

Program for the Week of October 20 – October 27, 2024

Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

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

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday:

4:45 Introductory Choir
5:15 Introductory Bell Choir
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:

10:00 Visitation
11:00 Cornish Funeral

Saturday:

10:00 TrusteesWork Day/Fall Cleanup

Next Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee/Fellowship
9:25 Concordia Classical Academy
Presentation
10:30 Divine Service
4:30 Book Club
6:00 Youth Bonfire @ Anderson's

Chancel flowers are provided by Mark Wellner in honor of Sara Wellner on her birthday.

Additional flowers are provided by the Fitzloff family in loving memory of Chuck.

Today is Mite Sunday. The Mite focus this month is for 2 projects: #20 and #22, both for Lutheran Hour Ministries. Grant #20 – Sharing Christ with women and children in Kazakhstan, Lutheran Hour Ministries, \$100,000. Grant #22 – Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in U.S., Lutheran Hour Ministries, \$100,000. This grant will be used for direct outreach in local churches, holistic ministry, digital outreach through Thread.asia, and printed Christian resources to reach the unchurched in Kazakhstan where the proclamation of the Gospel is difficult due to harassment by non-Christian religious authorities and unbelieving family members. “We are fighting both physical and spiritual poverty,” says Rev. Peter Kirby. To learn more, visit:www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-20

Early Bird Bible Study will be discontinuing our Monday morning study. Thank you to all who have been so faithful in attendance at such an early hour. If anyone would like to continue studying Genesis on their own, or are interested in reorganizing this group, please contact Lisa Gahler, 507-340-5126.

Quilting will meet on Monday, October 21st. 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. If you have any questions, please contact Julie at 507-388-7533.

The Trustees are looking for help to blow/rake the leaves off of the church grounds and parking lots. We will be doing this on Saturday the 26th of October at 10:00 am. Anyone wishing to help should bring their own rakes and or blowers, gloves, etc. We should be done by noon. Rain will postpone to the following Saturday, same time.

A hot breakfast (yes, that includes cheesy scrambled eggs) will be prepared by the 4th – 6th graders on Sunday, October 27th. Please join us between services for a delicious meal!

Did you know Mankato has an LCMS school? Concordia Classical Academy (CCA), located at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in North Mankato, offers Kindergarteners through 8th graders an education that is rigorous in its academics, classical in its method, and confessionally Lutheran in its theology. This year, 90 students - from Our Savior's, Good Shepherd, and Hosanna Lutheran Churches, as well as numerous other churches in the Mankato area - are attending CCA. On Sunday, October 27th, during the Bible Study hour, Our Savior's member and CCA school board co-chair Andrew Bittner will be giving a presentation about the work of CCA and his efforts to invite the area's LCMS congregations to partner with the school's ministry.

Youth Event: Grades 7 – 12 are invited to the Anderson home (19353 584th Lane, Mankato) for a campfire on Sunday, October 27th from 6 – 8 pm. The youth will have a devotion, play games, and roast hot dogs, and s'mores. Parents are invited to stay (but not required), there will be a second fire pit just for you!

On Wednesday, October 30th, starting at 5 PM, we will have activities for all ages centered on the Reformation. Please join us for an evening of delicious German themed food, fellowship, and fun. (All other scheduled practices and classes will occur at that normally scheduled time).

As we celebrate the “birth” of the Lutheran Church we will also be putting together Birthday Bags for the ECHO Food Shelf. During the month of October please bring any of the following items to the Narthex. Bags will be put together on the 30th. If you would like to make a monetary donation to buy supplies for the bags please bring the cash to the church office by October 28th. Birthday Bag Items:

- Cake Mix
- Canned Frosting
- Birthday Candles
- Party Plates
- Napkins
- Plastic Forks
- Party Favors
- Small Sized Candy
- Balloons
- Medium Sized Gift Bag

Thank you everyone for the beautiful cards and prayers during my pneumonia recovery that just takes time. Gary and I have been so blessed by our church family. God's blessings to all. – Elaine & Gary Rabenhorst

OSLC Advent Event: Women of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, please add to your calendar: Thursday, December 5, 4:30 pm. We joyfully look forward to seeing each of you at this event.

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.

S.A.G.E.S. – Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving. The Minnesota South District Older Adult Ministry, needs a volunteer or 2 from our Savior to serve as a representative. We also need a **representative** from the Arlington Circuit for the District Board. The planning for the May 5 & 6 2025 SAGES GATHERING is continuing with excitement.

Samaritans Purse – Operation Christmas Child – If you wish to fill a box , please take a shoebox from the display in the Narthex and return the filled box by November 11th. Thank you.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in October, please contact Laura Matheny, 812-604-5168, or Samantha Tess, 507-217-0354.

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

Church Worker Appreciation Month. October is the Synod's designated month for showing appreciation. This year, in thanksgiving for these gifts of God, the Synod has planned a year's worth of observances.

Ten boxes of Bibles, Devotionals, Bible studies, and other Christian materials were sent to Eagles Nest Ministries on October 15. From there, the boxes will be shipped to missionaries and Christian workers around the world – Pastors and Sunday School teachers will have materials to study and teach from. A big thank you to Our Savior Thrivent team for paying the postage to send the boxes to Eagles Nest! If you have a Bible to donate, please bring it to the Mission Center and put in the box labeled "donations". Thank you.

