

# HAPPENINGS

November 20-27, 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!

**This Friday, Nov 25**

we will be holding a free event for church members and their families to visit with Santa and have your picture taken. On November 26<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>** [bit.ly/3Ntc0Ym](https://bit.ly/3Ntc0Ym).

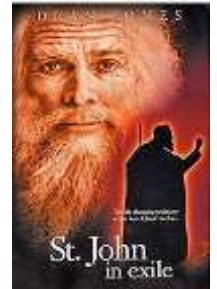
**OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** The last two years we have enjoyed bright lights outlining our church building. Many remarked on how nice they looked, but they do come at a cost of approximately \$1,900. We relied on donations to do this. Anyone wishing to donate to this year's lights can write a check to Holy Cross with Christmas lights in the memo. The money will not come from our church



budget. Questions can be directed to the Board of Missions. Thank you.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This Sunday and next, the Bible Study will feature the Dean Jones Broadway production of **"St John in Exile."** This is a fascinating portrayal of the Apostle John's exile in the Island of Patmos and his life changing testimony of the last of Jesus' disciples. Imprisoned, John remains full of humor, strong in spirit and obstinately spry. Through his eyes we relive the moving events in which Jesus Christ changed the course of human history and challenges us with his last words before his death. Feel free to get a cup of coffee first and snack before we start at 10:15am.



## 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](mailto:megan@holycross-pl.org)



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

**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](http://www.timeofgrace.org)

**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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) select the "Twin Cities" tab.



#### **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](mailto:shari@poblo.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.

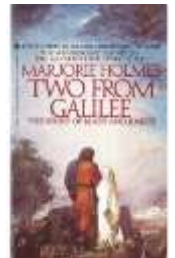


#### **LIFE QUOTES – NOVEMBER 20**

"In the Christian calendar, secular time is swallowed up in Sacred Time, which is a foreshadowing of the eternal Day of the Lord, when all that we

have foolishly sought after and worried about will vanish as will the night vanish on the dawning of the Lord's Day. Rejoice, the Lord is near." *James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**BIBLE BOOKENDERS** will now be meeting on Tuesday evenings instead of Monday evenings. 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.



**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.



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

**SAVE THE DATE! Our Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 11th** 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.



**HAPPENINGS ARTICLES!** Don't forget to turn in your Happenings articles each week by Wednesday at noon! Email to

[megan@holycross-pl.org](mailto:megan@holycross-pl.org).



**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.

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.

**CROSSVIEW LUTHERAN** is holding a Feed My Starving Children event on **Friday & Saturday, December 2-3, 2022**. Cross View Lutheran Church is located at 6645 McCauley Trail West, Edina, MN.

**GOAL:** Pack 101,088 Meals – enough to feed 277 children for 1 year!

**NEEDED:** 500 volunteers and \$25,000 to cover the cost of the food (a donation of \$50/person is suggested)



Please sign up to volunteer and/or donate at: [give.fmsc.org/crossview](http://give.fmsc.org/crossview)

**INDOOR DECORATING** Please join us on Saturday, November 26th from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm to help decorate the church indoors for Christmas and Advent. The first Sunday of Advent is November 27th, and our Advent Wednesday night Worship services begin November 30th at 7:00 pm.



**LUTHERAN WITNESS: MN SOUTH SUPPLEMENT**  
The November 2022 edition of the Lutheran Witness is available. View the MN South District News insert of the publication here [www.bit.ly/3V1Yk97](http://www.bit.ly/3V1Yk97)

**THANK YOU** for the generous donations to Voice of the



Martyrs. We were able to collect \$525.00 that will go for purchase of bibles for children and youth in areas that are restricted and hostile to Christians. What a blessing to put God's precious word in the hands of young believers who are in danger for their faith. God's word will mightily equip them and strengthen them mightily!! Please continue to pray for our Christian brothers and sisters around the world in danger for their faith in Jesus Christ.



**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

Save the date! Trinity Lutheran Church in Waconia will be hosting a Lutherans for Life / Lifelines event on **January 21, 2023 at 10:00 am**. The topic, presented by Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, is "Wonderfully Made: The Divine Value of Being Human," and will include a biblical conversation about abortion and end of life issues. For more information, please contact Corinne Allen (Lutherans for Life / Lifelines) at [narrfarm@aol.com](mailto:narrfarm@aol.com) or 612-599-0021.



**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.*

**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.



**CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS - RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

Contributions needed each month (General Fund): \$39,677.00 • Contributions received in September \$13,733.00

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE**

**Worship:** 50

**Communion:** 50

**Bible Study:** 12

**Sunday School:**

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Last Sunday of the Church Year</b>	
<b>20</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study Sunday School
<b>MONDAY</b>		
<b>21</b>		
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
<b>22</b>	8:00 am 4:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Confirmation Class
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
<b>23</b>	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due Thanksgiving Worship
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
<b>24</b>		
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
<b>25</b>	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Free Santa Event for church members and their families
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
<b>26</b>	8:30 am – 12:00 pm 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Decorate the Church Santa Photo Sessions (must pre-register)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>First Sunday in Advent</b>	
<b>27</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study Sunday School



Kathy Gillespie  
 Heidi Cordell  
 Jon Dobberstein  
 Becky Lepley

Nov 5  
 Nov 13  
 Nov 13  
 Nov 16

Jacob Oak  
 Shannon Busse  
 Doug Albrecht  
 Greg Albrecht

Nov 27  
 Nov 29  
 Nov 30  
 Nov 30

# Upcoming

EVENTS

**November 25**

Santa Photos for church members and their families  
 Register here: [bit.ly/3Ntc0Ym](http://bit.ly/3Ntc0Ym)

**November 26**

Decorate the Church for Christmas

**November 26**

Santa Photos for the public (must pre-register)

**December 4**

CAP Agency Adopt a Senior

**February 10**

Night to Shine