

HAPPENINGS

September 10-17, 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.

WOMEN ON A MISSION EVENT Missions to the Nations - Join us on **Saturday, October 7th at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Plymouth.** Registration is at 8:30am. Pastor Chou Vang of Shepherd of the Grove will be speaking on his mission experiences. Lunch will follow with an international theme. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by October 1st from Pam Hunter or Pat Harvey. The Gifts from the Heart is a monetary donation for the Children’s Ministry at the Hmong Lutheran Church of St. Paul. Carpooling will be available.



SUNDAY SCHOOL kicks off today! Michele Lein will be our teacher for the youth. Bonnie Nowak will be teaching the upper elementary and Pam

Hunter will be with the Pre-K/Kindergarten. Sunday school calendars are available on the Sunday school bulletin board. The youth will bless us today by serving coffee and goodies. Thank you!

FALL COMMUNITY FEST
Holy Cross will be participating in the Community Fest, held at the Prior Lake High school, on **Monday, September 18th, 6:00pm-8:30pm.** Volunteers are needed! Those willing to help represent Holy Cross at this event can speak with Buffy Mobroten.



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.

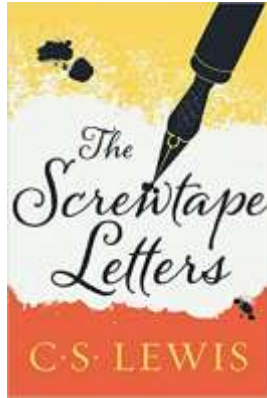
MUM SALE The mums will be delivered this **Friday, September 15th.** As in the past, people will receive phone calls/texts when they have arrived at church.





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

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.



FALL MISSION FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar! Our Fall Mission Fest will be **Saturday, October 28th, 5:00-8:00pm.**

As always, there will be a dinner, silent auction, as well as a live(ly) auction! We will be blessed to hear from the new missionary for POBLO Twin Cities, Issa Safadi, about what is new at our International Friendship Center. More details will be coming!



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.**



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!



SEPTEMBER 10 "God has taken away your sins. He has changed your heart. He gives you the ability to put yourself last so that you can humbly serve others. That's greatness and a great life in God's eyes. That humble serving attitude values and serves every life whether that life is a few cells old or a gene short of worldly greatness." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.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.

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.



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.

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

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.



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.



HAPPENINGS ARTICLES Please submit all additions by 10am on Wednesdays. 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.

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.



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.*

THRIVENT GRANTS NEEDED! Please see Buffy Mobroten or Pam Hunter for our upcoming events and how to apply for a Thrivent Action Grant to help support Mission Outreach. For every policy you own, you are eligible to have Thrivent donate \$250 twice a year to help support our efforts.

FALL MOCKINGBIRD CONFERENCE

Grace Under Pressure Fall Mockingbird Conference. September 29-30th in Minneapolis. Featuring speakers Simeon Zahl, Katie Langston, Flame, and more. Register at conference.mbird.com



SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, SEPTEMBER 10

- Elder:** Dave Albrecht
- Lector:** Robert Nowak
- Ushers:** Denny Case
- Acolyte:** Tate Kruse
- AV:** Rostina Vannett
- Offering Count:** Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, SEPTEMBER 17

- Elder:** Dennis Waderich
- Lector:** Joy Anderson
- Ushers:** Dinah Gilberts
- 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, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 37 **Communion:** 37 **Bible Study:** 14 **Sunday School:** n/a

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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9:00 am
10:15 am
10:30 am

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study
Sunday School

MONDAY Labor Day

11

7:00 pm

Church Council

TUESDAY

12

WEDNESDAY

13

10:00 am

Happenings Articles Due

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

15

SATURDAY

16

LWML Fall Retreat

SUNDAY 16th Sunday after Pentecost

17

9:00 am
10:15 am
10:30 am

Worship with Holy Communion
Bible Study
Sunday School

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September Birthdays

Steve Oak..... Sept 4	Dennis WaderichSept 17
Mike Harvey..... Sept 5	Joyce Drenckhahn.....Sept 23
Kara Petrie..... Sept 5	Denny Case.....Sept 27
Rostina Vannett Sept 12	Morgan SchulzeSept 27
Ann Sasse Sept 15	Eli PetrieSept 28
Randy Baldwin..... Sept 16	Nathan Hentges.....Sept 30



September 10	Sunday School Starts
September 11	Church Council Meeting
September 16	LWML Fall Conference
September 18	Fall Community Fest
September 23	Poblo Meeting at Mt. Hope
October 7	Lutheran Women on a Mission Fall Conference
October 24	Bible Bookenders
October 28	Fall Mission Fest



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