

HAPPENINGS

December 4-11, 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.



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.



LIFE QUOTES – DECEMBER 4

“Christmas is also a time to contemplate the gift of mortal LIFE through the miracle of birth. Christmas is the gift of LOVE that moms and dads shower on their children by

saying yes to life—sometimes under very difficult circumstances. Regardless of the challenges, God has a perfect plan for each life that He brings into the world, and His will for them is to out-sparkle and out-shine any ornament.” *Bradley Mattes, president of Life Issues Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

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. Next rehearsal is Saturday, December 10th, 10:00am-11:30am. Dress rehearsal will be on the 10th; extra hands would be appreciated.



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

HAPPENINGS ARTICLES!

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



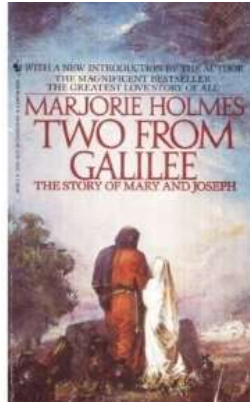


TIME OF GRACE Straight talk about God's Word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style.

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

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.



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.

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.

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.



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.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE The Youth Sunday School class, taught by Michele Lein, will be continuing their study on Martyrs of the church. They will begin a new study in January. Our Middle school students will study the prophecies of Jesus, the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Magi. In January students will study the sacrifices and priestly duties in the Old Testament followed by a review of Jesus' life. They have also been studying the order of the books of the Bible and learning the 10 Commandments and making a study guide. Teacher, Bonnie Nowak commented, "I am very thankful for the attendance of students and the support of the parents. I feel this class is a gift to me, and I take seriously the sacred trust that has been given to me to help instruct our young people".

Our youngest group, the "Littles" have learned that God created the world and all the animals, plants, etc. and Adam and Eve. And as we look at our world today, we can still see the wonders of God's creation and thank him for all of his blessings. We learned of God's great love and plan when he directed Noah to build that really big boat, the ark!! This month we will learn of God's promise to send a Savior and of Jesus' birth. We have a great time coloring and working on themed crafts. Teacher, Pam Hunter enjoys her time with her little guys!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This Sunday the Bible Study will examine and explain some of the familiar Advent & Christmas prophecies, Isaiah, 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; and Micah 5:2 to name a few. Let your minds and heart be warmed as you learn the wonders of the prophecies Jesus fulfilled on Christmas. Feel free to get a cup of coffee first and snack before we start at 10:15am.



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.



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



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.*

THE SANTA EVENT was a success! Several families from the church attended on Friday and had their photos taken with Santa and enjoyed the crafts and treats. On Saturday it was a full day of photo sessions! Here are some photos from Friday night at the event.



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 27, 2022 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 43

Communion: 43

Bible Study: 14

Sunday School: n/a

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 Ben Huston
 Mui Cheng
 Earl Drangstveit
 Vivian Jobst
 Karly Oak

December 4
 December 7
 December 9
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 December 11
 December 19

Jason Kruse	December 20
Lois Helms	December 25
Carol Albrecht	December 26
Bo Brunner	December 28
Nivedita Fulbert	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