

HAPPENINGS

August 6-13, 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.



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.



CONFIRMATION MEETING

We invite all parents and 7th and 8th grade confirmands to join us for an orientation meeting on **August 29, 2023 at 7:00pm** here at church. If you have children that are planning on being in Confirmation please fill out a registration form (found on the visitors table by the secretary’s office) so I can order enough materials for class. We will be discussing the year’s schedule and expectations as well as handing out material for the upcoming year. We look forward to seeing each of you.



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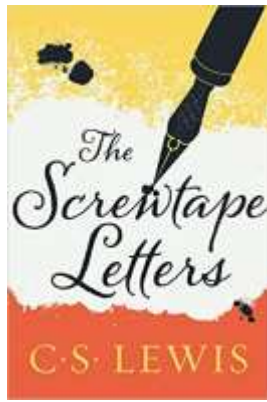


SAGES What is SAGES?! No, it's not a candle scent! It stands for Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving = SAGES! Over 30 years ago our synod requested our District, among others, to attend a conference on older adult ministry in churches of the LCMS. As a result the Minnesota South District started SAGES, 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.



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.**

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.



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.



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.



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.



AUGUST 6 "Be as patient with others as you know God is with you. In so doing, you will be keeping your head in all circumstances' (2 Timothy 4:5). You will find the resolve to remain calm and patient, even though ideologically you may become incensed. Theologically, you know what it means to be the object of perfect love. Let Christ be your role model." *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Director of Christian Life Resource – 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.

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.



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,

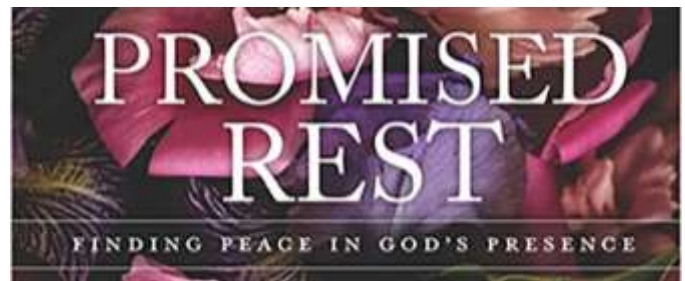
through Jesus we have access to the eternal God—right now and forever. Subscribe to Time of Grace resources to be delivered to your email inbox daily. You will receive daily devotion emails with "Grace Moments" written devotions and "Grace Talks" video devotions. Pastor Mike Novotny, The Core, Appleton, WI, KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 am www.timeofgrace.org

FARMER'S MARKETS There are two markets in Prior Lake. The Little Market That Could is located at 3575 N. Berens Rd, and is open every Thursday from 3:45pm to 7:00 pm.

The one located Downtown Prior Lake is at 16228 Main Ave SE. and is open every Saturday May-October from 8:00am – 12:00pm.



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.



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. Check the LWML bulletin board for registration details. Car pooling for Saturday is available; contact Pam Hunter.



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

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.



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.

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.”*



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.



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.*



SYNOD VICE-PRESIDENTS ELECTED

(see posted article on the bulletin board).

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: Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, AUGUST 13

Elder: Brit Weimer
Lector: Michele Lein
Ushers: Denny Case
Acolyte: Tate Kruse
AV: Rostina Vannett
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 June \$15,340.00.

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

Worship: 47 **Communion:** 47 **Bible Study:** n/a **Sunday School:** n/a

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 10th Sunday after Pentecost

6

9:00 am
10:15 am

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study

MONDAY

7

TUESDAY

8

WEDNESDAY

9

12:00 pm

Happenings Articles Due

THURSDAY

10

FRIDAY

11

SATURDAY

12

SUNDAY 11th Sunday after Pentecost

13

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 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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