

Program for the Week of September 22 – September 29, 2024

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

Monday:

6:30 Early Bird Bible Study
9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday:

Men's Boundary Waters thru 9/29
4:45 Introductory Choir

5:15 Introductory Bells
5:30 Brass
5:45 Handbell Choir
6:00 Meal
6:45 Devotion
7:00 Vocal Choir

Thursday:

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

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Book Club meets today, Sunday, September 22nd at 4:30pm in the Fireplace Room. We continue reading "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom. Tonight, we finish the book with discussion on chapter 13-15. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

Quilting meets on Monday, September 23rd at 9am. Join us in the Quilting Room (#124/126, in the Library hallway). We sew tops, middles, and backs together and then they are tied. We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month through May. 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.

75th Anniversary of Our Savior Lutheran Church – Back in 1950, papers were filed to formally form Our Savior Luther Church. Next year marks the 75th 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.

Free! Items from the Sunday School Office. Please stop in the East Meeting Room (right off the back parking lot) and see if there are any items you can find a use for. The items will be removed and the room cleaned out on September 30th.

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 5th, 4:30pm.

Mission Service is collecting items to put together shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child next month. Crayons, colored pencils, pencil cases, pencils, erasers, small balls, cars, trucks, jump ropes, flip flops, socks, wash cloths . . . see flyers on the table in the narthex for the full lists. Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child: Every shoebox gift is a unique opportunity to bring joy and hope to a hurting child. Please see the table in the narthex for information on how to donate a single item, or fill up an entire shoebox. Your gifts will open doors to introduce children to God's greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ!

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 or from YouTube (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. 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.

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 . This is fun reading for all ages.

From the Stewardship Committee: Mark 9:32 – “But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.” The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples’ ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn’t listen, so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What’s in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

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 we will be wrapping up our study of Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), after which we will take a dive into the book of Numbers. Thy Strong Word will conclude its study of Hosea (weekdays at 11am), and then we’ll be turning to the end of the Bible to begin a study of the book of Revelation. Finally, don’t forget to tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (September 28 at 11am).

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “Big Account” features an advertising agency art director who learns the impact of his work on his family and others. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Brent Klein, from Trinity Lutheran Church in Northfield, who will present a message titled “Serving Jesus” based on Mark 9:30-37. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

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 District S.A.G.E.S. 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 499th 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”.

Arlington Zone Fall Rally, Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 8:30 am to noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 512 5th 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. 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.

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.

Sanctifying Your Exercise Routine With The Word Of God... 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 Movie “Am I A Racist?”, God’s Suffering in the Old Testament, the Devil, Isolation & Depression, St. Michael and All Angels, Does the Bible Affirm Same-Sex Relationships? and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or a podcast provider.

VINE is hosting a renewal event for caregivers, Caring for the Caregiver: Nurturing Wellbeing & Resilience on Thursday, September 26 from 12:30 – 2:30pm at Pioneer Bank Conference Room (1450 Adams Street). Caregivers are welcome for lunch and a presentation by Dr. Jennifer Londgren, Associate Professor at MSU-Mankato Department of Health Science. Learn about stress management, self-care techniques and building a support network to maintain balance and thrive. Cost is \$20 at the door. E-mail Joyce (joycek@vinevolunteers.org) by 3pm on Monday to register.

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: When Jesus said, “Do this”, in giving the Lord’s Supper, He used a verb form which means, “Keep on doing this!”, or, “Do it again and again!” As we keep on doing what He has here commanded us to do, we also want to keep on witnessing to the truth of His Word. 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: As he proclaimed the Lord’s prophetic Word, Jeremiah certainly knew what it was like to be led as a lamb to slaughter by those who resisted the Word. Certainly these words apply all the more to Jesus, the Lamb of God, who was sacrificed for us. He, who was delivered into the hands of sinful men, has delivered to us forgiveness, life, and salvation through His death and resurrection. Christ is truly “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

Serving today:

Liturgist Rev. Adam Matheny
Preacher Rev. John Koopman
Organist Susan Klute
Elder of the Day [8:00] Gaylen Lenz; [10:30] Judd Schultz
Assistant Usher [8:00] Kevin Hermanson
A/V Tech Zak Tess