

HAPPENINGS

May 7-14, 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.

CALL UPDATE We have been informed by the MN South District Office that our Call for a Seminary Graduate was not filled. There



were not enough graduates from the Seminaries this year to fill all requests. The Call Committee has met, and decided to move forward with a traditional Call from the Field - looking for a pastor in an existing ministry that is looking for a change. As part of that process, we are asking members of the congregation to make any nominations of pastors they would like to be considered as part of the Call process. A form is on the work table outside of Pastor's office - please fill one out for each pastor you wish to nominate, and sign the form. You may return them to the church office, or to any member of the Call Committee (Michael Hentges, Dave Albrecht, Carol Albrecht, Dennis Waderich, Dorene Oak, Dinah Gilberts, or Judy Weimer). Nominations are due no later than **Sunday, May 20th.**

Please continue to keep the congregation, the Call Committee, and the future Pastor that God has chosen for us (wherever he may be) in your prayers.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP Please check out the coffee signup in the Commons. I encourage those who haven't as yet chosen to do so to pick a Sunday. Serving with another person/couple is a good option for first-timers. Thank you to those who always faithfully sign up to serve.

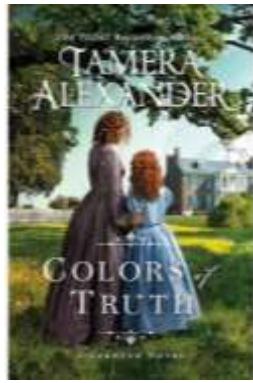


ADULT BIBLE STUDY Join us for Sunday Morning Study on **THE TRUTH PROJECT. Be Transformed By The Renewing of Your Mind.** The Truth Project is a ground-breaking small group curriculum on the Biblical worldview. This video-based home Bible study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Join Dr. Del Tackett, as he takes you through 13 engaging video lessons on the relevance and importance of living the Biblical worldview in daily life.



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.

BIBLE BOOKENDERS will be meeting on **Tuesday, July 25 at 7:00 pm**. Our selection for July is *Colors of Truth* by Tamera Alexander.



In 1866 Catriona O'Toole arrives in the town of Franklin, Tennessee, searching for her younger brother, Ryan, who, according to his last letter, was headed for Franklin only days before the catastrophic Battle of Franklin. Ryan's last note contained a stack of cash -- enough money to bring his entire family across the ocean from Ireland. But after disease and illness tear through County Antrim and the O'Toole family, only Catriona and her seven-year old sister Nora are left to make the journey.

Our next meeting Bible Bookenders meeting will be Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm. Invite your friends to join us. All are welcome, men and women and teenagers. Questions? Ask Bonnie Nowak, Patricia Harvey or Michele Lein.



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 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.



MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Be Transformed By The Renewing of Your Mind. The **Truth Project** is a ground-breaking small group curriculum on the Biblical worldview. This video-based home Bible study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Join Dr. Del Tackett, as he takes you through 13 engaging video lessons on the relevance and importance of living the Biblical worldview in daily life.



MAIN STREET LIVING airs each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of This Is the Life. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information or to watch the program.



MAY 7 "We were created by a loving God, redeemed by His self-sacrificial act of love, and called to love one another. God loves us; therefore, our life has value. God calls us to love; therefore, our life has purpose. And this, dear friend, is the greatest purpose." *Hannah Nissing, Bulldogs4Life, the Y4Life team at Concordia, Nebraska – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.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! Register now www.bit.ly/campomega.



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

Morel Mushroom Treasure Hunt

May 25, \$125 registration per person

[Register Here](#)

Grab your hiking boots and mushroom picking gear and we'll head for the woods to hunt for Morels! We'll hunt for those little Minnesota State Mushrooms in our secret places you'll be sworn to secrecy upon signing up! Van transportation and light tasting included.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday school program comes to an end for the season on May 21st. Each Sunday School class will have fun



activities in their rooms. Thank you to our teachers, Michele Lein, Bonnie Nowak and Pam Hunter.



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.

SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY A sign up sheet for Summer Women's Bible Study is on the board and a schedule is available. I and II Peter are words and messages of encouragement in the face of suffering that speaks to us today. It reminds us of our heavenly hope and eternal inheritance. We are called to a life of love and holiness imitating Christ in our daily lives. II Peter challenges us to live authentic Christian lives stressing the importance of scripture for guiding and preserving our faith.

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.



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



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

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



SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, MAY 7

Elder: Doug Brunner
Lector: Robert Nowak
Ushers: Denny Case
Acolyte: Allie Wagner
AV: Rostina Vannett
Offering Count: Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, MAY 14

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

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS - RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Contributions needed each month (General Fund): \$21,844.00 • Contributions received in March \$12,981.00.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 45

Communion: 45

Bible Study:

Sunday School: 11

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 5th Sunday of Easter

7

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

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study
Sunday School

MONDAY

8

7:00 pm

Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY

9

8:00 am
4:00 pm

Men's Bible Study
Confirmation Class

WEDNESDAY

10

12:00 pm

Happenings Articles Due

THURSDAY

11

7:00 pm

Choir Practice

FRIDAY

12

SATURDAY

13

SUNDAY 6th Sunday of Easter

14

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

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study
Sunday School



May Birthdays

Rich Vannett	May 7	Cameron Fitzwater	May 18
Brit Weimer	May 13	Colin Kruse	May 22
Kelly Kruse	May 16	Justin Schulze	May 29
Nancy Baldwin	May 18	Megan Anderson	May 31



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June 28	Summer Women's Bible Study
July 19	Summer Women's Bible Study
July 26	Summer Women's Bible Study



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