

HAPPENINGS

February 5-12, 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.



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!

SAVE THE DATE Holy Cross paid off the mortgage in December! So now it’s time to celebrate and have a mortgage burning party. We will celebrate on **February 25**. Watch for more details coming soon. If you are interested in helping with the party contact Joy Anderson at 612-423-1204 or spitjoy@hotmail.com.



LENTEN SUPPERS We will gather as a church family for meals during the Lenten season. Our first supper will be **Ash Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00 pm**. Supper will be served each Wednesday through March 29th. The Lenten church service will follow at 7:00 pm. You can help by providing soup, other main meal items or dessert. A simple setup is at approximately 5:30-ish! Signup sheets are posted in the Commons. Questions? Contact Pam Hunter. FYI, Easter is April 9th.

CAMP OMEGA PLUNGE For more information and to register visit holycross-pl.com/camp-omega-plunge.



**Sunday,
February 26th,
2023**

1:00-2:00 PM REGISTRATION
2:00-2:30 PM INTRODUCING THE TEAMS/JUMPERS MEETING
2:30 PM FIRST JUMPER
3:30 PM GO HOME & WARM UP!

ALL EVENTS AT MORRISTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

FEBRUARY 5 "How sad as we hear of the overturning of Roe vs. Wade by the Supreme Court that so many are acting like this is the worst thing that could happen in our world. Stop and think of what they are arguing about. They want the right to kill a baby in their womb. They want the right to do what they want with their body. It is such a selfish, sinful, and demented way of thinking. Yet, as you hear the arguments and as your kids go off to college, you often feel like you as a Christian are such an uncaring person. My friends, we are all sinners. Imagine what Jesus must think of this. He loves every soul!" *Pastor Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (6-26-22)* – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org



OFFERING ENVELOPES The new offering envelopes for 2023 have not been delivered yet. They should arrive in a few 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 soon. If you prefer a printed statement, please contact the financial secretary, **Sheri Brunner** at 952-807-6473 or sheri.brunner@gmail.com.



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.



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.



CAMP OMEGA Get ready for the best summer ever! Summer camp registration at Camp Omega is now open! There are camps available for a wide range of ages. Check it out! Save \$20 by registering by March 1. Register now www.bit.ly/campomega.



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.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ESSAY CONTEST Here's an opportunity for students in grades 6-12 to write a life-affirming essay based on the theme **Just As...I Am**. Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" is the theme verse, and is required in the formation of the essay. **Deadline for submission is April 1st**. For more information visit www.bit.ly/LFLessay.



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.

YOUTH RETREAT St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chatfield will be hosting a Youth Retreat entitled, **"Christ the Life Versus the Woke Worldview."**



Rev. Gregory Schulz, Professor of Philosophy at Concordia University, Mequon, will lead the three sessions, tackling the woke principles of knowledge, politics, and the human subject. Retreat is March 24-25, 2023, and the cost is \$25/youth (maximum of \$100/congregation). For more information and to register visit www.bit.ly/chatfieldretreat



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

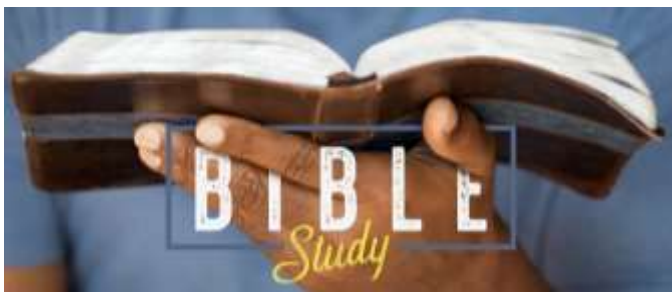
ADF WEBINAR Alliance for Defending Freedom (ADF) is hosting a webinar on March 2, 2023 at 12:00 (EST) entitled, **Church & Culture: Equipping the Parents in Your Congregation With a Biblical View of Gender**.



