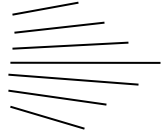




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VOICE



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

Holiday Worship Schedule

Midweek Advent Services

Wednesdays, December 4th, 11th, and 18th
1:30 & 6:30pm

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 22nd
9am

Christmas Reception to follow

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th
Services of Readings and Carols
3 & 5pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th
Divine Service with Holy Communion
9am

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31st
Divine Service with Holy Communion
6:30pm



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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

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

-John 1:5

We live in a pretty dark world. This time of year we are reminded of that fact because darkness presses close. Many people get out of bed in the darkness and drive to work in the darkness. Then after working a full day they leave their work and drive home in the darkness. At this time of the year the days seem all too short and the nights nearly never-ending.

That kind of darkness is far from the worst of it. Day in and day out we deal with the darkness of sin. We have to bear with those around us that knowingly or un-knowingly sin against us. There is no way around it, in this dark world others will often hurt us in their sin. Darkness also presses close when we feel the weight of our own sin. Those of us that have had our eyes opened to God’s will are regularly troubled by the ways that we fail to live as God’s people and sin against those around us. We hurt others in our wickedness and oftentimes even after reconciliation are troubled by our own foolishness and inability to love others as Christ has loved us. Then of course there is perhaps the deepest darkness of all, death. Death claims those near to us, those we love, those we feel lost without. And we know that one day should the Lord tarry death will come for us as well.

Our memory verse for this month does not deny that our world is a dark place. Quite to the contrary it affirms that fact. Our verse does remind us that even though this world is dark the light is still shining. The truth is that the light of our Lord Jesus Christ shines in the midst of this dark world and no matter how deep the darkness seems it can never conquer His light. His Word, His gifts, His church stand as a beacon of light in this dark and perishing world. A beacon of light that will never be overcome.

Lifted to Heaven

“O Jesus Christ, Thy manger is my paradise at which my soul reclineth. For there, O Lord, doth lie the Word made flesh for us; here in Thy grace forth shineth... Thou, highest Good, Dost lift our blood up to the throne of God, Thy Heav’nly Father. Thou, Lord, with us (Who are as grass) art both the Pow’r of God and our own Brother.”

- Paul Gerhardt, Stanzas 1 & 3 of O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is

December is a stunning month in the upper midwest. The air can be bitterly cold, the ground blanketed in snow, the days short, and yet it’s brightened with Christmas lights and warmed with fuzzy clothes and hot drinks. It’s a bustling month! There are parties to attend, meals to prepare, and company to entertain. I love it!

Yet, the heart of this month, even if most have forgotten it, is the incarnation: The Word of God took on human flesh in the person of Jesus Christ! Hark! The heavenly messengers sing in response: “Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!” God became a man in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary and He dwells among us. The manger, a dirty feeding trough for animals, filled with hay, became the throne of God when the infant Jesus lay there for us.

Of course Jesus didn’t remain a babe in a bed of hay, but the imagery there is powerful and instructive. The manger where Jesus lay, as dirty and lowly as it may be, is paradise because of God’s presence. But it’s not so much that Jesus came down to earth, but that He lifts the earth to Himself. In becoming man, taking on our flesh and blood, He lifts us up to His throne with Him. Where the Lord now dwells on earth, there is heaven on earth, since that place has been made the throne of God.

When the congregation assembles in the sanctuary and the Lord is present upon the altar in His body and blood, the altar

becomes the manger, it becomes the cross, it becomes the throne of God! Before the altar we join the angels in singing “Glory to God in the highest,” and we join John the Baptist in singing “O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” Truly, this is a holy place and none other than the throne room of the Creator of heaven and earth. The manger, the cross, the throne of God, the paradise of Christ, they are not trapped in the past or some distant land, but before our very eyes. The Lord of all has descended to us, and here now lifts us up to heaven. That’s the church’s focus every December; isn’t that stunning?

A blessed Advent and a merry Christmas,
Pastor Koopman



Christmas Decorating

Join us Sunday, December 1st
following the 10:30 service to
decorate the church for Christmas.

Bring the family, all ages are
welcome to help! We enjoy good fellowship while we’re
working.

Lunch will be served when the decorating is completed.

Open Gym / Game Night Sunday, December 1st

We will have an open gym and game night the first Sunday
of each month from 6 – 8pm. This is for all ages and will
involve a short devotion.

Please bring games (board games/card games) to play. Use
the back parking lot/door. Please note: this is not a drop off
event, children 6th grade and younger must be accompanied
by an adult.

Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending October 31, 2024

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$29,959.64	\$463,820.47
Operating Expenses	-\$57,686.76	-\$504,931.92
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	-\$880.60	-\$15,947.15
Net for Period[†]	-\$28,607.71	-\$57,058.60

[†]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	\$9,282.50	Daily checking account Pioneer Bank
Savings Account	\$182,048.22	Interest Savings account Pioneer Bank
Joyful Response	\$18,012.39	Joyful Response deposits and loan payments
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	
Total Cash Assets	\$229,450.23	
Dedicated Accounts	-\$174,237.19	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	-\$5,283.06	Accruals for HSA pmts, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$49,929.98	\$78,496.09 last month

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

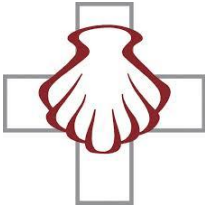
Current Balance	\$205,068.10
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	5.625% (Aug. 2024-Jul 2025)
Pay-off Date (Pay-off Amount)	7/2036 (\$30,556.92)

Additional Comments:

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Haeder, Treasurer

Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Treasurer's Report September 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 Mkt Value	\$11,218.92	(\$4,586.96)	\$15,805.88
1995 to 2003 Disbursements	<u>(\$472,378.91)</u>	<u>(\$324,184.84)</u>	<u>(\$148,194.07)</u>
Fund Balances: 28 Year Totals	\$531,963.21	\$363,677.73	\$168,285.48
2024 OSLC Member Gifts	\$1,704.53	\$852.26	\$852.27
2024 Int. + Dividend Inc.	\$11,774.00	\$5,887.00	\$5,887.00
2024 Change in Mkt Value	\$44,393.39	\$22,196.70	\$22,196.69
2024 Long Term Cap.Gain	\$5,956.24	\$2,978.12	\$2,978.12
2024 Disbursements	(\$21,305.25)	(\$2,205.25)	(\$19,100.00)
Total Fund Balances: 2024	\$574,486.12	\$393,386.56	\$181,099.56
Wells Fargo checking	\$12,848.09		
LCMS Foundation	\$561,638.03		
Total balances: 2024	<u>\$574,486.12</u>		
 2024 Disbursements:			
Concordia Adopt a Student	\$ 3,500.00		
Concordia Classical Academy	\$ 10,600.00		
Together in Mission	\$ -		
Concordia Univ. Chicago	\$ 2,500.00		
Concordia Univ. St. Paul	\$ 2,500.00		
LCMS Colloquy Program	\$ -		
Fees – LCMS	\$ 2,205.25		
Total 2024 Disbursements	<u>\$21,305.25</u>		



HOLY BAPTISM

Bridget Be Treanor

Born: October 13, 2024

Baptized: October 27, 2024

Parents: Jordan & Erica Treanor

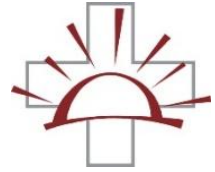
IN MEMORIAM

Jane Ann Hermanson

May 7, 1933 ~ November 11, 2024

Patricia Ann Connelly

October 17, 1932 ~ November 14, 2024



Accessions & Losses

Accessions:

Kristen Flathers, Redeemer Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN;
LCMS; October 29, 2024

Christian Teigum, Redeemer Lutheran Church, New Ulm,
MN; LCMS; October 29, 2024

Rev. John & Brittany Koopman, David, Gideon, Lydia,
Phineas, Elizabeth, Magdalena; St. Paul Lutheran
Church, Emmetsburg, IA; LCMS; October 30, 2024



Articles for the January 2025 VOICE are due by
Thursday, December 19th at 4pm. You may drop-off
submissions in the office, or e-mail to:

contact@oslcmankato.org.

Christmas Open House at the Koopman's



Pastor and Brittany Koopman invite you to a Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 8th from 2 – 5pm at their home, 128 Falcon Drive. We hope to see you there!

(Note, we have cats, which will be put away, in case you need to take allergy meds beforehand.)

Bible Study Circles

“The Lord is Near” Psalm 34:17-18 is the Fall Quarterly Theme. Come to Study the Word whenever possible. The studies give us reason to celebrate.

Ruth/Ludia Bible Study and Christmas Note New Date and Time: Thursday, December 12 at 10:30 in the Fireplace Room with Lunch served at 12 Noon.

Begin study with the lesson on page 19, Faith Talks and Faith walks followed by pages 22 and 23: Christ's Steadfastness: The Apostle's Creed – 2nd Article. Yes, Christmas, God True Man. Thanks for the gifts of forgiveness, Life and salvation.

