

Holy Cross

A Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Congregation

HAPPENINGS

March 12-19, 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.



MAKE, TAKE or GIVE! Join us on **Saturday, March 18th at 10:00am** for a Holy Cross Women's Event. Bonnie Nowak will lead us in a fun craft that you can keep or share. Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship and

brunch as well as exploring what the bible has to say about salt. **If you have old/decorative salt and pepper shakers and/or buttons bring them along.** Please checkout samples of the crafts displayed in the commons. For planning purposes, please sign up in the commons or text Pam at 952-250-1756. Thank you!

Membership Directory

THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY has been updated! You can pick up a new copy in the back of the church. If your contact information is incorrect or needs updating, please let Megan know.

THE OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!!!

You can pick them up on the counter outside Pastor's office.





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.



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.

THE WOODBURY CHORUS ORCHESTRA presents "The Gift of Music" on Sunday, March 26th at 4:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Prior Lake. "A concert of uplifting choral and orchestral music in a variety of settings including *The Awakening*, *Dry Bones*, *Come to the Music*, *Ukrainian Alleluia*, *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* and Dan Forest's *Praise to the Trinity*." **Admission is free, no tickets required!** 100% of the proceeds of a free will offering will benefit The Cap Agency Food Shelf of Shakopee.



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.



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.

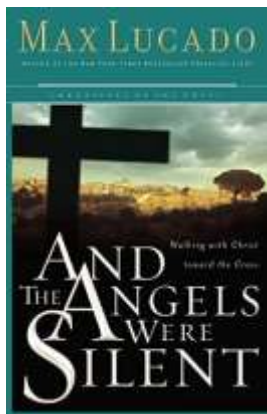
One of the ways to accomplish this is through the offering of free classes. POBLO Twin Cities has new classes starting up, including English as a Second Language (ESL) classes meeting on **Monday & Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm at Mt. Hope in Bloomington**. Volunteers are needed! For more information, please contact Shari Schulze, POBLO Twin Cities Coordinator, at shari@poblo.org.



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.

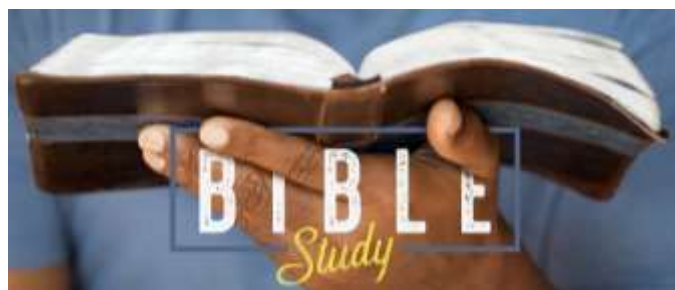
BOOKS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

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.



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



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. The consensus is that we only need about four dozen of something each Sunday. When we have a lot of leftovers, quite often they dry out and end up having to be thrown out after a couple weeks. This way we can eat everything up each Sunday!



THE SPIRITUALLY VIBRANT HOME Through this workshop, LHM presenter, Ashley Bayless, will provide you with brand new research findings and present Households of Faith principles. You will be equipped with the knowledge and tools to strengthen the spiritual vibrancy of your household and explore strategies to equip your church families to do likewise.

March 18, 2023 - Trinity Lutheran Church

412 N Main St, Janesville, MN 56048
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

For more information visit

www.mnsdistrict.org/missionformation



MOVIE EVENT The high school Sunday school class and families will be attending the movie *Jesus Revolution* on **Saturday, March 11th at 6:00 pm** at the Marcus Theatres in Shakopee, at 8380 Hansen Ave. All families and friends are welcome!

LifeQUOTES

MARCH 12 "Despite the hardships we experience and the sin we face, God's work submerges us in a pool of joy; through our Baptism, He daily refreshes us, strengthening our bonds to Him and to each other. Yes, we Christians are connected more deeply than participation in any march or gathering can offer. By God's grace, we have become family. We share a home and a future." Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

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.



UPDATE! VACANCY PASTOR GADE'S church hours through Lent are **Tuesday and Wednesday**, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Other times can be arranged, call 763-333-5896.

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



PRIOR LAKE RECREATION offers many different classes for kids, families, and seniors. Here's a couple that are coming up...

Birds and Blooms

May 23 & 31, ages 55+, \$50 registration per person
[Register Here](#)

Join us for a relaxing hike to learn about birds and local blooming flowers. Class will include a quick information session to learn some tricks about identifying different plants and birds as well as free field guides and binoculars to use during the class.

Bunny Yoga & Hoppy Hour 2023

June 3, ages 12+, \$25 registration per person
[Register Here](#)

Bunnies will hop and mosey about the room, lounge on the yoga mats or snuggle up and pose with you! Join us for the Hoppy Hour where you will be able to socialize with the volunteers and their rabbits, learn about cultivating behavioral, medical, social, mental and emotional needs of rabbits and find out more about the opportunities of the foster/adoption process.

For more fun options, take a look at all the available classes here: bit.ly/pl-recreation

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! Register now www.bit.ly/campomega.

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, MARCH 5, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 53

Communion: 53

Bible Study: 9

Sunday School:

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, MARCH 12

Elder: Brit Weimer
Lector: Robert Nowak
Ushers: Denny Case
Acolyte: Daniel Vannett
AV: Dinah Gilberts
Offering Count: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, MARCH 19

Elder: Dennis Waderich
Lector: Michele Lein
Ushers: Mike and Pat Harvey
Acolyte: Colin Kruse
AV: Judy Weimer
Offering Count: Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, MARCH 15

Elder: Dave Albrecht
Lector: Mike Harvey
Ushers: Mike Hentges
Acolyte: Tate Kruse
AV: Eric Brown
Offering Count: Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 3rd Sunday in Lent		
12	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study Sunday School
MONDAY		
13	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
TUESDAY		
14	8:00 am 4:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Confirmation Class
WEDNESDAY		
15	12:00 pm 12:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due Newsletter Articles Due Soup Supper Lenten Service
THURSDAY		
16	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
FRIDAY		
17		
SATURDAY		
18	10:00 am	Make, Take or Give Event
SUNDAY 4th Sunday in Lent		
19	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study Sunday School



March Birthdays

Melvin Fulbert	5	Faith Sumpter	17
Vicki Case	6	Cora Lein	23
Michele Lein.....	6	Nivin Fulbert	28
Chloe Peterman	14	Daniel Lein	29



March 18
April 25
April 30

Make, Take or Give
 Bible Bookenders
 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