

Holy Cross

A Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Congregation

HAPPENINGS

November 12-19, 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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.**

Your shoebox may be the only Christmas gift a child receives.

VOLUNTEERS The volunteer schedule for January to March of 2024 will be coming out in a few weeks. We’d love to have some more volunteers to add to the

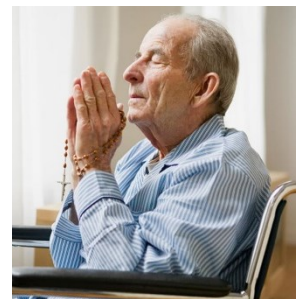


list! If you’re interested in volunteering for Lector, Usher, Acolyte, Audio/Video, or Offering Counting please let Megan know, and we can find someone to train you in on it. Any and all help is appreciated!



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!

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 megan@holycross-pl.org.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The IFC has some URGENT volunteer opportunities.



INTERNATIONAL
FRIENDSHIP CENTER

1. We are starting an ESL class on Tuesday evenings at 5 pm at **MT Hope in Bloomington**. We will have a DMV permit drivers class right after at 6 pm. We are looking for teachers for both. Please contact me if you are interested.
2. **Ascension in Burnsville** also needs teachers on Monday nights at 6 pm for ENGLISH and we would also like to add a 7 pm class for a DMV permit class on Monday and Wednesday in Burnsville.
3. **MT HOPE in Bloomington** needs helpers for childcare and Arabic Sunday school on Sunday evenings.

There is a great need for both classes in each location, please prayerfully consider volunteering your time 1-2 hours per week! You will not regret it, I find it very fulfilling and enjoy it immensely.

Donations - we are looking for donations to buy equipment needed for our new IFC soccer program and cooking classes. If you would like to donate, please go to our website at poblotwincities.org or contact Shari Schulze.

We appreciate your support! We now have 15 new students in Burnsville since August 1st, and Shari is teaching the majority of them. Please volunteer if you can!

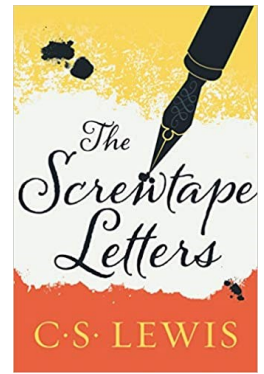
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HAPPENINGS ARTICLES We are in need of some new and fun ideas to get people reading the Happenings! If you have anything you think would be a good addition, please email it to Megan at megan@holycross-pl.org. **Please submit all additions by 10am on Wednesdays.**

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.



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.

THANKSGIVING PIES

Immanuel Fish Lake will be selling pies for Thanksgiving. They are \$10 each and can be picked up on Tuesday, November 21 or Wednesday, November 22 from 12:00-7:00 pm. Orders need to be in by Sunday, November 19th.



They are offering the following kinds:

Blueberry	Pumpkin
Dutch Apple	Strawberry Rhubarb
Cherry	Sugar Free Apple
Lemon Crunch	Sugar Free Cherry
Pecan	Sugar Free Pumpkin
Mincemeat	

Order by emailing office@immanuel-fishlake.org or by calling 952-492-6010.



S.A.G.E.S.



(S.A.G.E.S. - Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving)

SAGACITY The new SAGACITY newsletter is on the tables outside the sanctuary.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us every **Tuesday** from **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.

CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY (CWD)

Hospitality House Youth Development (HHYD) sponsors



CWD each December which allows families to buy presents for their children at 10 cents on the dollar. This year it is on **Friday, December 8th**. This “help-up” as opposed to “hand-out” approach offers Twin Cities Metro families a way to share in the joy of giving while preserving the self-respect and dignity of those in financial need.

We will be collecting **NEW, unwrapped toys** through **Sunday, December 4th**. Gift ideas will be posted on the Missions board. This info is also at <https://hhyd.org/christmas-with-dignity/donate-to-christmas-with-dignity/> Monetary donations for purchasing larger gift items are also accepted and can be made online. There are **volunteer opportunities** the first week of December at HHYD to help set up as well as on sale day. Questions? Talk to Pam Hunter.

New, unwrapped toys are needed for all ages, however... **most needed gifts are the teen ones**. Such as electronics of all types, fun alarm clocks, games, remote control vehicles, cameras, computer, iPod, PS2s, Xbox, hand-held games, Gameboy SP, GameCube or Nintendo games (less graphic violence) curling irons, flat irons, hair dryers, combs, brushes, nail care, grooming kits, toiletries, lotions, gift packs, jewelry, girl's age appropriate cosmetics, fashion hair items, jewelry boxes and other holders, headbands, creative arts of all sorts, i.e. jewelry making, drawing, face painting, card making, scrapbooking.

Clothes: hoodies, warm-up suits of cotton or nylon, Ladies sleeveless shirts, tennis shoes sizes Men's 10 thru 15, socks underwear, pjs, wallets, purses.

Most needed smaller items are: non-violent toys, dolls, creative learning games and crafts plus practical baby care items.

Checks for Hospitality House to purchase toys, make out to HHYD with CWD in the memo line and send to: HHYD, PO Box 11008, 1220 Logan Ave. N. Mpls, MN 55411-0008. It would be helpful to send monetary donations by the last week of November. One can also go to hhyd.org to donate online.



