

HAPPENINGS

July 30 – August 6, 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.



VOTER'S MEETING is TODAY after the service!



SAVE THE DATE Lutheran Women on a Mission will be having their Fall Conference Rally on **Saturday, October 7th** at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Plymouth. The SW Suburban zone (which we are in) and the NW Suburban zone come together for a Conference Rally every two years. As plans are finalized, more information will be shared.

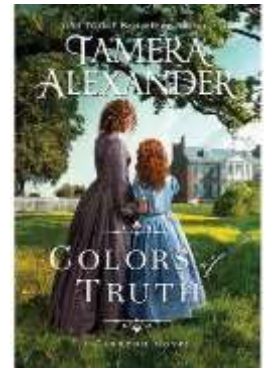
SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Board of Education is working on the Sunday School calendar for the 2023-2024 season. The fall start-up of Sunday School will be September 10th. We are seeking one or two additional people to share teaching in the youngest class. Please talk to Pam Hunter or Dorene Oak with questions.



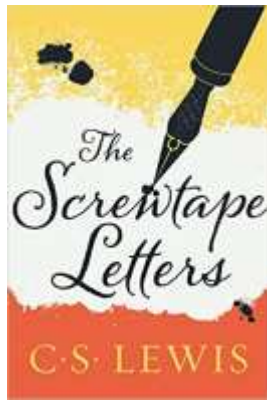
NOTE THE DATE CHANGE! Bible Bookenders will be meeting this **Tuesday, August 1 at 7:00 pm.** Our selection is *Colors of Truth* by Tamera Alexander.

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY We have begun the new study on 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.



SAGES What is SAGES?!!!! No, it's not a candle scent! It stands for Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving = SAGES! Over 30 years ago our synod requested our District, among others, to attend a conference on older adult ministry in churches of the LCMS. As a result the Minnesota South District started SAGES, a ministry that encourages individual churches to reach out and provide guidance and activities for their older adults. SAGES also hosts a yearly two-day event with speakers, workshops and socializing. The question is, do our churches have an older adult ministry in place. Sadly, most do not. It's something to work towards. A new SAGES newsletter, the SAGACITY, has been printed and has been placed on the tables as well as on the first bulletin board on the left as you enter the Commons. Take one and check SAGES out.



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!** 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.



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.



JULY 30 "The Church is under an incredible assault, but perhaps never has the opportunity been greater. The question is whether we wish to take it, whether we want to be salt, or whether we'll just mark time, leaving nothing but ruins for those who follow in our footsteps." *Rev. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



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.



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.

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.



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.**

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!



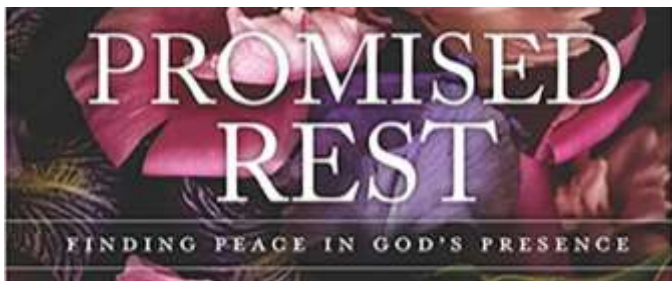
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY has ended for the summer and will begin again after Labor Day with a new topic for the fall.

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



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!

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.



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.

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.



TWIN CITIES CREATION SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
"Distant Starlight and Biblical Creation"
Spike Psarris



We see stars and galaxies that are so far away, it seems their light would need millions or even

billions of years for the light to reach us. Many people have used this to challenge the idea that the heavens and Earth were created merely thousands of years ago. This talk shows how seemingly straightforward challenge relies on multiple assumptions being true-and at least some of them are false. Furthermore, it is not Biblical Creation which is disproved by distant starlight. It turns out that the Big Bang model has a fatal 'light travel time' problem of its own. The vastness of the cosmos does not disprove the Bible-instead, it supports the glory of our Creator.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

Tuesday, August 15 at 7:30pm
 University of Northwestern St. Paul,
 3003 Snelling Ave. N. Roseville, MN
creationastronomy.com

A note from Dave Albrecht *"I heard this speaker 7 or 8 years ago. He came to the belief in a creator as an initial skeptic. His story and his knowledge of astronomy is very interesting. I feel he is one of the best speakers the creation society has had. If anyone is interested in attending, they can talk to Carol or myself. I think Robert and Bonny Nowak may go too. A free will offering is taken after the event."*

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 30

Elder: Dennis Waderich
Lector: Lance Lerum
Ushers: Mike Hentges
Acolyte: Allie Wagner
AV: Dinah Gilberts
Offering Count: Meg Batchelder and Michele Lein

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, AUGUST 6

Elder: Doug Brunner
Lector: Mary Deluhery
Ushers: Steve Oak
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 June \$15,340.00.

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 35 **Communion:** 35 **Bible Study:** 8 **Sunday School:** n/a

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 9th Sunday after Pentecost

30

9:00 am
10:15 am

Worship with Holy Communion
Voter’s Meeting

MONDAY

31

TUESDAY

1

7:00 pm
7:00 pm

Bible Bookenders
Elder’s Meeting

WEDNESDAY

2

12:00 pm

Happenings Articles Due

THURSDAY

3

7:00 pm

Choir Practice

FRIDAY

4

SATURDAY

5

SUNDAY 10th Sunday after Pentecost

6

9:00 am
10:15 am

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study



August Birthdays

Tess Lerum	August 1	Lance Lerum	August 13
Carol Ham	August 5	Charlie Vig	August 14
Jace Fitzwater	August 11	Wendy Fitzwater	August 16
Alanna Hentges.....	August 11	Sheri Brunner	August 24
Esther Brunner.....	August 13	Dave Albrecht	August 31
Mary Deluhery.....	August 13		



August 1	Bible Bookenders
August 8	Camp Omega Golf Benefit
August 15	Lutheran Night at the Twins
September 10	Sunday School Starts
September 15/16	LWML Fall Conference
October 24	Bible Bookenders

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