

## Program for the Week of December 22 – December 29, 2024

### Sunday:

8:40 Pre-Service Recital  
9:00 Christmas Service  
10:00 Christmas Reception

### Monday:

### Tuesday:

2:45 Hymn Sing  
3:00 Christmas Eve Service of  
Readings and Carols  
4:45 Hymn Sing  
5:00 Christmas Eve Service of  
Readings and Carols

### Wednesday:

8:45 Hymn Sing

9:00 Divine Service

10:30 Fireplace Room Rental

### Thursday:

10:00 Bulletin Deadline

### Friday:

### Saturday:

### Next Sunday:

7:45 Hymn Sing  
8:00 Divine Service  
9:00 Coffee Time  
9:25 Bible Study  
10:15 Hymn Sing  
10:30 Divine Service  
10:30 Fireplace Room Rental

**Christmas Reception:** The Board of Deacons invites you to brunch immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

**Today's bulletin cover** was designed by Elijah Matheny. Congratulations! Thank you to all those who participated in our first Art Contest! And thank you to Bill Bukowski for being our judge. All submissions will be on display in the Fellowship Hall during the reception following the service. Make sure you stop by and take a look!

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>*** 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.

**A new time for January Ruth Lydia Bible Study**, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Thursday. Bible study fellowship will begin at 10:10am with Bible study at 10:25am. The lesson will review the second article and the third article "Steadfast in Christ" on page 17 of the *Winter Quarterly*.

Read the stories in the Narthex for the **Mite Grant Focus** for December. Both of these grants are for very important needs, here at home and in our churches. Grant #21 is for the care of our church workers and Grant #26 is for life from its beginning to eternal life in heaven.

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

**Two more boxes of Bibles** and Christian books were sent to Eagles Nest Ministry on December 10<sup>th</sup>. A total of 17 boxes were sent this year. Thank you to Our Savior Thrivent Team for paying the postage! Missionaries, Pastors, Sunday School teachers, and Christian workers will have the materials they need to share the Good News of Jesus Christ! We have been blessed so we may bless others.

**Watch our services on YouTube**, livestreamed, or view later at your convenience. Access from our website [www.oslcmankato.org](http://www.oslcmankato.org) or from YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)), search for our channel, oslcmankato.

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

**Our Savior's** gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following memorials:

- \$455 Undesignated in memory of Rev. James Pragman
- \$20 A/V System in memory of Bonita Bequette
- \$155 Undesignated, \$80 Capital Improvements; \$25 Youth in memory of Charles Fitzloff
- \$15,484 Benevolent Fund in memory of Virginia Kuske
- \$10 Undesignated in memory of Wayne Cornish
- \$1,145 Undesignated in memory of Louis Plueger

**Public Policy Advocacy:** Rev. Fred Hinz has a new article, "Christian Citizenship: Balancing Humility and Bold Action". Go to: <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy> to read.

**Winter Quarterly** for you is in the Narthex. The Winter Theme is "Tell Your Story". *Come and hear, all you who fear God: Let me tell you what He has done for me.* Psalm 66:16 NIV Save: Read Now: All information you need for the Growing in God's grace. 2 Peter 3:18 The 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial LWML Convention will be held on June 26-29, 2025 Omaha, Nebraska. **New:** the winter Women on a Mission (WOM) is in the Narthex.

**From the Stewardship Committee: Luke 1:45** – "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord's own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord's commands in the face of the world's anger and resistance, just as it gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

**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](http://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 celebrate the season of Christmas with sacred music and songs during the 12 Days of Christmas, December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 6<sup>th</sup>. Regular programming will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Christmas on Main Street" features a grandson and his grandfather who are brought together by the Christmas message at a mission. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, who will present a Christmas message. 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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**Sacred Music & Talk for The Christmas Season...** You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**2025, MCCL March for LIFE** will be on January 22, 2025 at noon at the Minnesota State Capitol. Prior to the March, Concordia University, St. Paul is hosting a Life Chapel Service at Graebner Memorial Chapel at 10:30am. MNS District President Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford will preach. For more information on the March go to: <https://www.mccl.org/march>. The Lutherans for Life news is in Life Date for you, also available at [www.lifenews.com](http://www.lifenews.com).

**S.A.G.E.S.** – Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving. The SAGES passage is Psalm 92:14, "They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green." 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 Mission of SAGES is to provide Christian Fellowship, service and life enrichment. **SAVE the date: SAGES Gathering** will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Country Inn & Suites, Mankato.

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

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

**Rose Bowl Parade** is January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, on TV in the morning at 8 o'clock, California time. Don't miss seeing our Lutheran Float in the parade.

**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:**

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
John 1:5

**Holy Communion:** Advent means "coming". Christ came in the flesh at Bethlehem, He comes now in word and sacrament, and He will come again in judgment. As we look forward to His final coming, we find our deepest joy and comfort in His present coming with His very body and blood for our forgiveness. 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 Old Testament sacrifices and offerings were always given in order to point forward to Christ. Christ has come to fulfill the Law, not merely with the outward observance of sacrifices and offerings, but with His whole body. For Christ has accomplished what we could never do. By taking on human flesh, He has redeemed and sanctified us, going all the way to the cross. He has become the one-time and eternal sacrifice for us.

**Serving today:**

Liturgist ..... Rev. John H. Koopman  
Preacher ..... Rev. Adam M. Matheny  
Organist ..... Barb Anderson  
Special Music..... Andrew Bittner, vocal solo; Sunday School Children  
..... Introductory Choir; Introductory Handbell Choir;  
.....Vocal Choir; Handbell Choir  
Acolytes ..... Madelyn Hendley; Charlotte Amborn  
Elder of the Day ..... Randy Burmeister  
Assistant Usher..... Kevin Hermanson  
A/V Tech ..... Zak Tess