

Program for the Week of September 8 – September 15, 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
6:30 Planning Council

Wednesday:

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

Friday:

Saturday:

Next 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 National Youth Gathering
Meeting
4:00 Pastor Koopman Installation
Service
6:00 Youth @ WowZone

Chancel flowers are provided by Steve & Kathy Burnett in joyful celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.

Book Club meets today, Sunday, September 8th at 4:30pm in the Fireplace Room. We continue reading "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom. Tonight, we will discuss chapters 9-12. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

Quilting: We begin our 2024-2025 year on Monday, September 9th 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.

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.

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.

Mite Sunday is September 15th. 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

Mission Service meets on Wednesday, September 18 at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects. This month we will be putting together baby layettes for Global Health and trimming stamps for Wycliff. Hope to see you on the 18th!

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. Please contact Nancy Benson at 507-345-1015 if you are interested.

Operation Christmas Child is here! We will be collecting items in September and the 1st week of October. What a privilege we have to share the Good News of God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ, with children in the U.S. and around the world. Please see the table in the narthex for information on how to fill up an entire shoebox or donate items. Thank you!

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.

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. Pick up your copy in the Narthex.

Theological Convocation, sponsored by the Minnesota South District, on Friday, September 20th 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>.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Families Come First" features a man who contends with the demands of his career, promotion, and his vocation as a father. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Eric Zacharias from Zion Lutheran Church in Cologne, who will present a message titled "He Does Everything Well" based on Mark 7:37. 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 the Narthex, or online at www.mnsdistrict.org . This is fun reading for all ages.

From the Stewardship Committee: James 2:2 – “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ...” God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving — that is, giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.

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 continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), begin a study of Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), and tune in for a discussion of Christ’s return for judgement on Concord Matters (September 14th at 11am). Remember to save the date for KFUE Radio’s 100th Anniversary Celebration broadcast October 12 at 10am.

Contending For Truth In An Age Of Anti-Truth... 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 subjects include: Vice President Kamala Harris on Abortion, A Parents’ Guide to Navigating Cultural Chaos, The Confusion Over Female Identity, Responding to Alternative Theories for Jesus’ Resurrection and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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.**

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.

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.

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!

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 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 join us (and invite a friend) as we 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.

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 September 11. Register at: <https://goodshepherdowatonna.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2397242>

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".

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: Thank the Lord and sing His praise! With deep thanksgiving for the gift of forgiveness received with our Savior's body and blood, we also express our deep desire to celebrate the sacrament according to God's Will. 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 beautiful picture of healing in Isaiah was literally fulfilled by Jesus. In His hands, "the deaf hear and the mute speak." Jesus has fulfilled all the prophecies about Him in the Old Testament. By His grace, He also has opened our ears to hear His Word, to repent, and to believe the Gospel of His forgiveness through His cross and resurrection. Moreover, He has opened our mouths to speak of how "He has done all things well" (Mark 7:37) for the sake of the world.

Serving today:

Liturgist & Preacher Rev. Adam Matheny
Organist Edith Williams
Elder of the Day [8:00] Tom Benson; [10:30] Mike Holub
Assistant Usher [8:00] Gary Rabenhorst
A/V Tech Dale Bergemann