

HAPPENINGS

March 19-26, 2023

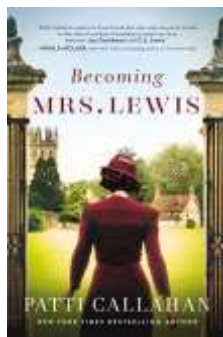
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WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS – Welcome to the Lord’s House. God bless you as you hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know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

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.

LWML SPRING EVENT

The Mount Hope Ladies are hosting a women's event on **Saturday, April 1st**. Pastor Mark Moss will be sharing the work of Lutheran Heritage Foundation. LHF translates the Word of God into the world's many languages. All the books they translate, print and distribute are done so with no cost to the recipients. Registration and breakfast will be served at 8:30am with the speaker to follow. The Gifts From the Heart is a monetary donation to purchase children's textbooks for the 300+ children enrolled at the Concordia Preparatory School in Ghana. Each book costs \$5. Tickets for the event are available for \$10. The deadline to purchase tickets is this Sunday, March 19. Mt. Hope Lutheran Church is at 3601 W. Old Shakopee Rd. Bloomington. Carpooling is available from Holy Cross. Talk to Pat Harvey or Pam Hunter.





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.



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!

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.



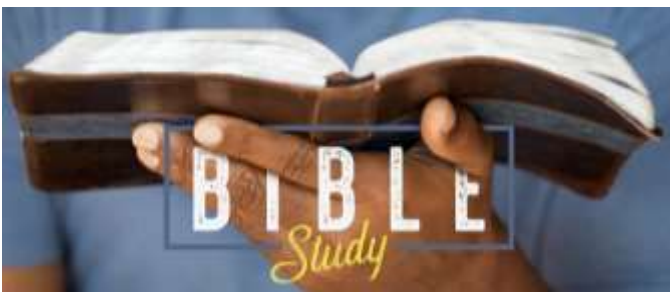
PRAYER REQUESTS If you have a prayer request for today, please fill out the form in the pew and put it in the offering plate. Pastor will include them in Prayer of the Church during the service. You can also email weekly prayer requests, and any prayers that should go out to the whole congregation, to 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.



THE OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!!! You can pick them up on the counter outside Pastor's office.





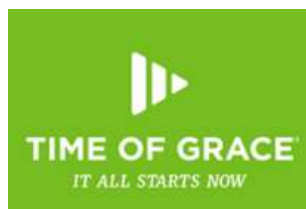
ADULT BIBLE STUDY Join us at 10:15 after the church service. Feel free to get a cup of coffee first and snack before we start.



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.

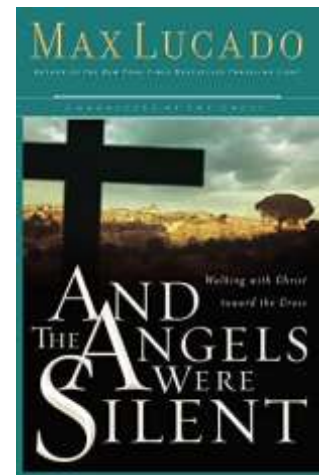
TIME OF GRACE Straight talk about God's Word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style. Subscribe to Time of Grace resources to be delivered to your email inbox daily. You will receive daily devotion emails with "Grace Moments" written devotions and "Grace Talks" video devotions. Pastor Mike Novotny, The Core, Appleton, WI, KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 am www.timeofgrace.org



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.



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.

MARCH 19 "When we ignore the baby in the womb and focus instead on what is now being labeled as the rights of the mother and women's health care, we are turning our backs on God. Never has God authorized killing and called it a right. Never has God condoned promoting abortion and called it health care. His love for life is written throughout Scripture. What are we doing when we ignore His sacred Word?" *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – 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.



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

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

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS - RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Contributions needed each month (General Fund): \$21,844.00 • Contributions received in February \$15,468.00

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 45

Communion: 45

Bible Study: 11

Sunday School:

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 26

Elder: Brit Weimer
Lector: Carol Albrecht
Ushers: Steve Oak
Acolyte: Allie Wagner
AV: Rostina Vannett
Offering Count: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, MARCH 22

Elder: Dennis Waderich
Lector: Pam Hunter
Ushers: Dinah Gilberts & Allie Wagner
Acolyte: Daniel Vannett
AV: Eric Brown
Offering Count: Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY	4th Sunday in Lent	
19	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study Sunday School
MONDAY		
20		
TUESDAY		
21	8:00 am 4:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Confirmation Class
WEDNESDAY		
22	12:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due Soup Supper Lenten Service
THURSDAY		
23	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
FRIDAY		
24		
SATURDAY		
25		
SUNDAY	5th Sunday in Lent	
26	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



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| <p>April 1</p> <p>April 25</p> <p>April 30</p> | <p>LWML Spring Event</p> <p>Bible Bookenders</p> <p>Voter's Meeting</p> |
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