Mary Circle Bible Study does not meet in December or January. Watch for details for February



QUILTING

Monday, December 9th

Quilting meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month, September through May.

We'll meet just once in December. Join us in the Quilting Room #124/126 from 9am to noon to sew tops, middles, and backs together and then tie. No experience is necessary. Come enjoy good fellowship while we work.

If you would like to donate cotton material or sheets, please bring them to the Mission Center. Contact Julie with any questions, 507-388-7533.



***Remember our
Shut-Ins and
Homebound***

Shut-in and Homebound Card Volunteers

Our 37 shut-ins and homebound members receive a greeting card every month from Our Saviors. Volunteers are needed for 2025 to send out these cards. You will be provided with cards, envelopes, stamps, and address labels. As a volunteer, please sign your name to the cards, assemble and drop the cards in the mail. Thank you!

Look for the sign-up sheet on the LWML bulletin board, courtyard hallway. Pick a month, sign your name and add your phone number. Questions? Call Dolly Blomquist at 507-388-4594 or email at blomdart@hickorytech.net. Thank you.

**Thank you to our 2024 volunteers.
You are blessed to be a blessing!**

Marion Brunz, Sandy Burmeister, Chris Dumke, Marcella Eilders*, Karen Fischer, Theresa McLaughlin*, Judy Mensing*, Rhonda Rastedt, and Julie Schlichting.

**volunteered for 2 months*





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

December Special Music Schedule:

December 4: Intro Choir
December 11: Vocal Choir
December 15: Clarinet Trio
December 18: Handbells
December 22: Christmas Program
December 24: (3:00 and 5:00) Vocal Choir

Advent Rehearsal Schedule:

Intro Choir: 4:45-5:05
Intro Bells: 5:05-5:25
Bells: 5:25-5:50
Brass: 6:05
Vocal Choir: 7:20 after the advent service

Kids Recital- It's time to start thinking about the kids recital that happens before the Christmas Program. The Sunday School Christmas Program is happening December 22 at 9am. Before the service will feature YOU! Do you like to sing, play the piano or another instrument? Choose a Christmas song, learn it and play it for the recital. Please contact Suzie Gangi if you are interested! 507-341-4173 or suzie@oslcmandkato.org

Blessings,
Suzie Gangi
suzie@oslcmandkato.org
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Ladies of Our Savior

Lutheran Women in Mission

www.mnslwml.org

~ Ready to Serve ~

Stay connected with LWML Fall Quarterly and WOM E-News from both National and District. www.mnslwml.org and www.lwml.org.

Lutheran Women in Mission invites you to the **41st Biennial Convention**, Thursday, June 26 to Sunday, June 29, 2025, Omaha, Nebraska. Convention Theme: **Growing in God's Grace**. Scripture Verse: 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. Amen. (2 Peter 3:18) Convention Goal Statement: Through Word and Sacrament, I will grow in grace to serve our Lord and proclaim His glory. Convention Objectives: Each convention attendee will be: * Inspired to dig deeper in God's Word * Nurtured to share the love of Christ with enthusiasm * Encouraged to support missions and our mission goal with joy.

This month we will look at the **Convention Logo**

Explanation: The 2025 Lutheran Women in Mission Convention logo features green leaves sprouting up and revealing the Lutheran Women in Mission icon to signify Growing in God's Grace. It is based on the convention verse, 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. Amen.

A fresh, bright green color is used for the leaves and the word "grace" to indicate new growth and to connect it with God's grace. Including the Lutheran Women in Mission icon

links the logo with our organization and the convention goal “Through Word and Sacrament, I will grow in grace to serve our Lord and proclaim His glory.” Have a blessed **Christmas** with your friends and family.

NEEDED: Young **W**oman Representatives(ages 22-40) wanted to go to the Omaha LWML Convention. This is an opportunity of a lifetime. Application at www.mnslwml.org. Call Trudy Wiechmann for details as soon as possible.

Ladies and Men, the Lutherans for Life news is in Life Date for you, also available on www.lifenews.com. The March for Life will be in January in Washington, D.C.

District: www.mnsdistrict.org **Church:** www.oslcmankato.org, www.facebook.com/oslcmankato, www.youtube.com **LWML:** www.lwml.org, www.mnslwml.org

Things that you may find in Mission Center: Monthly Pray for LWML, Order blanks for Convention shirt, Dec. Prayer Calendar for Glori Sauck, Orphan Grain Train News, eNews MN South District, Lutheran Bible Translators Prayers, Bible Bowl information.