The October – December SAGACITY is here. Be sure to read some of the articles, especially “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”. As you read the 4 verses, it covers over 30 scripture passages.

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.

From the Stewardship Committee: Mark 10:29-30 – “Jesus said, ‘Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the Gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.’ This is Jesus’ encouragement for every faithful disciple – let it encourage you today.

Minnesota South District e-News 10-15-2024 is in the Mission Center for you to see (read). This is 18 pages of information. This week from the District Office – many pictures, prayers, anniversary etc. Also the full 7 page Orphan Grain Train Newsletter.

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 join us as we continue our study of Numbers on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am), and discuss the final chapters of Revelation on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am). Tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (10am) for a conversation on why both the bread and wine are essential elements in the Sacrament.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week’s *This is the Life* episode, “The Gift” features a daughter struggling with what to do with birthday gift money. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Kent Borglum from St. John’s Lutheran Church in Montevideo, who will present a message titled “The Importance of Getting It Straight” based on Mark 10:17-27. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Lutheranism In The Public Square... 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 “Joker Folie a Deux,” A Christian Response to Jordan Peterson’s Appeal with Young Men, The 50th Anniversary of the Walkout at Concordia Seminary, Hurricane Milton Relief Efforts 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.

Bethany Lutheran College presents the 56th Annual Reformation Lectures, October 31 – November 1. Our Synod President Matthew Harrison will present The LCMS Perspective of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Seminex. Also presenting are Dr. Mark Braun on The WELS Perspective, and President Glenn Obenberger on The ELS Perspective. Register online: www.blc.edu/reformation-lectures. For further information contact Elsa Ferkenstad at 507-344-7354 or elsa.ferkenstad@blc.edu.

The District News insert in the October Lutheran Witness has the 2024 Lutheran Citizenship Guide. Our District Public Policy Advocates are Rev. Fred Hinz and Rev. Scot Missling.

The Sagacity News is here. Especially read the article “A Might Fortress”. Read the 4 verses that relate to over 30 Bible passages.

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Fall Bible Institute – Sunday, October 27, 2024 at Camp Omega. Dr. Jennifer Kom, presenting on the topic, “Gender Solid Parenting”. The presentation will begin at 3:00 pm, a meal will be served at 5:30 and our Circuit Reformation Vespers will begin at 6:15 pm. The cost of the meal is \$14. The Fall Bible Institute is FREE of charge, but a free will donation will be taken that day to cover Camp Omega’s hosting costs. Please contact pastorweslieodom@gmail.com if you wish to attend.

Dr. Jeffrey Gibbs Workshop, Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 9 am -12:30 pm. Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth, presents “Nothing but Christ and Him Crucified”. Cost is \$20 per person, students free. Register at: <https://onrealm.org/GloryOfChrist/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=YTU2MTc0ZTA tYTQ4Mi00OTEwLWI2N2MtYjFmNTAwMDY0Y2Vm>

There is a coloring contest – by Lutheran Hour Ministries. The pictures and directions are in the Mission Center and need to be mailed by November 1st. All students, Preschool to 8th Grade are eligible to participate. The Float uses the Reformation Theme with the three Solas (Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Scripture Alone).

An October Sunday was traditionally LWML Sunday. We now celebrate it anytime of the year. The 2024 theme is: **Ready to Serve.**

LWML Convention is in Omaha. We are looking for a Young Woman Representative from our church. Details are on the LWML website. **District:** www.mnsdistrict.org
Church: www.oslcmankato.org, www.facebook.com/oslcmankato, www.youtube.com
LWML: www.lwml.org, www.mnslwml.org

Basic LERT Training: Lutheran Early Response Team equips volunteers to offer hope and relief to those affected by disasters. Join LCMS LERT Training, Saturday, October 26th from 9am – 3pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Faribault. Cost is \$20 and pre-registration is required. Please register by October 23rd by clicking this link:
https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=988614

The final 2024 Theological Convocation, sponsored by the Minnesota South District will be Friday, October 25th, from 9am – noon, hosted at St. Paul's, Fulda. The topic is "Theology of the Practice of the Lord's Supper". Pastors, lay people, and the general public are invited. There is no charge, but registration is requested to have a count for materials and lunch preparations. Please register at:
<https://form.io/form.com/240434218154146>

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:

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Holy Communion: Guests, welcome in the Name of the Lord, who has done great things for us! One of those great things is the giving of His own body and blood in Holy Communion. 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 occasional glimpse of the beauty of blooming flowers at the golden setting of the sun testifies to the work of our amazing Creator. After creating this world with all of its splendor, God rested on the seventh day (the Sabbath). Our sin, however, introduced death into this world, and no amount of our work can merit salvation and rest. Yet, in Christ we have eternal Sabbath rest in God for all the work He has done on His cross, in the tomb, and upon His resurrection to accomplish our salvation.

Serving today:

Liturgist & Preacher Rev. John H. Koopman
Organist Barb Anderson
Elder of the Day [8:00] Randy Burmeister; [10:30] Lon Whitehead
Assistant Usher.....[8:00] Gary Rabenhorst
A/V TechJoel Maunul