

HAPPENINGS

August 13-20, 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.

NOTE: Megan will be on vacation from August 23 to September 3. If you have any Happenings additions please get them to her by **Monday morning August 21**, at the latest (but preferably earlier!) Thanks.



BIBLE BOOKENDERS Our next 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.



For January Bible Bookenders we will be reading *Christmas at Carnton* by Tamera Alexander on Tuesday, January 23, at 7:00 pm.

Invite your friends to join us, all are welcome, men, women and teenagers. Questions? Ask Bonnie Nowak, Patricia Harvey or Michele Lein.

MUM SALE The Missions Mum sale has now started. Signup sheets are in the commons. There



are four color choices with 10 available for each color. The mums are \$25 each. Payment is required at the time of signing up. If paying by check, please put MUMS in the memo line. Thank you!

POBLO⁺ International

Our new missionaries have started and BIG things are starting to happen! We are adding new students and will be increasing our classes in all locations. We would like to have a meeting on **Saturday, September 23rd at 10:30 am at Mt Hope**. Issa and Dina will be there to discuss our new beginnings, train our volunteers and kick off our new season of POBLO/IFC.

We are needing all hands on deck, we need more volunteers who can volunteer at least 1 hour per week, if not more. Our goal is to have at least 2 teachers per class to divide classes into 'beginners and intermediate' English speakers. This is very exciting news and God is bringing the students to us!

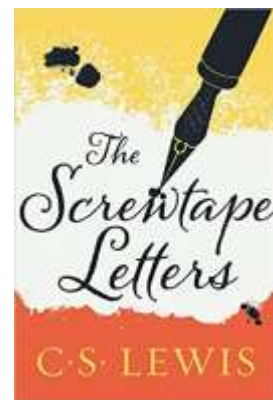
Please put the above date on your calendar and reach out to Shari Schulze if you are able or willing to teach a class. There is a huge need in our area and we are moving quickly!

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A TEACHER to volunteer! Conversation is the best way to get started! Google Translate is also very helpful!



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.

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.



AUGUST 13 "In Jesus there is healing; there is forgiveness. You, dear brother and sister in Christ, need not fear His wrath. For you, the words 'Christ is risen' are good words, they are the best words. They are words so good they should not be contained but shared with the world. They are pure Gospel." *Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.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.**



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.

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.

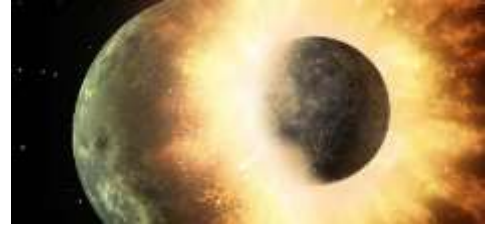
You can expect to see: food trucks, live music, coffee baristas, growing classes, locally tapped maple syrup, hand crafted candies, fresh vegetables, natural bath and body products, and more! The Farmer's Market is one of the best ways to support local business. When you buy from a local farmer, you are not only impacting that vendor. You are helping the environment, promoting clean eating, and voting with your dollar.

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



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



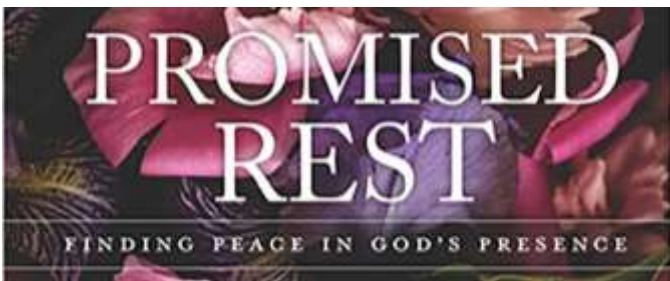
TWIN CITIES CREATION SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
"Distant Starlight and Biblical Creation"
Spike Psarris

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."*



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!

CHURCH COUNCIL

will be meeting Tuesday night, August 14th, at 7:00 pm. All members of the boards are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.



DID YOU KNOW Holy Cross has a form to help you with your funeral planning or that of a loved one? It is available to you to fill out and it will be kept on file at Holy Cross. Alleviate the stress of an already stressful time and plan your service in advance. See Megan for a form.

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.



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.*



MINNESOTA STATE FAIR is just around the corner! Get your discount tickets at Cub Foods from now till August 23rd. Tickets are \$15 and the Bargain Books are \$5.

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.



CELEBRATION OF ETERNAL LIFE The funeral service of our sister in Christ, Esther Brunner was held this past Friday, August 4th at Holy Cross. Esther passed away on July 29th.

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.



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

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, AUGUST 20

Elder: Dave Albrecht
Lector: Mike Harvey
Ushers: Jason Kruse
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, AUGUST 6, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 42 **Communion:** 42 **Bible Study:** 12 **Sunday School:** n/a

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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9:00 am
10:15 am

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study

MONDAY

14

7:00 pm

Church Council

TUESDAY

15

WEDNESDAY

16

12:00 pm

Happenings Articles Due

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY 12th Sunday after Pentecost

20

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 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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