

Program for the Week of January 26– February 2, 2025

Sunday:

8:00 Divine Service
9:00 Coffee Time
9:25 Sunday School
9:25 Bible Class
10:30 Divine Service
4:30 Book Club

Monday:

9:00 Quilting

Tuesday:

10:00 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

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

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

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

Sunday Matins is sponsored by Joan Timm in loving memory of Richard & Jeffrey.

Book Club meets tonight, Sunday, January 26th, from 4:30 – 6pm in the Fireplace Room. We will begin a new book, Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. We will discuss Volume I of the book tonight. If you have any questions, or would like to get a copy of the book, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

Quilting will meet Monday, January 27th 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.

Collecting for Orphan Grain Train ends on February 2nd. Please bring in any used clothing items, medical supplies or bed & bath linens. Thank you!

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.

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.

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.

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.

LLL District Convention: Saturday, April 5, 2025.

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 and the January District e-News. January “Pray for Us” Calendar, and the January 2025 Bible Translator news.

Ladies: 2025 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.

From the Stewardship Committee: 1 Corinthians 12:16 – “And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body.” The Lord has called each of us individually and given each of us unique gifts. He has made our whole lives holy in our Baptism and has called us to a life together in the church, His body. You are a part of that body, and that body needs you and the gifts the Lord has given you. This is your holy calling from the Lord.

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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, “If God Be for Us” features a couple struggling with life after the death of their son. The worship service begins at 9:30am with Rev. Matthew Rusert from St. John Lutheran Churches in Truman and St. James, who will present a message for the third Sunday in Epiphany. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the “Twin Cities” tab.

The Bible & Other Religious Writings... The Koran, The Book of Mormon, The New World Translation, The Analects of Confucius, The Gospel of Thomas. Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a series on the origins of religious writings with Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University Chicago. You can listen to this multi-part series at issuesetc.org/religiouswritings.

Camp Omega Summer Camp, registration open now with discount for registrations received by March 1st. Go to: <https://campomega.org/summercamp/> for information and to register.

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. Large print Winter Quarterly is here.

Bus for Omaha LWML Convention – Growing in God’s Grace. June 26, Thursday – June 29, Sunday, 2025. Minnesota South District is planning a motorcoach from Wednesday, June 25th – Thursday June 29th, 2025. Approx. cost \$175 for travel and daily transportation between hotel and convention center. Deb Vinkemeier coordinator: 612-720-7264 or dmvink7@gmail.com

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.

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 28th. 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.

MOST Ministries – prayer requests: Mission teams serving in January & February. Being the 2025 MI District, LCMS Hearts for recipient. India Eyeglass (#2502) January, Belize Eyeglass (#2504) February. Honduras Eyeglass (#2514), Honduras VBS (#2518) and Mexico Water (#2517)

Understanding our Times and the Biblical Path Forward. When: February 1 from 9am to 12:30pm Where: Peace Lutheran Church, Arlington. Who: Christians and seekers desiring to understand the times we live in and know what to do. \$20 individuals, \$30 couples, \$5 student.

National Lutheran Schools week is January 26-February 1, 2025. Theme of the week is “Endure”.

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

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: Epiphany means “manifestation” or “appearance”. It is a season which highlights many of the epiphanies of God in human flesh (to the wise men, at His Baptism, His miracles, His transfiguration). It is a season which also sets forth Christ as the light of the world and mission outreach to all peoples. As Christ manifests Himself today in the Lord’s Supper, His forgiveness empowers us to walk in His light and witness of Him to a world sitting in darkness. 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 has fashioned a variety of individual members; each one is loved, cherished, and indispensable to His one Body. This Body is not merely constituted by shared interests but by Christ, the Head. Every Lord’s Day, He brings together the congregation of believers into a blessed harmony around His Word and Sacrament. For the church is Christ’s Body, which He has redeemed and made alive by His cross and resurrection.

Serving today:

Liturgist Rev. John H. Koopman
Preacher Rev. Adam M. Matheny
Organist Barb Anderson
Special Music..... Brass
Elder of the Day [8:00] Gaylen Lenz; [10:30] Matt Rottermond
Acolytes [8:00] Madelyn Hendley; Charlotte Amborn
..... [10:30] Levi Kitzmann; Charlotte Doering
Assistant Usher..... [8:00] Kevin Hermanson
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