

HAPPENINGS

August 27 - September 3, 2023

www.holycross-pl.com • www.facebook.com/holycrosspl

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. Speaker will be Pastor Chou Vang, Shepherd of the Grove. 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 Sunday School Rally Day is **Sunday, September 10th**. Sunday school hours will be 10:30-11:30am. Sunday School calendars, showing any Sundays off as well as special events, will be available on the bulletin board. Registration for current students is not necessary unless contact information or other info needs to be updated. The youth will be blessing us by serving coffee on the 10th. Thank you! Questions may be directed to Pam Hunter or Dorene Oak.



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.

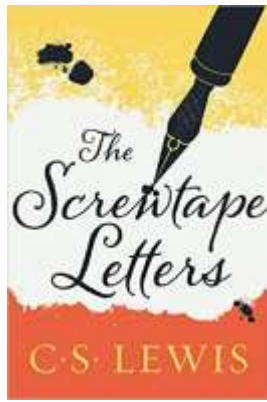
Invite your friends to join us, all are welcome, men, women and teenagers. Questions? Ask Bonnie Nowak, Patricia Harvey or Michele Lein.

MUM SALE All the mums have been sold! Thank you to all who participated. The mums will be delivered to church **Friday, September 15th**. As in the past, people will receive phone calls/texts when they have arrived.



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 27 "The rainbow is a reminder that God's grace will always preserve you and this beautiful world in which you live until He raises you and takes you to heavenly glory. This is God's amazing grace, and His grace generates your life of genuine gratitude." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



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



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.



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.**

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.



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



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.

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.



CHURCH COUNCIL

The next Church Council meeting will be Monday 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.



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.

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.





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. **Please submit all additions by 10am on Wednesdays.**

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, AUGUST 27

- Elder:** Dennis Waderich
- Lector:** Paige Westrum
- Ushers:** Lance Lerum
- Acolyte:** Allie Wagner
- AV:** Dinah Gilberts
- Offering Count:** Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, SEPTEMBER 3

- Elder:** Doug Brunner
- Lector:** Pam Hunter
- 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, AUGUST 20, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 50 **Communion:** 50 **Bible Study:** **Sunday School:** n/a

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 13th Sunday after Pentecost

27

9:00 am
10:15 am

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study

MONDAY

28

TUESDAY

29

7:00 pm

Confirmation Meeting

WEDNESDAY

30

12:00 pm

Happenings Articles Due

THURSDAY

31

FRIDAY

1

SATURDAY

2

SUNDAY 14th Sunday after Pentecost

3

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		



September 10	Sunday School Starts
September 15/16	LWML Fall Conference
October 24	Bible Bookenders



14085 Pike Lake Trail NE, Prior Lake, MN 55372 • Phone: 952-445-1779
Music & Choir Director: Mui Cheng • Praise Band: Nathan Hentges & Greg Albrecht
Office Ministry Assistant: Megan Luckfield • Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Dean Gade