This biennium the LWML has received 112 submissions for mission grant proposals.



During Advent, beginning December 4th, the meal will begin at 5:30pm before the Mid-week Advent Service which begins at 6:30pm. Join us for a good meal and good fellowship. A free-will donation is accepted. (Suggested donation of \$3 per person.)

Help is always needed, please check the sign-up sheets in the Fireplace room to see where you can help with the Wednesday meals or Sunday morning coffee. Please contact a Board of Deacons member if you have any questions.

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)

Sagacity – S.A.G.E.S. quarterly newsletter, Sagacity is available at the district website: www.mnsdistrict.org

Still a Great Need! Volunteer from each congregation to be a contact for S.A.G.E.S. Is it I Lord? Also needed – a representative for several Circuit vacancies. Volunteer by contacting President James Vehling.

Monthly Lutheran Witness has a Mn South Supplement. It is available at the district website: www.mnsdistrict.org

State Bible Bowl 2025 – The Life of David, 1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2 (ESV). April 5, 2025 at Concordia University, St. Paul. Contact Rev. Rudy Mauer (rudymaurer@aol.com) or for more information go to the MN State Bible Bowl website at www.mnbiblebowl.org

Rose Bowl Parade January 1, 2025

One Voice for Public Policy: Get your copy at www.mnsdistrict.org

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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 the app!

www.lhm.org ● www.mnsdistrict.org/sages

Keep up with “The Lutheran Layman”



Watch Our Savior’s Sunday Worship

Our Savior’s Sunday 8am and 10:30am 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.



One prayer shawl was given out this past month. Thank you to everyone who has made a shawl. Anyone interested in making one, or if you’d like a prayer shawl for comfort, contact Marcella at 507-317-4127.

Coming activities: 7th – 12th graders mark your calendar . . .



Sunday, December 15th, 6-8pm: Annual Pizza Party & Christmas Lights Scavenger Hunt (3rd – 12th grade invited). Note we will need additional adults to help with this event. Please talk to Michelle Rottermond if you're able to help.

Sunday, January 12th from 6 – 8pm. January's event will be held at the MSU rock climbing wall. We need to know how many climbers we will have so please sign up by December 22nd in the Narthex. Cost for this event is \$15 (financial assistance available if needed). Waiver forms will need to be completed by parent in advance.

Mission Service

Mission Service met on November 20th to gather/distribute all donated gifts for Options Pregnancy Center. Thank you to everyone who donated items.

The next mission service will be Wednesday, December 18 at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Welcome.

Remember our projects:

Used stamps

Gospel Bracelets

Most Ministry Projects

Disaster Relief

Postage

Ablelight

Orphan Grain Train – www.ogt.org

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Please bring your old eyeglasses and cases to the Mission Center. Thank you.



Mites

Lutheran Women in Mission

LWML Mites for Missions

Each month we have a District Mission Gift Project. Thirteen District Mission Mite Grants for 2024-2025 for \$270,000.

The December Focus Grant #21 – Lutheran Family Services U.S./Healthy Workers, Healthy Church, \$106,000.

And Grant #26 – Life Connection Events and Kits (Lutherans for Life), \$70,000.

The Lutheran Women in Mission thank you for bringing your mite box from home on the 3rd Sunday of the month to add with others and then sent immediately to fill the need of making Christ known at home and abroad...By summer again we will have completed, God willing the 35 grants for 2023-2025. Pick up the winter WOM to check out our District Focus.



“We long to hear those words from the master, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! Come! Share your master’s happiness!’ Someday you will hear them as He welcomes you into eternal dwellings. But for now, there is much to do for Jesus. So, as you go to live for Him, let those words echo in your mind and spur you on to be faithful and fruitful servants in His kingdom.”

Rev. Peter Sulzle

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls

A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life ~ www.lutheransforlife.org

Hymnals at Camp Omega

Fifty Lutheran Service Books were purchased for the Omega Lodge at Camp Omega. You are invited to be involved in this *Go First!* opportunity.

If you would like to give a monetary gift towards the hymnals, please contact Debbie Borchardt, 952-223-2158. A placard can be placed in the front of each hymnal including the names of those who participated in support of this effort.



Lutheran Hour Ministries Advent Devotions *Come, Let Us Adore Him!*

It is true that God deserves our worship and praise for all that He has done for us. And in the birth of Jesus into our world, born to save us from our sins, born to give us eternal life - God has given us His very Best. To which we can only respond: “Come, Let Us Adore Him!”

