



HAPPENINGS

December 12-19, 2021

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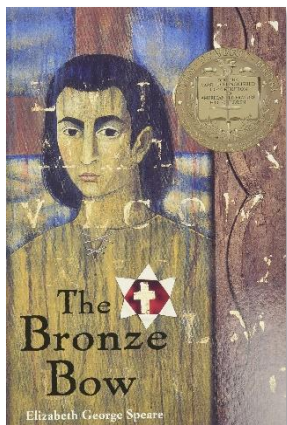
WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS – Welcome to the Lord’s House. God bless you as you hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

BIBLE STUDY Please join us for Bible study as we watch “Community Light”. Rev. Doctor Reed Lessing will continue our Old Testament series. Join us at 10:15 am today in the back of the sanctuary and bring your coffee and bibles!



SUNDAY SCHOOL Please join us for Sunday School and new classes! The **Parents and Little Ones Class** includes pre-school age children along with their parents and grandparents. Time will be spent together singing, story time, games, free play, along with a time for parents to gather independently to share and care for one another during the Christian Education Hour. The **Elementary/Lower Middle School** aged group is one classroom, and the **Youth/High School Group** includes upper middle school grades through seniors in high school. **NOTE: No Sunday School December 26th and January 2nd.**

COFFEE TIME There's nothing like coffee and a treat after worship; it's the Lutheran way!!! A signup is posted in the Commons, so please sign up to help out! Never provided goodies or made coffee? Talk to Pam with any questions. We ALL enjoy the refreshments, please be a part of putting a smile on everyone's faces!!!



BIBLE BOOKENDERS will be meeting on Monday, January 31st at 7:00 pm at the church. We will be reading **The Bronze Bow** by Elizabeth George Speare. This book is set in first century Galilee. Daniel bar Jamin is a young Jew whose father was killed in front of him as an example, by the Roman occupiers. Daniel lives in the mountains with the rebel named Rosh with the goal of overthrowing the Romans. Daniel encounters Jesus of Nazareth. His life is slowly changed as he learns many new things and has many adventures. Please join us!

ADVENT WORSHIP is every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm through December 22nd. Join us for Worship as we celebrate the Advent Season!



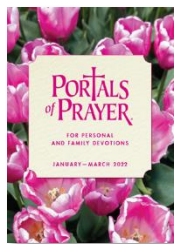
HAPPENINGS ARTICLES!

Don't forget to turn in your Happenings articles each week by Wednesday at noon! Email to megan@holycross-pl.org.

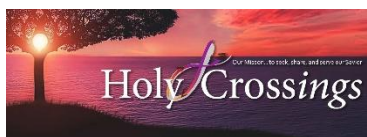
TREATS We hope you enjoyed hearing from our main character, Charlotte, and her love of French food—particularly French bread, cheese and hot chocolate. Although we can't compete with a real-life French bakery experience, today's treats are from France and feature pains au chocolat (pastry with chocolate filling) and French chocolate button cake. For those who are not adventurous, there is a non-French petite cinnamon roll. The treats are provided by Thrivent Financial through a grant. There is also hot chocolate (Swiss Miss). Bon appetit!



PORTALS OF PRAYER are now available for next quarter, January – March, 2022. Portals of Prayer is a favorite of readers looking for ways to stay in God's Word with easy, daily devotions. They're a great way to start each day, readings feature a Bible passage, meditation, and prayer in an easy-to-read format.



GINGERBREAD BASH Twenty-two stable scenes (architectural masterpieces!) were constructed last Saturday. We learned about the best Christmas gift EVER given. (hint: initials are JC!) God blessed us with such a great turn out and we had so much fun! Thank you to the teens that helped and to ALL who helped make this event such a success!



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please send in your Newsletter articles by this Wednesday, December 15th. Email to megan@holycross-pl.org.

PASTOR'S PIES are available again to order for Christmas! Order by December 18th, and pickup on December 23rd. Lots of flavors available!

SOCK COLLECTION We will continue to collect men and women's socks through December. Thank you to those who have already contributed.



LIFE QUOTES – DECEMBER 12

“The birth of Christ is the ultimate solution to the loneliness that began in the Garden of Eden. Jesus came because God cares about lonely people, and so should we. Find opportunities to give lonely people gifts—not merely physical items, but the gift of your time, presence, and encouragement. May the glorious Gospel that is preached to you in the birth of Jesus be the gospel that you preach to yourself and your family this month.” *Paul David Tripp, pastor, author, conference speaker – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org



HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated weekly. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been

baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you. **Note:** *Communion Kits are available, if needing one please contact Pastor.*

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS - RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$22,893.00

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 5, 2021 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 62 **Communion:** 62
Bible Class: **Sunday School:** 5

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Third Sunday in Advent			
SUN	DEC 12	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Sunday Worship & Christmas Program Sunday School Bible Study "Community Light"
MON	DEC 13	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
TUE	DEC 14	8:00 am	Men’s Bible Study
WED	DEC 15	12:00 pm 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due Newsletter Articles Due Confirmation Class Advent Worship
Fourth Sunday in Advent			
SUN	DEC 19	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School Bible Study "Community Light"