

HAPPENINGS

July 16-23, 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.

A TASTE OF COSTA RICA

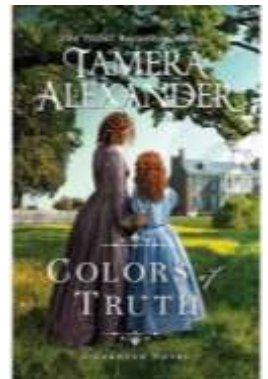
Please join us on **Thursday, July 20 at 5:30 pm** at Immanuel Lutheran Church for A Taste of Costa Rica. It is a free dinner followed by a presentation by Sarah Parrish on the mission work she will be doing in Costa Rica with the Mission of Christ Network. The menu will be: Olla de carne, Gallo pinto, fruit, and Arroz con leche for dessert.



To RSVP, please email Pastor Parish at bparrish63@gmail.com. This will help us prepare enough food and be able to set up the tables we need. We hope you can join us on July 20!

BIBLE BOOKENDERS will be meeting on **Tuesday, August 1 at 7:00 pm**. Our selection 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.



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.



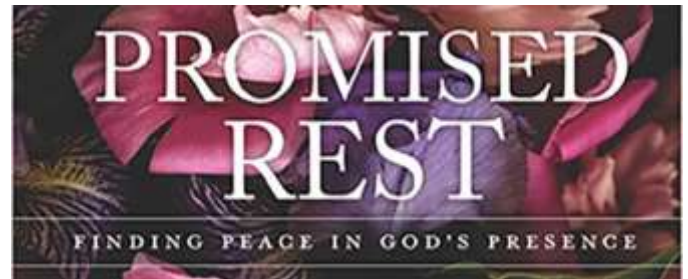
ADULT BIBLE STUDY Join us for Sunday Morning Study on THE TRUTH PROJECT. "Be Transformed By The Renewing of Your Mind." This week we finish The Project with the last tour, **Lesson 12 - Community & Involvement: God Cares, Do I?** Here, perhaps more than in any other tour or field of inquiry, we will have an opportunity to draw near to the Creator and learn what it is that has compelled Him to draw near to us. We will find that the God of the Scriptures is in fact the Lord of the lonely, the Savior of the outcast, the Defender of the defenseless, and the Sustainer of all who find themselves in need. Our call is to become like Him by discovering what it means to not only love Him, but to love our neighbor. Join Dr. Del Tackett, as he takes you through this engaging lesson on the relevance and importance of living the Biblical worldview in daily life.

Upcoming Bible Study Starting on Sunday, 7/23 we will begin a new studying as we look at the C.S Lewis's book **The Screwtape Letters**. It is a brilliant and satirical look at spiritual warfare and the dynamics of temptation. Screwtape, a senior demon in the bureaucracy of Hell, writes letters to his incompetent nephew Wormwood, a junior devil. The younger demon's assignment is to corrupt a young man living in London during the tumultuous days of World War II. Using Scripture references, discussion questions, and related commentary, we will examine each letter through a Christian lens of morality, temptation, and good and evil. There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight. Join the Study if you haven't been here, discussion on these topics should be enriching for all.



HAPPENINGS ARTICLES We are need of some new and fun ideas to get people reading the Happenings! If you have anything you think would be a good addition, please email it to Megan at megan@holycross-pl.org.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP Please check out the coffee signup in the Commons. **There's lots of opportunities to sign up for July and August!** We encourage those who haven't yet 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!



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.



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 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!**

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.



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



JULY 16 "Waiting is difficult; in Christ, we have the now and not yet. But as we learn and relearn to wait on Him, we find joy in His good work and patient craftsmanship in our lives. Though under construction, God works through us to bless the world. May you find great joy in fruit-bearing as you faithfully wait on HIM." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



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.



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.



MOWING VOLUNTEERS Summer is here! We are in need of more 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Lutheran Church of the Ascension will be having a "Twists & Turns" Vacation Bible School event the week of **August 1st through 5th**. This is a **FREE** event and the sign-up is online. More information and registration info can be found on the bulletin board in the back of the church.



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 16

Elder: Brit Weimer
Lector: Joy Anderson
Ushers: Jason Kruse
Acolyte: Tate Kruse
AV: Rostina Vannett
Offering Count: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, JULY 23

Elder: Dave Albrecht
Lector: Dinah Gilberts
Ushers: Mike and Pat Harvey
Acolyte: Colin Kruse
AV: Eric Brown
Offering Count: Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS - RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

Contributions needed each month (General Fund): \$21,844.00 • Contributions received in June \$15,340.00.

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 40 **Communion:** 40 **Bible Study:** 11 **Sunday School:** n/a

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 7th Sunday after Pentecost

16

9:00 am
10:15 am

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

18

WEDNESDAY

19

12:00 pm
7:00 pm

Happenings Articles Due
Women’s Bible Study

THURSDAY

20

5:30 pm
7:00 pm

Taste of Costa Rica
Choir Practice

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

22

SUNDAY 8th Sunday after Pentecost

23

9:00 am
10:15 am

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study



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 19 | Summer Women's Bible Study |
| July 20 | Taste of Costa Rica |
| July 26 | Summer Women's Bible Study |
| August 1 | Bible Bookenders |
| August 8 | Camp Omega Golf Benefit |



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