

HAPPENINGS

September 24 – October 1, 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 The Sunday school times for the upper elementary and youth classes has been updated to 10:15-11:15 am. The Pre-K/Kindergarten time is

10:30-11:15 am. 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 teacher. Sunday school calendars are available on the Sunday school bulletin board.

COFFEE SERVERS for the month of October are:

- October 1 – LWML
- October 8 – Dave & Carol Albrecht
- October 15 – Denny & Vicki Case
- October 22 – Ralph & Allie Wagner
- October 29 – Norma & Evelyn Jabs



NEXT SUNDAY IS PURPLE SUNDAY!

Next Sunday, October 1, has been designated as Lutheran Women’s



Missionary League (LWML) Sunday at Holy Cross. The women of the LWML invite the entire congregation to celebrate together as the Body of Christ under the theme, “The King is Coming.” In this special worship service, we will learn how the Lord has worked through the LWML to bring the lost and the erring into fellowship with Him through mission and ministry. **Wear purple (even if it’s your Viking gear) and help us celebrate.**



FALL MISSION FESTIVAL Mark your calendar! Our Fall Mission Fest will be **Saturday, October 28th, 5:00-8:00pm.** There will be a dinner, silent auction, as well as a live(ly) auction! As always, we depend on donations

of new items. Some ideas are gift cards to restaurants, stores, sporting events, entertainment, etc. as well as decor items, small gift baskets, food items, gifts for children, things that appeal to men, etc., etc. 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!

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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us every from **Tuesday at 8-9:00 am** for Community Light Hope Revealed - Revelation Part I



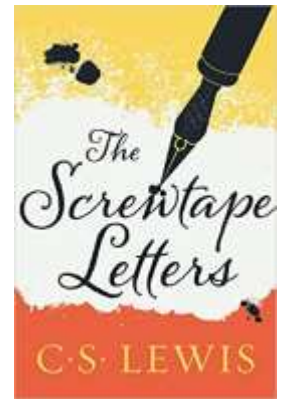
(Chapters 1-10). Community Light School of Discipleship is an online Bible study designed to help each of us to grow as disciples to make disciples. These free series equip participants with the resources to go and make disciples wherever God has planted them. Community Light School of Discipleship is a ministry of Cross View Lutheran Church, Edina, MN, in partnership with Concordia University, St. Paul and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod - Minnesota South District.



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.

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.



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.



SEPTEMBER 24 "Every human life meets us as gift and privilege, created and redeemed and called by our Lord as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And our life-affirming witness and service is surrounded and celebrated by a magnificent multitude of like-minded saints gone before, yet to come, and the world over." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org



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.



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

CHURCH COUNCIL The next Church Council meeting will be **Monday night, October 9th, 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.



MOCKINGBIRD MIDWEST CONFERENCE St. Michael's, Bloomington, will be the host location for the Mockingbird Midwest Conference, with the theme "Grace Under Pressure." The conference is for anyone who desires to connect the grace we have in Jesus Christ to our lives in modern day culture.

Featured speakers include Katie Langston, Simeon Zahl, David Zahl, Dan Van Voorhis, and hip-hop artist, Flame (Dove Award nominated, Stellar Award, Grammy Award nominated Lutheran rap artist), and more. Register at conference.mbird.com

Date: Friday evening, Sept 29 and Saturday, Sept 30 (until about 2:30)
Cost: \$30/person includes speakers, worship/music, break-out sessions, dinner on Friday night and continental breakfast on Saturday morning.



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.

Philippians Conference



PHILIPPIANS CONFERENCE Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Rochester will

be hosting the **Philippians Conference.** With sessions on Biblical stewardship and the purpose of stewardship, participants will discover more about growing in the grace of stewardship. The conference will be led by Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, South Wisconsin District Executive, on Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 4:00 - 8:30 pm. Feel free to use this flyer in your promotional materials. Register at www.holycross-church.org

ELDERS' TRAINING RETREAT

The Wadena Circuit (MN North) is hosting an Elders' Training Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp in Henning, MN, on October 6 - 7, 2023. Rev. Rolf Preus will be the presenter, discussing the role & responsibility of an elder. It is designed for both new elders and those who would like more training. Cost is \$80/person. View the schedule and register at www.islandcamp.org/schedule.



LUNCH AND LEARN: ESTATE PLANNING

Wednesday, October 11th from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm in the Club Prior Community Room. Let us help you protect your legacy – on your terms.



Augustana Care Regent at Burnsville will present on Estate planning: Wills, Power of Attorney and Health Care Directives followed by a delicious lunch. Register online by October 4th. Cost is \$5. <https://plrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=1716>



MN LUTHERAN FREE CONFERENCE

The 36th Annual MN Lutheran Free Conference will be held Saturday, October 28, 2023, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in St. Cloud. Speakers include:

Rev. Dr. Carl Beckwith, Professor of Historical Theology, CTS, Fort Wayne, IN

- "Living According to God's Word: Luther's Ordinary Piety for the Christian Life" and
- "Struggling with Blessing & Trial: Luther's Pastoral Insights on the Life of Jacob"

Rev. David Buchs, Pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church, Fairhaven, MN

- "Getting Down on One's Knees: Individual Piety & Handing Down the Faith" and
- "The People Called by Your Name: Corporate Piety & Handing Down the Faith"

Cost (includes coffee, rolls, & lunch): \$30/person; \$10/high school or college student

Please RSVP by October 23 for meal and refreshment planning to 320-252-8171 or office@redeemerstcloud.org.

Contact: Email Rev. John Grein or call him at 320-583-7788



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, SEPTEMBER 24

Elder: Doug Brunner
Lector: Carol Albrecht
Ushers: Eric Brown
Acolyte: Allie Wagner
AV: Dinah Gilberts
Offering Count: Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, OCTOBER 1

Elder: Dave Albrecht
Lector: Mary Deluhery
Ushers: Lance Lerum
Acolyte: Daniel Vannett
AV: Eric Brown
Offering Count: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 54

Communion: 54

Bible Study: 9

Sunday School:

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 am Bible Study
10:15 am Sunday School

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

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4:00 pm Confirmation Class

WEDNESDAY

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10:00 am Happenings Articles Due

THURSDAY

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7:00 pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion (LWML Sunday)
10:15 am Bible Study
10:15 am Sunday School



September Birthdays

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



October 1	LWML Sunday
October 7	Lutheran Women on a Mission Fall Conference
October 9	Church Council Meeting
October 24	Bible Bookenders
October 28	Fall Mission Fest



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