

Program for the Week of November 10 – November 17, 2024

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
4:30 Book Club

Monday:

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 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:

4:00 The Voice Deadline

Saturday:

Next Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

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Quilting meets on Monday, November 11th 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. Everyone is welcome to join us, no sewing experience necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Julie at 507-388-7533.

The deadline for the December 2024 issue of *The Voice* is Friday, November 15th at 4pm. Please drop off any submissions at the church office, or e-mail to contact@oslcmandato.org.

The Christmas service is fast approaching, and we need a cover for the bulletin! We want your participation! We are inviting congregants of all ages and artistic abilities to, please, submit a piece (or two!) of original artwork, based on John 1 or the hymn Now Sing We Now Rejoice. The deadline for submissions is December 1st. The cover dimensions are 7" wide, 8 ½" tall. Please place your pieces in the designated box in the narthex - make sure to sign your piece! We look forward to seeing the array of creativity within our church body! If you have any questions speak with Laura Matheny or Terrin Boozikee.

Mission Service is collecting new baby items for Options Pregnancy Center in Mankato. We will be collecting donations through November 17th. Please see the display in the Narthex. Thank you!

The Board of Deacons appreciate all of the volunteers who have generously prepared and served our Sunday morning coffee time and the Wednesday night teams who cook and serve our delicious meals and desserts. But we are again asking for volunteers to serve in the coming weeks. Please sign up on the board in the Fireplace room. If you have questions please contact Denise Painter (507-380-0507). Thank you.

Warmth Drive- The youth event this month will focus on the Reach Youth Resource Center in Mankato. The Reach Youth Resource Center is a part of the Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota and supports youth experiencing homelessness and at-risk youth in the Mankato area. As a part of this focus, we will be doing a warmth drive- collecting winter hats, mittens/gloves, scarves, and hand warmers. Please bring donations to the bin in the narthex by November 17th.

November Youth Activity: Sunday, November 17th, 6 – 8pm in the Fireplace Room. We'll put together care kits for the Reach Youth Shelter and then do a Christmas canvas step-by-step painting. Join us for this youth service opportunity and fun time seeing whose painting looks most like the example and whose looks most unusual.

Mission Service is an hour of fellowship and active service of doing for others. 4:00-5:00 on Wednesday, November 20th. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Annual Voters' Meeting: All confirmed members, age 18 and older, are invited to join us at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 24th at 12:30pm in the sanctuary as we discuss and vote on the business of the church. Agenda items include the 2025 budget and election of officers and board members.

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.

Annual Youth Dinner- The youth will serve their annual youth dinner Sunday, November 24th between the 2nd service and the annual voter's meeting (around noon). This year's menu includes roast pork tenderloin with potatoes and carrots, salad, rolls, and a variety of desserts. Please join us for this free will offering event- proceeds benefit youth activities, including the 2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

You are invited to Our Savior's Advent Event! Who: Women of Our Savior's Lutheran Church; **What:** Advent Event – Spiritual, Fellowship, Social; **Where:** Our Savior's Fellowship Hall; **When:** Thursday, December 5th, beginning at 4:30pm. Registration deadline is Monday, November 25th. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the church bulletin board. Any questions, please contact Nancy Benson, 507-345-1015.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in November, please contact Gretchen Zellmer, 507-317-2904.

Save the date!!! December's Youth Event (open to grades 3rd-12th) will be our annual pizza party and Christmas Lights Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, December 15th from 6-8pm! We will need extra adults for this even- each vehicle will need a driver and second adult. Please talk to Michelle Rotterdam if you're able to help.

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

Sunday, January 12th from 6 – 8pm. January's youth 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. Pick up a form when you sign up, or from the Youth Bulletin board.

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.

Next Sunday is Mite Sunday. Pray for November MITE Grants. Grant #19 Tanzania Children's Homes – Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, Africa - Protecting Albino Children - \$74,500. Grant #25: Bringing God's Word in India – India Bible Translations Project - \$100,000. The Mission Grant stories are in the Narthex.

Walking Together as Synod is the November Lutheran Witness theme. See district insert page 4, Young Woman Representatives (age 22-40) wanted. Applications at www.mnslwml.org. Go to "Faith & Service" and select "Young Women." Also eight pages of District News and pictures (including Pastor Koopman).

From the Stewardship Committee: Mark 12:44 – "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the church in *proportion* to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to *sacrificial* giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That's the shape of true Christian generosity.

One Voice for Public Policy has a new article "Pray Without Ceasing". Pray for our nation, leaders, and for God's will to be done. Printed copies are available on the counter in the narthex, or at: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy>. To add to your prayers, refer to Portals of Pray, Lutheran Service Book, Bible passages . . .

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Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "In Search of Dignity" features two factory workers struggling to find meaning after they are replaced by machines. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Larry Harvala from St. John's Lutheran Church in Park Rapids, who will present a message titled "God Supplies" based on 1 Kings 17:8-16. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

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 May 5 & 6, 2025 SAGES GATHERING is continuing. FYI – the SAGES passage is Psalm 92:14. "They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green." The Mission of SAGES is to provide experiences in Christian fellowship, service and life enrichment.

Unanswered Bible Questions... Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmüller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: talkback@issuesetc.org, Facebook: [facebook.com/issuesetc](https://www.facebook.com/issuesetc), X: @IssuesEtc or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

Dr. Jeffrey Gibbs Workshop – Saturday, November 16th from 9am – 12:30pm. It will be held at Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, 4040 MN-101, Plymouth. Theme: *Nothing but Christ and Him Crucified.*

Ladies: 2024 November eNews for You. Go to <https://mnslwml.org/newsletters>.

Latest news for you from Orphan Grain Train. Manna for Madagascar; \$10,000 for OGT Ukrainian Ministry; Disaster Relief Supplies; Christmas Gift Boxes for Native American Children, Wanblee, SD. Go to <https://www.ogt.org/publications/>

Lutheran Heritage Foundation: 140 languages of Catechisms translations. Go to <https://lhfmisssions.org/>

Thank you Veterans! We are thankful for your service.

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:

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Colossians 3:17

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper "is appropriately called the food of the soul since it nourishes and strengthens the new man." (Luther) As this food can be taken to one's judgment, the common reception of this food is a confession of doctrinal oneness. 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: We have no need or ability to appease God by our merits or sacrifices. Even the high priest of the Old Testament was a shadow of the eternal priest after the order of Melchizedek; Jesus Christ. Priests needed to make continual sacrifices. But Christ has accomplished everything that we need. As both our great High Priest and our sacrifice, His one sacrifice of Himself on the cross has covered all of our sins.

Serving today:

LiturgistRev. Adam M. Matheny
Preacher Rev. John H. Koopman
OrganistSusan Klute
Elder of the Day [8:00] Gaylen Lenz; [10:30] Mike Anderson
Assistant Usher.....[8:00] Gary Rabenhorst
A/V Tech Dale Bergemann