

HAPPENINGS

October 9-16, 2022

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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.

FALL FESTIVAL We are looking forward to celebrating our annual Fall Missionfest on **October 15th from 5-8 pm**. This year you will be served a free international dinner with appetizers, breads, entrees, and desserts from around the world! We will have 4 speakers from different countries to each talk for 5 minutes about their journey to America and the differences they have encountered. We will have live auction items, as well as our silent auction. Don’t miss this opportunity to participate in our outreach to support POBLO, Haiti and our preschool. See you there!



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH
Thank you...

- for the countless times you have stretched out your hands in service to others in times of need.
- for the early Sunday mornings and many hours in preparations for your sermons.
- for the thousands of prayers you have prayed for your congregation and others.
- for the time spent out of church to help those who needed help, or need a friend.
- for not judging people, and always embracing everyone with open arms.

THE HARD SAYINGS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Today we continue our series on the Hard Sayings of Paul. Feel free to get a cup of coffee first and snack before we start at 10:15am.



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

NEW 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE If you or someone you know is in a crisis or emotional distress, call 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline! This free and confidential lifeline is available 24 hours



a day, 7 days a week, across the United States. It is comprised of a national network of more than 200 local crisis centers, combining custom local care and resources with national standards and best practices.



PRAYER REQUESTS If you have a prayer request for today, please fill out the form in the pew and put it in the offering plate. Pastor will include them in Prayer of the Church during the service. You can also email weekly prayer requests, and any prayers that should go out to the whole congregation, to the office at megan@holycross-pl.org



TIME OF GRACE Straight talk about God's Word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style.

Subscribe to Time of Grace resources to be delivered to your email inbox daily. You will receive daily devotion emails with "Grace Moments" written devotions and "Grace Talks" video devotions. Pastor Mike Novotny, The Core, Appleton, WI, KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 am www.timeofgrace.org



LIFE QUOTES – OCTOBER 9

"Moved by the Holy Spirit, may we help each other carry the crosses we face together. May we work to eliminate suffering together. And may we find

healing, belonging, peace, and joy, together in the cross of Christ!" *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

WHAT DOES FREE WILL MONEY BUY?

We thank you for donating during Sunday coffee hour. Your giving provides the LWML with more buying power. Coffee, creamers, cups and napkins too. All these we are able to buy for you! Treats and juice our members supply, but for the coffee and stuff on your generosity we rely.



PRESCHOOL Holy Cross gave approval for reopening a preschool in 2023 at the voter's meeting. The plan will be for a full-day preschool

and include a partnership with Poblo to provide subsidized preschool for immigrant families in our neighborhood. Please contact Michael Hentges for more information.

MAIN STREET LIVING airs each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of This Is the Life. For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the "Twin Cities" tab.



PRAYER TIME Join us for prayer at church every week, **now on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm.** What a great way to de-stress from your day/week or busy life. There is something special and sacred



about praying.... and praying at church is the best. We have the most calming stained glass and the presence of the Holy Spirit is mighty. We can pray anywhere at ANY TIME... but there is something special about setting aside an hour a week to pray at church. May God bless you as you pray at home, at church and throughout your days and weeks. Come join us for all or part of the prayer hour from 7-8 pm every Wednesday throughout the fall.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A reminder to keep Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child on your mind as you are shopping. That way it's not the last minute rush to pick up items. Deadline is **Sunday, November 14th.**





MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY every Tuesday from 8:00-9:00 am.



SANTA IS COMING!

On **November 25th** we will be holding a free event for church members and their families to visit with Santa and have your picture taken. On November 26th we will have paid

sessions with Santa for the general public as well. The real Reason for the Season will be shared with the children. Watch for more information to come!



COFFEE TIME Thank you to those who have faithfully made coffee and provided treats each Sunday morning. Please consider signing up to help out.

POBLO International

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK LUTHERAN OUTREACH

Poblo's mission is to meet the physical, social, and spiritual needs of Muslims and other immigrants and refugees in the United States by sharing the love of Jesus in practical and culturally relevant ways.

One of the ways to accomplish this is through the offering of free classes. POBLO Twin Cities has new classes starting up, including English as a Second Language (ESL) classes meeting on Monday & Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm at Mt. Hope in Bloomington. Volunteers are needed! For more information, please contact Shari Schulze, POBLO Twin Cities Coordinator, at shari@poblo.org.



CONTACT UPDATE Has your address, phone, or email changed? Have your adult children moved away from home? Check with Megan in the church office and see what we have on file for you and your family, or you can pick up a form to fill out in the commons area. Help us have accurate information in case we or other church members need to contact you.

