

Program for the Week of December 29 – January 5, 2024

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Tuesday:

6:30 New Year's Eve Service

Wednesday:

Office Closed

Thursday:

9:00 Private Confession
10:00 Bulletin Deadline
10:10 Ruth/Lydia Circle

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Study
10:30 Divine Service
11:30 Take Down Christmas
Decorations & Lunch
6:00 Open Gym/Game Night

A new time for January Ruth Lydia Bible Study, January 2nd, 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*.

Next Sunday, January 5th, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations and putting them away for another year. All help is greatly appreciated. Lunch will be served when the work is done.

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.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in January, please contact Gretchen Zellmer, 507-317-2904 or Missy Schultz, 507-514-2553.

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

Thank you, Board of Deacons, for the Family of Our Savior's Christmas brunch. Christmas celebration at church after the uplifting music and worship with the children filled participants with the JOY of Jesus. "Go tell it on the Mountain"

Your Our Savior January Voice will be in your mailbox this week.

A Thank You: Options Mankato cannot thank you enough for hosting a baby shower in our honor. Our baby store is always in need of supplies for our families. The support from the community bring so much joy and hope here at Options. We appreciate you more than you know. ♥ Options Mankato.

Mission Service thanks everyone who donated to Options Pregnancy Center. Your gifts were given just before we all celebrated Christ's birth.

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

2025, MCCL March for LIFE will be on January 22 at the Minnesota State Capitol. From 12:00 – 12:30 will be a March around Capitol mall (south side of the building), from 12:30 – 1pm will be a program on the Capitol steps with speakers and music. Before the March, the Minnesota South District and Concordia University, St. Paul will host a Life Chapel Service at 10:30am, at Graebner Memorial Chapel, 1259 Carroll Ave, St. Paul. The Lutherans for Life news is in Life Date for you, also available at www.lifenews.com.

Public Policy Advocacy: Learn more about issues concerning life (including abortion and physician-assisted suicide), marriage, family, sexuality, parental choice in education, and religious freedom. Go to <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy> to read the new blog, "Christian Citizenship: Balancing Humility and Bold Action", and for resources to navigate social issues.

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: The Convention insert.

Read: All information you need for the Growing in God's grace. 2 Peter 3:18 The 41st 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 2:38 – "And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem." Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness towards God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say and do?

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 celebrate the season of Christmas with sacred music and songs during the 12 Days of Christmas, through January 6th. Regular programming will resume on January 7th.

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Puzzle Club Christmas" features a Puzzle Club that must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Peter Adelsen from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in West Salem, WI, who will present a message titled "As God's Chosen Ones" based on Colossians 3:12-17. 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.

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 5th & 6th, 2025 at Country Inn & Suites, Mankato.

Young **W**oman **R**epresentatives (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.

Rose Bowl Parade is January 1st, 2025 on TV in the morning at 8 o'clock, California time. Don't miss seeing our Lutheran float in the parade. Parade theme is "Best Day Ever". The Lutheran Hour Ministries float theme is "Behold! JESUS the Savior IS BORN".

