

Program for the Week of November 24 – December 1, 2024

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
11:30 Annual Dinner
12:30 Voters' Meeting

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday:

10:00 Early Bulletin Deadline

6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday:

9:00 Thanksgiving Worship
10:30 Fireplace Room Rental

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
11:30 Decorate for Christmas &
Lunch
6:00 Open Gym/Game Night

The Chancel Wheat bouquet is from Pam & Dave Borchert's farm to honor our new pastor. We give thanks to God for guiding the Koopman's to our church family this Thanksgiving.

Annual Youth Dinner- The youth will serve their annual youth dinner TODAY, Sunday, November 24th between the 2nd service and the annual voter's meeting. 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.

Annual Voters' Meeting TODAY: All confirmed members, age 18 and older, are invited to join us at the Annual Meeting today, 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.

Last reminder for 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.

Digging into our Lutheran heritage! Beginning Sunday, Nov. 24th, we're going to begin a new topic in the Sunday morning Bible Class, and study the Augsburg Confession, which is part of our Lutheran Confessions in the Book of Concord. The Augsburg Confession gets to the meat of our Lutheran convictions, so this should be a very enriching study. If you have a Book of Concord at home, bring yours! If you don't have one yet and would like to own one, you may purchase one through the church, see the information in the narthex. **Copies of the selected material will be available in Bible Class if you don't have a book.**

Quilting meets on Monday, November 25th 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.

Early Bulletin Deadline: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, bulletin announcements for December 1st are due by Wednesday, November 27th at 10am. Please drop off any submissions at the church office or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org. Thank you.

Christmas Decorating: Join us next Sunday, December 1st, following the second service to help decorate the church for the season of Advent and Christmas. This is a great family activity. All ages are invited to help. Lunch will be served when the decorating is complete.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6. When a child is born we often rely on the parents and their family and friends to share the Bible and the love of Jesus with them. The church too has a responsibility to help nurture the faith of its members through their life. While this can start even before a child is born, we are looking for volunteers to visit, encourage, and give materials to newly baptized members of Our Saviors. Guidance and materials will be provided by the church. If you are willing to be a mentor in this capacity or have any questions please contact Samantha Tess at 507-217-0354.

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 1/2" 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.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in December, please contact Judy Mensing, 507-420-8196.

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 a reason to celebrate.
Ruth/Lydia 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.

The youth made 6 pans of lasagna, garlic bread, salad, and fruit to take to the Reach Youth Center at their youth event Sunday night. Special thank you to Rhonda Rastedt and Lisa Gahler for helping! We also brought 3 bags of hats, scarves, gloves, and hand warmers to the Reach. Thank you to the congregation for your donations to those in need in our community!

Be Sure to read the stories about the November MITES in the Narthex.

Attention Kids! 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@oslcmandato.org

You are Invited! Pastor and Brittany Koopman invite you to a Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 8th from 2-5 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.)

Looking for a large print Bible? We have one in the Mission Center for you to take and read!

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 event, each vehicle will need a driver and second adult. Please talk to Michelle Rottermond if you’re able to help.

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.oslcmandato.org or from YouTube (www.youtube.com), search for our channel, oslcmandato.

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

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 Prayer, Lutheran Service Book, Bible passages . . .

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

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.

From the Stewardship Committee: Isaiah 51:6 – “For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.” The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord’s purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.

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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, “Prescription TLC” – Injuries after a plane crash cause a couple to seek God for comfort and healing. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Brady Finfern, Minnesota North District LCMS President located in Baxter, who will present a message titled “We Will See” based on Mark 13:24-37. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Older Adult Ministry: SAGES Board Meeting by Zoom on December 3rd from 10 am to noon. Join the Zoom meeting, Call Trudy for information.

Expert Guests, Expansive Topics, Extolling Christ... 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 teachings include: Progressive Christianity, Christian Identity vs. Identity Politics, the Hymn "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator," the Advent Season 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.

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

The District eNews from 11-19-2024 is in the Mission Center.

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/>. If you have items for OGT or LHF, mark them and bring to Mission Center and they will be delivered immediately.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is hosting a Spuds 'n Splits Fundraiser with a bake and craft sale on Sunday, November 24th from 4 – 7 pm. All proceeds will go to benefit Christina Harman, who suffered a stroke on October 11th. There is also a go fund me set up for donations at <https://gofund.me/16180217>. Thank you for supporting Christina with your gifts and prayers.

St. John's Willow Creek Youth Pancake Dinner, Sunday, November 24th, serving from 11am – 1pm. Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, and beverage. Gluten-free available. Free will offering to help fund the Youth's trip to Higher Things conference. Please join us!

You're invited to a Christmas Organ Concert at St John's Willow Creek at 2pm on Sunday, December 1. The concert will feature Glenn Henriksen, who will be playing a selection of beloved Christmas songs and carols. Refreshments will be served following the concert, and a free-will offering will be collected.

The public is invited to "A Concordia St. Paul Christmas" at 3:30pm on Saturday, December 7th, at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Bloomington. There will be a worship celebration featuring the choral and instrumental ensembles of Concordia University, St. Paul (CSP). The event is FREE with reservation. Reserve your tickets at www.csp.edu/tickets or 866-488-4849. A freewill offering will be taken to support CSP Music.

Christmas at Bethany. December 5 – 8.

Redeemer Christmas Bazaar, New Ulm. Saturday, December 7, 10:30 – 1pm. To order cookies, e-mail redeemerlweml@newulmtel.net or call Cindy at 612-418-5294. See LWML bulletin board for more information.

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: As the church year draws to a close, the scripture readings remind us of the end of this sinful earth and of the end of our lives. Our lasting treasure is not here, but with Christ in His eternal kingdom! The Lord's Supper, which Christ has given to His church on earth, is a foretaste of that heavenly banquet. 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: Daniel's vision is overflowing with the glory of the One like the Son of Man coming in the clouds. In His first coming, Jesus arrived in humility. He suffered, died, and rose for our sake. When He comes again, no one will be mistaken about who He is. He is the true King of kings and Lord of lords. Today, we hold fast to His Word and Sacrament, which may appear humble but are delivering "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16).

Serving today:

LiturgistRev. Adam M. Matheny
Preacher Rev. John H. Koopman
Organist Barb Anderson
Elder of the Day [8:00] Tom Benson; [10:30] Judd Schultz
Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Kevin Hermanson
A/V Tech Zak Tess