FALL BAZAAR Mt. Hope Lutheran is hosting a fall bazaar on **Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.**



There will be crafts, vendors, pies, and other baked goods. Proceeds benefit missions here and abroad. Mt. Hope is located at 3601 W. Old Shakopee Rd. in Bloomington.



KEEP THE LWML SUNDAY CELEBRATION GOING

Did you miss LWML Sunday? Don't worry, through the month of October, you'll find a large purple Mite Box in the back of church where you can drop your mite monies. Need a Mite Box? Pick one up at the same spot and start filling it today. Your donations will make a difference and help spread the Gospel around the world.



WOMEN'S ONE NIGHT BIBLE STUDY Ladies are invited for a one-time Bible study event **October 26th at 6:30 pm**

at church. Make time in your busy schedule to relax and be in the Word. No preparation needed, just bring your Bible.



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE We have kicked off Sunday School this year with the oldest class studying martyrs for their Christian faith. We started with the definition of a Martyr, with Stephen in the Book of Acts and are now using materials and scripture from Voice of the Martyrs. We have learned about how Christians are treated in other parts of the world and their very lives are in danger for being a Christian and distributing Bibles. We are watching video clips from Voice of the Martyrs on Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand, and their story.

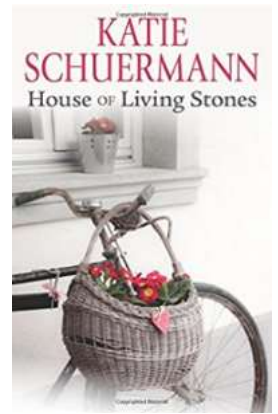
We would like the congregation to join us in praying for the Martyrs around the World. Take a peek in the Youth Room and see the banner and materials we are using. We also have a very beautiful liturgical calendar on the wall available from Concordia Publishing House.

Thank you to parents for your faithfulness in bringing your students to Sunday School. It is truly a blessing to teach the next generation for Christ and The Gospel.

National Day of Prayer for Martyrs worldwide is November 6. We will be taking a freewill offering that day and we'll send the money to Voice of the Martyrs to buy Bibles for restricted and hostile areas of the world.

Thank you for your support for Voice of the Martyrs and for your prayers for our entire Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes, Board of Education and Sunday School teachers and substitute teachers at Holy Cross.

BIBLE BOOKENDERS will now be meeting on Tuesday evenings instead of Monday evenings. Join us on **Tuesday, October 25th from 7:00-8:30 pm.** We will be discussing Book 2 (and maybe Book 3) of Kathie Schuermann's Series we started last April, House of Living Stones. Book 2 is The Choir Immortal. Book 3 is The Harvest Raise. Books are available through Concordia Publishing, Amazon and the Public Library. Feel free to check with other Bible Bookenders Members if they might have a copy to share.



Our January book is an old classic, Two From Galilee by Marjorie Holmes. Join us at church from 7:00-8:30 pm on Tuesday January 31st. Blessings on your reading of first and foremost God's Word, and the fun books we read and share for Bible Bookenders. Questions? Contact Bonnie Nowak, Pat Harvey or Michele Lein.

VACANCY PASTOR GADE'S church hours are Monday & Tuesday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Other times can be arranged, call 763-333-5896.



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 each month (General Fund): \$21,844.00 • Contributions received in August \$15,642.00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 51

Communion: 51

Bible Study: 19

Sunday School:

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS		
SUNDAY	Gideon Sunday	
9	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study Sunday School
MONDAY		
10	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
TUESDAY		
11	8:00 am 4:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Confirmation Class
WEDNESDAY		
12	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due Prayer Time
THURSDAY		
13	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
FRIDAY		
14		
SATURDAY		
15	12:00 pm 5:00 – 8:00 pm	Newsletter Articles Due Fall Festival
SUNDAY	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
16	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study Sunday School



Jocelyn Einarson
 Donna Hoehn
 James Anderson
 Brian Fitzwater
 Evan Kruse
 Harold Brunner
 Allie Wagner

October 4
 October 5
 October 6
 October 7
 October 9
 October 11
 October 15

Dorene Oak
 Ruth Lein
 Laura Petrie
 Blake Dobberstein
 Thomas Lein
 Ellie Sprouls

October 19
 October 23
 October 24
 October 27
 October 29
 October 30

Upcoming

EVENTS

October 15

October 25

October 26

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November

December 4

Fall Festival

Bible Bookenders

Women's Bible Study

Santa Photos for church members and their families

Santa Photos for the public (must pre-register)

Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes

CAP Agency Adopt a Senior