Pick up a copy of the devotional in the narthex, or go to: www.lhm.org/advent to read, print, or subscribe to a daily e-mail.

From the Stewardship Committee: *Repenting of “Yours” and “Mine”*

Retailers have had their Christmas displays up since before Reformation Sunday. The kids have made their list and checked it twice, or three times or more. It won't be long before the tree will start shedding its needles, the stockings emptied, the gifts unwrapped, toys broken, and the too small or out of style clothes returned. Before we know it, the annual celebration of Christmas will be over.

But for the children of God, we know that the gift of Christmas doesn't ever end. Week in and week out, the Lord continues to shower His gifts on us. Every time the Lord gathers us to His house, and we are led to kneel at His table, the gift of forgiveness is repeatedly granted to us. It is nothing we deserve. It comes to us freely!

The fourth stanza of the stewardship hymn, “Forgive Us Lord for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788) highlights both this gift and our response.

*Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,
that gives as Christ gave, never counting cost*

To learn thankfulness is necessary. The parents of young children are well-versed in the fact that they must teach their children thankfulness. It does not come naturally. The spiritual genetics inherited from our parents allow us to think that the world revolves around us. When we receive something, there is an inward desire to think that we in some way deserve it.

But there is no way that we deserve anything we get from our Lord. We need that ongoing lesson from God Himself. Thankfulness toward God is worked in us by the Holy Spirit. God’s Word works this thanksgiving in us. We need this weekly reminder that Jesus didn’t consider “equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself” for us, to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:6). He didn’t bat an eye. He paid the price! Our life of stewardship is one of daily and weekly thanksgiving inspired by the Lord Himself.

*That knows no barrier of “yours” and “mine,”
assured that only what’s withheld is lost.*

Because Jesus gave us everything and more, there can be no ownership. The child at Christmas is quick to claim that the newly gifted toy is “mine!” But as Psalm 24:1 asserts, “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.” There isn’t anything in creation that is ours. When we cling to and claim ownership of anything in creation, we are losing out on the continual gifts with which the Lord desires to shower upon us. Closed hands cannot receive anything new. We cling to the old and dead and miss the new thing that the Lord desires to do in and for us.

We are led to repent of the “yours” and “mine” and remove the lie that we have any ownership. In this we have the promise that God will continue to give to us. Not just at Christmas, but every Sunday at the altar in the Lord’s house.

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Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 11:30 Decorate for Christmas & Lunch 6:00 Open Gym/Game Night	2	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 1:30 Midweek Advent Service 4:45 Introductory Choir 5:05 Introductory Bell Choir 5:25 Handbell Choir 5:30 Meal 6:05 Brass 6:30 Midweek Advent Service 7:20 Vocal Choir 7:30 Jr. Confirmation	5 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 4:30 Advent Event	6	7
8 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Sunday School 9:25 Bible Class 10:30 Divine Service 2:00 Koopman's Open House	9 9:00 Quilting	10 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tuesday Bible Class 6:30 Planning Council	11 1:30 Midweek Advent Service 4:45 Introductory Choir 5:05 Introductory Bell Choir 5:25 Handbell Choir 5:30 Meal 6:05 Brass 6:30 Midweek Advent Service 7:20 Vocal Choir 7:30 Jr. Confirmation	12 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 10:30 Ruth/Lydia Circle	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 6:00 Youth Pizza & Scavenger Hunt	16	17 10:00 Staff Meeting	18 1:30 Midweek Advent Service 4:00 Mission Service 4:45 Introductory Choir 5:05 Introductory Bell Choir 5:25 Handbell Choir 5:30 Meal 6:05 Brass 6:30 Midweek Advent Service 7:20 Vocal Choir 7:30 Jr. Confirmation	19 9:00 Private Confession 10:00 Bulletin Deadline 4:00 The Voice Deadline	20	21
22 8:40 Pre-Service Recital 9:00 Christmas Program 10:00 Christmas Reception	23	24 3:00 Service of Readings & Carols 5:00 Service of Readings & Carols	25 <u>Christmas</u> 8:45 Hymn Sing 9:00 Divine Service 10:30 Fireplace Room Rental	26 10:00 Bulletin Deadline	27	28
29 8:00 Divine Service 9:00 Coffee Time 9:25 Bible Study 10:30 Divine Service 10:30 Fireplace Room Rental	30	31 6:30 New Year's Eve Divine Service	1	2 Sunday Matins is aired at 9:00am each Sunday on KTOE 1420AM View Our Savior's service on YouTube, channel oslcmankato, livestreamed or any time at your convenience.	3	4

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