

# HAPPENINGS

August 20-27, 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.

**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.



**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.



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.



## 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.

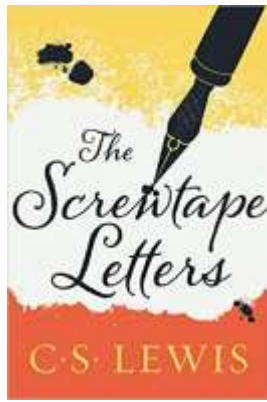
**MUM SALE** The Missions Mum sale has now started. Signup sheets are in the commons. There



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!

## 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.



# 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!

## Life QUOTES

**AUGUST 20** "Live as a son or daughter of God, for He loves you as only a Father could. One thing you can know about God: He will never say about you, 'These are not Our kind of people.' Because of Christ and what He has done for you, the Father will never say that about you." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



**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.**



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



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



**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.

**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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) for more information or to watch the program.



**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](mailto: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,

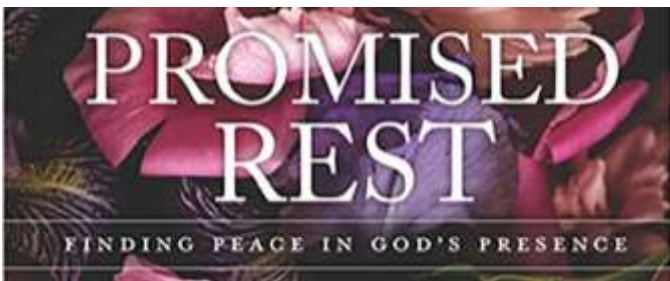


through Jesus we have access to the eternal God—right now and forever. Subscribe to Time of Grace resources to be delivered to your email inbox daily. You will receive daily devotion emails with "Grace Moments" written devotions and "Grace Talks" video devotions. Pastor Mike Novotny, The Core, Appleton,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



**MN SOUTH LWML FALL RETREAT** Register now for the MN South LWML Fall Retreat! **Deadline is August 25.** It will be held on September 16, 2023, at Omega Lodge in Waterville. Registration forms are on the LWML bulletin board and at [www.mnslwml.org/2023\\_district\\_retreat](http://www.mnslwml.org/2023_district_retreat)

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

The next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday night, September 11th, at 7:00 pm. All members of the boards are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.



**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.



**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](mailto:megan@holycross-pl.org).

**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

**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.*



**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.

**SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, AUGUST 27**

- Elder:** Dennis Waderich
- Lector:** Paige Westrum
- Ushers:** Lance Lerum
- Acolyte:** Allie Wagner
- 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 June \$15,340.00.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 56

Communion: 56

Bible Study: 14

Sunday School: n/a

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## THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
20	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study
<b>MONDAY</b>		
21		
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
22		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
23	12:00 pm	Happenings Articles Due
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
24		
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
25		
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
26		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
27	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study

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## 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		



<b>September 10</b>	Sunday School Starts
<b>September 16</b>	LWML Fall Conference
<b>October 24</b>	Bible Bookenders



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