

## Program for the Week of February 9 – February 16, 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 Class  
6:30 Planning Council

### 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:

4:00 The Voice Deadline

### Saturday:

9:30 Kitchen Cleaning

### Next Sunday: *Mite Sunday*

8:00 Divine Service  
9:00 Coffee Time  
9:25 Sunday School  
9:25 Bible Study  
10:30 Divine Service

**Chancel flowers** are provided by Mark Wellner in honor of Brantly Friedrich-Padgett on his birthday and in loving memory of Sylvia Wellner.

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

**Book Club** meets tonight, Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30pm in the Fireplace room. We will continue our discussion of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Volume II. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Matheny.

**Quilting** meets tomorrow, Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Quilting Room (#124/126, in the library hallway). Join us to sew tops, middles, and backs together and then tie. No experience necessary.

**Mary Circle Bible Study** meets Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Fireplace room. Our study is the first lesson in the Winter *Quarterly* "Steadfast in Christ", page 17. Hostess: Gwen Cattrysse, 507-340-4991. Guests and visitors are welcome!

**The Deadline for the March 2025** issue of *The Voice* is Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Please drop of any submissions in the church office or e-mail to: [contact@oslcmandato.org](mailto:contact@oslcmandato.org). Thank you.

**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.

**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!

**Mission Service** will meet on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be putting together Healthcare Kits and trimming stamps. Hope to see you on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Women on a Mission** (WOM) is in the Narthex, also the Large Print Winter *Quarterly*.

**February Youth Event** will be at church February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!

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

**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.

**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. **MN District Mites** – See the February Voice for the complete list. Thanks be to God.

**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.

**District:** [www.mnsdistrict.org](http://www.mnsdistrict.org) **Church:** [www.oslcmankato.org](http://www.oslcmankato.org),  
[www.facebook.com/oslcmankato](https://www.facebook.com/oslcmankato), [www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com); **LWML:** [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org),  
[www.mnslwml.org](http://www.mnslwml.org)

**The LWML Zone Board Meeting** will be on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 2pm, 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>.

**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*.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. Principal David Stuckwisch is available for a Meet & Greet by appointment. Call 507-436-5249. [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com).

**Growing in God's Grace Convention.** The Gifts from the Heart are getting a makeover. What will we do now? Utilize the Amazon Wish List. The List Wish can start being used in February. Select items from an Amazon Wish List of each recipient's top needs. Use the online link provide. Who are the Recipients? Camp Luther of Nebraska, Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska and The Chapel: The University of Nebraska at Lincoln Campus Ministry.

**The 2025 Lutheran Witness, MN South Supplement.** The February 2025 edition of the Lutheran Witness contains the MN South District news insert of the publication. It is available on the district website.

**S.A.G.E.S.** quarterly newsletter, Sagacity, for January – March 2025 is available on the district website or in the Narthex. February special edition will have SAGES Gathering.

**Night of Hope**, Friday, February 21 at 7pm/ doors open 5:30. St. John's Lutheran Church in Buffalo, MN for an inspiring evening of music, poetry and honest conversations about faith and mental health. This **free** event is open to all ages – parents, teachers, youth and anyone seeking hope and encouragement. Together, we'll explore practical mental health resources and find connection through hope in Christ. Doors open at 5:30 pm for a wellness resource fair and an optional \$5 meal. Plus, enjoy some time with a Comfort Dog! Don't miss this chance to connect, reflect, and be uplifted. Learn more about the featured speakers and register today at: [www.SJLB.org/events](http://www.SJLB.org/events)

**Go First! Ministry Conference** September 26-27, 2025. Redemption Lutheran Church, 927 East Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN.

**Interim MN South LCEF Representative,** Joe Willman. 630-359-8058  
[joe.willmann@lcef.org](mailto:joe.willmann@lcef.org)

**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)

**Convention Pages:** Pages are needed for the MN South District Convention to be held June 12-14, 2025 at Concordia University St. Paul. Get information on the District Website. The **District Convention Opening Worship Service** will be held on Thursday evening, June 12. We will gather around Word and Sacrament and remember those who were called to glory in the last triennium. **ALL** members of the Minnesota South District are invited to attend the opening worship service.

**Classical Lutheran Education Symposium.** This 3-hour session will address the following questions and allow time for attendees to ask their own questions about classical Lutheran education: What is classical Lutheran education? What are essential questions we should ask about education? How do I teach classically? Speaker: Jocelyn Benson, Head Teacher/Administration at Wittenberg Academy, Chatfield. Date: February 17, 2025 at 1-4 pm. Concordia Classical Academy, North Mankato.

**Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Waffle Feed** is postponed to Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 1pm. A free will donation will be accepted. Proceeds will help fund the Class of 2026 Class Trip. Join us at 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop.  
[www.martinlutherhs.com](http://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:** “No human being, but only Christ Himself who was crucified for us, can make of the bread and wine set before us the body and blood of Christ” (Chrysostom). This is what Christ does when we follow His command and institution in the Lord’s Supper. It is also our desire to follow Christ’s command to hold fast to everything that He taught. 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 fishermen had given up after a frustrating night’s worth of casting and pulling in empty nets. But then Jesus stepped into the boat, had them push off from land, and taught them. At His word, casting those empty nets brought in an amazing haul of fish so great that the nets were breaking and boats were sinking. Indeed, the Lord brings in an astonishing catch of believers, not by our power, but by the power of His Gospel of forgiveness.

**Serving today:**

Liturgist ..... Rev. John H. Koopman  
Preacher ..... Rev. Adam M. Matheny  
Organist ..... Barb Anderson  
Elder of the Day ..... [8:00] Gaylen Lenz; [10:30] Lon Whitehead  
Acolytes ..... [8:00] Elijah Matheny; Jesse Matheny  
..... [10:30] Jimmy Bittner; Peter Bittner  
Assistant Usher ..... [8:00] Kurt Anderson  
A/V Tech ..... Dale Bergemann