UPCOMING COFFEE SERVERS

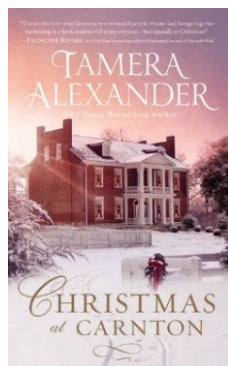
- November 12 – Wendy Fitzwater & Joyce Drenckhahn
- November 19 – Jason & Kelly Kruse
- November 26 – Robert & Bonnie Nowak



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.

BIBLE BOOKENDERS Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 pm**. For January Bible Bookenders we will be reading *Christmas at Carnton* by Tamera Alexander. Invite your friends to join us, all are welcome, men, women and teenagers. If you have any questions, please ask Bonnie Nowak, Patricia Harvey or Michele Lein.



2024 SUMMER CAMP STAFF APPLICATION

Do you know a college-aged Jesus-lover? Encourage them to apply for Camp Omega's 2024 Summer Staff! Applications are now open to serve at camp this summer. Faith growth, marketable skills, and lifelong friends are just a few of the things gained during a summer serving at Camp Omega. Please share this opportunity with your kids, grandkids, nieces/nephews, neighbors, coworkers, friends, and everyone else! Apply today at:



<https://campomega.org/get-involved/employment/summer-camp-counselors>



ON THE LINE PODCAST presents daily Lutheran insights, drawing from expert voices, addressing the intersection of Christianity and culture today. Culminating in a detailed weekly long-form interview, the discussions offer listeners a unique blend of intellectual exploration and spiritual insight.

Their mission is to cultivate honest, thoughtful, and rational Christians. With content and discussions firmly anchored in Christian teachings, the podcast encourages listeners to engage, reflect, and grow in their understanding of Christianity's impact in our modern age.

Podcast Schedule

(with the official release date of Nov 6):

- Nov 13 | Rev. Jacob Benson
- Nov 20 | Rev. Jeff Pulse, Ph.D
- Nov 27 | Rev. Christian Preus, Ph.D
- Dec 4 | Rev Daniel Broaddus
- Dec 11 | Ryan MacPherson, Ph.D
- Dec 18 | Rev. Joshua Arndt
- Dec 26 | Rev. Dr. David Scaer

YouTube https://www.youtube.com/@otl_podcast

Website https://trinitywaconia.org/otl_podcast/



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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

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.



IFC THANKSGIVING POTLUCK Join us today, **Sunday, November 12th at 5:00 pm** at Mt Hope Lutheran Church, 3601

W. Old Shakopee Rd. in Bloomington. Please bring a dish to pass from your culture/heritage. Turkey will be provided. Please RSVP to shari@poblo.org if you plan on attending.

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.**

WINDJAMMERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT The local adult band (Windjammers) has a Christmas concert scheduled for **Sunday, December 10th at 2:30 pm.** It will be held at the Prior Lake High School auditorium. They hold 2 concerts a year, around Christmas time and gain around the 4th of July. Our Cory Einarson is in the tuba section, "providing the glue that holds it all together." They are very good! Don't forget to mark your calendar!

STEVEN C. ANDERSON CHRISTMAS CONCERT Gather your friends and family for a festive evening of music and celebration at the Cathedral of Saint Paul! Multi-platinum recording artist and composer, Steven C, will perform his 7th annual Christmas Together concert. Shows take place at 7:00 pm **December 7 and 8th.** Anyone wanting to carpool can contact Dave and Carol Albrecht. To purchase tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/47o4h6p>

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, NOVEMBER 12

Elder: Dave Albrecht
Lector: Robert Nowak
Ushers: Jason Kruse
Acolyte: Colin Kruse
AV: Dinah Gilberts
Offering Count: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, NOVEMBER 19

Elder: Dennis Waderich
Lector: Joy Anderson
Ushers: Eric Brown
Acolyte: Allie Wagner
AV: Rostina Vannett
Offering Count: Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

Worship: 60 **Communion:** 60 **Bible Study:** 12 **Sunday School:** 11

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 24 th Sunday after Pentecost		
12	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School
MONDAY		
13	7:00 pm	Church Council
TUESDAY		
14		Operation Christmas Child Deadline
WEDNESDAY		
15	10:00 am	Happenings Articles Due
THURSDAY		
16	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
FRIDAY		
17		
SATURDAY		
18		
SUNDAY 25 th Sunday after Pentecost		
19	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Bible Study / Sunday School



November Birthdays

Kathy Gillespie	November 5	Shannon Busse	November 29
Heidi Cordell	November 13	Doug Albrecht	November 30
Becky Lepley	November 16	Greg Albrecht	November 30
Jacob Oak	November 27		

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 13	Church Council
November 14	Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Boxes
November 22	Thanksgiving Worship
November 23	Happy Thanksgiving!
December 5	Elder's Meeting
December 6	Midweek Advent Worship
December 11	Church Council
December 13	Midweek Advent Worship
December 20	Midweek Advent Worship
December 25	Merry Christmas!



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