

HAPPENINGS

October 1-8, 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.

TODAY IS LWML SUNDAY! This Sunday 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.



DID YOU KNOW... Women’s Ministry at Holy Cross offers education, inspiration, and service where faith and missions are the focus and is for all women at Holy Cross. We are part of a larger group called the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML), an organization that has been around since 1942.



As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. Our group meets a

variety of times throughout the year for faith, fellowship, and service activities. Watch the bulletin for future dates of activities. Learn more about the LWML at lwml.org.

LWML MITE BOXES

Over the years, many Lutheran Women’s Missionary League groups used a box to gather funds in support of local and synod ministries. Instead of “mite boxes” some groups called their ingathering devices “blessing boxes” or “mission boxes” or “thank offering boxes.”



Mite boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Based on the Biblical account of the widow’s mite, the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of “mites” — *offerings* above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants. In fact, the LWML has collected over **\$100 million dollars** since 1942. Yes... these coins have and will continue to make a difference. Thank you for contributing to the Mite Box and providing the opportunity for us to spread the Gospel to the world.

Today you’ll find a large Mite Box in the back of church; drop your coins/mites in the box and join us in making a difference and spreading the Gospel around the world. The box will be out all month for your donations. Grab a small Mite Box for your home or office and collect your mite offerings all year long.



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!



Thank you....

- For the countless times you have stretched out your hands in service to others in times of need.
- For the early Sunday mornings and many hours in preparations for your sermons.
- For the thousands of prayers you have prayed for your congregation and others.
- For the time spent out of church to help those who needed help or need a friend.
- For not judging people, and always embracing everyone with open arms.

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 have been updated to 10:15-11:15 am. The Pre-K/Kindergarten time is 10:30-11:15 am. The Sunday School youth class is focusing on defending one's faith in today's world with the study of Apologetics, led by Michele Lein. Bonnie Nowak's upper elementary class is studying the OT as is the Pre-K/Kindergarten class led by Pam Hunter.



COFFEE SERVERS for the month of October are:

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



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

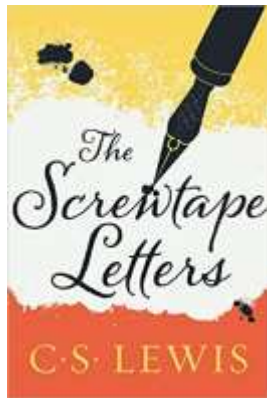
Join us every from **Tuesday at 8-9:00 am** for Community Light Hope Revealed – Revelation Part I



(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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We continue with the study of 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.



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.



Life QUOTES

OCTOBER 1 "The science is conclusive: Human life starts at fertilization. The Bible is conclusive: Life is from God, it begins at fertilization, and God's commandment of 'You shall not murder' (Exodus 20:13) certainly applies to the slaying of an innocent child in the womb. Because that little baby in the womb IS a human being." *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.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.



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.



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.



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.

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.*

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>

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.



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

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, OCTOBER 1

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

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, OCTOBER 8

Elder: Dave Albrecht
Lector: Lance Lerum
Ushers: Jason Kruse
Acolyte: Tate Kruse
AV: Rostina Vannett
Offering Count: Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE**Worship:** 39**Communion:** 39**Bible Study:** 14**Sunday School:** 7

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY		
LWML Sunday		
1	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday School
MONDAY		
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TUESDAY		
3	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Elder's Meeting
WEDNESDAY		
4	10:00 am	Happenings Articles Due
THURSDAY		
5	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
FRIDAY		
6		
SATURDAY		
7	Lutheran Women on a Mission	
SUNDAY		
19th Sunday after Pentecost		
8	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday School



October Birthdays

Jocelyn Einarson.....	October 4	Allie Wagner.....	October 15
Donna Hoehn	October 5	Dorene Oak	October 19
James Anderson	October 6	Bryce Olson	October 20
Brian Fitzwater	October 7	Ruth Lein	October 23
Evan Kruse	October 9	Laura Petrie.....	October 24
Harold Brunner	October 11	Thomas Lein	October 29

UPCOMING EVENTS

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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