

HAPPENINGS

February 26 - March 5, 2023

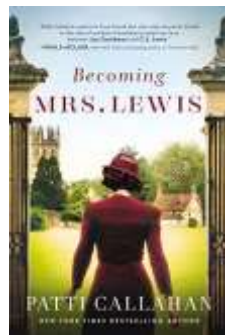
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WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS – Welcome to the Lord’s House. God bless you as you hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know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



MOWING VOLUNTEERS I know it doesn't seem like it, especially this week... but Spring will eventually be here! And we are in need of some volunteers to help with mowing the church grounds. It's a great way to get outside and get some sunshine, fresh air, and exercise. Lawn mowing can also be a form of therapy, no one bothers you and you can't hear your phone! Talk to Dave Albrecht, Denny Case, or Rich Vannett to help out.



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.



OFFERING ENVELOPES COMING IN MARCH! The new offering envelopes should arrive the first week of March. 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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

MAKE, TAKE or GIVE

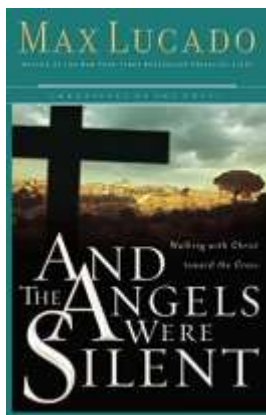
Saturday, March 18th - You won't want to miss this date! Join us for a Holy Cross Women's Event at 10:00 am. We'll have a morning of fellowship, an easy craft, chatting, brunch, devotional time. Did I mention chatting?!!! This will be a great time to get out during this LONG winter! If you have old/decorative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



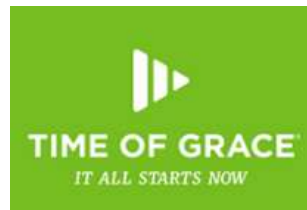
BASIC YOUTH GROUP is collecting non-perishable food for the CAP agency food shelf through February. There will be a table in the back.

BOOKS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

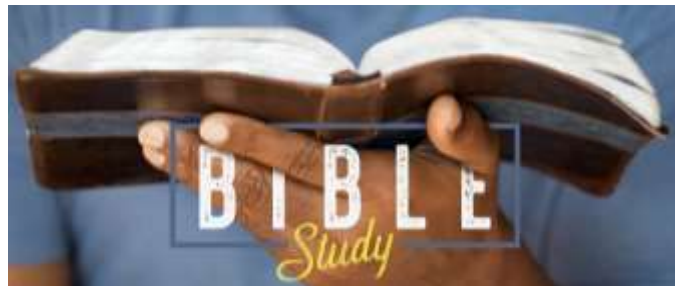
We have pulled some books from our church library that are a good read as we enter into the Lenten season. Two written by Max Lucado are *And the Angels Were Silent* and *Six Hours One Friday*. Another book is *The Day Christ was Born/The Day Christ Died* by Jim Bishop. We also have *Stories Behind the 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.



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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.

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!



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.

FEBRUARY 26 "Going to be with the Lord is not meant to be an escape from the responsibilities and good works God has prepared in advance for us to do!" Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

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 19, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 56

Communion: 56

Bible Study: 11

Sunday School:

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, MARCH 5

Elder: Doug Brunner
Lector: Pam Hunter
Ushers: Dinah Gilberts & Allie Wagner
Acolyte: Tate Kruse
AV: Eric Brown
Offering Count: Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, MARCH 1

Elder: Dave Albrecht
Lector: Carol Albrecht
Ushers: Eric Brown
Acolyte: Allie Wagner
AV: Rostina Vannett
Offering Count: Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY Ash Wednesday Observance

26

9:00 am
10:15 am
10:15 am

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study
Sunday School

MONDAY

27

TUESDAY

28

8:00 am
4:00 pm

Men's Bible Study
Confirmation Class

WEDNESDAY

1

12:00 pm
6:00 pm
7:00 pm

Happenings Articles Due
Soup Supper
Lenten Service

THURSDAY

2

7:00 pm

Choir Practice

FRIDAY

3

SATURDAY

4

SUNDAY 2nd Sunday in Lent

5

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



March 18 Make, Take or Give
April 25 Bible Bookenders
April 30 Voter's Meeting



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 Music & Choir Director: Mui Cheng • Praise Band: Nathan Hentges & Greg Albrecht
 Office Ministry Assistant: Megan Luckfield • Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Dean Gade