripture.

**Your District Mission Gifts** – Focus for September is University Lutheran Chapel. For the past 2 years ULC has partnered with the MNS District to support a campus ministry vicar at the chapel. This partnership has helped the congregation extend its outreach on the U of M campus and at other Twin Cities colleges and universities, while giving our future pastors hands-on training in outreach and mission work.

**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:** From the beginning – “Let us give thanks”, to the end – “We give thanks to You, Almighty God”, the communion liturgy is one of deep thanksgiving! Christ’s body and blood are in the sacrament to give the communicant the most personal and highest possible assurance of the forgiveness of sins! That is indeed reason for thanksgiving! 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:** After the disciples could not cast out the demon from the boy, an exasperated father pleaded with Jesus to see if He could do anything. When Jesus said, “If you can’t! All things are possible for the one who believes,” it is without question that Jesus can accomplish this. When the father says, “I believe; help my unbelief” (Mark 9:23-24), it is also without question that Jesus has compassion on all who call upon Him, no matter how weak their faith. His compassion to save depends solely on His love, which is shown in the giving of Himself to conquer sin, death, and the devil for us.

**Serving today:**

Liturgist & Preacher ..... Rev. Adam Matheny  
Organist ..... Barb Anderson  
Elder of the Day ..... [8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Lon Whitehead  
Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Kurt Anderson  
A/V Tech .....Joel Maunula