

HAPPENINGS

May 14-21, 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 21st**.

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.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the moms today! Here are some fun ideas to celebrate Mom and make her feel special...

- Give her flowers
- Take her to lunch or dinner
- Have a picnic
- Give her a spa day
- Take a trip to the farmer's market
- Plant a garden together
- Volunteer together
- Go to the beach
- Visit a winery
- Have a Mother's Day fun photoshoot
- Visit a museum
- Go for a hike
- Take Mom shopping
- Do a puzzle
- Bake together
- Watch old home videos
- Make Mom dinner
- Go for a long walk
- Have a game night



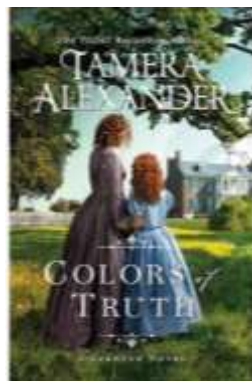
DUCKS! You may have noticed the nest of eggs next to the front door of the Church. As of this Thursday there were 6 eggs there!

Did you know...

- When the last egg is laid, the female starts to incubate. She sits very tightly, and she rarely leaves the nest apart from short breaks to feed and stretch her legs.
- Towards the end of incubation, you may see the duck's bill developing inside the air sac in the egg. This means the duck egg will soon hatch.
- About 28 days after beginning incubation the eggs hatch together. This takes about 24 hours. The ducklings stay in the nest for at least 10 hours while they dry and get used to using their legs. Then the female leads them to water, and the nest is abandoned. Although if it is close to the feeding area, the family may continue to use it for brooding and roosting.

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.

Life QUOTES

MAY 14 "This, dear friends, is why Christ's ascension is a good goodbye. Jesus leaves you with everything! He has done it all. The grave is empty. Death is defeated. Life is yours. So, people of God, 'Why do you stand here looking into the sky?' You have an ascension victory to celebrate and an ascended Savior to proclaim!" *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – 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.



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.



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.



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.



Trinity First Lutheran School
presents

**A Prayer, a Snare,
and a Lions' Lair
(Daniel 6)**



May 24 & 25 at Concordia University, St. Paul

MUSICAL Trinity First Lutheran School will be performing "A Prayer, a Snare, and a Lions' Lair", a musical based on the Biblical account of Daniel and the Lions from Daniel 6. This performance is an original musical with story adaptation by Terri Bentz and music by Rev. Tom Gundermann. Showtimes are **Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30pm, Thursday, May 25 at 10:30am and 6:30pm**. Students will perform at Concordia University, St. Paul's E.M. Pearson Theatre. The musical is family-friendly and FREE. Email info@trinityfirst.org or call the school office 612-871-2353 with questions.

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

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.



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.*

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, MAY 21

- Elder:** Brit Weimer
- Lector:** Mary Deluhery
- Ushers:** Eric Brown
- Acolyte:** Tate Kruse
- AV:** Dinah Gilberts
- Offering Count:** Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS - RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Contributions needed each month (General Fund): \$21,844.00 • Contributions received in April \$15,608.00.

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 53

Communion: 53

Bible Study: 8

Sunday School:

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 6th Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day!

14

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

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study
Sunday School

MONDAY

15

TUESDAY

16

8:00 am
4:00 pm

Men's Bible Study
Confirmation Class

WEDNESDAY

17

12:00 pm

Happenings Articles Due

THURSDAY

18

7:00 pm

Choir Practice

FRIDAY

19

SATURDAY

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SUNDAY 7th Sunday of Easter

21

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

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study
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May Birthdays

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| 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 7 | Summer Women's Bible Study |
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| July 19 | Summer Women's Bible Study |
| July 25 | Bible Bookenders |
| July 26 | Summer Women's Bible Study |

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