

HAPPENINGS

October 23-30, 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.



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. [SIGN UP NOW](#) for a spot on **Friday, November 25th**.

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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.

VOTER’S MEETING is Sunday, October 30th after the church service.



HAPPENINGS ARTICLES!

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



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.

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 23

"We may think our prayers are small in relation to the magnitude of the problem of abortion. Not so! ... Educate yourself, your children, and the

people you know about Lutherans For Life ... Support leaders who embrace these words, 'All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.' ... We have the most hopeful message the world has ever heard. You know it. God does big things with small stuff. How can we be so sure? Shiphrah and Puah, Jochebed, Miriam, and Moses ... and especially Jesus." Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota— *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org



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 Poble 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.



WOMEN'S ONE NIGHT BIBLE STUDY Ladies are invited for a one-time Bible study event **THIS Wednesday at church,**

6:30pm. No preparation needed for the study, just bring your Bible. Feel free to bring a snack to share. If you are on the run, hit the drive-thru and bring you dinner. Our evening together is meant to be casual, a time of fellowship, and an opportunity to be in the Word.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Boxes, boxes, boxes! We've got boxes! Check out the display in the Commons. Pick up the pamphlet listing ideas. There are also labels that you can use in which you can track your box(es). **Deadline is Monday, November 14th.** Please pick up your box(es). Our shoe box goal page at [Samaritans Purse](#) is set up, or you can scan the QR code to bring you to our page. Boxes can be "built" online as well and will go towards our goal. That information will be shared as soon as they provide the "code" for us.



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.



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



KEEP THE LWML SUNDAY CELEBRATION GOING
Did you miss LWML Sunday earlier this month? 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. Grab a Mission Grants bookmark and be in prayer for the different ways our mite offerings are spreading the Gospel. Your donations of pennies, nickels, and dimes make a big difference and help spread the love of Jesus around the world.



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



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.

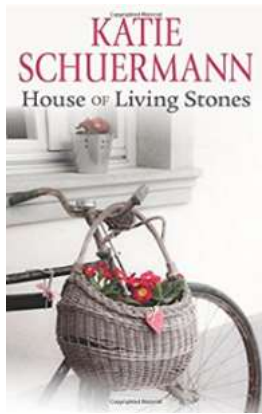


WHAT DOES FREE WILL MONEY BUY? We thank you for donating during Sunday coffee hour. Your giving provides the LWML with more buying

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.

ALL SAINTS DAY If you have someone you'd like remembered on All Saints Day, please put their first and last name on a Prayer Request Form noting it's for All Saints Day or email [Megan](#) with their information. Thanks!

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.



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.

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.



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.



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.*

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.

SAVE THE DATE Our Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 11 during our Worship service. Bonnie Nowak has blessed us by writing the play, "The Road to Bethlehem". Sheri Brunner will be directing. The plan is to have rehearsals on Saturday, December 3rd & 10th in the morning. Extra hands are always appreciated! Specifics will be shared later.

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS - RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Contributions needed each month (General Fund): \$21,844.00 • Contributions received in September \$13,733.00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 55

Communion: 55

Bible Study: 16

Sunday School:

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 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 25

October 26

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November

December 4

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