

Program for the Week of February 2 – February 9, 2025

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
6:00 Open Gym/Game Night

Monday:

Tuesday:

8:30 Circuit Pastors
5:15 Board of Education
5:30 Board of Trustees
6:00 Board of Elders
6:30 Board of Deacons

Wednesday:

4:45 Introductory Choir
5:15 Introductory Bell Choir
5:25 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

10:10 Ruth/Lydia Bible Study

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service

9:00 Coffee Time

9:25 Sunday School

9:25 Bible Study

10:30 Divine Service

4:30 Book Club

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Don & Karen Fischer in appreciation for their children and grandchildren.

Open Gym/Game Night: Tonight, February 2nd from 6 – 8pm. Join us in the fellowship hall for fun and games. This is for all ages (children 6th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult), bring your favorite games. Please use the back parking lot door.

Ruth/Lydia Bible Study gathers Thursday, February 6th at **10:10** for fellowship with Bible study at 10:25 (note time). Lesson from the *Winter Quarterly*, pages 18-19, "God Sees Our Story – Therefore Rejoice!" Hymn will be LSB 411, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light." Come to learn in prayer, open our eyes to the value and blessing of knowing God's all-seeing eye is that of love and protection.

With gratitude I am so thankful for the pastoral support, visits, calls, and cards I have received in my recovery journey. The power of prayer and love is undeniable! God is Good!! – Ramona Wilkening

OSLC Kitchen Cleaning Saturday, February 15 at 9:30 a.m. It's time to deep clean the church kitchen. The Board of Deacons would appreciate your help if you are able and available. Hope to see you in the kitchen. Please enter through the back parking lot. Thank you.

Anyone interested in placing flowers for our worship services in February, please contact Marcella Eilders, phone 507-317-4127.

February Youth Event will be at church February 23rd from 6-8pm. We will make soups for shut-ins and have an Armor of God Nerf battle. The youth will be collecting large (sturdy) cardboard and duct tape to create our Armor for our February youth event. Please bring any donations to the youth room. Thanks!

National Youth Gathering Fundraiser: Join Our Savior's Youth for pizza and fun at Pizza Ranch, Mankato on February 17th from 4:30 – 8pm. Our youth will be bussing tables. 10% of all sales and 100% of any donations will go directly to our youth for the National Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Prince, 507-521-0690. Thank you for your support!

After two years of exceptional service, our custodian, Bob Baker, will be retiring on March 31, 2025. Please take a moment to thank Bob for a job well done, and wish him well in his future adventures! The Trustees are looking for another custodian to replace Bob after his retirement. If anyone in the congregation is interested in the position or knows someone who may be, please contact Chris Anderson or any other member of the Board of Trustees. Our contact information is found on the back of the monthly church calendar.

Endowment Board News – Our Endowment Fund has been participating in the “Adopt-A-Student” program with Concordia Seminary in St Louis, MO, in the amount of \$3,500 per year. Sam Hoag, from the state of Washington, received our support the last 4 years and has received his first call to be an Associate Pastor in Richmond, Virginia. Our new student for the 24-25 school year is Benjamin Wagner from southern California. We are excited to support his education and correspond with him frequently as he prepares to become a Pastor. The Endowment Board wishes to thank all of you for your donations to the Endowment Fund here at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

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

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.

Mission Service will meet on Wednesday, February 19th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with the projects. Thank you to everyone who has donated supplies or used clothing for the Orphan Grain Train clothing drive. Many people will be blessed by your generosity.

February featured Mite Grants: Grant #27 Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry, Hope Lutheran, South Sioux City, NE - \$50,000, Spanish Lutheran Books given freely to reach the unsaved. Grant #24 God's Word for Central and South American Missions, Lutheran Heritage Foundation - \$100,000. Bring your Mites from home on February 16 to add to the Large Mite Box.

From the Stewardship Committee: **Luke 2:24** – “[They went] to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.’” Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you’ll see that the sacrifice for purification was either a lamb or a pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us – and of course Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion, but His all.

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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, “The Measure of a Man” features a newspaper editor who learns forgiveness. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, who will present a message titled “Depart in Peace” based on Luke 2:22-32. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

Eastern Orthodoxy Series... How is Confessional Lutheranism similar and different to Eastern Orthodoxy? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a series on Eastern Orthodoxy with LCMS Pastor Joshua Schooping. Pastor Schooping is a former Eastern Orthodox priest. You can listen to this series on-demand at issuesetc.org/easternorthodoxy.

The LWML Zone Board Meeting will be on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 2 pm, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church (rural Gibbon), who will be hosting the Spring Rally.

Ladies: 2025 February eNews for You. Go to <https://mnslwml.org/newsletters>.

For You in Mission Center: Orphan Grain Train latest news, One Voice Public Policy: Christian Citizenship, greetings and thanks from Missionary Gloria Sauck, e-News for the ladies, District e-News. February "Pray for Us" Calendar, and the February 2025 Bible Translator news.

Concordia Classical Academy, North Mankato Re-enrollment opened January 17th. Existing school families, and members of Good Shepherd, Our Savior, Hosanna, and River of Life have priority for enrollment for the 2025/2026 school year. Early registration is \$200 until February 21st. Open enrollment for all families in our community opens on February 21st. The regular enrollment fee is \$300.

Lutheran Laymen's League District Convention: Saturday, April 5, 2025.

Minnesota South District News insert in the January Lutheran Witness. *Wisdom – Talking Points with Pastor.* **New:** the winter Women on a Mission (WOM) is in the Narthex, also the Large Print Winter *Quarterly*.

MOST Ministries – prayer requests: Mission teams serving in January & February. Being the 2025 MI District, LCMS Hearts for recipient. Belize Eyeglass (#2504) February. Honduras Eyeglass (#2514), Honduras VBS (#2518) and Mexico Water (#2517)

S.A.G.E.S. quarterly newsletter, Sagacity, for January – March 2025 is available on the district website or in the Narthex.

Enrollment for students in grades 7 – 12 for 2025-2026 at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop, is open. Early bird discounts apply until March 1st. Principal David Stuckwisch is available for a Meet & Greet by appointment. Call 507-436-5249. www.martinlutherhs.com.

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 Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

Holy Communion: When life seems oppressive and burdens weight us down, it is easy to feel alone, unloved and defeated. As the Lord of Life gives us His body and blood in the Lord's Supper, however, we are reminded that we are not alone, that we are deeply loved, and that in Christ we have the victory! 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: Mary and Joseph did as the Lord's Law instructed and brought the Christ Child to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice. Jesus' whole life was one of fulfilling the Law of the Lord. When He grew, He again went up to Jerusalem to make a sacrifice. But this sacrifice was the once-for-all-time sacrifice of His own body on the cross to atone for the sins of the whole world. So by the gift of faith, we are counted as righteous because of His perfect fulfillment of the Law.

Serving today:

LiturgistRev. Adam M. Matheny
Preacher Rev. John H. Koopman
Organist Edith Williams
Elder of the Day [8:00] Tom Benson; [10:30] Mike Anderson
Acolytes [8:00] Caleb Rottermond; Henry Matheny
..... [10:30] Endre Anderson; Wesley Whitmore
Assistant Usher.....[8:00] Gary Rabenhorst
A/V TechGene Mensing