

# Holy Cross

A Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Congregation

# HAPPENINGS

October 15-22, 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.



**FALL MISSION FESTIVAL** Join us **Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-8:00 pm** for our Fall Mission Fest. We will have dinner, a silent auction, as well as a live(ly) auction! As always, we depend on **donations of new items for the auctions**. Some ideas are gift cards to restaurants, stores, beauty, sporting events, entertainment, etc. as well as decor items, small gift baskets, food items, gifts for children, things that appeal to men, etc. Beginning **October 8<sup>th</sup>** your items can be placed in the **Preschool room** on the designated tables. **Please fill out BID sheets and place with your donation(s). Please bring your donation by Thursday night, October 26<sup>th</sup>.** Our goal is to set up the display tables that night. Please check with Buffy or Pam to make sure someone will be at church. If making food items let us know if you prefer to drop off Saturday morning.

Also, beginning October 8<sup>th</sup>, **tickets** (free) will be available in the Commons. Tickets are for meal planning purposes; we wouldn't want to run out of

food!! Take the number of tickets you need, fill out and bring back to the mission fest. These will be used for the drawings. Also write down on the provided sheet, your name and how many will be attending.

We will be blessed to meet and hear from the new missionary for POBLO Twin Cities, Issa Safadi, about what is new at our International Friendship Center. All monies raised will be for Haiti to purchase food as well as for supporting Sarah Parrish, from Immanuel Fish Lake. Sarah will be serving in Costa Rica for two years as a mission partner with Mission of Christ Network. Immanuel Fish Lake has been invited to participate and will have tickets available for their members. Questions can be directed to Buffy Mobroten or Pam Hunter.





**KEEP THE LWML SUNDAY CELEBRATION GOING**

Did you miss LWML Sunday? Don't worry, through the month of October, you'll find a large purple Mite Box in the back of church where you can drop your mite monies. Need a Mite Box? Pick one up at the same spot and start filling it today. Your donation will make a difference and help spread the Gospel around the world.

**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.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Holy Cross will once again collect shoebox donations to be distributed throughout the world through Samaritan's Purse.

Check out the Shoebox display in the Commons. Take a shoebox (or more) to fill and bring back.

**Please, do NOT tape your box shut.** Every box is opened when they arrive at the distribution centers and checked for items that are not allowed or to add more items if needed as well as to remove any checks placed inside. If your boxes are bulging, use rubber bands. Again, **do NOT tape your boxes!** A goal page for Holy Cross has been set up where one can also "build-a-box" online. The link is <https://sampur.se/3YJyji> or scan the QR code. **Collection deadline is November 14th.**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Sunday school's October schedule has been adjusted: on October 22nd there WILL be Sunday School, on **October 29th there will NOT be Sunday School.** If you have questions, speak with your child's Sunday school teacher.



**COFFEE SERVERS** for the month of October are:

- October 15 – Ralph & Allie Wagner
- October 22 – Denny & Vicki Case
- October 29 – Norma & Evelyn Jabs



**POLKA WORSHIP**

Chuck Thiel and His Jolly Ramblers polka worship service at Immanuel Fish Lake on Sunday October 22 at 10:30 am.



There will be a German dinner served from 11:00-12:30 pm that includes German meatballs, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut with pork, German red cabbage, corn, pie and beverage. Cost is \$12 a plate. Sponsored by Teen's in Christ.

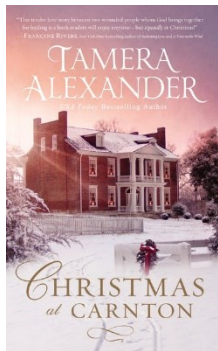
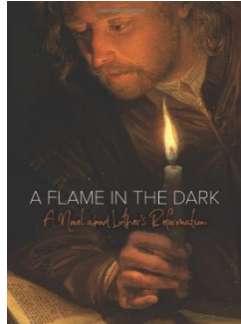


**VOTER'S MEETING** The next Voter's Meeting will be held on **October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am.**



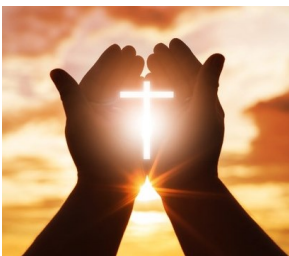
**MAIN STREET LIVING** airs each **Sunday at 9 am** on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of *This Is the Life*. Visit [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) for more information or to watch the program.

**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 Carnation* 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.



**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).

**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.



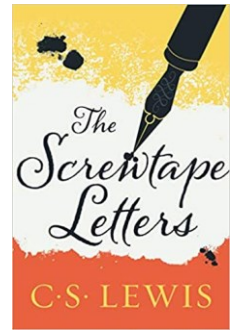
**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

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.



**WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**

Cross View Lutheran Church in Edina invites you to a Fall luncheon featuring Jane Horn speaking about "Positional Gratitude."

**Date:** November 4, 2023  
**Time:** 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
**Cost:** \$15 / person



## LET'S LIGHT UP OUR CHURCH!

It's that time of year again. We have all enjoyed how beautiful our church looks, and what a beacon it is when it is lit up for the holiday season. We have been able to accomplish this in the past through your generous contributions. We will once again have a free will offering basket available at the end of services if you would like to contribute. Or you may write a check and note "Christmas Lights" in the memo line. Thank you for your support!



## 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](mailto:office@redeemerstcloud.org).

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



**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



**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](mailto: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](http://www.timeofgrace.org)

**IMMANUEL LUNCH** You are invited to join Immanuel for Lunch and Fellowship!

**WHEN:** Oct 18 at 11:30 am

**WHERE:** Immanuel Lutheran Church Fish Lake  
20200 Fairlawn Ave.  
Prior Lake, MN



Menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, green beans, pumpkin pie & beverage. There will also be games and entertainment. **Please call for reservations 952-492-6010.**



**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, OCTOBER 15**

**Elder:** Doug Brunner  
**Lector:** Michele Lein  
**Ushers:** Mike and Pat Harvey  
**Acolyte:** Colin Kruse  
**AV:** Dinah Gilberts  
**Offering Count:** Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

**SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, OCTOBER 22**

**Elder:** Dave Albrecht  
**Lector:** Mike Harvey  
**Ushers:** Steve Oak  
**Acolyte:** Allie Wagner  
**AV:** Eric Brown  
**Offering Count:** Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE**

**Worship:** 43

**Communion:** 43

**Bible Study:**

**Sunday School:** 8

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## THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

15

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

Worship with Holy Communion  
Bible Study  
Sunday School

**MONDAY**

16

7:00 pm

Church Council

**TUESDAY**

17

8:00 am  
4:00 pm

Men's Bible Study  
Confirmation Class

**WEDNESDAY**

18

10:00 am

Happenings Articles Due

**THURSDAY**

19

7:00 pm

Choir Practice

**FRIDAY**

20

**SATURDAY**

21

**SUNDAY 21<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

22

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

Worship with Holy Communion  
Bible Study  
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

<b>October 24</b>	Bible Bookenders
<b>October 28</b>	Fall Mission Fest
<b>October 29</b>	Voter's Meeting


  
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