A panel of church leaders from various denominations will join ADF attorneys to discuss:

- Current legislation and court cases related to gender identity issues and parental rights
- Ways the Church can engage on human sexuality issues in today's culture
- How your church can protect its religious freedom as it seeks to operate according to biblical principles

You'll leave better equipped to address gender identity issues and more aware of the legal and legislative matters parents are facing today. Visit the ADF website www.adflegal.org.



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

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.



SAVE THE DATE!
The Minnesota Early Childhood Educators' Conference

When: March 3 - 4, 2023
Where: Concordia University - St. Paul
Watch for more information to come!

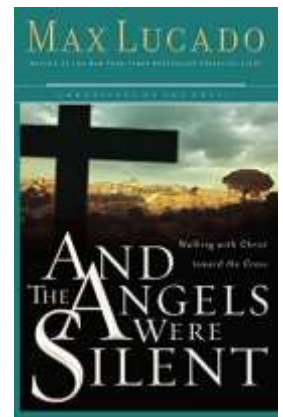


HAPPENINGS ARTICLES Don't forget to turn in your Happenings articles each week by Wednesday at noon! Email to megan@holycross-pl.org.

COFFEE TIME New Year, new signup!! Thank you to those who have faithfully served coffee and treats. But... we need more volunteers. It's not hard or scary!! Never made coffee? There is always someone that can help with that. Prefer to have a partner? Ask another person/couple to work with you. We ALL enjoy the refreshments, please consider being a part of this hospitality opportunity. 😊



BOOKS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON We have pulled some books from our church library that are a good read as we enter into the Lenten season. Two written by Max Lucado are *And the Angels Were Silent* and *Six Hours One Friday*. Another book is *The Day Christ was Born/The Day Christ Died* by Jim Bishop. We also have *Stories Behind the Traditions and Songs of Easter* by Ace Collins. All are displayed in the commons - take a look! They are available to check out. If you have other books to recommend, let us know and we'll share that information.



LUTHERAN WITNESS: MN SOUTH SUPPLEMENT
The February 2023 edition of the Lutheran Witness is available. View the publication here www.bit.ly/luthera_nwitness.



BASIC YOUTH GROUP is collecting non-perishable food for the CAP agency food shelf through February. There will be a table in the back.



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.*



CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS - RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Contributions needed each month (General Fund): \$21,844.00 • Contributions received in January \$17,526.00

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 43

Communion: 43

Bible Study: n/a

Sunday School: n/a

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, FEBRUARY 5

Elder: Dave Albrecht
Lector: Michelle Lein
Ushers: Lance Lerum
Acolyte: Allie Wagner
AV: Eric Brown
Offering Count: Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, FEBRUARY 12

Elder: Dennis Waderich
Lector: Pam Hunter
Ushers: Jason Kruse
Acolyte: Colin Kruse
AV: Judy Weimer
Offering Count: Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

| SUNDAY | | 5th Sunday after Epiphany |
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| 5 | 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am | Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study Sunday School |
| MONDAY | | 6 |
| TUESDAY | | 7 |
| | 8:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm | Men's Bible Study Confirmation Class Elder's Meeting |
| WEDNESDAY | | 8 |
| | 12:00 pm | Happenings Articles Due |
| THURSDAY | | 9 |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| FRIDAY | | 10 |
| | 5:00 pm | Night to Shine |
| SATURDAY | | 11 |
| SUNDAY | | 6th Sunday after Epiphany |
| 12 | 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am | Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study Sunday School |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cheryl Drangstveit February 1
 Lynda Sumpter February 3
 Chris Petrie February 7
 Ann Poe February 10
 Bella Peterman February 12
 Doug Brunner February 13

Dylan Vannett February 13
 Pam Hunter February 16
 Tate Kruse February 17
 Ralph Wagner February 22
 Rev. Robert Nowak February 27
 Judy Weimer February 27



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| February 10 | Night to Shine |
| February 25 | Mortgage Burning |
| February 26 | Camp Omega Plunge |
| March 18 | Make, Take or Give |



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