

Program for the Week of January 12– January 19, 2025

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
1:00 Circuit Forum
6:00 Youth MSU Rock Climbing Wall

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
6:30 Planning Council

Wednesday:

4:00 Mission Service
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

Friday:

4:00 The Voice Deadline

Saturday:

Next Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Divine Service

9:00 Coffee Time

9:25 Sunday School

9:25 Bible Study

10:30 Divine Service

11:45 Voters' Meeting

12:45 Chili Cook off

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Trudy Wiechmann so that people may hear the message of salvation.

Youth Event tonight at the MSU climbing wall from 6-8pm! Lot 8 will be great for drop off and parking for the event (no cost on weekend for parking). The climbing wall entrance is located next to the large garage door at the end of Lot 8. There is additional parking adjacent to Blakeslee Stadium in Lot 7 if Lot 8 is full. Meet at the climbing wall entrance **with your waiver form**- you will not be allowed to climb without that. This event is for 5th-12th graders. If you have not already signed up and want to join us, please text Michelle (507-317-8338)- we may have a few more openings. Waiver forms are available on the youth board.

Weekday Bible Study input requested! The pastors would like to begin a weekday Pastor led Bible Study this year. In order to best serve the congregation, we would like your input to help determine when it should be and what kinds of topics and format you would find helpful. Please share your thoughts with the pastors.

Quilting will meet Monday, January 13th from 9am – noon in the Quilting room (#124/126). Join us for good fellowship while we sew tops, middles, and backs together and tie the quilts. No experience is necessary.

Mission Service will be on Wednesday, January 15th at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Healthcare kits. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

The Voice Deadline: All submissions for the February 2025 Voice are due by 4pm on Friday, January 17th. Please drop off in the church office or e-mail to: contact@oslcmandato.org.

Voters' Meeting, Sunday, January 19th at 11:45am in the Sanctuary. All Confirmed members, age 18 and older, are invited and encouraged to come.

Annual Chili Cook Off: Following the Voters' Meeting next Sunday, join us in the Fellowship Hall to taste the chili entries and vote for your favorite. We will again enjoy Bible Trivia. If you would like to submit a traditional or non-traditional chili for the contest, bring to the kitchen before the meeting.

Just a reminder that after our elections in November, our Church Council still has a few open positions that need to be filled. Have you ever wondered how our church governing body worked? Or do you have thoughts and ideas that you would like to get more involved with in the church? If so, please prayerfully consider using your skills in blessing us with your knowledge and input. If you have any questions at all, please talk to Council President Dan Gahler or any other board member. Thanks for your consideration.

Cleaning out your closets after Christmas? We will be partnering with Orphan Grain Train during the month of January, as they respond to natural disasters in the U.S. Items needed: Used clothing, hats, mittens, shoes, boots, bed & bath linens, medical supplies (crutches, canes & walkers) and new rubber kitchen gloves. Tubs will be in the Narthex. Thank you!

At our January Voter's meeting, we will be asking the congregation for nominations for MN South District positions of President, Vice President, and Board of Directors. If you plan to nominate someone besides an incumbent, please check with them first and make sure they would be willing to serve if elected. Biographical data needs to be submitted to the District by February 2, 2025. For the office of President and the office of Vice President, we are to nominate one Ordained Pastor each. For the Board of Directors, we are to nominate up to two ordained ministers, up to two commissioned ministers, and up to two lay persons. The current incumbents are: President – Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford; Vice President – Rev. Mark Loder; Board of Directors – (Ordained) Rev. J.J. Stefanic, (Commissioned) Mr. Harold "Andy" Frerich and Mr. Joel Landskroener, and (Lay) Mr. David Koosman.

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

Designated Fund for Concordia Classical Academy (CCA) is set up and accepting donations. Summary of this Fund - During a Bible study hour in October, Andrew Bittner gave us a presentation about the work of CCA and how we could help with the school's ministry. This was then discussed at the November Church Council meeting with the Council recommending the creation of a dedicated fund for individual donations to CCA, and with the possibility of supplementing in order to achieve the \$20,000 annual goal. This recommendation was then discussed at the November Voter's meeting and it was clarified that the Funding was not part of the annual Church Budget – Just individuals making designated donations for CCA.

