

# HAPPENINGS

February 19-26, 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.



Our first Lenten supper will be **Ash Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00pm**. A supper will be served each Wednesday through March 29th. It's a great opportunity to come together to fellowship and... **to serve others**. Signup sheets are posted in the commons to contribute to our suppers. Busy? Sign up to provide crackers, butter, milk, bread or bake some cookies/bars that can be frozen and pulled out as we need them. Never helped? Here's your opportunity!! Questions? Contact Pam Hunter.

**BIBLE BOOKENDERS** will be meeting **Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm** at church. We will be discussing *Becoming Mrs. Lewis*. Please join us for the historical fiction account from New York Times bestselling author Patti Callahan on the tale of the unlikely friendship turned true love between Joy Davidman and C. S. Lewis.



We will be meeting on Tuesday, July 25 at 7:00 pm and Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm. Our book club selection is *Colors of Truth* by Tamera Alexander.

Invite your friends to join us. All are welcome, men and women and teenagers. Questions? Ask Bonnie Nowak, Patricia Harvey or Michele Lein.

## CHURCH MORTGAGE BURNING PARTY AND GAME NIGHT

Holy Cross paid off the mortgage in December, so it's time to celebrate! Watch the mortgage burn at **6:30 pm on February 25**, followed by games and fellowship. Bring a snack, appetizer, or dessert to share. If you have pictures of the building in its various stages over the years, please bring them that night. Those wanting to help with the party in some way should contact Joy Anderson at 612-423-1204 or [spitjoy@hotmail.com](mailto:spitjoy@hotmail.com).



**CAMP OMEGA PLUNGE** For more information and to register visit [holycross-pl.com/camp-omega-plunge](http://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**



**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](mailto:sheri.brunner@gmail.com).



**SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Calling all Women!! Friends, neighbors, co-workers. We will be studying 1 and 2 Peter in June and July this summer and will be meeting on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm. A sign up and schedule of chapters each week will be available very soon. Mark your calendars for the dates of June 7, 14, 21, 28 and July 19 and 26. Please join us for one or all of these Wednesday evenings as schedules permit. Questions? Contact Michele Lein.



**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](mailto: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](http://www.bit.ly/campomega).

# Life QUOTES

**FEBRUARY 19** "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit' (John 15:16). Those words are meant for every one of us. We should never cease to be amazed at God's gifts and timing to bear the fruit of God's love." *Lynette Auch, former President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



**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](mailto:shari@poblo.org).

**POBLO COOKING CLASS** Poblo Twin Cities is having their monthly International Cooking Class on **Friday, Feb 24th at 6 pm** at Mt Hope Lutheran in Bloomington. This month our students are making Belarussian potato pancakes! Please bring a dish to pass as this is also a potluck! RSVP to [Shari@poblo.org](mailto:Shari@poblo.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.

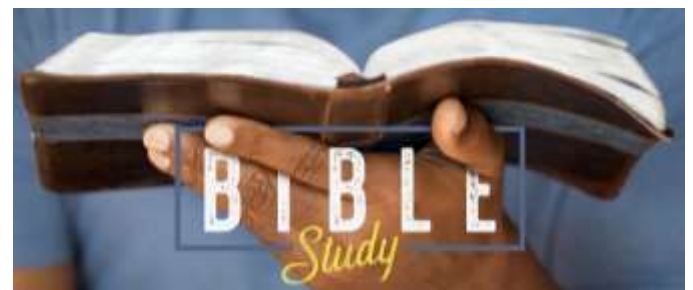


**MAKE, TAKE or GIVE** Saturday, March 18th - You won't want to miss this date! Join us for a Holy Cross Women's Event at 10:00 am. We'll have a morning of fellowship, an easy craft, chatting, brunch, devotional time. Did I mention chatting?!!! This will be a great time to get out during this LONG winter! If you have old/decorative salt & pepper shakers or buttons, bring them along. More details will be in the March newsletter. Questions? See Bonnie Nowak or Joy Anderson.



**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)

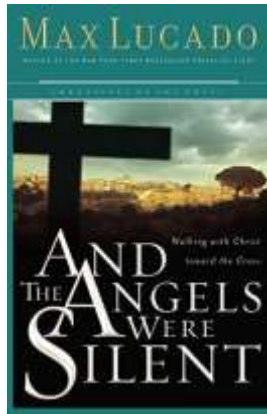


**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Join us at 10:15 after the church service. Feel free to get a cup of coffee first and snack before we start.



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

**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.



**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.*

**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).



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD REPORT** A report from Samaritan's Purse was received with the totals for the 2022 collection of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. It is as follows: Southwestern Twin Cities area - 14,482; Twin Cities Metro Area - 71,314. **Total number of shoeboxes packed Worldwide: 10,599,907** (including 9,303,130 from the United States and over 342,000 boxes built online). Thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child.

**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!



**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** What, NO coffee?! Don't panic! Sign up sheets are posted in the Commons. Haven't served before? Sign up with another person/couple to help. Just like Uncle Sam, we want YOU!

**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 January \$17,526.00

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE**

**Worship:** 43

**Communion:** 43

**Bible Study:** 14

**Sunday School:** 8

**SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, FEBRUARY 19**

**Elder:** Doug Brunner  
**Lector:** Mike Harvey  
**Ushers:** Mike Hentges  
**Acolyte:** Allie Wagner  
**AV:** Dinah Gilberts  
**Offering Count:** Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

**SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, FEBRUARY 26**

**Elder:** Brit Weimer  
**Lector:** Paige Westrum  
**Ushers:** Steve Oak  
**Acolyte:** Daniel Vannett  
**AV:** Rostina Vannett  
**Offering Count:** Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

**SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, FEBRUARY 22**

**Elder:** Dave Albrecht  
**Lector:** Michele Lein  
**Ushers:** Mike and Pat Harvey  
**Acolyte:** Daniel Vannett  
**AV:** Dinah Gilberts  
**Offering Count:** Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

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## THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Transfiguration Sunday</b>	
<b>19</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study Sunday School
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Valentine's Day!</b>	
<b>21</b>	8:00 am 4:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Confirmation Class
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>22</b>	
	12:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due Soup Supper Ash Wednesday Service
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>23</b>	
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>25</b>	
	6:30 pm	Mortgage Burning
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6th Sunday after Epiphany</b>	
<b>26</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 1:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study Sunday School Camp Omega Plunge

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# 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



**February 25**  
**February 26**  
**March 18**  
**April 25**  
**April 30**

Mortgage Burning  
 Camp Omega Plunge  
 Make, Take or Give  
 Bible Bookenders  
 Voter's Meeting



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 Office Ministry Assistant: Megan Luckfield • Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Dean Gade