

HAPPENINGS

January 7-14, 2024

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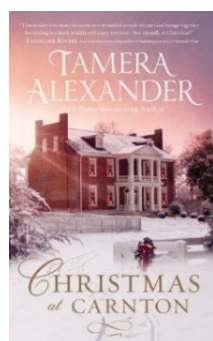
WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS – Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as you hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

YOUTH SUNDAY

is January 21st. You won't want to miss our youth as they perform the skit, "Special



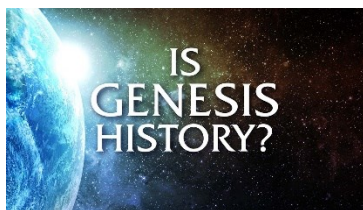
Assignments" written by Bonnie Nowak! Join us **Sunday, January 21st** as the youth lead our service.



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.

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." We will meet today with Lesson 1: Genesis as a Book of History | The Doctrine of Revelation... Differing Views: History, Science, and Authority.



NIGHT TO SHINE is looking for volunteers! Please email mnnighttoshine18@gmail.com for more information. Shari will send you the volunteer link. We have 200 guests signed up for February 9, 2024!



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.



SHARING THE PEACE The flu and cold season is here, if you are uncomfortable shaking hands at the opening welcome, please feel free to abstain. Verbally, you can greet your brothers and sisters with the peace of Christ. Please respect those who choose to refrain from handshaking. If you are sick, staying home is best, it stops the spread of illness.

Joyful Response®

A free electronic stewardship giving opportunity for individuals and ministries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

JOYFUL RESPONSE ENROLLMENT CHANGES If you'd like to make a change to your electronic donation there are forms to fill out on the table outside the Altar Guild room. If you have any questions, please contact James Anderson.

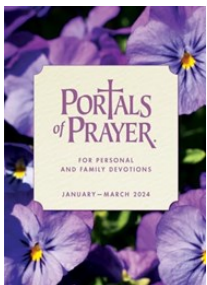
CAMP OMEGA EVENTS...

OMEGA PLUNGE - February 25, 2024 Get your team ready for the "Omega Plunge." The plunge will be held at Camp Omega - the first time at this location. For over five years the plunge has averaged 20 teams per year. Teams can be one person or groups of many; youth groups make great teams! If you have ever thought about plunging, this is the year! Check it out on the camp's website.

<https://campomega.org/event/polar-plunge-2/>



MAN UP! MEN'S RETREAT - March 15 & 16 Men from churches in the LCMS Minnesota South District are invited to attend a 24-hour retreat where faith will be strengthened, and spirits renewed by God's Word. This year's speaker, **Rev. Dr. Rich Carter**, will be speaking on the theme: "My Life Matters?! Freedom in Christ for Service with the Neighbor." At this retreat, there will be time for fellowship and recreational opportunities. Cost includes three meals and lodging. For more information, call 507-633-2253 or go to the Camp Omega website <https://campomega.org/event/manup/>



PORTALS OF PRAYER are now available for this 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.

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



TUESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

(Women are welcome!)

Join us every **Tuesday from 8-9:00 am** for

Community Light Hope Revealed – Revelation

Part II (Chapters 11-22). 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.



CALENDARS If you'd like a Washburn McReavy calendar, there are extras on the table outside the Altar Guild room.



Life QUOTES

JANUARY 7 "What is it that is essential for your life this New Year? What gifts do you cherish? Certainly, Jesus is the most precious gift we have! Let Him shine through your whole life this year. Take Him with you everywhere. Remember whose family you belong to! Cling to Jesus, our Father's Son this New Year! Our Father goes with you and promises His blessings, now and forever!" **Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota** – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



DISTRICT NEWS

MINNESOTA SOUTH

LUTHERAN WITNESS: MN SOUTH SUPPLEMENT

The January 2024 edition of the Lutheran Witness is available. [This link](#) contains the MN South District News insert of the publication. It is also available on the district website. (<https://bit.ly/47uEtFC>)

SNOWSHOEING

Join an EcoElsa educator to explore the winter landscape of Lakefront Park and learn more about snowshoeing. This class is a longer hike allowing you to practice different snow



show steps and skills. You will get to explore Lakefront Park like you never have before with a naturalist along to point out interesting things along the way. Snowshoes will be provided, and participants will be instructed on how to use them. **Sunday, February 4, 9am-12pm. Cost is \$28.** For more details or to register <https://plrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=1762>

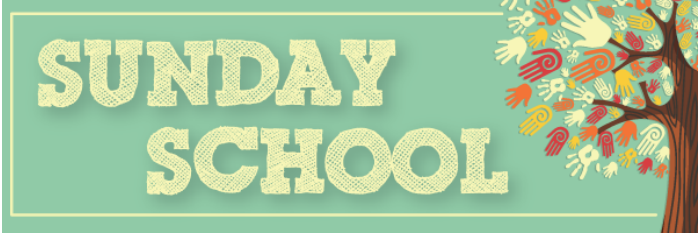


JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Amanda Fitzwater January 14
- Michael Schumacher January 15
- Mitch Hoehn January 16
- Emily Mae Mix January 26
- Donna Vig January 26
- Chloe Einarson January 27
- Quinn Fitzwater January 29
- Dean Gade January 29

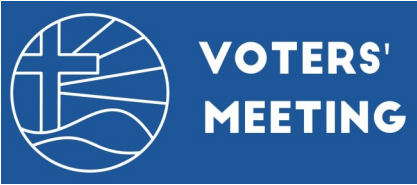


VACANCY PASTOR GADE'S church hours are **Monday and Tuesday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.** Other times can be arranged, call 763-333-5896.



Sunday School resumes today, January 7th!

The next Church Voter's Meeting is on **January 28th** at 10:15 am after the service.



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.**

UPCOMING COFFEE SERVERS

- January 7 Pam Hunter
- January 14 Buffy Mobroten
- January 21 Youth Group
- January 28 Rich & Rostina Vannett
- February 4 LWML
- February 11 Dave & Carol Albrecht
- February 18 Ralph & Allie Wagner
- February 25 Denny & Vicki Case



OFFERING ENVELOPES Don't forget to pick-up your offering envelope box before you leave church. We have a few boxes remaining.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY

7 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Bible Study
10:15 am Sunday School

MONDAY

8 7:00 pm Church Council

TUESDAY

9 8:00 am Adult Bible Study
4:00 pm Confirmation

WEDNESDAY

10 10:00 am Happenings Articles Due

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

14 9:00 am Worship
10:15 am Bible Study
10:15 am Sunday School

THE INFORMATION CENTER is located at the main entrance of the church. There are a variety of items for you to take home or share with a friend. Prayer request forms are available too. Please sign the guest book if you are visiting today. Thank you!

Welcome to
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INFORMATION CENTER

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, JANUARY 7

ELDER: Dave Albrecht
LECTOR: Carol Albrecht
USHER: Jason Kruse
ACOLTYE: Tate Kruse
AV: Michael Schumacher
OFFERING: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE, JANUARY 14

ELDER: Dennis Waderich
LECTOR: Lance Lerum
USHER: Steve Oak
ACOLTYE: Colin Kruse
AV: Rostina Vannett
OFFERING: Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - 9:00 AM ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP: 44 | BIBLE STUDY: n/a | SUNDAY SCHOOL: n/a

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