Mite Sunday is next week, January 19. National Mite Grants focus for January are #23: A Legacy of Love for Special Needs Children - \$100,000; and #28: Growing Our Place Care for Special Needs Students- \$20,000.

SAVE THE DATE!- The Mankato Curling Club is reserved for our March Youth Event March 23rd from 12-3pm. We will have lunch and a curling lesson and then have some time to play.

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.

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

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

From the Stewardship Committee: **Luke 3:21** – “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ...” We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

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

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 we continue our study of Isaiah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8am) with chapters 19-24. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11am), we wrap up John's first letter, and continue with 2nd and 3rd John. Don't forget to tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (January 18th at 10am) to learn about confessional subscription. What is it, and why do our churches practice it?

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Homecoming" features a man struggling to reconnect with his family after a car accident. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jeffrey Williams from Trinity Lutheran Church in Montevideo, who will present a message titled "A Voice from Heaven" based on Luke 3:15-22. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Educating A New Generation Of Lutherans... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Bible & Other Religious Writings; The Small-Town Lutheran Church & Pastor; Church Discipline; Roman Catholic Indulgences and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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. Call Trudy Wiechmann for details as soon as possible.

The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School PTL is hosting an information seminar "Gen Z Mental Health Strategies for Parents, Adults, and the Gen Z'er" led by Kathleen von Kampen, MA, LMFT, LMHP, DCE Gracepoint Ministries Therapist and Professor of Psychology at Concordia University, NE on Wednesday, January 15 at 7pm. It is free and open to the public.

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.

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.

Minnesota South District News insert in the January Lutheran Witness. *Wisdom – Talking Points with Pastor.*

Camp Omega Summer Camp, registration begins January 1st. Go to: <https://campomega.org/summercamp/> for information and to register. Early registration discount for registrations received and paid by March 1st.

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. Bus registration by January 31. Bus information contact Deb Vinkemeier, 612-720-7264 or dmvink7@gmail.com.

New: the winter Women on a Mission (WOM) is in the Narthex.

S.A.G.E.S. – Saints Alive Growing Ever Serving. SAVE the date: SAGES Gathering will be held on May 5th & 6th, 2025 at Country Inn & Suites, Mankato. New January issue of Sagacity is here in the Narthex or online.

Death and Dying – Join us for a free presentation, Sunday, January 26, 2025, 12:30-4:00 pm. To learn more and to register: GloryofChrist.org/events Location: Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, 4040 County Road 101N, Plymouth.

2025 Youth Retreat: Feb 14-15, St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 128 Fillmore St. SE, Chatfield 55923. “The good of Sexuality for Human Life”.

LLL District Convention: Saturday, April 5, 2025.

Lutherans for Life Event: Sunday, January 26, 2025. Immanuel- Silo, 22577 County Road 25, Lewiston, MN.

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:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
 The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
 2 Corinthians 5:17

Holy Communion: The Nunc Dimmitis is called the “song of Simeon”. As he saw the Baby Jesus in the temple, he spoke words that meant he was now ready to die – “Lord, now let your servant depart in peace”. In the Lord’s Supper this same Jesus has given His body and blood to us. We, too, have seen the Lord’s salvation and are prepared to depart this life at peace with God! With deep thankfulness for His gift to us here, we also express our deep desire to celebrate the sacrament according to His Will. 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 Lord looks upon His chosen people as precious because of His love. Christ, who has always been the eternal and beloved Son of the Father, willingly passed through the waters of a Baptism of repentance that He did not need. He brings blessing through the sacred waters of our Baptism as we are joined to Him, the only Son of the Father. When the Father looks upon us, He sees Christ. Because of this, we are precious and loved in His eyes as His dear children.

Serving today:

Liturgist	Rev. John H. Koopman
Preacher	Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Organist	Susan Klute
Special Music.....	Introductory Choir
Acolytes	[8:00] Caleb Rotterdam; Laina Gangi
	[10:30] Endre Anderson; Wesley Whitmore
Assistant Usher.....	[8:00] Gary Rabenhorst
A/V Tech	Dale Bergemann