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A Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Congregation

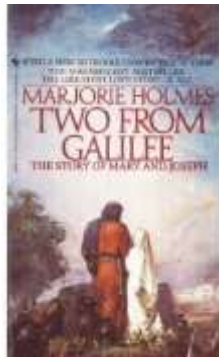
HAPPENINGS

January 15-22, 2023

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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.

BIBLE BOOKENDERS Our January book is an old classic, **Two From Galilee by Marjorie Holmes**. Join us at church from 7:00-8:30 pm on Monday, January 23. 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.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY is 10:15 after the church service. Feel free to get a cup of coffee first and snack before we start.

OFFERING ENVELOPES The new offering envelopes for 2023 have not been delivered yet. They should arrive in a few more weeks. Until then, please place your offerings in a plain envelope marked with any designations beyond general fund giving (Missions, Building Fund, Special Offerings), or use a 2022 envelope you haven't used yet.

If you use a plain envelope, please include on the envelope your name and offering envelope number if you know it, especially if you are giving cash, for recording purposes. If you need an envelope, there will be envelopes available on the work counter opposite the kitchen marked for the next few Sundays. Once the envelopes for 2023 arrive, you can pick them up on the counter as well.

The 2022 giving statements will be emailed out in January. If you prefer a printed statement, please contact the financial secretary, **Sheri Brunner** at 952-807-6473 or sheri.brunner@gmail.com.

NIGHT to Shine
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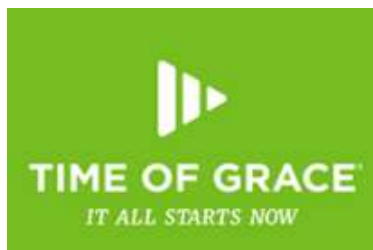
NIGHT TO SHINE is back in person, February 10, 2023. We are hosting it with St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Bloomington. Night to Shine is a complimentary, exclusive invitation-only event for people with special needs. Night to Shine's mission is to bring faith, hope and love to those needing a brighter day in their darkest hour of need. We need many volunteers to make this magical night happen. If you are unable to attend the event, we also need people to help us pick up items for the event, and donations are always appreciated! Please visit www.nighttoshinemn.org or contact Shari at mnnighttoshine18@gmail.com for more information!

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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



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.

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.



POBLO - 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.



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. There are some members and guests that we do not have an email or cell phone number for. 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.



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.



The High School Sunday School Class is preparing for Youth Sunday next weekend on **January 22nd**. Thank you to Bonnie Nowak who has helped us with a great script/skit for that. We will be talking about our Identity is in Christ, which was discussed at length at the Youth Gathering. We will be talking about sin, because it **IS** a really big deal, along with many topics related to current events in our world and society today. What is God's role for me as a Teenage Christian in Today's World? Thank you for your continued prayers for our Sunday School.



MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - Stories for Witness Every Tuesday from 8:00-9:00 am join us for Men's Bible Study. Discover the witness value of stories. We will review the great sacred story arcing over every disciple's life and find themselves in the stories Jesus tells in the gospels. We will also consider their own stories for witness. The point of witness is just where the Christ story, the story of another, and my own story intersect. To emphasize the visual nature of Jesus' stories, art will be used extensively.



JANUARY 15 "Christians are to love their neighbors, including the unborn ... (Proverbs 24:11, 29:8-9) ... This means we can and ought to pray for the unborn, for women who have the choice of preserving or ending the life of their unborn child, for women who have had abortions and who need forgiveness in Christ—freely given through faith, for abortion doctors who are directly responsible for killing these children, and for our governing officials." *Pastor David Thompson, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Lombard, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

HIGHER THINGS REGIONAL RETREAT Higher Things offers one- or two-day regional retreats for youth that are filled with all of the great things of a summer conference, but in a smaller setting. Youth who attend a Higher Things retreat are challenged to *Dare to be Lutheran* and inspired to a deeper faith and love for their neighbors. Upcoming events include:

- **"Ten"** January 27-28, 2023
Immanuel Lutheran Church; Broken Arrow, OK
- **"Life by Drowning"** February 17-18, 2023
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church; Lititz, PA
- **"Baptized Rite!"** February 18-19, 2023
Trinity Lutheran Church; Sheboygan, WI
- **"Who Am I?"** March 24-25, 2023
St. Paul's Lutheran Church; Minot, ND

For more information or to register, visit the Higher Things website. higherthings.org/events/retreats

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



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): \$21,844.00 • Contributions received in October \$18,106.00

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 57

Communion: 57

Bible Study: 13

Sunday School: 7

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, JANUARY 15

Elder: Doug Brunner
Lector: Pam Hunter
Ushers: Eric Brown
Acolyte: Allie Wagner
AV: Rostina Vannett
Offering Count: Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, JANUARY 22

Elder: Dennis Waderich
Lector: Judy Weimer
Ushers: Jason Kruse
Acolyte: Daniel Vannett
AV: Eric Brown
Offering Count: Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS		
SUNDAY	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	
15	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday School
MONDAY		
16		
TUESDAY		
17	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Confirmation Class
WEDNESDAY		
18	12:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due
THURSDAY		
19	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
FRIDAY		
20		
SATURDAY		
21		
SUNDAY	3rd Sunday after Epiphany & Youth Sunday	
22	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday School



Amanda Fitzwater	January 14
Michael Schumacher	January 15
Mitch Hoehn	January 16
Rich Mobroten	January 16
Emily Mae Lein	January 26

Donna Vig	January 26
Chloe Einarson	January 27
Pastor Gade	January 29
Quinn Fitzwater	January 29

Upcoming

EVENTS

January 22	Youth Sunday
January 23	Bible Bookenders
January 29	Voter's Meeting
February 10	Night to Shine