

HAPPENINGS

July 2-9, 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.



THANK YOU to all who have joined us for the first half of this Summer’s Study. We have had lively and wonderful discussions on 1 Peter. Join us anytime for 2 Peter. We will be taking a two week break and come back on **July 19 and 26** to finish 2 Peter. Themes for 2 Peter include knowledge, the historicity of this book, the connection to the Old Testament, the challenge to live authentic Christian lives and how scripture so beautifully guides and preserves our Faith. Please join us for one week or all the rest of our study. **ALL are welcome!**



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Please check out the coffee sign up 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.



MN SOUTH LWML FALL RETREAT Save the date for the MN South LWML Fall Retreat! It will be held on **September 15-16, 2023**, at Omega Lodge in Waterville. Special guest is author, Michelle Diercks. Look for registration details this summer!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY Join us for Sunday Morning Study on **THE TRUTH PROJECT**. Be Transformed By The Renewing of Your Mind. This week we continue with **Lesson 8, Unio Mystica – Am I Alone**. Join Dr. Del Tackett, as he takes you through these engaging video lessons on the relevance and importance of living the Biblical worldview in daily life.

This year we will not be holding a garage sale. **But please hang onto your items for next year’s sale!**





WEEDING VOLUNTEERS We are in need of more volunteers for weeding and taking care of the plants and flowers outside the church. If you'd like to help, please talk to Dinah or the Trustees.

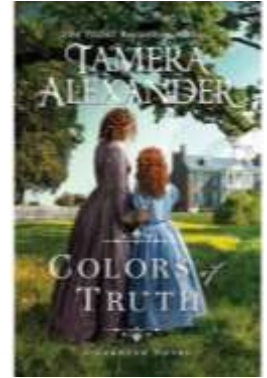
POBLO ESL teachers wanted for the Prior Lake IFC. Mondays at 4:30pm and Wednesdays at 6pm. Please contact Shari Schulze at 612-387-6469 for more information.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY has ended for the summer and will begin again after Labor Day with a new topic for the fall.

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 Bible Bookenders meeting will be **Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm**. Our selection is *A Flame in the Dark - A novel about Luther's Reformation* by Sarah Baughman. This rich and authentic historical fiction novel is set against the backdrop of the Reformation, showing how the reverberations of this religious reform echoed throughout the world and in the lives of ordinary people. Invite your friends to join us, all are welcome, men, 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.



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

JULY 2 "We may think our prayers are small in relation to the magnitude of the problem of abortion. Not so! ... Educate yourself, your children, and the people you know ... Support leaders who embrace these words, 'All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness' ... We have the most hopeful message the world has ever heard. You know it. God does big things with small stuff. How can we be so sure? Shiphrah and Puah, Jochebed, Miriam, and Moses ... and especially Jesus. Amen." *Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



MOWING VOLUNTEERS Summer is here! 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.



MAGAZINES NEEDED Does anyone have any extra magazines that you no longer want? Particularly women's magazines with pictures of household items, clothes, etc? Bonnie Nowak would like to use them with her POBLO student. Please let Bonnie know if you do!



PRIOR LAKE FARMER'S MARKET is open May-October. Every Saturday between 8am-12pm you can expect to see: food trucks, live music, coffee baristas, growing classes, locally tapped maple syrup, hand crafted candies, fresh vegetables, natural bath and body products, and more! The Farmer's Market is one of the best ways to support local business. When you buy from a local farmer, you are not only impacting that vendor. You are helping the environment, promoting clean eating, and voting with your dollar. The market is located at 16228 Main Ave SE in Prior Lake.

TIME OF GRACE

connects people to God's grace—his love, glory, and power—so they realize the temporary things of life don't satisfy. However,



through Jesus we have access to the eternal God—right now and forever. 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

LUTHERAN NIGHT

AT THE TWINS The annual Lutheran Night at the Twins will take place on **Tuesday, August 15, 2023** as the Twins



take on the Detroit Tigers! Groups of 20 or more will receive discounted tickets and may, if interested, participate in the Lutheran Night National Anthem Choir! It's also a "Dollar Dog" night and family value concessions are available for certain sections. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more info.

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



CAMP OMEGA GOLF BENEFIT Help Camp Omega grow its Campership Endowment Fund! Each year, \$15,000 - \$25,000 is given out to help children have Christ-centered experiences at Camp Omega. You can help by participating in this fun golf benefit held at Faribault Golf Club on **Tuesday, August 8**. Contact Russ Schwichtenberg at 507-384-7947 or email Russ@campomega.org.

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, JULY 2

- Elder:** Dennis Waderich
- Lector:** Robert Nowak
- Ushers:** Denny Case
- Acolyte:** Allie Wagner
- AV:** Eric Brown
- Offering Count:** Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

WOMEN'S PARKING LOT BIBLE STUDY Women of Holy Cross are invited to a parking lot bible study on **Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30pm**. Join us at church for a casual evening of fellowship and faith. Bring your Bible, lawn chair, and maybe some bug spray! Be encouraged by the Word and renewed by the fellowship of those in the faith.

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, JULY 9

- Elder:** Doug Brunner
- Lector:** Carol Albrecht
- Ushers:** Eric Brown
- Acolyte:** Daniel Vannett
- AV:** Dinah Gilberts
- 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 May \$13,800.00.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 53 **Communion:** 53 **Bible Study:** 12 **Sunday School:** n/a

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 5th Sunday after Pentecost

2

9:00 am
10:15 am

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study

MONDAY

3

TUESDAY

4

Happy Independence Day!

WEDNESDAY

5

12:00 pm
7:00 pm

Happenings Articles Due
Elder's Meeting

THURSDAY

6

7:00 pm

Choir Practice

FRIDAY

7

SATURDAY

8

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July Birthdays

Mike Hentges	July 5	Tyler Drangstveit	July 17
Bonnie Nowak	July 5	Larry Sasse	July 18
Meg Batchelder	July 7	Randy Drangstveit	July 20
Shari Schulze	July 8	Corey Einarson	July 20
Daniel Vannett	July 9	Steve Cordell	July 21
Brad Lein	July 12	Doug Schulze	July 24
Norma Jabs	July 16	Jonas Petrie	July 31



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| July 11 | Women's Parking Lot Bible Study |
| July 19 | Summer Women's Bible Study |
| July 25 | Bible Bookenders |
| July 26 | Summer Women's Bible Study |



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