

HAPPENINGS

November 27 - December 4, 2022

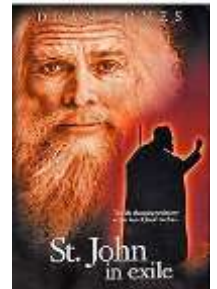
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WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS – Welcome to the Lord’s House. God bless you as you hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know 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.

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 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.



NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY,
November 27th.

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



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



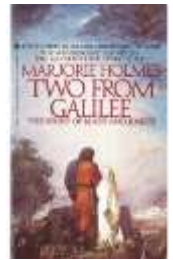
TIME OF GRACE Straight talk about God’s Word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style.

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

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.



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.



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.



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

27 "These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every

life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand." *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.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.



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. Rehearsals are Saturday, December 3rd & 10th, 10:00am-11:30am. Dress rehearsal will be on the 10th; extra hands would be appreciated.





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

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.

BAPTISM Last Sunday, Bryce Paul Olson was welcomed into the family of Christ through Holy Baptism. Bryce was born October 20th and is the son of Samantha (Sami) and Brett Olson.



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



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

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 or 612-599-0021.



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.*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Thank you to all who contributed shoe boxes or created ones online. Thirty-two boxes were delivered and approximately



12 boxes were added to our tally online. May our boxes bless the children that receive them.

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 20, 2022 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 67

Communion: 67

Bible Study: 16

Sunday School: 5

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY	First Sunday in Advent	
27	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study No Sunday School Today!
MONDAY		
28		
TUESDAY		
29	8:00 am 4:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Confirmation Class
WEDNESDAY		
30	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due Advent Service
THURSDAY		
1	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
FRIDAY		
2		
SATURDAY		
3		
SUNDAY	Second Sunday in Advent	
4	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study Sunday School



Jacob Oak
Shannon Busse

November 27
November 29

Doug Albrecht
Greg Albrecht

November 30
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Dinah Gilberts
Ben Huston
Mui Cheng
Earl Drangstveit
Vivian Jobst
Karly Oak

December 4
December 7
December 9
December 9
December 11
December 19

Jason Kruse
Lois Helms
Carol Albrecht
Bo Brunner
Nivedita Fulbert

December 20
December 25
December 26
December 28
December 30

Upcoming

EVENTS

December 4
December 24
December 24
December 25
December 31
February 10

CAP Agency Adopt a Senior
Christmas Eve Service – Traditional 4:00pm
Christmas Eve Service – Contemporary 7:00pm
Christmas Day Service
New Year's Eve Game Night
Night to Shine