

## Program for the Week of January 19– January 26, 2025

### **Sunday:** *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Divine Service  
9:00 Coffee Time  
9:25 Sunday School  
9:25 Bible Class  
10:30 Divine Service  
11:45 Voters' Meeting  
12:45 Chili Cook-off

### **Monday:**

### **Tuesday:**

10:00 Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday:**

10:30 Life Chapel Service @ CSP  
12:00 March for Life @ State Capitol  
1:30 Endowment Board  
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:**

### **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 Doris Emich with thanks and appreciation of Pastor Matheny and Pastor Koopman for providing the radio ministry.

**Voters' Meeting**, Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Today is Mite Sunday.** 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. See the stories in the Narthex and Mission Center.

**Mission Service** will meet this Wednesday at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Health Care Kits, organizing donations for Orphan Grain Train and trimming stamps. All are welcome to come and help with the projects.

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

**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!

**National Youth Gathering Fundraiser:** Join Our Savior's Youth for pizza and fun at Pizza Ranch, Mankato on February 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you.

**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.

**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](http://www.oslcmankato.org) or from YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)), search for our channel, oslcmankato.

**Concordia Classical Academy, North Mankato Re-enrollment** opens on January 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup>. Open enrollment for all families in our community opens on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The regular enrollment fee is \$300.

**For You 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.

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

**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](http://www.lifenews.com).

**From the Stewardship Committee: John 2:3** – “When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, ‘They have no wine.’” Behold the faith of Mary: she sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord: “They have no wine.” She does not offer a proposed solution, she does not demand, she simply states her need and waits for the Lord’s response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!

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

**Main Street Living** airs each Sunday at 9am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2. This week's *This is the Life* episode, "Live Option" features a 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother who disagree on the future of her child. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Jim Lamb from Lutheran Family Service in Fort Dodge, IA, and Sioux Falls, SD, who will present a message titled "The Trinitarian Value of Human Life" based on Isaiah 43:1. For more information or to watch the program, go to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

**Live Daily Lutheran Chapel Service...** You can listen to a live chapel service weekdays from Concordia Theological Seminary–Fort Wayne, IN. Lutheran Talk Radio streams Morning Chapel from Kramer Chapel at 9 a.m. Central Mondays through Fridays. You can listen at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn or the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**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 41<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:dmvink7@gmail.com).

**Join St. John's Lutheran Church**, Willow Creek for a Soup and Sandwich Lunch on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> with serving from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu includes: Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Broccoli Cheese Soup, Hamburger Vegetable Soup, Hot Ham and Cheese sandwiches and Grilled Cheese sandwiches, bars and beverages. We are raising money to replace the remaining old furnace should it also break down.

**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](http://GloryofChrist.org/events) Location: Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, 4040 County Road 101N, Plymouth.

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

**All families are invited to a Family Winter Carnival** sponsored by the Student Council and National Honor Society students of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Sunday, January 26 from 1-3pm in the gym. There will be a Bouncy House, lots of inside games, prizes, snacks, and a parents' lounge. Cost is \$5 per child or \$15 per family (parents are free.)

**The Parent/Teacher League** of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop is sponsoring a history presentation entitled "The Great Northfield Bank Raid – Minnesotans Foil the James/Younger Gang" by historian Arn Kind on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Presentations are 9 – 11:15am for grades 5-8 , and noon – 1:15pm for grades 9-12. The event is free and open to the public.

**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:** Our Lord's first miracle was water made into wine at Cana. One of His last miracles before He was crucified was wine made into His blood that yet remained wine in the upper room. By His promise, we do, in reality, receive His body and blood in Holy Communion. 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:** In instituting marriage, the Lord created a picture of the kind of love that He has for His people. Christ's love and commitment to His Bride, the Church, led all the way to Him giving Himself for her upon the cross to make her pure, blameless, and holy. He rejoices over us, His Bride, and continues to share His eternal life with us.

**Serving today:**

Liturgist .....Rev. Adam M. Matheny  
Preacher ..... Rev. John H. Koopman  
Organist .....Joe Gangi  
Acolytes .....[8:00] Laina Gangi; Jesse Matheny  
..... [10:30] Jimmy Bittner; Peter Bittner  
Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Kurt Anderson  
A/V Tech .....Joel Maunula