

# Holy Cross

A Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Congregation

# HAPPENINGS

**December 17-24, 2023**

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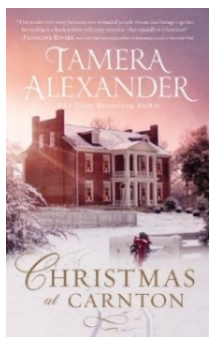
**WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS** – Welcome to the Lord’s House. God bless you as you hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for 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.



**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

- December 20** – Advent 7:00 pm
- December 24** – Christmas Eve 9:00 am and 5:00 pm
- December 25** – Christmas Morning 9:00 am

**THANK YOU** to all cast members and their families and Sheri Brunner for directing this year’s Christmas play. “The Organ Is Kaput” celebrated the story of “Silent Night,” and reminds us of the beauty of the “king of instruments” that will once again make its debut at Holy Cross after a year’s absence.



**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.

**THANK YOU** to all the bakers and buyers at last Sunday’s bake sale. The assortment of sweet treats was truly incredible. A total of \$338 was collected and will be added to our mite collection which is sent to the LWML Minnesota South District. Those mites support missions in the United States and throughout the world.



**CHRISTMAS PIES**

Immanuel Fish Lake will be selling pies again for Christmas. They are \$10-\$12 each and can be picked up on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from

12:00-7:00 pm. Orders need to be in by December 17<sup>th</sup>. Email [office@immanuel-fishlake.org](mailto:office@immanuel-fishlake.org) or call 952-492-6010 to order.

**Regular Pies \$10**

- Apple
- Blackberry
- Blueberry
- Cherry
- Dutch Apple
- Lemon Crunch
- Old Fashioned Custard
- Peach

- Pumpkin
- Raspberry
- Strawberry Rhubarb
- Sugar Free Apple
- Sugar Free Cherry
- Sugar Free Pumpkin
- Triple-Berry

**Premium Pies \$12**

- Blueberry Custard
- Chocolate Pecan
- Cranberry Double Nut

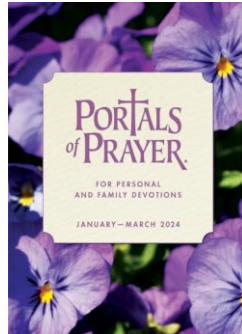
- Fantasy Chocolate
- Mincemeat
- Pecan



**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)

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** are now available for next quarter, January – March 2024. Portals of Prayer is a favorite of readers looking for ways to stay in God’s Word with easy, daily devotions. They’re a great way to start each day, readings feature a Bible passage, meditation, and prayer in an easy-to-read format.



**TUESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

(Women are welcome!) 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.

**HAPPENINGS**

**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](mailto:megan@holycross-pl.org). **Please submit all additions by 10am on Wednesdays.**



**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](mailto:megan@holycross-pl.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.



**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**

- Dec 18 | Rev. Joshua Arndt
- Dec 26 | Rev. Dr. David Scaer

**YouTube** [https://www.youtube.com/@otl\\_podcast](https://www.youtube.com/@otl_podcast)

**Website** [https://trinitywaconia.org/otl\\_podcast/](https://trinitywaconia.org/otl_podcast/)

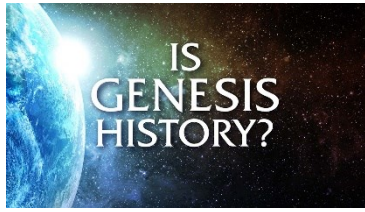
**UPCOMING COFFEE SERVERS**

- Dec 17 – Doug & Shari Schulze
- Dec 24 – Charlie & Donna Vig
- Dec 31 – Jimmy & Joy Anderson



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

"Is Genesis History" attempts to deal with that one simple question: Is the biblical account of creation



and flood meant to be understood as history? And does the world give evidence of recent creation and catastrophic flood? Host Del Tackett tackles these questions head-on and does so in a compelling way."



## ELECTION JUDGES

**NEEDED** This holiday season, consider signing up to be an election judge. The paid position requires no experience,

simply a desire to help your community during the 2024 Election. Students 16 and 17 years-old can be election judge trainees too. Voting starts early so judges are needed today. For more information visit <https://www.priorlakemn.gov/government/elections/election-judges>

**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



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.**

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

### SUNDAY

**17** 9:00 am Worship  
10:15 am Bible Study  
10:15 am Sunday School

### MONDAY

**18**

### TUESDAY

**19** 8:00 am Adult Bible Study  
4:00 pm Confirmation

### WEDNESDAY

**20** 10:00 am Happenings Articles Due  
7:00 pm Advent Worship  
8:00 pm Choir Practice

### THURSDAY

**21**

### FRIDAY

**22**

### SATURDAY

**23**

### SUNDAY

**24** 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
10:15 am Bible Study  
10:15 am Sunday School  
5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- Dinah Gilberts ..... December 4
- Ben Huston ..... December 7
- Mui Cheng ..... December 9
- Earl Drangstveit ..... December 9
- Karly Oak ..... December 19
- Jason Kruse ..... December 20
- Lois Helms ..... December 25
- Carol Albrecht ..... December 26
- Bo Brunner ..... December 28
- Nivedita Fulbert ..... December 30

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Dec 17** Advent Worship 3
- Dec 20** Midweek Worship 3 (7:00 pm)
- Dec 24** Advent Worship 4 (9:00 am)
- Dec 24** Christmas Eve Worship (5:00 pm)
- Dec 25** Christmas Day Worship (Monday 9:00 am)

**SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, DECEMBER 17**

- ELDER:** Doug Brunner
- LECTOR:** Paige Westrum
- USHER:** Jason Kruse
- ACOLTYE:** Colin Kruse
- AV:** Rostina Vannett
- OFFERING:** Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

**SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, DECEMBER 20**

- ELDER:** Dave Albrecht
- LECTOR:** Pam Hunter
- USHER:** Dinah Gilberts
- ACOLTYE:** Allie Wagner
- AV:** Eric Brown
- OFFERING:** Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

**SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, DEC 24 - 9 AM**

- ELDER:** Dennis Waderich
- LECTOR:** Robert Nowak
- USHER:** Lance Lerum
- ACOLTYE:** Colin Kruse
- AV:** Dinah Gilberts
- OFFERING:** Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

**SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, DEC 24 - 5 PM**

- ELDER:** Doug Brunner
- LECTOR:** Ben Woltmann
- USHER:** Steve Oak
- ACOLTYE:** Allie Wagner
- AV:** Dinah Gilberts
- OFFERING:** Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE**

**WORSHIP: 67 | BIBLE STUDY: 12 | SUNDAY SCHOOL: n/a**



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 Office Ministry Assistant: Megan Luckfield • Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Dean Gade